**IWWF & MALIBU EUROPEAN TOUR STOP**

**21/22 JULY 2023**

**FUHLINGER SEE, COLOGNE, GERMANY**

**BULLETIN**

The IWWF European Wakeboard Boat Council, along with Malibu Boats are delighted to invite all Riders to participate in the ***IWWF & Malibu European Tour Stop – Cash Prize*** event to be held on 22nd July 2023 at Fühlinger See in Cologne, Germany.

This ***Cash Prize*** event will be held alongside the Eat Play Love Music and Food Festival and the EPL Cologne Wakeboard Masters to be held on Sunday 23rd July 2023.

***The Top 10 Riders from the European Tour Stop on Saturday will qualify for entry to the EPL cash prize event on Sunday***

**VENUE - Fühlinger See,** Oranjehofstr. 103, 50769 Köln

**WEATHER**

July is usually very warm and dry - around 30c daytime and 20c at night.

**LOCAL CURRENCY**

Local currency is Euro. Visa and MasterCard are accepted in the majority of hotels, shops and restaurants. You may need cash at small local groceries and street markets. ATM machines can be found all over the city as well as banks. Avoid exchanges currency at the airport and train/bus stations.

**HOW TO GET THERE**

There are four International airports close to Cologne: Köln-Bonn Airport (closest), Frankfurt Airport (about one hour by train to Cologne), Düsseldorf Airport (45 min. by train to Cologne), Düsseldorf (Weeze) Airport (only Ryanair, most cheap but only reachable by car in about 70 minutes).

We recommend Riders to rent cars and there will be no transportation provided by the Organizer.

**ACCOMMODATION -**

**The Hotel Wester will be the official hotel**

There are other hotels available in the area.

Hotels near to the site can be found on Trip advisor/ Booking.com

**Riders** are responsible for organizing their own accommodation and transportation between the airport and the hotel and to the site.

**IWWF LICENSE -** It is ***essential*** that all Riders hold a valid IWWF License

**EVENT FORMAT**

*Eligibility*

- Riders from ***E&A Region*** only,

- Open to All age groups

*Categories*

* ***Open Men and Open Women*** Divisions
* ***30 Riders***

***CASH PRIZE - €5,000***

**ENTRY**

Automatic qualification & entry for the following -

* Top 6 Open Men from the E&A Final 2022
* Top 6 Open Women from the E&A Final 2022
* Winner Junior Men from the E&A Final 2022
* Winner Junior Women from the E&A Final 2022
* Winner O30 Men from the E&A Final 2022
* Winner O30 Women from the E&A Final 2022
* Remaining entries will be on a first come first served application
* Priority will be given to riders who have competed in the IWWF - E&A Wakeboard Boat Championship in the previous year
* If over-subscribed - a waiting list will be held

**ENTRY FEE**

The entry fee is €100.00 per Rider – ***Payment in cash at the site***

**ENTER ON EMS - *Entries close at 12:00 midnight on 15th July 2023***

**THE OFFICIAL TOW BOAT will be provided by Malibu Boats, the Malibu LSV23**

**PRACTICE**

Practice slots of 10 minutes per rider will be available on 21st July 2023, from 10.00am.

Cost - €30.00 per slot. ***Payment in cash at the site***

Booking by email to linda.johnston@wakeboardcouncil.com

**The EPL Cologne Wakeboard Masters will take place on Sunday 23rd July 2023**

Cash Prize Event – €3,000 - organizer Alex Neuwirth.

Invitational event – 10 Riders invited

***The Top 10 Riders from the European Tour Stop held on Saturday will qualify to compete on Sunday***

**IWWF SAFE SPORT POLICY & SAFEGUARDING REGULATIONS**

The IWWF takes safeguarding extremely seriously and is committed to ensuring that everyone who attends the championships, whether athletes, officials or volunteers are able to operate in a safe environment, free from abuse and the risk of harm.  It is a condition of participation that all attendees familiarise themselves and comply with the IWWF Safeguarding Regulations which are available at <https://iwwf.sport/safe-sport/>

**CONTACTS**

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**EPL –** Alex Neuwirth – alex@gmx.de

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (TBC)**

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| **Friday, July 21st** **10.00 – 20.30** | Practice Slots - available to book by email tolinda.johnston@wakeboardcouncil.com |
| **Saturday, July 22nd****13.00 – 20.00**  | **IWWF & Malibu European Tour Stop** Qualification RoundsLCQ RoundsSemi Final Final Prize Giving |
| **Sunday, July 23rd**  | **The EPL Cologne Wakeboard Masters**Cash Prize EventInvitational – 10 RidersThe Top 10 Riders from the European Tour Stop on Saturday will qualify for entry to the EPL cash prize event on Sunday |