

AGM year end December 2022

1. UKWA AGM normally deals with the business of the association to 31st December the previous year, in this case 2022
2. It is clearly nonsense that we are holding an AGM in October 2023 to review the activities of the association in 2022. This has happened mainly because of covid and visiting locations without the facility to hold such a meeting. The committee will endeavour to return to holding the AGM at the first event of the season in future.
3. Briefly the 2022 season was the first for two years unaffected by covid which was a great relief and made event planning and delivery a lot simpler. Covid did help the UKWA to move its administration on line and many things we introduced during covid have been retained such as the online notice board at events.
4. The coach supplement was introduced in 2022 which saw an increase in course race entry fees for junior and youth pathway classes of £10 which the UKWA pays over to the classes to help fund coach support at events. This has been a great success for, parents, competitors and the UKWA. Thanks should go to the classes and in particular to Ali Masters who has developed into a great asset at events.
5. Probably the biggest thing to happen in 2022 was the growth of wing foiling as an easy accessible recreational sport. We introduced wing racing at slalom events with great success however insurance remained a problem as our providers refused to extend to winging therefore we had to rely on competitors having RYA or BKSA insurance which had a knock on effect on membership opportunities.
6. The additional coaching fees and the introduction of wings has further flagged up the limitations of the website and has meant having 3 separate entry pages for course racing and two for slalom causing both confusion for newcomers and a lot of extra work behind the scenes setting up events. Hopefully this can be addressed in the future.
7. Towing and storage of ribs is an ongoing and serious problem for the association. If anyone can assist with this you will get your fuel paid to the event and a £50 payment for your inconvenience and wear and tear on your vehicle.
8. Wave events have got going again through our partner BWA.
9. Speed week continues to be as popular as ever at Weymouth
10. Freestyle continues to be a challenge with no events currently planned

11. Volunteers continued to be a problem with Worthing Slalom having to be cancelled due to lack of volunteers. In addition Datchet was also cancelled due to lack of water in the reservoir.
12. Thank is due to
 - a. Everyone who continues to support events especially given the cost of living issues
 - b. Our event safety crews, race officers, admin team and scorers.
 - c. Coaches & classes especially Ali Masters for his support
 - d. Alastair webmaster
 - e. Sue Robinson in the admin office
 - f. The Committee for their hard work and support.
 - g. Kevin Profit working alongside James maintaining and storing the fleet.
 - h. Our good wishes go to Andy Watkinson director of finance who continues to recover from serious illness
 - i. It is great to see Brian and Anne back at events following his recent serious illness and we trust he will be with us for many years to come
 - j. All the local councils with whom we work closely and our host venues
 - k. Our Sponsors, Starboard / Severne & Boardwise and the slalom sponsors. Additional sponsors support the wave tour under the BWA which falls under The UKWA umbrella if anyone wants more explanation please ask now
 - l. Finally thanks to Sue and Tessa for all the support and the exceptional work they put in behind the scenes.
13. For reference jump from 2022 to 2024 I can confirm the racing calendar is almost complete.
14. The UKWA's insurance provider Bishop Skinner withdrew from the market at the end of 2022 which caused a lot of negotiations but we were pleased to return to a previous supporter Noble Marine who have provided a better product and included Wing Foiling which was an important factor for the UKWA.
15. The National Windsurfing Championships at Rutland saw good attendance but the biggest surprise was a visit from the drugs testing agency ironically testing the Raceboard fleet. However let this be lesson to all of us there is no place for drugs in sport.
16. Charlie Dixon was crowned WOTY 2022.