



ODYSSEY of Speed

Karpathos, Greece

02.08.2011 – 21.08.2011

Notice of Race

The Event

As the event includes various disciplines (challenges) of speed/slalom surfing (see rules below), the event is named as the '*Odyssey of Speed*'; in the tradition of the ancient greek hero Odysseus, who had several adventures to overcome.

The philosophy of this challenge should be to bring together people from around the world, which enjoy the same passion of windsurfing in strong winds at high speeds. Therefore the participation is open for everyone in the windsurfing community from all skill levels from fun sailors up to serious including professional level.

The '*Odyssey of Speed*' is dealing with various disciplines of speed/slalom surfing, rather than focussing on max. speed only. This way we would like to attract also the 'normal' Greek Summer windsurfers to get involved, who might be reluctant to compete on pure and specialized speed events and/or who might not have the highly specialized equipment.

In addition to the competition it is also most important just to have fun, enjoy the windsurfing sessions and meet people after the sessions. Generally built relationships and

help to grow the community of speed surfers.

The '**Odyssey of Speed**' will be based on current GPS-measuring standards and rules. Due to generous sponsoring we will have (10) **LOCOSYS** BGT-31 GPS Units incl. water-proof **AQUAPAC** cases available on-site for renting at no cost. We also have attractive offers available on-site for purchasing the GPS equipment. (see GPS Equipment below).

Location

The '**Odyssey of Speed**' will take place on the island of **Karpathos, Greece**.

The island of Karpathos is famous for its steady and strong wind conditions in summer and also well known from past World Cup events and championships in Speedsurfing. The three bays of Afiartis named Paradise, Gun and Chicken Bay are the perfect location offering various kinds of windsurfing conditions, plenty of space on the water and perfect infrastructure at the various surf stations.

However, the event shall not depend on a certain location and venue, except sailing in the waters of Karpathos.

Date

The '**Odyssey of Speed**' will take place from the **02.08.2011 until 21.08.2011**.

Rules

The Basic Rules of www.gps-speedsurfing.com Version 8.0 (ref. 1) apply.
(<http://www.gps-speedsurfing.com/default.aspx?mnu=item&item=BasicRules>)

Within the course of the event the following speed/slalom categories will be considered for the ranking:

- Cat. A: 2 sec GPS max
- Cat. B: 5 x 10sec GPS average
- Cat. C: 1 hour GPS max
- Cat. D: 500 m GPS max
- Cat. E: Alpha Racing (500m)
- Cat. F: Maximum Distance travelled during one day (24 hours)

Each session result needs to be uploaded to www.gps-speedsurfing.com using the automatic upload function of the approved evaluation software (see ref.1. §8). Multiple sessions during a day are allowed (see ref.1 §.11), however should be avoided. Session uploads are possible until 21.08.2011. 18:00. Any session uploaded after this deadline can not be considered for the ranking.

All GPS tracks needs to be available for verification by the event organization at all times.

Facilities

We intend to offer special arrangements on-site at the various surf stations (**Club Mistral**, Pro Centre Chris Schill, Planet Windsurfing Centre) for airport transfer, storage, rental equipment, etc. during the event, e.g. at **Club Mistral** storage + airport transfer 1 week 60€, 2 weeks 90€. Further details to be communicated soon.

Our sponsor **NETtoSun** is offering for all competitors double mileages in their frequent traveller program for any booking made through them, this includes flights, accommodation, rental cars, etc. .

Entry fee

The '**Odyssey of Speed**' is free and there is no entry fee.

Awards

We do not plan to have prize money.

We will have attractive prizes for the Top riders in the Overall ranking of the contest.

Men:

1. Place **NETtoSUN** travel voucher of 12.000 Miles in the **NETtoSUN** frequent traveller program, equal to a value of approx. 300 €.

2. & 3. Place **LOCOSYS BGT-31** GPS device + **AQUAPAC** 212 Case

Best **woman** and best **youngster** (under 18 years) will both receive a GPS bundle comprising a **LOCOSYS BGT-31** GPS device + **AQUAPAC** 212 Case.

Further prizes to be announced soon, as we are awaiting further sponsoring.

Safety

Each participant should take responsibility for himself and can be disqualified if he/she exposes herself or others at unnecessary risk. If extra weights are used a vest must support the weights or equivalent that provides a positive buoyancy of the weights. Wetsuit, etc. are not counted as flotation devices. Sailors who refuse to provide help to those who show emergency signal will be disqualified.

Disclaimer

Every rider has responsibility for himself. He/she has to have all insurances needed. The organizer will not take any responsibility for rescue operations nor racing accidents.

Sponsors

The '*Odyssey of Speed*' is supported by the following sponsors:

- [NETtoSUN Travel](#)
- [LOCOSYS Technology](#)
- [AQUAPAC International](#)
- [Club Mistral Karpathos](#)
- www.gps-speedsurfing.com

The event is open for further sponsoring.

Organization

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