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Tiree Wave Classic 2016 - Year 30 press release.

The 'Tiree Wave Classic 2016 - Year 30' is the longest running professional windsurfing event in the world. It was founded in 1986 and has run to the present day. It showcases the best of the UK's windsurfing talent across a number of fleets ranging from Juniors to World Cup Professional Windsurfers in an iconic and world famous location, the Isle of Tiree.

For spectators, 'the Classic' provides an amazing opportunity to immerse into windsurfing culture for the week. Windsurfing, surfing, paddle boarding and other sports are available to try at our Event Village, which this year is based at Loch Bhasapol in Cornaig. General information about the event will be available from the Event HQ, at the Tiree Lodge Hotel in Gott Bay as well as via the official event website www.tireewaveclassic.co.uk

Regular updates on the Event will also be available via Facebook, Twitter & Instagram.

The 'action' is not only restricted to the daytime however with local businesses participating in a busy social schedule each evening and laying on food and drink as well as entertainment over the course of the week. Please see the 'Event Schedule' page of our website for more details.

with continued and invaluable support from both EventScotland and Argyll & Bute Council the Tiree Wave Classic has been able to grow its place within the British tour and bring more families to Scotland than ever before. Paul Bush, OBE, VisitScotland's Director of Events, said: "Supported through EventScotland's International Programme, the Tiree Wave Classic sheds the spotlight on Scotland's stunning natural landscape, encouraging windsurfers from across the world to visit one of Europe's longest-established destinations for the sport."

"We are delighted to support the event in its 30th year and welcome the announcement that local residents are going to have a greater say than ever in the ongoing success of an immensely important annual occasion for the community."

Windswept Brewing, a Morayshire based microbrewery, also lend their support to the Event for 2016, as our main sponsor for this year. Nigel Tiddy, managing director of Windswept Brewing Company, said: "The Tiree Wave Classic is windswept and legendary, just like our beer. Windsurfers from across the world come for the challenge and adventure of the Tiree Wave Classic, and we're excited to be part of the team. Windsurfing in the Atlantic Ocean in October is no mean feat, so all the windsurfers will definitely have earned their right to a glass of Windswept."

Caledonian MacBrayne additionally are key sponsors for 2016, providing the event with in kind support to get our Event Crew to and from Tiree in a safe and timely manner.

Inveraray Castle (Argyll Estates), who are the major landowner on Tiree, have also pledged generous financial support to this year's event, ensuring that we are in a position to be able to offer a prize purse that ensures that all of the top competitors attend our Event.

The Mailing Room, who are sponsors of the British Wave Tour as a whole, have also pledged generous financial support to the delivery of our youth initiative, in conjunction with RYA Scotland, our Event Partner.

O'Neill Wetsuits continue to support our amateur, junior, youth & masters fleets with product sponsorship.

Many local businesses and other supporters on and off island additionally lend support in so many ways to ensure that the Tiree Wave Classic is a truly memorable event each year.

Wild Diamond Water sports, based on the Isle of Tiree, have been sanctioned by the British Wavesailing Association (BWA) to act as the official Event Host for the Tiree Wave Classic. We are delighted to be in a position where Tiree residents will now, for the first time in the Event's history, be able to control the direction and success of the Event. This in turn has allowed for much more participation from local businesses and community groups on the island.

William Maclean of Wild Diamond who has been involved as a volunteer, competitor, judge, organiser and now acts as event host comments "30 years of this event has shaped many UK windsurfers into top world tour competitors and we hope to observe and celebrate the legacy of the Event this year in a very special way. None of this however would be possible without the generous sponsorship that the Event has enjoyed throughout its history and many of the original sponsors still support the event to this day. Our sincerest thanks to all who have contributed to making this Event such a success over the past 30 years as well as to Tiree itself for offering such an amazing venue and the island population for their perpetual welcome to all competitors who have attended the Classic over the years".

RYA Scotland's Youth & Junior Windsurfing Wave Camp

The RYA youth camp is the UK's most prestigious progression windsurfing training camp for the youth of today who wish to become the professional competitive windsurfers of tomorrow.

With huge inspiration from the UK's pro fleet, who operate on an international level and compete at the event, the youth camp grows a little every year. 2016 looks to be a record breaking year with a potential 36 competitors for 2016.

"Last year we created a unique event with 24 young competitors of all levels getting the opportunity to experience wave sailing and develop their skills with the top coaches from around the UK. As a result, the junior and youth fleet is the biggest in the UK wave sailing series and we aim to expand on that this year with 36 places in 2016." - Robin Nicol - Tiree Youth Camp co-ordinator, RYA Scotland.

British Wavesailing Association

The Tiree Wave Classic is the longest standing Professional windsurfing event in the world and is certainly one of the most iconic events in Europe and with the continued growth of the BWA, we can expect only good things for the Tiree Wave Classic's future.

Geoff Hautman of the BWA comments: "Tiree has been the most consistent part of UK Wavesailing competition for the last 30 years. The Classic holds a very dear part in my and many windsurfers hearts. UK windsurfing and Tiree are as one, so Tiree's 30th anniversary celebration is for all UK windsurfers."