

## **ISAF/WORLD SAILING SPEED RECORD COUNCIL**

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### **ANNUAL REPORT 2004. To the ISAF Sailing Committee.**

The attached list of record attempts conducted under the WSSR Rules gives an indication of the Council's activity. It is chiefly remarkable for the high percentage of world records that were broken during 2004, which may be an reflection of the dedication and professionalism of those sailors who are taking part in the sport of record breaking – both on the oceans and on the 500 metre courses.

All records that were established during the year are excellent sailing performances in their own categories. However the "Round the World" record by Steve Fossett in just over 58 days and the 24 hour record sail of 706 nm by Bruno Peyron stand out as exceptional achievements. Both attracted world wide publicity as well as the two single-handed round the world, Francis Joyon eastabout and Jean Luc Van Den Heede westabout.

Again we report that the outright record set in 1993 of 46.52 kts remains unbroken despite an increasing number of attempts. There is much original thinking going into the project of breaking this ultimate record, shown by the different craft and concepts being developed. It must surely not be long before this long established record falls.

The WSSR Rule Book, like the RRS, is published every 4 years and the new issue is due. There are few changes, mostly of an administrative nature but the basic rules for record breaking were originally well drafted, and have successfully stood the test of time.

The WSSR Council is a working council. Each of the 12 members brings a specific expertise to the group, such as the verification of routes and distances sailed, responsibility for timing systems or measurement aspects. We are represented in all the current area of record activity

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**LIST OF RECORDS AND ATTEMPTS SINCE THE LAST LIST PRESENTED  
TO ISAF IN NOVEMBER 2003, UPDATED TO NOVEMBER 2003.**

18-11-03	Cadiz to San Salvador	"Geronimo" O de Kersauson	Unsuccessful
03-02-04	Around the World singlehanded	"Idec" Francis Joyon	<b>Record</b> 72d 14h 3m 49s
18-02-04	Around the World monohull	"Bank BPH" Roman Paske	Unsuccessful
26-02-04	Around the World	"Orange 2" Bruno Peyron	Unsuccessful
19-02-04	Gomera to Barbados singlehanded	"Scarlet Sails" Fedor Konyukov	<b>Performance Certificate</b> 14d 7h 21m 58s
09-03-04	Around the World westabout	"Adrien" Van den Heede	<b>Record</b> 122d 14h 3m 49s
02-04-04	Around Bahrain non stop assisted	"Laser dinghy" Sami Kooheji	<b>Performance Certificate</b> 27h 1m 22s
05-04-04	Around the World Outright	"Cheyenne" Steve Fossett	<b>Record</b> 58d 9h 32m 45s
29-04-04	Around the World Jules Verne Trophy	"Geronimo" Olivier de Kersauson	<b>Performance Certificate</b> 63d 13h 59m 46s
10-05-04	Around Britain and Ireland Monohull	"Solune" JPChomette Cesar Dohy	<b>Record</b> 7d 4h 46m 22s
08-06-04	Around Britain and Ireland monohull singlehanded	"Roaring Forty" Michel Kleinjans	<b>Record</b> 11d 12h 26m 48s
20-06-04	Around Britain and Ireland Monohull	"Blue Box" Jonathan Bradfield	Unsuccessful
20-06-04	Newport to Bermuda	"Morning Glory" Hasso Platner	<b>Record</b> 2d 28m 31s
26-06-04	Double circuit Isle of Wight	"Orange 2" Bruno Peyron	<b>Performance Certificate</b> 6h 15m 21s
29-06-04	Transatlantic singlehanded woman	"Castorama B&Q" Ellen MacArthur	<b>Record</b> 7d 3h 49m 57s
12-07-04	Transatlantic Monohull	"Pindar" Emma Richards	Unsuccessful
25-07-04	Sydney to Lord Howe Island	"Raw Nerve" Martyn Riley	<b>Record</b> 1d 3h 45m 46s
20-08-04	Transatlantic	"Orange 2" Bruno Peyron	Unsuccessful
22-08-04	24 Hour	"Orange 2" Bruno Peyron	<b>Record</b> 706.2 nm 29.43kts
30-08-04	Bermuda to Plymouth	"Mollymawk" Ross Hobson	<b>Record</b> 14d 6h 12m 50s
18-09-04	Around the World by a Dutchman	"Cornelia" Mark Slats	Pending

**OUTRIGHT SPEED ATTEMPTS 500 METRE COURSE.**

20-10-03	Les Saintes Maries de la Mer	Closed event	10sq m Record Finian Maynard 46.24 kts French record David Garrel 45.51 kts
14-11-03	Sandy Point Australia	Macquarie closed event	Unsuccessful
07-02-04 to 30-04-04	Les Saintes Maries de la Mer	Closed event	Women A Class record – Marianne Tertian 26.36 kts British record. Eric Beale 42.62 kts Dutch record Martin van Meurs 42.22 kts
09-04-04 to 15-04-04	Leucate France	Open speed sailing event	Kite record E.Taub 39.79kts Woman Kite record. 33.24kts Charlotte Consorti
17-07-04	Fuerteventura Canary Islands	Open speed sailing event	Kite record E.Taub 40.58 kts
02-09-04 to 07-09-04	Tonga	Mark Belvedere attempts	Unsuccessful
02-09-04 to 17-12-04	Sandy Point Australia	Macquarie closed event	Pending