

ISAF/WORLD SAILING SPEED RECORD COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT to ISAF 2005.

A consistent component of the WSSR annual report to ISAF has been updates on the various attempts on the Outright World Sailing Speed Record. Previous Chairmen and I have said each year that enthusiasm to break the record of 46.42 kts, set in 1993, is undiminished, but to no avail. However since my last report, this ultimate record has been broken twice, and not by a specialized craft, but by a Windsurfer. Finian Maynard, from the British Virgin Islands, set 46.84kts in November 2004 and then improved on this to a speed of 48.70kts in April of this year. The record has alternated between windsurfers and special speed craft over the years and is now firmly back with the windsurfers. This will have the effect of doubling the efforts of the other syndicates who believe that the answer lies with foils or hydroplanes.

There is an area of contention which exists among those sailors who believe that the answer for ultimate speed lies with kite sails, rather than conventional windsurfer sails. Their view is that a kite fully complies with the WSSR rule which states, "The yacht shall be propelled only by the action of natural wind". There is a misconception that kite surfers on a record attempt may fly in the air for extra speed. This they wish to correct by confirming that leaving the surface of the water would immediately result in a considerable loss of speed, as the apparent wind effect would be lost when the kite swings downwind. Although kite speeds are recorded by the WSSRC in a separate category, they are not eligible for the outright world sailing record unless kite sailing is recognized by ISAF.

Activity on passage record attempts has again been considerable, as the attached list shows. There has been a gratifying success ratio of records claimed to attempts undertaken, with French sailors dominating the record lists – both Francis Joyon and Thomas Coville both claiming 2 records each. However from a publicity point of view perhaps the most notable achievement was that by the young British girl, Ellen MacArthur, who achieved the singlehanded Around the World record in February of this year. Sailing became front-page and prime television time news.

I would like to pay tribute to the high level of professionalism of all the teams who are attempting records nowadays, including their physical and technical preparation. For example, during their Around the World record voyage, which won them the Jules Verne Trophy, Orange II did about forty gybes without breaking one batten (each broken batten causes a minimum 2 hour delay).

It has thus been a busy year for our loyal band of WSSR Commissioners and I wish to pay tribute to them. Undertaking to officiate at the start or finish of a world record attempt may mean standing long hours in unpleasant weather conditions with no shelter and even in the middle of the night. But it is due to them that the integrity of the WSSR depends.

Claude Breton. Chairman WSSR Council

**LIST OF RECORDS AND ATTEMPTS SINCE THE LAST LIST PRESENTED TO ISAF IN
2004**

22-08-04	24 Hour	“Orange 2” Bruno Peyron	Record 706.2 nm 29.43kts
30-08-04	Bermuda to Plymouth	“Mollymawk” Ross Hobson	Record 14d 6h 12m 50s
25-09-04	Marseilles to Carthage	“Orange II” Bruno Peyron	Record 17h 56m 33s
18-09-04	Around the World by a Dutchman	“Cornelia” Mark Slats	Performance Certificate 195d 15h 59m 11s
09-10-04	S.H by Canadian Woman. RTW	“Scotwork” Roslin Forrest	Unsuccessful
13-11-04	Canaries to Guadeloupe	20’ catamaran Greg Homann	Abandoned
10-11-04	Cadiz to San Salvadore singlehanded	“Idec” Francis Joyon	Record 11d 3h 17m 20s
24-11-04	Round the World singlehanded	“Trading Network Alye Parusa” Fedor Konyukhov	Unsuccessful
27-11-04	Dakar to Guadeloupe	20 ft Catamaran Andrea Gancia Matteo Micelli	Record 13d 13h 58m 27s
28-11-04	Around the World singlehanded	“B&Q” Ellen MacArthur	Record 71d 14h 18m 33s
14-02-05	Cowes to Dinard	“Wraith” Iain Hall	Unsuccessful
16-03-05	Around the World Outright	“Orange II” Bruno Peyron	Record 50d 16h 20m 4s
05-04-05	24 hour Monohull	“Movistar” Bouwe Bekking	Record 530.19 nm
24-04-05	24 hour record	“Médiatis Région Aquitaine” Yves Parlier	Unsuccessful
06-05-05	Around Ireland singlehanded	“Blue Berret Pi” David Parker	Unsuccessful
06-05-05	Around Ireland Monohull	CityJet Solune Jean-Philippe Chomette/Cesar Dohy	Record 2d 9h 41m 6s
10-05-05	Around Britain and Ireland	“Adrien” Jean Luc Van Den Heede	Record 7d 8h 47m
22-05-05	Transatlantic	“Carrera” Joseph Dockery	Unsuccessful
22-05-05	Transatlantic	“MariCha IV” Robert Miller	Performance Certificate, Broke NYYC Transatlantic race record
22-05-05	Transatlantic	“Maximus” Max Brown	Unsuccessful
22-05-05	Transatlantic	“Windrose” Chris Gongriep	Performance Certificate 10d 20h 57m 32s
26-05-05	Transatlantic singlehanded	“Idec” Francis Joyon	Unsuccessful
29-05—05	Cadiz to San Salvadore singlehanded	“Sodebo” Thomas Coville	Unsuccessful

07-06-05	Around Ireland singlehanded	“Killary Flyer” Larry Hynes	Unsuccessful
28-06-05	Cadiz to San Savador	“Hydroptere” Alain Thebault	Unsuccessful
03-07-05	24 hour singlehanded	“Idec” Francis Joyon	Record 542.7 nm
06-07-05	Transatlantic singlehanded	“Idec” Francis Joyon	Record 6d 4h 1m 37s
08-07-05	Cadiz to San Salvador singlehanded	“Sodebo” Thomas Coville	Record 10d 11h 50m 46s
09-07-05	Around Australia	“Geronimo” Olivier de Kersauson	Record 17d 12h 57m 5s
20-07-05	Miami to New York singlehanded	“Sodebo” Thomas Coville	Record 3d 5h 0m 12s
	Sydney to Tahiti	“Geronimo” Olivier de Kersauson	In progress
	Around Ireland	“AFAOM.com” Mick Liddy	On standby
	Transatlantic singlehanded	“TAM TAM” 6.5m Sebastian Magnen	On standby

Initial list of Intermediate Round the World Records.

Equator to Equator

19-01-05	Monohull	“PRB” Vincent Riou	61d 22h 46m
27-01-05	Singlehanded	“B&Q” Ellen MacArthur	51d 19h 17m
06-03-05	Outright	“Orange II” Bruno Peyron	33d 16h 6m

Indian Ocean

18-12-04	Monohull	“Ecover” Mike Golding	14d 21h 1m
30-12-04	Singlehanded	“B&Q” Ellen MacArthur	12d 18h 57m
17-02-05	Outright	“Orange II” Bruno Peyron	9d 11h 4m

Pacific Ocean

04-01-05	Monohull	“Ecover” Mike Golding	16d 5h 26m
12-01-05	Singlehanded	“B&Q” Ellen MacArthur	12d 13h 39m
25-02-05	Outright	“Orange II” Bruno Peyron	8d 18h 8m

500 metre Outright Speed events

02-09-04 to 17-12-04	Sandy Point Australia	Macquarie closed event	Unsuccessful
26-10-04 to 20-12-04	Les Saintes Maries de la Mer	Private Event	Outright World Speed Record Finian Maynard 46.82 kts
01-11-04 to 26-12-04	Port St Louis	Private Event	1 nm record Bjorn Dunkerbeck 34.44 kts
01-03-05 to 04-05-05	Port St Louis	Private Event	No records
06-03-05 to 30-04-05	Les St Maries de la Mer	Private Event	Outright World Speed Record Finian Maynard 48.70 kts
02-04-05 to 10-04-05	Port St Louis	Open Event	No records
16-04-05 to 25-04-05	Leucate	Private Event	Women’s Kite record 33.47 kts
23-07-05 to 06-08-05	Fuerteventura Canary Islands	Open event	In progress