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## The Tiree Wave Classic Has Begun

The Tiree Wave Classic is the UK's premier windsurfing competition and the longest running professional windsurfing event in the world. This is an incredible feat for a remote island with a population of just 750. It runs from the 10<sup>th</sup> October until the 17<sup>th</sup> October. The event is an integral part of the island's surf culture and history; the beautiful coastline and ideal surfing conditions create the perfect location for water sports.

*"Steeped in history this island has broken more sails, masts, boards and bodies than any other UK location. Just entering the event requires nerves of steel and if you survive the competition itself there is still a week of partying to survive!"*

Nigel Treacy, BWA Chairman

This year marks the first time a local business has hosted the event, symbolising how the competition has been handed back to the community of Tiree. Wild Diamond Watersports, based on the Isle of Tiree, are the official event hosts, and local business has been involved at every turn: from offering up the prizes to organizing local food and drinks nights for the surfers. This community involvement is crucial for local businesses and the island's youth. In recent years The Tiree Wave classic has put a particular effort into building numbers of the youth squad. RYA Scotland has joined the British Wavesailing Association in partnership to push and build the next generation of pro windsurfers.

*"Our RYA Scotland T15 Tiree Wave Camp is an amazing opportunity brought to us by an integral member of RYA Scotland's team, Robin Nicol. It is a fantastic chance for youths to develop both their windsurfing and their competition knowledge. The RYA Wave Camp allows local kids to interact with youths from all over Scotland and the UK; it is fantastic to see young people come to Tiree to windsurf alongside the local kids. It adds fun and outdoor activity at a time of year where they might otherwise be hiding indoors from the weather!"*

William Angus Maclean, Event Host

This year's youth camp sold out in 24 hours. For local youth, this competition provides a glimpse into the world of pro windsurfing. Through the community effort, and with the help of sponsors, the Tiree Wave Classic engages youth that live in one of the most idyllic windsurfing spots in the world.

- The Tiree Wave Classic has been running since 1986
- The Event runs from the 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015
- Tiree is the outermost of the Inner Hebrides