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World Championships 2024 and 2026.

29th August until 1st September 2024.

In this Bulletin you will find comment on our recent World Championships at Saalburg, Germany AND some exciting news about our next World Championships in 2026. To keep you in the loop there is also a summary of the major points from our last Board Meeting.

So, you now have nearly two years to prepare your craft and make your plans to take part in or visit our World Championships 2026. I hope to see you there.

Kind regards,



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The WHF would like to record its thanks to our German Hosts for organising a fantastic World Championships for us. In particular, we would like to thank Jessica and Michael Metzner who made the event possible ~ they even managed to arrange some wonderful weather.

Congratulations to our new Champions and everyone that took part in the event and you can see all the results on our website at

<https://whf.hovercraft.org.uk/result.php>

2024 WHF Board meeting.

The meeting was held on the 29th of September at 19.00hrs. You should have received a transcript of the meeting from our previous Secretary, but we have given a summary of the salient points below:

- Apart from the Secretary/Treasurer all existing Officials we re-elected. Sacha Rouchier, our Secretary/Treasurer gave notice of his resignation. Fortunately, Marie Trussler was proposed and unanimously elected by the meeting as his replacement and will take over as of now. Marie can be contacted at secretary@whf.hovercraft.org.uk We should record our thanks to Sacha for all the effort and time he has devoted to the WHF over the years, and welcome Marie to her new role.
- Both Alan Bliaut and Robert Trussler were presented a World Federation Award for Excellence.

Allan's was for: "As Technical Secretary to The Hovercraft Society, Alan was charged with modernising and increasing the profile of The Society and this he has done. Alan has single handedly reinvigorated The Hovercraft Society with superb regular technical reports and online meetings & presentations and has well and truly brought The Society into the 21st century"

Roberts was for "A Hovercraft Captain, Engineer and Project & Operations Manager, Robert has represented and promoted the industry across the world training many pilots and maintenance crews ranging from the South American Jungles to the North Pole! Not content with this Robert was also the leading light in creating and presenting the very successful 'Junior Technical Talks' during the Covid period which were invaluable in maintaining interest for Colts

- An 'any other business' item was submitted. This was to consider allowing Teams to take part in World Championships as the Junior / Colts are permitted to do. It was agreed that this will be discussed soon and concluded via an internet discussion and vote by WHF Board members. Please pass your comments via your Club or Country representative to the WHF Secretary.
- The meeting was very pleased to re-affirm that our next World Championships will be held in the UK in 2026. More details in the next item below.

World Hovercraft Championships 2026.

Our next World Championships in 2026 will be hosted by the Hovercraft Club of Great Britain (HCGB). This coincides with their 60th Anniversary which will make it an extra special event.

The dates, subject to formal confirmation are 11 – 16 Aug 2026.

The location is Whittlebury Park, Whittlebury, Near Towcester, Northamptonshire, NN12 8QH, ([What3Words ///pediculture.online.trouser](http://www.what3words.com/pediculture.online.trouser)). It is very close to Silverstone, the UK's F1 motor racing circuit! With good road access from various ports and good flight connectivity.

The WHF is very conscious that it is expensive for overseas participants to transport their craft around the world. To try and help with this we will be investigating the possibility to hire hovercraft. More of this soon.

More information will be published as we move forward, and we wish the HCGB every success with hosting this prestigious event.

Calling all 2026 potential Junior and Colt drivers.

We had some most exciting Junior and Colt racing at our last World Championships in Germany, so now is the time for Juniors and Colts to get prepared for the Championships in the UK in 2026.

If you are a new driver and need help or advice to get ready to participate or

Useful Links.

The World Hovercraft Federation <https://whf.hovercraft.org.uk>

The European Hovercraft Federation

<http://www.europeanhovercraftfederation.org>

The Hovercraft Society <https://www.thehovercraftsociety.org.uk>

The Hovercraft Club of Great Britain <https://whf.hovercraft.org.uk>

Club Anjou Aeroglisseur (France) <https://anjou-aeroglisseur.com>

If your Club wishes to be included here, please let our secretary know.

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(*) number of votes each country has.

If your country has made any changes please inform our secretary,
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