

**WORLD SAILING SPEED RECORD COUNCIL**

## Annual report 2017

The overall impression of our 2017 list of records indicates a very active year with an unusual number of World Records claimed; there seems little doubt that record attempting under sail is an worthwhile undertaking and is attracting a number of major sponsors. A closer look at the listing reveals several remarkable achievements, especially the Around the World records of Francis Joyon with IDEC, who broke the Outright record and of Thomas Coville with Sodebo4, who broke the Singlehanded record. These two French sailors have dominated the listing by engaging in a personal competition a few months later by attempting Singlehanded records across the Atlantic - Francis Joyon breaking his own record from 2013 and then 3 days later, Thomas Coville breaking the Joyon record. It is worth noting that this singlehanded record was faster than the Outright record of 2006.

Other notable achievement have been the 5 World Records garnered by Phaedo 3 sailed by Lloyd Thornburg USA and Brian Thompson GBR. whilst the 40ft yachts have increased their activity although still finding that the RTW attempt is a very difficult project. There were fine achievements by Phil Sharp GBR who broke the Outright Monohull from Cowes to Dinard and by Mikael Ryking SWE who broke the Outright Monohull Bermuda to Plymouth, both sailing 40ft yachts.

In last year's report I said that there had been no 500metre attempts during 2016, which was largely due to the necessity of finding the right conditions to challenge the very high speed of the existing World Record (65.45 kts). To date, the only venue which has provided such conditions is the rather remote Luderitz in Namibia - costly in travel terms, not to mention the expenses of importing timing equipment and personnel.. However, with the World Record attempts being both costly and difficult to organise, the emphasis is now on National Record attempts where, in many cases the speeds are lower and more attainable, so that less extreme conditions can be found for the competition. In accordance with this, a very successful event was held at La Palme in France where 4 National records were established. At the time of writing, we have news that a new organisation has provided the funding to re-establish the event in Luderitz so, after a lay off during 2016, activity seems to be on the increase once again.

I end my report with my appreciation of the individuals who comprise the WSSR Council and team of WSSR Commissioners, without whom our activities would be impossible.

Claude Breton.  
Chairman, WSSRC

**Equipment Committee – November 2017**
**Item: 3**
**Oceanic and Offshore Committee – November 2017**
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**LIST OF RECORDS AND ATTEMPTS SINCE THE LAST LIST PRESENTED IN 2016.**

261	06/08/16	Marseille to Carthage. 20 ft Cat	"Feelgood" Vittorio Malingri ITA	<a href="#">Performance Cert 1d 18h 58m 19s</a>
262	29/08/16	RTW Westabout 40ft	"LeauCommotion" Bill Hatfield AUS	Abandoned
263	03/08/16	Around Ireland	"Phaedo 3" USA/GBR Thornburg/Thompson	<a href="#">World Record. 36h 52m 4s</a>
264	19/08/16	Around Isle of Wight	"Phaedo 3" Brian Thompson GBR	<a href="#">World Record 2h 4m 14s</a>
265	27/09/16	Around Isle of Wight	"Phaedo 3" Brian Thompson GBR	<a href="#">World Record 2h 2m 31s</a>
266	28/10/16	San Francisco to Shanghai	"Qingdao China" Guo Chuan. CHI	Skipper lost at sea
267	02/11/16	Monaco to Porto Cervo	"Phaedo 3" Brian Thompson GBR	<a href="#">World Record 7h 53m 31s</a>
268	24/11/16	Cowes to Dinard. Monohull 40ft	"Imerys" Phil Sharp. GBR	<a href="#">World Record 9h 3m 6s</a>
269	25/11/16	RTW Singlehanded. Women 40ft	"Nereida. Jean Socrates. GBR	Abandoned
270	25/12/16	RTW Singlehanded	"Sodebo4" Thomas Coville FRA	<a href="#">World Record. 49d 3h 4m 28s 3 Intermediates</a>
271	14/01/17	RTW Singlehanded 40ft	"Italia". Gaetano Mura. ITA	Abandoned
272	19/01/17	RTW Singlehanded Monohull	"Banque Populaire 8" Armel Le Cleac'h FRA	<a href="#">World Record 74d 3h 35m 46s</a>
273	02/01/17	Around Isle of Wight 40 ft Monohull	"Pixel Flyer" Alex Alley. GBR	<a href="#">World Record 6h 20m 32s</a>
274	16/01/17	24 Hours 60 ft Monohull	"Hugo Boss" Alex Thomson	<a href="#">World Record. 536.81 NM</a>
275	26/01/17	Around the World	"IDEC" Francis Joyon. FRA	<a href="#">World Record. 40d 23h 3m 30s 3 Intermediates</a>
276	02/04/17	RTW Singlehanded 40ft	"Impulse" Andrew Lamont. AUS	Abandoned
277	20/04/17	Dakar to Guadeloupe. 20 ft Catamaran	"Feel Good" Vittorio Malingri. ITA	<a href="#">World Record. 11d 1h 9m 30s</a>
278	25/07/17	Around Antarctica One stop. Women	"Climate Action Now" Lisa Blair. AUS	<a href="#">Performance Cert 183d 7h 21m 38s</a>
279	16/05/17	Los Angeles to Honolulu. Transpacific	"Phaedo 3" Lloyd Thornburg USA	<a href="#">World Record 3d 16h 52m 3s</a>
280	15/06/17	Bermuda to Plymouth. Monohull 40ft	"Talanta" Mikael Ryking. SWE	<a href="#">World Record 13d 5h 19m 38s</a>
281	12/07/17	Transatlantic	"IDEC" Francis Joyon. FRA	<a href="#">World Record 5d 2h 6m55s</a>
282	15/07/17	Transatlantic	"Sodebo 4" Thomas Coville FRA	<a href="#">World Record 4d 11h 10m 24s</a>
283		North West Passage	"Ma Louloutte" Yvan Bourgnon FRA	In progress
284	02/08/17	Around Isle of Wight. Monohull	MAPFRE Xabi Fernandez ESP	<a href="#">World Record 3h 13m 11s</a>
285		RTW Singlehanded 40ft	"I'Eau Commotion" Bill Hatfield	In progress

**500 Metre and Nautical Mile Outright Speed Events**

286	Mar/Apr 2017	La Palme. FRA	<a href="#">National records POL, BEL, IRL, CAN</a>
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