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WORLD HOVERCRAFT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016 RESULTS

In this Bulletin you will find details of our new World Hovercraft Champions, details of our new Secretary AND details of our next World Championships which will be held in China.

I hope you find it all makes for interesting reading.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'T. Drake', is written over a horizontal line.

Tony M. Drake JP. WHF President.

Recent ~ 2016 World Hovercraft Championships Tamworth, UK.

The recent World Hovercraft Championships held in the United Kingdom were a fantastic success and well supported from around the world. The weather was agreeable, the competition fierce and mercifully the accidents were few and not too serious.

We would like to both congratulate and thank the Hovercraft Club of Great Britain for hosting our World Championships as part of their 50th Anniversary celebrations. The race course was excellent and challenging with a very full race programme of all formulas superbly organized and executed.

We now have our new World Champions and they are listed below. Full World Championships results can be found on our website at www.worldhovercraftfederation.org

New World Hovercraft Champions

We are pleased to congratulate and confirm our New World Champions. They are:

Formula 1	Michele Scanavino	Italy
Formula 3	Phil Hall	UK
Formula 50	Callum Beale	UK
Formula Junior	Adam Turnbull	UK

Formula 2	Magnus Ivanoff	Sweden
Formula S	Chris Barlow	UK
Formula 35	Rachael Gifford	UK
Endurance Racing	Team Gifford	UK

WHF Award for Excellence.

You may recall that from time to time the WHF present its prestigious Award for Excellence. It was presented at the opening ceremony of the recent World Hovercraft Championships to the Hovercraft Club of Great Britain to commemorate their 50th Anniversary and was received by Mr Kevin Foster, their Chairman. The inscription on it reads:

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To the Hovercraft Club of Great Britain in recognition of ~ "A hovercraft club that this year is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

During its long history the Hovercraft Club of Great Britain has led and set the standard for others to follow. It has been truly inspirational in developing the recreational use of hovercraft worldwide.

In short an outstanding achievement from a club that has given so much to support and develop our sport".

We hope you agree a worthy recipient.



Formula 50 ~ alternative engine.

A WHF Board e-mail vote took place in 2015 concerning the addition of an alternative engine for Formula 50. The vote confirmed that the Russian engine type RM-500 (also known as PM3-500, RMZ-500 or TAJGA-500) with its standard exhaust is an acceptable engine for Formula 50. This vote was too late for inclusion for the World Championships in 2016 but is now acceptable for all future World Championship events.

World Championships 2018.

We are pleased to tell you that we have received a bid proposal for 2018. This is from the China Taiyuan Hovercraft Association for a proposed event in the Shanxi Province of China between the 25th and 31st of July. It will be preceded by an event in May of 2017 to prove the race course and organisation as required by the WHF Regulations. (A fuller copy of their proposal is attached to this Bulletin). What we are even more pleased to tell you is that at its latest WHF Board meeting it was unanimously decided to accept the bid from the China Taiyuan Hovercraft Association.

As this will be the first major event organised by the China Taiyuan Hovercraft Association it will be in collaboration with the Hovercraft Club of Great Britain and supervised by the WHF. We are already in detailed talks with them and wish them every success with this prestigious event.

WHF Board meeting 2018

We wish to report that the WHF Board meeting took place on the 1st of August 2016. Minutes of this meeting are attached or can be viewed at our website www.worldhovercraftfederation.org

WHF Website.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Cathy Godicheau our webmaster. Cathy created our website some years ago and since then has devoted a considerable amount of her time in keeping it refreshed and up to date. Cathy has always been particularly busy with updates and improvements after World Championships and none more so than this year. We are extremely grateful to her for a website that is always up to date and represents the WHF worldwide in such a professional manner.

Sad News.

We regret to tell you that our previous WHF President, Scott Browlee, sadly passed away in August. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. We send our heartfelt condolences to them all.

New WHF Secretary.

It is with some sadness we have to report that after fourteen years of dedicated service Christel Martens has decided to retire as Secretary to the WHF. Christel has been an exemplary Secretary and a very good servant to the WHF. We will all miss her.

Fortunately, Sacha Rouchier, who resides in Italy and has great language skills has volunteered to take over as WHF Secretary and was unanimously accepted by our Board members at our last Board meeting. Sacha's details can be found at the end of this Bulletin.

Circulation.

As usual this Bulletin will be circulated to as many people as possible but please pass it on to anyone who you think may be interested.

And a Final REMINDER.

Please do discuss any of the above issues, or other matters that concern you, with your colleagues and your Country's representative. This way the WHF can take your views into account and develop for the future.

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(*) number of votes each country has.

Please inform our Secretary, Sacha Rouchier, if your country has made any changes.

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