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Windsurfing Euro-Cup Tour 2007

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Today the Windsurfing Office has presented the calendar of the Windsurfing Euro-Cup 2007. Currently the tour of the only racing and slalom series consists out of ten events. The prize money of the Windsurfing Euro-Cup 2007 sums up to a total of 180.000,00 EUR. The events are organized in close co-operation between the Windsurfing Office, the International Windsurfing Association (IWA), the International Formula Windsurfing Class (IFWC) and the International Funboard Class Association (IFCA). Last year 152 competitors took part in the discipline Slalom and even 197 in Racing. With the strong 2007 tour even more windsurfers are expected to join the series this year.

Like in 2006 the kick off event of the Windsurfing Euro-Cup takes place in Leucate in the South of France from April 5th to 11th. The famous "Mondial du Vent" invites the best windsurfers of the World for the first benchmark of the season in slalom competition and offers a total of 15.000,00 EUR prize money. Last year the event brought spectacular slalom action and the first big showdown between the two dominators Antoine Albeau and Finian Maynard.

The second tour stop of the Euro-Cup invites the racing experts to the Formula Windsurfing European Championships in Santa Pola near Alicante (Spain) from April 23rd to 28th. As IFWC championship the event fully focuses on the discipline Racing (Formula Windsurfing) and will call the Worlds best competitors in this discipline to the Mediterranean coast of Spain. The regatta offers a prize money of 20.000,00 EUR.

Just a few days later and only a few hundred kilometres to the south-west the formula racers get another chance to prove their skills: The Formula Windsurfing Grand Prix in Portimao (Portugal) offers a chance for revenge from April 30th to May 6th 2007. Portimao is located in the region Algarve at the Atlantic Ocean and a great venue for Formula Windsurfing events. The experienced organization team of Clube Overpower guarantees great events for the competitors. Like the FW Europeans the event offers 20.000,00 EUR prize money. So within ten days the Formula Windsurfing racers can win a total of 40.000,00 EUR.

From the Atlantic Ocean the Euro-Cup tour moves on to the rough waters of the North Sea for the famous "White Sands Festival" on the German island Norderney. The event traditionally takes place at "Whitsun" which is from April 25th to 28th 2007. More then 35.000 spectators will await the international slalom racers fighting for 15.000,00 EUR prize money. The White Sands Festival has been one of the pearls of the German Windsurf Cup for many years and now takes the next step to the international level. The party program of the White Sands Festival is insane!

The next tour stop of the Windsurfing Euro-Cup will be in Alacati (Turkey) from July 10th to 14th in conjunction with the IFCA ProKids Slalom World Championships. Alacati has hosted the IFCA Slalom Europeans 2005 and the IFCA Slalom Worlds 2006 and has proven to be one of the best venues for Slalom competitions in the World. 15.000,00 EUR prize money and the great Turkish hospitality will be a perfect base for a great event.

From the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean Sea the Windsurfing Euro-Cup moves north to the Baltic Sea for the Allegro.pl Windsurfing Euro-Cup in Leba (Poland). From August 1st to 5th the beach of Leba will be crowded with tourists who are hungry for parties and their windsurf heroes. This event was already one of the highlights of the 2006 tour and this season it will again be a mayor attraction with both disciplines (Racing and Slalom) and not less then 30.000,00 EUR prize money.

The next event of the EC tour 2006 will take place in a unique venue from August 15th to 19th: Silvaplana/St. Moritz (Switzerland) is located in the middle of the Alps at a height of over 1.800 metres above the sea level. Windsurfing on the Lake Silvaplana embraced with high mountains often covered with snow is an experience that competitors will never forget. The Euro-Cup Silvaplana will have both disciplines Racing and Slalom and a total prize money of 20.000,00 EUR.

From Switzerland the Euro-Cup racers return to Portugal again: From August 21st to 26th Clube Overpower invites the slalom racers for a great event at the sandy beach of Caparica near Lissabon. The Atlantic Ocean will be a perfect arena for a spectacular slalom event with 15.000,00 EUR prize money.

The next event of the EC tour will be a premier: For the first time the Euro-Cup will visit Great Britain for a Racing event on the Isle of Wight. With the support of a strong national tour and 15.000,00 EUR prize money the Euro-Cup Isle of Wight can be a mayor attraction. The exact dates of this event are not finalized yet.

The final event of the 2007 Euro-Cup tour will bring a real climax with the IFCA Slalom World Championships in Hyeres (France) from October 2nd to 7th. The event doesn't only offer 15.000,00 EUR prize money but also the official IFCA Slalom World title. With the growing interest in Slalom especially in France and the huge interest from all over the World this event is expected to receive a huge entry.

The Windsurfing Office is happy and proud that it has been possible to present this tour calendar. A big thank you goes to the various different local organizers as well as the IFWC, the IFCA and IWA. All top windsurfers and major brands are expected to participate in the events of the Euro-Cup tour 2007.

The official website of the series with more information is www.euro-cup.org. The events are also covered on www.formulawindsurfing.org and www.internationalwindsurfing.com. Besides the reports and the results you will also find a live ticker on www.euro-cup.org. So check out the internet!

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