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## British GPS SpeedSurfing Contest 2008

Posted by OPH - 2008/02/12 13:12

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Ok folks it's time to crank up the local speedsailing scene at West Kirby.

2008 sees the start of the British GPS Speedsurfing Contest.

Sponsored by UltraSport and the GPS SpeedSurfing Website.

Loads of prizes up for grabs, end of year prize draw, based on a draw from all tracks posted, and not based on the fastest speeds achieved.

The competition runs from the 1st of January to 31st of December 2008, for any sailable UK waters.

In light of the redevelopment plans for the marina area, it would be great to have a solid representation from all our local sailors, be you into wave, freeride, slalom or speed - it matters not. The greater the turnout at West Kirby - must bode well for the lake / facilities and its future, especially as West Kirby is one of the best spots in the UK dare I say world!

Prerequisites:

This is a fun event based on having a good time windsurfing as fast as you can with ya mates.

Windsurfing gear - anything goes

A PC or Mac with internet access - minimal computing knowledge required

GPS Track Software - free (choice of GPS Action Replay, RealSpeed, GPS Results)

GPS Device - preferably Navi GT11 with Aquapac - £60 or thereabouts

GPS Speedsurfing site registration - free

British GPS Speed Contest subscription - free

Link to all the info. (Simon Hinkley is heading up the event.)

<http://www.gps-speedsurfing.com/gps.asp?mnu=events&smnu=info&val=30>

<http://ukwindsurfing.com/information/speed>

<http://www.speed-sailor.net/>

All the best

Howie

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## Re:British GPS SpeedSurfing Contest 2008

Posted by AndyBoardman - 2008/02/12 22:33

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Hi Howard, can any GPS be used as I have a Navman M300 unit and on registering on one of the sites there is no option for this model ?? I guess it may be down to not being able to link it up to a computer maybe ???Do you have to link it for instance ?

Cheers mate for any other info you can find out.

Andy:huh:

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## Re:British GPS SpeedSurfing Contest 2008

Posted by OPH - 2008/02/13 08:19

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Hi Andy - arrgggh damm Dell mouse just lost my reply to you twice, so much for the last hour of typing!!

In summary, yes it is essential to have a GPS device that can connect to a pc via USB.

The GT11 is now that standard piece of kit to use. Since Jan 2008 speeds are now measured using doppler replacing the trackpoint method, this can only be done with the GT11.

Rest assured though, any investment made in purchasing GT11 with Aquapac for full water proof protection, will be the

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standard for many years to come.

With regards to setting up the GPS / Software etc, I, like all the Wk speedies will only be too happy to help / advise.

cheers  
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## Re:British GPS SpeedSurfing Contest 2008

Posted by kenmorton - 2008/02/13 22:07

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Does that mean the Fortrex is no longer eligible?

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## Re:British GPS SpeedSurfing Contest 2008

Posted by AndyBoardman - 2008/02/13 22:20

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Cheers for the info Howard, hope your well by the way !!? Next question then , who makes it & is the software MAC compatible ??

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## Re:British GPS SpeedSurfing Contest 2008

Posted by OPH - 2008/02/14 08:23

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Morning chaps,

@Andy, I'm surviving mate, the commute from Anglesey to Knutsford everyday is more tiring in Winter, but spring is just around the corner. I trust that you are well too!

The GT11 is made by Locosys and is easily sourced via the internet, although I got mine via storagedepot, who at present are out of stock until March 30th. The GT11 can be sourced via the GPS-Speedsurfing website, I am sure Dylan de Jonge can provide. Don't forget the Aquapac though. The units are waterproof, within a limited use, which probably will not include hitting the water a 30kts plus. Best to be safe than sorry.

I'll double check on the mac issue, pretty sure that all three GPS Track Analysis software packages are compatible.

@Ken, extract from the events page on the GPS-SS site:

"The official GPS unit of the British GPS Speed Challenge is the GT-11 Trip Tracker by LOCOSYS Technology. But Garmin units such as the Fourtrex 201 and Gecko are still acceptable."

I'm not quite sure as to why the Garmin units are still allowed, the new standard for 2008 and on, is the GT11 with speeds calculated using the doppler method, which only the GT11 can provide.

I shall enquire.

Cheers  
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## Re:British GPS SpeedSurfing Contest 2008

Posted by kenmorton - 2008/02/14 21:42

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So how does the doppler method work?

I am obviously asking for the enlightenment of the other site users rather than me being in lazy arse mode (as in I can't

be bothered to look it up on the Locosys site at the mo') :blush:

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## Re:British GPS SpeedSurfing Contest 2008

Posted by OPH - 2008/02/15 08:05

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Good question Ken, I too don't have a clue how doppler work with regards to GPS and speed measurement. Did a quick google and found this, not sure if it really explains how doppler is used to measure speed tho.

[http://www.go.ednet.ns.ca/~larry/gps/gps\\_talk.html](http://www.go.ednet.ns.ca/~larry/gps/gps_talk.html)

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## Re:British GPS SpeedSurfing Contest 2008

Posted by OPH - 2008/02/18 08:44

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@Andy, I have been advised that GPSAR is compatible with the Mac, therefore run with that.

@Ken, and all, Garmin Foretrex's are still Ok to use.  
If buying new though, go for the Navi / Locosys GT11.

cheers  
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## Re:British GPS SpeedSurfing Contest 2008

Posted by AndyBoardman - 2008/02/19 14:57

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Hi Howard yep found that info out in the end mate, as you say they are out of stock until end of March due to model 111 coming out !!  
They have said they will Email when available.  
Anyone after a Navman M300 boxed mint only used once ?  
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## Re:British GPS SpeedSurfing Contest 2008

Posted by OPH - 2008/02/19 17:30

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Hi Andy, yep the GT31 I believe is the next device available.

I see no probs with going for the GT31 tho.

In the meantime if you are down at WK on a good day you can borrow my Foretrex 201, no probs there mate.

cheers  
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## Re:British GPS SpeedSurfing Contest 2008

Posted by AndyBoardman - 2008/02/29 17:12

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Cheers Mate may bare that in mind .  
:) :) :)

