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Speed sailing report for UKWA AGM.

UKWA speed champions where crowned at Weymouth Speed week 2022 with 38 UKWA entries taking part.

Results

Men 1st Scotty Stallman 2nd Simon Pettifer 3rd Garry Connell

Fastest Lady

1st Zara Davis

They were awarded prizes from Hey Dude footwear and the Hey Dud Perpetual trophies handed out.

Weymouth speed week celebrated its 50th anniversary this year as the event started in 1972. The wind gods did not disappoint providing racing conditions every day and the winners not confirmed until the final half an hour of the event. It literally came down to the 11th hour and young Scotty Stallman managed to break the long-standing harbour record set by Anders Bringdal which had stood for 15 years. With an incredible 500 meter run of 38.64 knots.

Internationally speed competition and record attempts are also enjoying great success. The ISWC speed world Championships were held this year for the first time in La Palme in the south of France. A full entry list and great racing was had by all. UK entries included Jim Crossley 10th, Scotty Stallman 16th and Mike Shaw 38th.

World record attempt was also run at the same venue later in the year with new Nautical mile records being set by Antoine Albeau and Hiedi Ulrich.

2023 for speed sailing is looking like a great year again with speed week taking place as we speak and Luderitz world record attempt about to start.