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## World Hovercraft Championships, 2002

By now I'm sure that you are all aware of the change in venue for the 2002 World Hovercraft Championships. The move is 200 km North East of the initial location, DuQuoin, Illinois to Terre Haute, Indiana. The Hovercraft Club of America are holding two racing events at this new site prior to the September World Championships. The organisers have set up a very informative web site to keep us all to remain apprised of the coming event at [www.whc2002.com](http://www.whc2002.com). The following comes to us from Kent Gano:

To: WHF BOD.  
From Kent Gano, Vice-President, Americas.  
Subject: World Hovercraft Championship Attendance.

As all of you know the World Championships are approaching. Before we know it, it will have come and gone. Many things are still in the preparation phase. Most of the major items to be accomplished have been addressed. We are having our first race at the new location at the end of April, then our National Race in the middle of June. This will give us ample time to address any issues that arise. The Hoverclub of America is looking forward to maximum participation from overseas. Please visit the WHC 2002 web site for more information at [www.whc2002.com](http://www.whc2002.com) it is updated constantly.

I would like for each of our WHF members to please let me know by e-mail if you are going to attend. Also please contact your countries that you are the representative to and let me know how many persons, how many containers and how many craft will be attending. With their names, country and formula in which they are racing.

Thank you.

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## **World Hovercraft Championships, 2004**

The WHF is accepting bids for the 2004 World Hovercraft Championships. Please submit your proposal to the WHF office. Copies of your proposal will be made available to the WHF at large and voting will take place at the WHF meeting scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2002 in Terre Haute, Indiana, USA.

## **World Hovercraft Championships, 2006**

There has been some informal communication concerning the 2006 World Hovercraft Championships. If you are interested in staging that event, please let us know. Your submission is best provided to the WHF prior to the September 2002 meeting where it will be considered.

## **Hovercraft World Cup**

A number of countries have expressed interest in holding the World Championships but are a little uncertain of how successful such an event will come off in their respective countries. To this end, it has been suggested that the WHF sanction a World Cup of Hovercraft Racing. This would be open only to invited participants and funded by the sponsoring country. It would almost certainly be a 'scaled down' version of a full World Championship but would also provide the flavour of World Class hovercraft racing to the local public. By limiting the participation only to invited racers, costs for all could be kept down.

What do you think of this type of event? Please provide your comments to the WHF office.

## **Financial**

The new policy of funding the WHF via 'user fees' comes into play at WHC 2002 in Terre Haute. All competitors will be charged \$2US as part of their competitor entrance fee.

## **Points Allocations**

The WHF is currently being asked to vote upon a new proposal to change the method of allocating points at all WHF sanctioned hovercraft racing events. This change has come about as a direct result of the success of several formulae!

Here's what has happened: with the current point scheme, whenever there are more than 15 competitors in a specific formula, those competitors who finish below 15<sup>th</sup> place in a race are all racing for the same result: one point. This new scheme allows up to 40 competitors in a given formula to all compete for a different set of points whilst rewarding a top-ten finish. Should we have a situation where more than 40 competitors are entered, the table could be altered in a similar fashion to accommodate all competitors.

<b>Finishing Position</b>	<b>Points Allocated</b>	<b>Finishing Position</b>	<b>Points Allocated</b>	<b>Finishing Position</b>	<b>Points Allocated</b>	<b>Finishing Position</b>	<b>Points Allocated</b>
1	50	11	30	21	20	31	10
2	48	12	29	22	19	32	9
3	46	13	28	23	18	33	8
4	44	14	27	24	17	34	7
5	42	15	26	25	16	35	6
6	40	16	25	26	15	36	5
7	38	17	24	27	14	37	4
8	36	18	23	28	13	38	3
9	34	19	22	29	12	39	2
10	32	20	21	30	11	40	1

### **WHF Sanctioned Speed Records**

At the 1995 World Hovercraft Championships held in Peso da Regua, Portugal, there was a very well received competition to establish a World Speed Record for Hovercraft. American Bob Windt recorded the fastest time of the day at just over 137 km/hour. Many are hoping to beat this record at a similar event scheduled as part of WHC 2002. There will be records set in all of the WHF established racing formulae.

The WHF has created a set of regulations for the running of a hovercraft speed record event. These will be posted on the WHF web site and are currently being distributed to the WHF voting members who are being asked to recognise them as a WHF regulation set. Once this process has been completed, we've been informed that all speed records established this September in Indiana will be recognised by the Guinness Book of World Records.

The World Hovercraft Federation wishes to acknowledge the valuable contribution to the formation of these new regulations by **Alan Rice** of the **California Speed Timing Association**. This is the group that handles all of the timing chores at the Bonneville Salt Flats. Thanks, Alan!

### **WHF Board of Directors – 2002 through 2004**

As per our Constitution, we will be selecting a new Board of Directors at the upcoming September meeting of the WHF. If you fancy yourself taking over as President, Secretary/Treasurer or as a regional Vice-President, please submit your willingness prior to the September 23, 2002 meeting of the WHF to be held in Terre Haute, Indiana, USA immediately after the World Championships. There is no requirement for you to be present at the proceedings. You can submit to the WHF a written representation and it will be provided to the voting members present at the meeting. If you wish to nominate someone for one of these positions, please first ensure that they are willing to accept the nomination.

## WHF Achievement Award



The first ever WHC Achievement Award was given to **John Gifford** of **Griffon Hovercraft** at a ceremony last October. The award was presented by Vice-President (Europe) Tony Drake on behalf of the World Hovercraft Federation.

This Award will be presented every two years by the WHF to recognise individual achievement for the advancement of hovercraft on a global scale. If you have someone that you feel is deserving of this prestigious award, please inform the WHF Secretary.

### **WHF Monogrammed Shirts**

The WHF has a *very limited* supply of extremely high quality, monogrammed dress shirts (Timberland<sub>TM</sub>) available for its representatives. They cost \$35US each plus \$10US shipping and handling. They can be obtained by sending a cheque or International Money Order in US funds to the WHF office.

### **WHF Web Page**

Ruth Lewendon is the new WHF webmaster and she has given the pages a bit of rejuvenation. Please go and have a look at: <http://www.hovercraft.org.uk/whf/whfframespage.htm>

It has been suggested that we add 'mug shots' of all of our WHF representatives to the web page (such as those we currently have for the WHF Executive). Please e-mail a scanned image of yourself to the WHF and we'll put it up on the web page so that we'll all know who each other is!

If you have any upcoming announcements that you feel should be included in either the WHF Bulletin or placed upon the WHF web page, please contact the WHF secretary via email at [bob\\_rennick@hotmail.com](mailto:bob_rennick@hotmail.com).

### **Items to be discussed via e-mail**

The first round of the e-mail discussions went very slowly with little participation. At the time of this writing the second round appears to be static. Any ideas you have to get things moving will be greatly appreciated. Remember, if these discussions *don't* proceed, there will be no changes to the regulations and nothing will have been achieved.

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