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Press Release:

## **Formula Windsurfing Grand Prix Portimao 2007: Steve Allen stumbles but wins back control**

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Portimao continues to provide perfect conditions for the competitors at the Formula Windsurfing Grand Prix at Alvor beach. With 14 to 22 knots the wind was even a little bit stronger than on the opening day. Together with waves up to 2 metres and a strong shorebreak this really pushed the racers to the limit.

First it seemed as if Steve Allen (AUS-0, Tabou, Gaastra) would be able to continue with his unchallenged domination. But in the second race of the day he capsized once and opened the chance for his biggest opponent Gonzalo Costa Hoevel (ARG-3, F2, Neil Pryde) to score his first victory in this regatta. But in the final race Steve Allen took over the control again and re-established the usual order with himself on the top.

After the second day Steve Allen is leading the result list with the optimum of 5,00 points. Gonzalo Costa Hoevel remains second with 9,00 points. The Brasil newcomer Fabio Melo (BRA-74, Starboard, Gaastra) was able to surprise the experts with his performance yesterday. But today he showed some weaknesses. Nonetheless he is still in the third position. But with 15,00 points and weak discards he can now feel the breath of his opponents in his neck.

Five other racers have realistic chances for a podium finish after the second day and seven races done: The Italian Youngster Alberto Menegatti (ITA-456, F2, North Sails) is in the best position with 18,00 points and a good discard. Wilhelm Schurmann (BRA-999, Starboard, Neil Pryde) is the second strong Brazilian in the fleet with currently 22,00 points. Hubert Mokrzycki (POL-25, Starboard, Gaastra) from Poland showed some good results today and could have done even better. With 25,00 points he stays ahead of his landmate Michal Polanowski (POL-16, Starboard, Gaastra). The local Miguel Martinho (POR-5, Starboard, Neil Pryde) seems to return to his usual performance after a disappointing opening day. With 37 points he will have to fight hard to catch the guys ahead of him.

The conditions in Portimao seem to be too good this year! The organization is facing an unusual luxury problem as they have to distribute the allowed 15 races over the five competition days. The forecast for the next days is excellent. Therefore for tomorrow the Skippers Meeting is again set for 12:00 with the first possible start at 13:00. The spectators at Alvor beach can again expect a great Formula Windsurfing show. The Formula Windsurfing Grand Prix Portimao will last until Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

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