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BRINGDAL CONTINUES TO DOMINATE AT THE MID POINT OF THE NAVMAN MAUI SPEED CHALLENGE SERIES

Maui, Hawaii (USA) –As the third round of the Navman Maui Speed Challenge Series marked the halfway stage yesterday, Sunday, August 7, Anders Bringdal continues to reign supreme in the Open class. Having won all three rounds and clocked the fastest speed of 37.7 knots, he leads the series ahead of Alex Aguera and Jacques Pauvert, in joint-second place.

While conditions were on the light side, the top guys still produced some awesome speeds. Bringdal led the way with the fastest speed of 35.3 knots, and an average of 34.6 knots; followed by Pauvert, 34.10 knots and 33.53 knots respectively; and Aguera (34.20 knots and 33.53 knots).

In the Men's division, Elon Wong's average of 32.07 knots put him in first place, above the series' Event Director Marc Lefebvre, who managed an average of 28.43 knots, and Matusz Godziniec (25.63 knots). The only Junior to race was Skyler Haywood, whose average of 28.63 knots would have placed him second out of the Men! His top speed of 30 knots was above many of the adults.

With results like that, it's no wonder Paulina Pease and Kristen Orth opted to race in the Women's class rather than Juniors this week. Paulina won the day, with an average of 23 knots, while Kristen managed 19.70 knots.

One of the most hotly contested divisions is the Menehune, with Baker Grant proving a threat to current leader Jake Golm. While the two youngsters shared a top speed of 26.9 knots, Baker's average of 26.37 knots was enough to beat Jake's 25.83 knots, knocking him off his usual first-place podium position. New to the series was Kai Lenny, whose average of 22.37 knots put him in third.

In the Masters division, Ted Hunter took first place, with an average of 31.37 knots; followed by Mike Yasak (30.93 knots) and Jeff Fagerholm (30.38 knots).

And in the Fun class, Carl Grundy led the way, with an average of 27.57 knots. In second place was Christian Weers (26.53 knots), with André Rex in third (26.37 knots).

Making his race debut was Dave Blyth, the event's official photographer. Forget weight jackets and speed sails, Dave hit the water on his 5.3 Hot Sails Maui SuperFreak wave sail and 69 liter AHD wave board. He may have come in last with an average of 23.53 knots, but he certainly had Fun in the process – and we had Fun watching him wallow in the water!

Last but by no means least, was the Kite division. Three kites hit the water this round, with Dave Dorn triumphant thanks to an average speed of 28.73 knots. In second place was Karl Rohlfing (27.13 knots). As usual, wrapping up the day was the beach barbecue and awards ceremony, hosted by Race Director Tom Hammerton. New this week were framed certificates for the Menehune, provided by Shawneen Schweitzer, who is also supplying trophies for the youngsters.

OFFICIAL EVENT WEBSITE: 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 and www.sport-tool.com.

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