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FINAL EVENT OF THE NAVMAN MAUI SPEED CHALLENGE SERIES SET FOR SUNDAY

Maui, Hawaii (USA) -- The final event of the Navman Maui Speed Challenge Series is set for Sunday, October 2. Sailor check-in is scheduled for 10am with skippers meeting and first possible start at noon time. This final event is shaping up with the five of the top sailors in the Open Men's Division creeping ever closer to the elusive 40 knot barrier. With strong winds predicted for the final event, it hopefully will prove to be the showdown we have been waiting for. Currently, Anders Bringdal and Erik Beale are in top position, sharing the event record of 39.3kts. Will one of these sailors finally break through to forty knots? Will another top sailor like Jacque Pauvert creep past these guys and take the overall top speed prize.



With focus turning to the series rankings, in the Open Men's Division Anders Bringdal is leading with 172pts, followed by Alex Aguera and Jacque Pauvert tied for 2nd place 166pts. In the end, if there is a tie, it will be broken by the sailor who achieved the higher speed over the series. In the Masters Division, Michael Warmuth is leading with 133points, with a safe lead over Jeff Fagerholm with 126pts, lastly followed by Greg Thomas in third position. In the Kite Division, David Dorn has a comfortable lead with 118pts over Karl Rohlfing with 53pts, followed by Peter Hasler with 34pts. In the Fun Division, Carl Grundy has been dominating with 106pts, followed by Christian Weers with 50pts, then Andre Rex with 44pts. In the Men's Division, Marc Lefebvre is leading with 102pts, followed by Elon Wong with 79pts, and then Mateusz Godziniec with 21pts. In the Women's Division, Paulina Pease is leading with 65pts, followed by Kristen Orth with 50pts, and finally Ashley Baxter with 33pts. In the Junior Division, Skyler Haywood is leading with 82pts, followed by Marc Boersma with 36pts. In the Menehune Division, Jake Golm is leading the pack with 85pts, followed by Baker Grant with 76pts, and then Zane Schweitzer with 59pts.

The series will wind down with a catered picnic party at Kanaha Canoe Halau, starting around 4:30pm, and is located at the first entrance to Kanaha Beach Park, just down the street from the Maui Speed event site. There will be free drinks, food and awards will be presented. This final party is open to the public and you did not have to have competed in order to come and join in this fun event. This is a good way to wish the summer season farewell and to welcome in the fall wave season with the increasing swell by the day.

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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