



## **PWA Update 11th January 2010**

### **New Year - New Opportunities**

The New Year is upon us and with it comes the start of a new season. 2009 was made more difficult than it should have been by current worldwide economic circumstances, but with that taken into consideration, it was a reasonably successful year. Although we do find ourselves facing similar circumstances for the year ahead, we are already starting to see signs of increased investment and new events being brought to the tour.

There have also been a few significant changes made since last season, that will affect many of you, but these are all positive and will help to bring increased prosperity to the tour.

### **Slalom Prize Money Rise**

As agreed at the Sylt AGM, men's Slalom Prize Money, at single discipline Slalom events has been raised by €10,000 to €40,000. This change has now come into effect and we have already secured the additional funding for both the Korean and Costa Brava events.

As part of this raise, prize money will now be split amongst the top 24 at events with the increased prize fund.

### **Production Boards for Freestyle**

Following the email poll that was taken last year, and after considerable consultation with the windsurfing industry, it has been decided that for 2010 onwards Freestyle sailors will use only production boards, registered through the PWA Registration Program. Although there were one or two sailors opposed to this idea, the vast majority were in favour and there was an overwhelming request from the industry for us to make this change.

The change to production boards is being made to save costs and to give a greater return for sponsors on their investment in PWA sailors making you all a more valuable asset to the manufacturers.

### **Calendar**

We have held back on publishing a calendar for 2010 as circumstances have been very dynamic and we wanted to give you the most accurate information we could.

You will see on the calendar that we have a new event in Denmark in the form of the Cold Hawaii World Cup in September. This will be an exciting new stop on the tour and will fit nicely in ahead of nearby Sylt, helping with travel arrangements.

There are also numerous other event projects, some based on new venues, some based on old favourites and we will bring you details of those as soon as they become more concrete.





PWA 2010 **PROVISIONAL** World Tour Calendar

Event	Date	Disciplines	Prize	Status
Podersdorf Austria	30 April - 5 May	PWA World Cup Freestyle (men)	€30,000	Confirmed Subject to contract
Ulsan World Cup Korea	15 - 21 May	PWA World Cup Slalom	€55,000	Confirmed Subject to contract
Costa Brava Spain	8 - 13 June	PWA World Cup Slalom	€55,000	Confirmed Subject to contract
Costa Teguisse Lanzarote	29 June - 4 July	PWA World Cup Freestyle	€45,000	TBC
Pozo Gran Canaria	11 - 18 July	TBC	€TBC	TBC
Sotavento Fuerteventura	23 July - 2 August	PWA Grand Slam* Slalom, Freestyle	€TBC	Confirmed Subject to contract
Alacati Turkey	9 - 14 August	PWA World Cup Slalom	€55,000	TBC
Klitmoller Denmark	13 - 19 September	PWA World Cup Wave (men)	€30,000	Confirmed Subject to contract
Sylt Germany	24 Sept - 3 Oct	PWA Super Grand Slam <sup>x</sup> Wave, Freestyle, Slalom	€105,000	CONFIRMED

All dates and details subject to change until entry forms and NOR released

\* Fuerteventura Slalom is from the 23 to 27 / 28 July and Freestyle from the 29 / 30 July to 2 August. There will possibly be a long distance pro am in between the disciplines.

\* Sylt will include Wave for men and women, and Slalom and Freestyle for men only

