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**ANDERS BRINGDAL NEARS THE 40 KNOT MARK IN  
ROUND TWO OF THE NAVMAN MAUI SPEED  
CHALLENGE SERIES**

**Maui, Hawaii (USA)** – Pro sailor Anders Bringdal was in top form once again as he beat off the opposition at round two of the Navman Maui Speed Challenge Series, held Sunday, July 24, from Maui's Kite Beach. And there to help him celebrate was windsurfing legend Robby Naish, who turned up for the fourth and final heat of the day!



The second event saw even better conditions than last week's opener, with lighter winds but flatter water helping to produce faster times. In the Open class, Anders himself upped his average speed to 37.10 knots – recorded on his Navman Sport.Tool M300 GPS unit – and his top speed to 37.70 knots, which was almost a knot up on his nearest rival, Jacques Pauvert.

While his speed for his solitary heat was some 2 knots slower than Anders, it didn't stop Robby Naish having a blast in the competition. "I really enjoyed myself; it was great to get all the boys out there," grins Robby, who recently moved into a new, more permanent, home on Maui's North Shore. "I do hope to do more rounds – I wanted to come last week and this morning as well but I've been so busy with moving over here and giving up my home in Oahu that I haven't had the time."

"It's been a great day, with plenty of wind, so it's been good to be down here. I just grabbed an old board and old sail out of the garage and threw it in the back of the truck to see if I could get a run with the guys. The fact that there are so many kids doing it too is cool. Windsurfing needs that – it has finally got its next generation of stars going, and a whole bunch of them are here, which is great."

"I've used a GPS unit before, when I was training for the World Speed Sailing Challenge with Anders and Björn (Dunkerbeck) – and it's definitely the way to go. But the Navman unit seems better than the one I was training with because you can see the readout clearly when you're riding. It's killer."

"A lot of guys are doing speedsailing worldwide – it's the new discipline. Everyone's out there trying to go fast and the GPS unit is the best way to see what's going on. You can record your speeds, then go online and compare with your friends and with people on the other side of the world!"

Other windsurfing legends that attended the event and have expressed interest in joining the action include Speed Sailing legend, Fred Haywood, who missed the first two races cause he was in the South Pacific, and Matt Schweitzer, whose families roots go back to the beginning of our sport. With this cadre of accomplished sailors, the competition at the Maui Speed Challenge is really starting to heat up.

This second round of the Navman Maui Speed Challenge Series saw fewer ocean rescues than last week – probably due to people getting their gear wired for speed! But Maui Custom Kats, accompanied by Charles Oreve 'on fins', were yet again on hand to offer water patrol, as well as help official cameramen Robert Novaselic, of Nova Media, and event photographer, David Blyth, get close to the action.

"We are proud to provide the safety vessel for the Navman Maui Speed Challenge Series," says Chance Parish, from Maui Custom Kats. "Our 22ft power catamarans are built tough, in Hawaii, for the demanding Hawaiian seas, and deliver an incredibly smooth, dry, comfortable ride."

Two welcome additions to the series came in the form of Sarah Nelson and Kristen Orth, entered in Women and Juniors respectively. They joined Junior Paulina Pease, who was the only female in last week's opener. It was great to see them mixing it with the boys – and proving it's not all about brute force and ignorance! Paulina's average of 23.43 knots put her top of the girls, although it was only enough to give her second place in the Juniors division. Top place honors went to Skyler Haywood, who put in an impressive average speed of 28.80 knots.

But one of the most impressive performances of the day came from Aaron Constable, who won the Fun class. With a maximum speed of 32.30 knots and average of 31.37 knots, he was up there with the other top men – not bad for someone on rental equipment! He even beat the Event Director, Marc Lefebvre – not that Marc was too bothered, as his top speed of 30.7 knots and 30.33 knot average was enough to put him in first place in the Men's division.

**OFFICIAL EVENT WEBSITE:** [www.mauispeed.com](http://www.mauispeed.com)

**PHOTOS:** Photos available on the website.

**EVENT INFORMATION:**

Dates for the Navman Maui Speed Challenge Series are July 17 and 24, August 7 and 21, and September 11 and 25, to be held from Maui's Kite Beach, near Kanaha Beach Park. Each competitor will be provided with a Sport.Tool M300 GPS unit, provided by main sponsor Navman. The competition is open to the following categories: Open Class (in which those with specialized speed sailing equipment will compete), Men, Women, Masters, Juniors, Menehune, Fun and Kite.

For more information on the Navman Sport.Tool M300, visit [www.navmanusa.com](http://www.navmanusa.com) and [www.sport-tool.com](http://www.sport-tool.com).

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