



## Bulletin Number 1

IWWF-E&A Wakeboard Boat together with the Latvian Waterski and Wakeboard Federation proudly presents

### **The annual E&A wakeboard boat judging Seminar** Riga, Latvia, May 4-5, 2012

E&A Wakeboard International Judging Seminars and workshops have been held in the following E&A countries to promote wakeboarding and assist with the development of officials:

- Nottingham, UK
- Nemours, France
- Frankfurt, Germany
- Barcelona, Spain
- Brussels, Belgium
- Rome, Italy
- Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Lisbon, Portugal
- Crans Montana, Switzerland
- Antwerp, Belgium
- Paris, France
- Gothenburg, Sweden
- Joannesburg, South Africa
- Dublin, Ireland
- Birmingham, UK
- Kiev, Ukraine
- Copenhagen, Denmark

This year we are moving to center of Baltics - Latvia!

For the first time the seminar will be held in Latvia and is designed to attract more attendants from the region of Northern and Eastern Europe and will help develop our sport of Wakeboard.

Please, reserve your place in advance by sending an e-mail to organizer and to the EA wakeboard boat council:

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As with most board sports, wakeboarding uses a subjective scoring system. It is therefore essential that officials have the right tools for the job.

With the International Judging Program that has been in place in IWWF-E&A since 1999, officials have been rewarded by certification.

There are 4 levels of examination available

- Assistant Judge - National Level 2
- National Judge - National Level 1
- National Chief Judge - International Level 2
- International Chief Judge - International Level 1

Each of the levels allows the officials to progress each year, gaining experience along the way. Typical events that International Level 1 judges are qualified to judge:

- IWWF Region E&A Championships
- IWWF Wakeboard World Championships
- World Games

### **Typical Contents Covered in the Wakeboard Judges Seminar:**

- Safety
- Protest
- Competition Scoring
- Calculating and heat systems (see notes below).
- Video Analysis
- Questions and answers
- Introduction
- Qualification & judging levels
- Rules
- Timings
- The wakeboard course
- Obstacles
- Tricks, rotational, inverts and grabs

Video footage used is broadcast quality material, based on DVD, normal speed is followed by slow-motion with discussion.

The seminar is held in a relaxed atmosphere, with plenty of time to meet new friends and old within the wakeboarding community.

### **Calculation session with the New Calculation Software**

An essential part of the seminar will be the introduction of the 2012 Official E&A Wakeboard Calculation Program, it is important for all existing calculators to be aware of the program and how to use it with ease. The calculation session will be held with all officials present to ensure everyone has an understanding of the system.

## The Hotel

Avalon Hotel, 13.Janvara str. 19, Riga, Latvia, LV-1050  
Prices vary from **60 Euros** for single rooms



For more information about hotel and **booking** please visit:

[www.hotelavalon.eu](http://www.hotelavalon.eu)

We suggest arrivals should be **May 3<sup>rd</sup>** , **departures – starting late afternoon of May 5<sup>th</sup>**

The seminar runs all day Saturday starting at 09.00AM prompt and part of Sunday morning followed by examinations, **finishing approx. 2.00-4.00PM**

There are many other accommodation possibilities and please contact organizer for special requests.

**The Venue for the judging seminar** will be at the hotel, which is situated in the Old Riga.

## Seminar Schedule

### Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013

#### **08:00 – 10:30**

- Judging Levels & Qualification
- Safety
- Rules
  - o Basic rules
  - o Importance
  - o Execution, Intensity, Composition
  - o Wakeboard Course

#### **10:30 – 11:00**

- Coffee break

#### **11:00 – 12:30**

- Events schedule
- Heat system
- Seeding
- Calculation

#### **12:30 – 14:00**

- Lunch break

#### **14:00 – 15:30**

- Calculation software
- Competition scoring

#### **15:30 – 16:30**

- Tricks families
- Obstacles

#### **16:30 – 17:00**

- Coffee break

#### **17:00 – 18:30**

- Video analysis

### Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013

#### **08:00 – 09:30**

- Recap Judging

#### **09:30 – 10:00**

- Coffee break

#### **10:00 – 11:30**

- Recap Calculation

#### **11:30 – 14:00**

- Exams

### **Applications for the seminar**

The cost is **70 Euros** (payment in cash only at the beginning of the seminar) for the wakeboard judging seminar.

Please complete the application form and email to [oskars.kruze@gmail.com](mailto:oskars.kruze@gmail.com)

## About Riga

History of Riga is dated from 1201 and so is the very rich architecture. Riga is located on the both shores of Daugava River, about 15km (9mi) from its mouth in the south-eastern corner of the Gulf of Riga.

Centuries-old German buildings are strewn throughout the historic quarter of Vecriga (Old Riga), and taking the lift up to the spire of St Peter's Church for an aerial view of the neighbourhood is one of the highlights of a visit. Riga streets bear its over 800-year-long history: the many centuries and rulers, Art Nouveau architecture and Modernism, wooden buildings and masonry. Yet the city is still young and its cultural & historic environment blends with diverse contemporary events. Legend has it that Riga will never be finished... Riga is a city that lives and develops.



### Night program:

There will be dinner on Saturday in the middle of Old Riga which is in a walking distance from the hotel. The cost is planned around 30 EUR including drinks. More details to follow.

### Airport

The airport to fly in to is Riga International Airport (RIX). We suggest taxi transfer to the hotel – it takes about 20 minutes and costs 20 EUR. We can arrange special transfers by additional request, please ask by email to [oskars.kruze@gmail.com](mailto:oskars.kruze@gmail.com) the transfer conditions.

**Form – Intention to participate in 2013 Wakeboard Boat Judging**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Federation: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival date and time: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure date and time: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday night diner:  I will Participate       I will NOT Participate