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Press Release:

Euro-Cup Portimão – Kick-off event for the EC season 2005



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The kick-off event of the Windsurfing Euro-Cup 2005 takes place in Portimão/Algarve (Portugal) from May 4th to 8th. The regatta has both disciplines Racing and Slalom and EUR 20.000,00 prize money. Several of the Worlds best windsurfers are expected at the first major international racing and slalom event of the season.

It is the first time for Portimão to host a Windsurfing Euro-Cup regatta. The experienced organization team of Clube Overpower who have already organized several Euro-Cups and other international events will ensure a perfect event. "We are truly happy that the Euro-Cup Office trusted us with the organization of one of its biggest events. We promise to do everything that we can to guarantee the total success of the Event." states José Guimarães, the local organizer.

Portimão offers excellent conditions for practising all types of nautical sports. In addition, the visitors will also find excellent conditions for golf, horse riding, swimming, extreme sports, as well as a wide variety of beach games available on the beach Praia da Rocha. The privileged weather, the warm water, the white and soft sand, which contrast with the blue of the ocean and the red colour of the cliffs, make the beaches in Portimão important spots of attraction. Praia da Rocha is one of the most well known beaches in Europe and its average water temperature is of 22 Celsius degrees.

Miguel Martinho (POR-5), Portuguese FW National Champion knows the venue very well: "The Nortada enters offshore, but 50 meters away from the sand you can, easily, find 10 to 25 knots of wind. This spot is spectacular for racing and slalom and I am sure that we will have in Portimão a memorable Event. This is the place where I test my equipment and intensively practice with my friends, almost all year around."

The Windsurfing Euro-Cup Portimão will call the best Windsurfers to the Algarve. They will present their performance in five action packed days. The event is featured with the two disciplines Racing (Formula Windsurfing) and Slalom (IFCA). Formula Windsurfing is currently the biggest competition format with hundreds of competitors worldwide. Slalom is the new spectacular discipline that is taking of right now. For the first time this spectacular format will be presented in Portugal.

The Windsurfing Euro-Cup Portimão offers EUR 20.000,00 prize money, split in equal parts between the two disciplines Racing and Slalom. But the money and the trophies are only one factor for top racers. For most of them, the honour to win a Windsurfing Euro-Cup and the points for the Windsurfing Euro-Cup ranking list are the key factors, as the Windsurfing Euro-Cup is the most important Racing and Slalom series in the World.

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