

INFORMATION BULLETIN

IWWF - E&A Wakeboard Boat Council proudly presents

The Annual E&A Wakeboard Boat Seminar for judges and calculators to be held in Brussels, Belgium, April 22-24 2016

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
- Johannesburg, South Africa
- Dublin, Ireland
- Birmingham, UK,
- Kiev, Ukraine
- Copenhagen, Denmark
- Riga, Latvia
- Paris, France
- Belfast, Northern Ireland

This year the E&A wakeboard boat Council welcomes you to Gresham Belson Hotel in Brussels! This charming four-star hotel is ideally located between Brussels International



airport and Brussels city center, only a stone's throw away from all major highways connecting Brussels to Europe and the rest of the country. Easy to reach, pleasure to work in!

We very much hope that you will take this opportunity to attend and to develop a range of officials from your country and promote wakeboarding.

As with most board sports, wakeboarding uses a subjective scoring system. It is therefore essential that all judges and officials are trained to apply the rules and judging criteria consistently and are equipped with the right tools for the job.

The International Judging program has been in place in IWWF - E&A since 1999 and judges and officials are required to attend the relevant course, to sit examinations and are rewarded by certification.

The seminar is held in a relaxed informal atmosphere, with plenty of time for discussion to help learning together and the sharing of experience as well as meeting new friends and old ones within the wakeboarding community.

Judging Examinations - there are 4 levels of examination:

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

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

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

The Wakeboard Judges' Course:

- Introduction
- Safety
- Rules
- Protest
- Timings
- Qualification & judging levels
- The wakeboard course



- Competition Scoring
- Calculating and heat systems (see calculator examinations below).
- Obstacles
- Tricks, rotations, inverts and grabs
- Video Analysis
- Questions and answers

Video footage used is broadcast quality material, based on DVD, normal speed is followed by slow motion to enable discussion. Discussion and debate at the seminar is particularly useful to increase learning opportunities, to continually update knowledge and improve consistency among judges.

It is important that judges continue to attend seminars after certification to ensure that your experience is shared and to keep up to date with new developments in judging and scoring.

Calculation Examinations – there are 3 levels of examination:

- National Calculator
- International Calculator - Level 2
- International Calculator - Level 1

The Calculators' Course:

- Rules
- The heat system
- Seeding
- The role of the calculator – before, during and after the competition
- Planning and Scheduling the competition
- Competition scoring and calculation
- Scoring software

The calculation session will be held with all officials present, as it is important that judges also know and understand the seeding, scoring system.

Calculation session with the new calculation software

An essential part of the seminar for calculators will be the introduction of the official E&A Wakeboard Calculation program.

It is important for all existing calculators to attend to become familiar with the program and to learn how to use it with ease.

The Hotel

Our Seminar will be kindly hosted by Gresham Belson Hotel, which is comfortably situated between the Brussels Airport and the center of the city of Brussels. All rooms have just been renewed.

Address:

Venue des Anciens Combattants - Oudstrijderslaan 1, 1140 Brussels, Belgium

+32 (0) 2 708 3100



Accommodation rates

Single room including breakfast - 80 euros

Double room including breakfast - 100 euros

Rates excluding 5 euros tax per room per night.

Credit card details are required to guarantee all reservations.

Be advised that the reservation deadline is March 31st. Cancellation deadline – 7 days before arrival.

Please, fill in the reservation form and send it directly to the Hotel with a copy to Maria before March 31st 2016.



Lunches

The Gresham Belson Hotel is providing lunches for participants at reasonable price of 24 euros/ person / lunch which includes either soup or a desert depending on a day, 5 surprise sandwiches, a salad bar, soft drinks and water. **Please, pay attention to mark your lunches in the booking form and pay at arrival.**

Details on **Saturday night dinner** will be announced at the end of Friday lecture. The price will not exceed regular normal meal + drinks.

Arriving in Brussels

Airport: The Hotel provides a free shuttle bus service from and to the airport. Please, don't forget to fill in your arrival/departure information on the reservation form. When you arrive call the Hotel at +32 2 708 31 00. Alternatively – take a taxi!

Brussels Midi: go to the metro station that has access in the train station (follow “Metro” signs) and take tram 2 or 6 direction: Elisabeth until “Madou” station. This will take approximately 10 minutes / 7 stops. From Madou station follow “Bus” signs and take bus #318 or #351 or #410 direction Brussel/ Moorsel/ Leuven (NL) or Bruxelles/Moorsel/Louvain (FR) until “Evere De Paduwa” station.

This will take approximately 16 – 20 minutes / 10 stops. Walk 1 minute from Evere De Paduwa to the Hotel.

N.B.: Please, keep in mind, that public transport is limited during evenings and nights. Alternatively – take a taxi!

Check for other directions info here:

<http://www.gresham-hotels-brussels.com/directions.html>

VISAS

The non – EU residents who require a visa to enter Belgium, please, contact Maria Bulgakova at maria.bulgakova@wakeboardcouncil.com to arrange your invitation.

In case of any additional questions, don't hesitate to contact Maria at

maria.bulgakova@wakeboardcouncil.com

SEMINAR SCHEDULE (approximate - subject to change)

Thursday 21st of April 2016	All day	Wakeboard Council Meeting
Friday 22nd of April 2016	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Wakeboard Council Meeting
	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch Break
	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Seminar Part 1
Saturday 23rd of April 2016	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Seminar Part 2
	11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Coffee Break
	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Seminar Part 3
	1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Lunch Break
	2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Seminar Part 4
	4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Coffee Break
	4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Seminar Part 5
Sunday 24th of April 2016	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Seminar Part 6
	11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Coffee Break
	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Examination (theory)
	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch Break
	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Examination (practice)

Applications for the seminar

The cost is **€70 euros** (payment in cash only at the beginning of the Seminar).

Complete the application form below and email it to
maria.bulgakova@wakeboardcouncil.com



2016 Wakeboard Boat Judging/ Calculator Seminar Application Form

Your Name: _____

Contact info (e-mail, phone number): _____

Federation: _____

Arrival date and time: _____

Departure date and time: _____

Course to be attended ☐ Judging ☐ Calculation

Level of exam to be attempted _____

Anything special I should take into account? _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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See you soon!