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## Organising a Event

Posted by robthe? - 2007/05/27 19:14

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With such a great/safe location in west k it seems a shame that there are not many events orgnaised here.

me and nick (that slacker who thinks he a the lake warden) a long distance race/freeride, to Point of Aire or somewhere near.

how do we go about orgnaising such an event? and is there any interest.

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Post edited by: robthe?, at: 27/05/2007 20:15

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by Slim - 2007/05/29 10:45

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I think that the problem is the fact that things may be organised but the wind may not show... I tried to see if anyone would like to do a hi-ho to wales on a suitable tide.... there was loads of interest, but perhaps it is just the flexibility that is required to get the best wind would require some last minute planning.... It is a good idea though! HEAR HEAR!

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by sharkey - 2007/05/29 12:30

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I think you'd get plenty of interest (if the wind showed) I think the other issue might be insurance/backup and all the other stuff that goes with an "organised" event.

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by AndyBoardman - 2007/05/29 13:09

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Have to agree that it would be a great idea though maybe a nightmare organising with regards to back up / insurance etc as if it is an officialy organised event you would have to provide safety cover at the least.It may be worth having a chat with someone like Guy Cribb as he has just done a big run along the coast down south.Also worth a chat with the local R N L I as a donation might cover their costs ??

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by Slim - 2007/05/29 13:35

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when discussing the hi-ho plan, the issue of safety was one that was raised, i.e we would need a couple of ribs to accompany to see that all participants were safe, and to cover things like kit breakages. It may not be required but I think it would be daft not to have it to hand... not so sure that insurance would be a problem, perhaps signing a disclaimer is more likely!

There is also the problem that when the conditions are good to have a last minute event, it is likely to be in the week when not many people can duck out of work..

I think I might just do the hi-ho with a bunch of idiots who are willing to chance the crossing spur of the moment, perhaps giving the lifeboat a phone call.. (but dont tell my wife I said that! ;) ) Anyone got any better ideas?

I reckon essentially the problem is that windsurfing is not a team sport, so we are not used to structuring things, we are more likely to turn up and blast around independently for a few hours and then go home.....

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by sharkey - 2007/05/29 14:02

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Slim - I'd be up for the hiho idea as long as you look out for each other and are decent sailors (and pick the right conditions - I think cribby's run down the south coast was almost a dead run and F6-7 - if you could get F4-5 and a beamish reach that would be perfect)

For the organised event how about getting a demo of some of the new longboards like the kona. I know the importers have a demo fleet and are keen to encourage one design racing. If you could organise that along side the other stuff at least you've got a light wind option - that's what the longboards are supposed to be for

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by Shawn - 2007/05/30 07:24

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Idiots AHOY!!!

Sign me up please!

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by Slim - 2007/05/30 08:35

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:laugh: Idiots ahoy! indeed, I thought you would be up for it!!! It'll have to be soon though as I am only round these parts for the next two months now... :cheer:

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by bert - 2007/05/30 13:10

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Once again I'll say I'll get involved.

If you search these forums (which I wo't bother as I'm in internet booth in pub in menorca) you'll find it's been discussed to death before - my old experience would have said don't bother telling the lifeboat you'll only get a string of abuse and criticism but the personnel have changed there and you may get a different answer but probably still "we can't cover you" which is fair enough - maybe you could have someone on the shore watching? ribs would be great but nobody knew anybody with one last time we discussed this.

A group of decent sailors with a few flares etc should be safe enough to blast a good way in the right condition

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by robthe? - 2007/05/31 09:03

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simon form the sailing school has said we can borrow the two big ribs which are very much capable of doing the job,

All we have to do is pay for the fuel, so we don't have to get the RNLI involved, if another rip is needed i could talk to dee sc or west kirby sailing club.

getting some lightwind alternatives would be awesome and make what a wasted day into something a big fun, so once we can get a date i'll contact turfdog and exocet,

jay, stus little bro said stu was planning a similar thing, if he is we could team

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by sharkey - 2007/05/31 10:41

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Great news if you can get the ribs.

Let me know if you want me to contact Graham at surfsales (Exocet importer) about demo kit

Maybe make the long distance bit sponsored? RNLI?

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by robthe? - 2007/06/02 19:55

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to make the most of the tides i think the event should be aimed for the bigger tides in oct and sep and if we plan for a weekend we have a two day window, form lookin at the tides 29/09 week looks the best.

1/09/07 9.38m high water 14:32

2/09/07 8.98m high water 15:15

29/09/07 9.7m high water 13:29

30/09/07 9.44m high water 14:10

27/10/07 9.65 high water 12:29

28/10.07 9.58 high water 13:10

havn't spoken to stu so not sure if he was planning such an event too

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by T15KING - 2007/06/03 09:49

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hey! the problem with doing it on such a big tide is that if you do have companys there who want to set up on the car park they wont be able to because the tide will come rite up on the car park! so you mite wont to do it on a lower tide!

Jay K-898

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by Ernie - 2007/06/03 10:08

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Here's the original discussion mentioned by Bert....

<http://www.iwindsurf.co.uk/forum/func,view/id,8807/catid,7/>

...seems only yesterday. It was almost exactly a year ago to the day.

Well I'm still up for it. In fact I always liked the idea of making it a regular WK Autumn event (windy and still warm), and trying to generate some wider press....etc, and with a beach barby after.....

Ern (never knowingly not thinking about food)

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by robthe? - 2007/06/06 21:20

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ok big tides are not ideal, but that time of year is! it warm and usally windy!!

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over 9.1 m means that the tide will start to come into the car park,

the weekend of 15/09/07 seem ideal 8.65m sat and 8.37m sun. so any type of promotors will be able to use the car park.

so does this date sound ok? or is there any objections

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### Re:Organising a Event

Posted by Slim - 2007/06/08 09:21

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That sounds like a fabulous date, however I move to the south coast at the start of August....Nice for me, but I will miss out..Boooo! So if you fancy fixing another date before the first of august I will not moan...B) Please...

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### Re:Organising a Event

Posted by sharkey - 2007/06/08 13:11

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That weekend is the animal windfest at Poole so the demo stuff might be down there (I might be too:whistle: )

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### Re:Organising a Event

Posted by robthe? - 2007/06/09 09:18

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opps another date is needed, everyone will go to windfest! i'll have a look at tide timetables again

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### Re:Organising a Event

Posted by robthe? - 2007/06/20 17:46

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ok i think i have the date 13/10/07

how does that sound anything happening then?

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### Re:Organising a Event

Posted by sharkey - 2007/06/21 07:15

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I don't think there's anything else windsurfing wise that weekend. Good chance of Wind at that time of year too:)

Sounds good Rob, hope it comes together.

Probably a good idea to try and line up who you want there as soon as and get the date in peoples diaries

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### Re:Organising a Event

Posted by robthe? - 2007/06/21 16:08

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OK ive' had a look at the dates to adn they look good,

i've got 2 power boat drivers who are willing to help out,

Just wondering what companies to contact,

looking at: starboard, turfdog and gaastra/tabou,  
any names suggestions for the event, thinking Welsh Raid,  
Will produce a poster soon and contact media for promotion  
is any one good at writing disclaimers?  
this is going to be awesome!!!

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by sharkey - 2007/06/22 06:15

In terms of demo kit, I think there are only four importers for most of the brands

604 Distribution (F2, Fanatic, Mistral, Arrows, North)  
Ultrasport (JP, Bic, Neil Pryde)  
Surf sails (Exocet, Tabou, Gaastra)  
Tushingham/Starboard

I can dig out email addresses for surfsails and 604 I think PM me if you want them - or I'll contact them if you want

Boards mag are always looking for stories so you should get something in there

It'd be great to see a good event around hereB)

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by robthe? - 2007/06/24 16:45

i have managed to get hold of an experienced long distance race officve who runs cat races, got a intresting reply read on

Robin,

Well you ask a BIG question. Safety is paramount. You have to say "What if ?" and then say it again and again and again!! WE don't allow single handers into most long distance cat races due entirely to safety reasons. You are setting off with ALL single handers.

For safety you MUST ensure that ALL are carrying flares and that they are checked and that they are not out of date. (many are !!, I have seen old ones passed around from sailor to sailor in the car park and then passed on again AFTER scrutineering. )

We make sure that all sailors are carrying a mobile phone in waterproof bag, this again is checked. BUT it may be very difficult to get a phone to work when sitting on a board or even worse lying in the water.

Try and ensure that the first time you have competitors of equal ability. I KNOW that this is difficult but it will mean that the fleet stays fairly well together. BUT you have to be brutal and tell some people that you don't think that they are good enough to compete. We do NOT do this but some on the Continent do, you have to put in sailing CV to say what you have done BEFORE you are accepted.

Make sure that you put marker buoys so that the fleet cannot get too far spread. If you allow boards to go on a five mile leg, especially upwind, what happens if some go to the port side and other to the starboard side of the course, you are then covering 25 square miles of sea !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! AND you cannot see boards as easily as you can see catamarans.

Make sure that sailors are using correct buoyancy aids , many , worryingly, are now reducing the amount of floatation as "it gets in their way" when racing.

You are sailing in a VERY tidal area, examine tides with great care and see where sailors are going to go if anything happens to them.

I suggest you go to the RYA /ISAF websites where they give the legal answers to many questions.DON'T rely on the RRS 1,3 and 4. Especially RRS 4. That rule states that "it is the responsibility of the sailor to sail and nobody else" This is very difficult, if the Race Officer says "Yes, it is fine , let's go" That very decision can influence others who say "The PRO said it is OK so that why I decided to go!!". So sailors decision is influenced by someone else, some who is assumed to be in control with greater experience.

When I did the International Race Officers course, the first lecture after lunch was a lawyer who started by saying "" What

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do you say to the coroner when he says "and you thought it was safe to go sailing ???" ""  
Read RYA and ISAF, then have a trial run with one or two ribs and say FIVE boards, think where the tide is then and where it will be when you want to run the event. Then de-brief with real care, especially the poorer sailors. All the long distances we have done, we have sailed the course first, at Abersoch/Pwllheli, I must have sailed it 10 times before we thought of making a it a long distance race.  
Hope this helps.  
Don.

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by Slim - 2007/06/24 17:23

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Lawyers??? 2 ribs to 5 sailors?? I always thought sailors were jessies, but now this is for sure.....:whistle:

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by neil - 2007/06/24 18:08

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Can I sign up

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by bert - 2007/06/25 00:18

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I want to play too!!  
Robthe - do you fancy writing a short article for the front page or would you like me to? - then we can start getting some interest?

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by sharkey - 2007/06/25 07:15

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In terms of interest - I'm up for it, even happy to help out organising as long as I can still sail.

In terms of safety I guess you've got to listen to what the guy says but I don't think its totally relevant. If you don't organise it as a race its easier to keep everyone together and we wouldn't be doing upwind legs by choice so two support boats should be plenty, front one keeps the front guys in sight, other one brings up the rear. Everyone looks out for each other and signals for help if someone needs it.  
Cribby did 100 miles through busy shipping channels with one support boat that couldn't actually keep up. We're planning on what 8 miles each way?

Biggest problem will be weather I reckon, chances are conditions just wont be right on the weekend but if we organise some demo stuff I reckon it should be a decent weekend/day anyway

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by robthe? - 2007/07/16 15:51

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Sorry, not updated anyone with more information on whats happening, i really want to see this event happen but it needs the wind, it may be a better idea if we run two events a demo say and a hiho to wales,

we could do the hiho event on a weekend with a red amber go system but this would require no safety boats but that should not be a problem more a casual blast over and back, as long as everyone takes sometype of safety device (e.g

mobile phone)

for the demo day if anyone up for it we should try and organise that asap 13 14 of ocotober is still great dates with nothing else major planned in the windsurf calander,

Dee Sc club said we could borrow there bar with we get for than 100people for a evening party

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by kenmorton - 2007/07/16 20:37

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I like the sound of this more and more.  
Windsurfing with some demo kit and then a party afterwards!

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by matclarke - 2007/07/16 21:03

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sounds like a top idea, count me in.

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by carvefokker - 2007/07/18 12:59

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Having just passed my powerboat level 2 and screamed across to Wales in the monster 120 hp with crazy Bob (the real warden!) I thoughroghly recommend it - In fact, if you need someone to drive a rib - I'd be well up for it as I am now qualified, so might be a question of paying for the petrol and sucking up to Bob for the use of a couple of ribs!! - what do you think?:huh:

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by Ernie - 2007/09/28 12:22

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2 weeks to go - Is this still on ?

Any poster going up in the changing rooms....etc

Post edited by: Ernie, at: 2007/09/28 13:23

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by robthe? - 2007/09/29 09:57

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Sadly due to time and money we could not get the insurasnce or safty cover for the event but if you all want to come and we still sail over to wales and back at your own risk!!! but safety will be in numbers!

pending on conditions (right wind direction and strength)

next year i will try and organise a proper event

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by kenmorton - 2007/09/29 12:17

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October 13/14th is the weekend of Boardwise demo at Aberdovey.

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by T15KING - 2007/09/29 13:33

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that could be quite handy so we could redo out event which gives us some time to try and get some help to sponsor it and gte more people more advertisement and maybe try and set up a competition of freestyle slalom supercross!! make it a really good weekend!! i personally would be willing to take on the role with robthe to get it done so we can have a great weekend even if there is no wind!!

Cheers

Jay

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## Re:Organising a Event

Posted by Ernie - 2007/10/01 09:02

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...rather than 12 months away , how about a spring WK HiHo ? Start of the new season (for the big girls who don't sail in winter that is.....whistle: ) bash kinda thing.

Although spring is cooler than autumn - maybe more people will come at the ned of the year.. I dunno ..just some thoughts..like Jay more than happy to help out before hand, but I wanna sail on the day !!!!!

Ern.

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