



Only Windsurfing and good vibes

From the 30th of June until the 4th of July, the Dunkerbeck Fuerte Action GPS Speed Challenge took place on Fuerteventura, Canary Islands. The organization team, together with the GPS speed surfing website and the riders present on Fuerteventura, due to unforeseen circumstances and last-minute hitches with the planned SWC event, agreed on having a different kind of format with free sessions and one session together every day, all counting towards the final result.

We all had an amazing week sailing every day in an array of different conditions with speeds of +40 knots in sometimes challenging spots. How is this new format? It prioritizes flexibility of spots and freedom of movement and timetable to achieve your fastest speed. This is how it works: After the daily virtual skippers meeting, riders were free to sail in different spots and time slots. At the end of the day, we sailed together at the same spot and counted the average of the 2 fastest speeds in 250m in the given time slot and spot. Every morning we did a spot check around the multiple choices of spots available, and we chose the best one for that day and time, focusing on one good heat a day when the conditions were at its best. We used a new GPS device, designed, and built by speed software guru Manfred Fuchs, which we are sure will put speed events back in the map because of its precision, measuring your speed 20 times a second! reliability and easy to transport and set up. Manfred, together with Lüderitz Speed Channel manager Raffaello Gardelli, oversaw the setting and controlling all GPS devices and times. Huge thanks to both for the excellent work.

Overall, we had 7 different nationalities and riders from 10 to +60 years old, all showing a great performance and sportsmanship. The flexibility of the Dunkerbeck GPS challenge format allowed us to always sail in the best location and on top of that all riders were allowed and encouraged to choose any other sail spot during the day to try to obtain a faster speed. We tried a total of 4 spots during the 5 days and the comradery between riders was outstanding, you could see a great atmosphere on the beach with riders talking and giving advice to each other. We saw strong battles between current speed World Champion Twan Verseput and windsurf legend Björn Dunkerbeck for the first two places. For the third place it was an even stronger battle between three riders, Patrick Oberlender, Michael Brozio and Aivo Prökk where they switched places during the five days.

At the end of the 5 days, the three riders were tied in equal points, and it was Patrick, with a higher top speed who got the 3rd place. We had, as it is already a tradition in our events, trophies for the top three man and women but also trophies to the fastest sailors in age categories (10 to 15, 16 to 19, 20 to 29, 30 to 39, etc.) and we also had 3 “father & son” (one





father & daughter) attending the event. Overall, a great event with many happy faces and lots of sailing! This event wouldn't have been possible without the support of our sponsors and friends of Red Bull, Ecotel, Chris Benz Watches and Uhlhorn logistics. Big thanks to them for always being there supporting windsurfing, our events and riders.

What is next? We are already planning and working on a Speed World Championship for 2023 and we hope to see you all there. More news about this and other projects after the summer.

The results were:

Top Man:

1. Twan Verseput,
2. Björn Dunkerbeck,
3. Patrick Oberlender

Top Women:

1. Lea Sophie Hagedorn
2. Luisa Kolmer

Fastest riders by group ages:

- 10-15: Daniel Stefanov
- 16-20: Cyril Evrard
- 20-29: Twan Verseput
- 40-49: Aivo Prökk
- 50-59: Bjorn Dunkerbeck
- +60: Manfred Fuchs

