

ISAF/WORLD SAILING SPEED RECORD COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT to ISAF 2015

During the latter part of 2014 and the first 9 months of 2015 there has been much activity in the area of Ocean Record attempts with an increasing emphasis on campaigns concentrating solely on records. The requirements for this are a fast stable yacht, a brave fit crew, a skilled resourceful skipper, an expert navigator and a willingness to wait on standby until the right weather window appears, sometimes for extended periods.

The most prominent campaign was by the team sailing the large trimaran "Lending Club", well known previously as Banque Populaire 7. This yacht attempted 3 World Records (Cowes to Dinard, Newport to Bermuda and the Transpac) during 2015 and broke the records for each by considerable margins.

The Fastnet record fell to another successful record attempting team, that of Phaedo 3, who also gathered the Antigua to Newport record and the Plymouth to La Rochelle record during this year.

The development of racing yachts continues unabated and one of the greatest attractions for the new yacht is to go for a world sailing record. Hence we had Oman Sail - a MOD 70 - breaking the Around Ireland record, Spindrift breaking the Cadiz to San Salvador record and Comanche establishing a new monohull 24 hour record.

It is too early in the year when writing this report to give results for the Around the World attempts, but there are 2 high profile yachts, with the ability to break the existing record of 45 days, already making preparations for the attempts at the end of this year.

In the area of the Windsurfers and Kitesurfers there were the now regular speed trials in Luderitz Namibia, where the intense competition for National Speed records continues unabated. During November and December 2014 a total of 9 National Records were broken - those of Italy, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Fiji, Russia, Sweden, Germany, Serbia and Switzerland. This popular and well attended event is due to take place again in November 2015.

So, my report this year is one of continuing activity and I look forward to more records being claimed in 2016.

Claude Breton.
Chairman. WSSR Council

LIST OF RECORDS AND ATTEMPTS SINCE THE LAST LIST PRESENTED TO ISAF IN 2014.

230	13/10/14	Trieste to Malta	"Esimit Europa 2" Jochen Schuman GER	Unsuccessful
231	18/10/14	Around the World Singlehanded	"ECO 40" Matteo Micelli. ITA	Abandoned
232	09/11/14	Around the World Singlehanded	"Kiwi Spirit" Stanley Paris USA	Abandoned
233	19/03/15	Cadiz to San Salvador 40 ft	"Calaluna" Sergio Frattaruolo ITA	Performance 21d 11h 18m 25s
234	31/05/15	San Francisco to Shanghai	"Maserati" Giovanni Soldini. ITA	Performance 21d 19h 31m 15s
235	01/04/15	Cowes to Dinard	"Lending Club" USA Laplanche/Breymaier	World Record 5h 14m 47s
236	19/04/15	Newport to Bermuda	"Lending Club" USA Laplanche/Breymaier	World Record 23h 9m 52s
237	04/05/15	Around Ireland	"Oman Sail" Sidney Gavignet FRA	World Record 40h 51m 57s
238	09/05/15	Antigua to Newport	"Phaedo 3" USA/GBR Thornburg/Thompson	World Record 3d 5h 54m 49s
239	22/06/15	Transpac	"Hydropter" Alain Thebault FRA	Unsuccessful
240	15/07/15	Transpac	"Lending Club" USA Laplanche/Breymaier	World Record 3d 18h 9s
241`	10/07/15	Cowes to Dinard Monohull	"Leopard"	Awaiting ratification
242	11/07/15	24 Hours Monohull	"Comanche" Clark/Read USA	World Record 618 NM
243	16/09/15	Murmansk to Bering Strait	"Qingdao"	Awaiting ratification
244	17/09/15	Fastnet course	"Phaedo 3" USA/GBR Thornburg/Thompson	Awaiting ratification
245	17/09/15	Plymouth to La Rochelle	"Phaedo 3" USA/GBR Thornburg/Thompson	Awaiting ratification

500 Metre and Nautical Mile Outright Speed Events

244	October 2014	Luderitz. Namibia	National speed records AUT, CZE, FIJ, ITA, RUS, SRB, SUI. National Windsurf Record GER National Kite Record SWE
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