

**ISAF/WORLD SAILING SPEED RECORD COUNCIL**

**Chairman: Claude Breton**

***ANNUAL REPORT to ISAF 2013***

Those of you who have read my annual reports to the ISAF Council will know that I am reluctant to prophesy which record will next be broken and what ultimate speeds under sail might be achieved. This reluctance has stood me in good stead this year as I would never have been able to give even a close estimate as to the speed reached by a sail powered vessel in Namibia last November. At the time of my 2012 Report, the World Sailing Speed Record was held by a kitesurfer at 55.65 knots. It seemed that kitesurfers were the ultimate speed machines, but this record was comprehensively broken by Paul Larsen AUS with Vestas SailRocket 2, an inclined rig Hydrofoil Proa at a speed of 65.45 knots – the equivalent of 75.8 mph or 121.2 kph. In the light of this, it seems that my tradition of no predictions is the wisest course.

However the Windsurfers and Kitesurfers were not idle during 2013 and although they were not directly able to challenge for the new World Record it is noteworthy that an appreciable number of sailors are capable of recording speeds over 50 knots, indicating a considerable depth of talent and expertise. There is much interest in attaining National records now that the outright record has (temporarily?) gone out of reach.

The 2 most prominent and newsworthy offshore records are the Around the World and the Transatlantic. Last year I reported how the time taken for the Around the World Record had been greatly reduced during the 40 years since the WSSRC was formed, as of course so has the Transatlantic record. During 2013 there was a further outstanding achievement by Frenchman Francis Joyon who regained the Singlehanded Transatlantic record in a time of 5 days 2 hours and 56 minutes. This remarkable sailor in his yacht “Idec” now also holds the Singlehanded Records for Around the World and the Discovery route, from Cadiz to San Salvador, in addition to the Transatlantic.

A glance at the accompanying list of attempts and voyages shows a variety of activities, some of which are authenticating personal achievements. As I have previously reported to you, the WSSRC does not recognise “human condition” categories, concentrating on speed records, but we are happy to ratify voyage timings for WSSR Performance Certificates which the recipient may use to apply to the Guinness Book of Records for recognition, or simply for personal satisfaction.

We are pleased that sailors world-wide appear to accept the WSSRC speed sailing ratifications unquestionably and therefore feel that, in some small way, we provide a contribution to ISAF activities – to whom I commend our 2013 report.

Claude Breton.  
Chairman. WSSR Council

**LIST OF RECORDS AND ATTEMPTS SINCE THE LAST LIST PRESENTED TO ISAF IN 2012**

191	13/09/12	Marseille to Carthage Singlehanded	“Sodebo” Thomas Coville FRA	World Record 25h 38m 36s
192	17/10/12	Trieste to Malta	“Esimit Europa 2” Jochen Schumann GER	World record 2d 20h 42m 24s
193	10/12/12	24 Hours. 60ft Monohull. Monohull singlehanded	“Macif” Francois Gabart FRA	World Record 534.48NM
194	27/01/13	Around the World. Monohull and singlehanded monohull	“Macif” Francois Gabart FRA	World Record 78d 2h 16m 40s
195	28/01/13	Dakar to Guadeloupe	Andrea Rossi ITA	Abandoned
196	31/01/13	Las Palmas to Gudeloupe Monohull	“Energa” Zbigniew Gutkowski POL	Initial time Performance 9d 11h 21m 45s
197	02/02/13	Cadiz to San Salvador	“Sodebo” Thomas Coville FRA	Abandoned
198	05/02/13	Around the World Singlehanded	“Race Team 2000” Roman Paske POL	Abandoned
199	15/02/13	Cadiz to San Salvador Singlehanded	“Idec” Francis Joyon. FRA	World Record 8d 16h 7m 5s
200	16/02/13	New York to San Francisco Monohull	“Maserati” Giovanni Soldini ITA	World Record 47d 42m 29s
201	23/02/13	Sydney to Hobart	“Team Australia” Sean Langman AUS	World Record 1d 5h 52m 23s
202	04/04/13	Around the World 40ft Singlehanded	“Quing Dao” Guo Chuan CHN	World Record 137d 20h 1m 57s
203	01/06/13	Marseille to Carthage. 60ft Monohull Singlehanded	“Groupe Bel” Kito De Pavant FRA	World Record 1d 2h 43m 30s
204	01/06/13	Transatlantic Singlehanded	“Idec” Francis Joyon FRA	World Record 5d 2h 56m 10s
205	06/07/13	Transatlantic 60ft Monohull Singlehanded	“Safran” Marc Guillemot FRA	World Record 8d 5h 20m 20s
206	06/07/13	Transatlantic 60ft Monohull Singlehanded	“Energa” Zbigniew Gutkowski POL	Performance Certificate 8d 19h 45m 38s
207	08/07/13	Around the World Singlehanded Victoria BC to Victoria BC	“Nereida” Jeanne Socrates CAN	As yet unratified Performance Certificate 227d 14h 16m 36s

500 metre Outright Speed Events

1 <sup>st</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2012.	Walvis Bay. NAM	Private Event	The Outright World Sailing Speed Record was broken by SailRocket 2, Paul Larsen AUS 65.45 kts
5/11/2012 to 16/12 2012.	Luderitz. NAM	Private Event	World 10sqm 52.04 kts Antoine Albeau FRA World Women 10sqm 45.83 kts Zara Davies GBR 14 National Records broken or established
17/11/2012 to 14/12/12	Port St Louis FRA	Private Event	Unsuccessful
10/3/13 to 18/4/13	Port St Louis FRA	Private Event	Unsuccessful