

World Sailing Speed Record Council.

2025 Annual Report.

Since the last report of November 2024, two speed sailing events for boards were organised under WSSRC rules. In those events, several world and national records were improved in various categories, both in Luderitz in November 2024 and in La Palme in June 2025. For more details, please refer to the table below.

These records, like many others, were successfully timed by video. However, in May and June 2025, off the coast of Leucate, France, attempts were made by the SP80 prototype powered by a large kite. These attempts were timed by a system using RTK technology, ensuring high accuracy, and verified by our experts Stan Honey and Ken Miles.

In this regard, I would like to point out that while World Sailing is now considering the use of timing systems using RTK technology for OCS and electronic umpiring, thanks to the continuous technological efforts of our experts, the WSSRC has for more 32 years now observed and validated speed attempts using RTK GNSS technology, accurate to better than 10cm, starting with the attempt by Yellow Pages in 1993. I warmly thank the WSSRC technical experts for the quality of their expertise.

As for offshore attempts, we have had to manage attempts from all categories of boats (Mini 6.5, RM 10.7, 40fts, IMOCA, MOD 70, ULTIMs). While most of the attempts have been successful, it should be noted that the Ultims have had to abandon either due to mechanical incidents or due to the difficulty in beating the Jules Verne record due to unfavourable weather.

At the beginning of 2025, the WSSRC was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Michael Ellison, our long-time member and Commissioner since 1972. We will always miss his extensive experience and warmth.

The WSSRC also faced a change of secretary, and it was with great pleasure and satisfaction that the council members welcomed Philippe Sérénon, a member of the Yacht Club de France and great sailor.

I have pleasure therefore in submitting our 2025 report, together with our list of attempts during the past year, to World Sailing.

Claude Breton. Chairman. World Sailing Speed Record Council.

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**LIST OF OFFSHORE RECORDS AND ATTEMPTS SINCE THE LAST LIST
PRESENTED IN 2024**

30/09/2024	Around the World monohull	Frederic Lachot (FRA)	Singlehanded Round the World Attempt abandoned
26-27/11/2024	North Atlantic	Sébastien Simon (FRA) ‘Groupe Dubreuil’	24 Hour Record Monohull singlehanded 614.91 NM
10/10/2024	Marseille-Carthage	Armel Le Cleac’h (FRA) “Banque Populaire”	Attempt abandoned
29/11/2024	Around the World “Jules Verne”	Thomas Coville (Crewed) “Sodebo Ultim 3”	Attempt abandoned
30/11/2024	Around the World “Jules Verne”	François Gabart & Tom La Perche “SVR Lazartigue”	Attempt abandoned
19/12/2024	Around the World “Jules Verne”	Thomas Coville (Crewed) “Sodebo Ultim 3”	Attempt abandoned
19/01/2025	Around Antarctica	Szabolcs Weores Hungary Irina Gracheva “New Europe” Imoca 60fts	Attempt abandoned
28/02/2025	Around the World “Jules Verne”	François Gabart & Tom La Perche “SVR Lazartigue”	Attempt abandoned
06/05/2025	Plymouth - La Rochelle	J.Caroll, B.Thompson, Chad Corning ARGO MOD 70	Unsuccessful Missed by about 90 seconds
10/06/2025	Round Arctic	Ella Hibbert	In progress
13/06/2025	Round British Islands	Alice Valiergue “Vitamine” Mini 6.50	World Record monohull 6.50 Woman Singlehanded 14d 19h 58min 09 sec
26/06/2025	Marseille-Carthage	Anatole Facon Tales 2 (Good morning)	World Record monohull 40 ft Singlehanded 1d 21 h 24 min 43 sec

2024 November Luderitz

World and National Windsurfer Records

World and FRA National Records:	Antoine ALBEAU	53.49 kts
World and GBR National Women's Record:	Jenna GIBSON	48.02 kts
GER National Records:	Gunnar ASMUSSEN	52.70 kts
RSA Women's National Record:	Karo VAN TONDER	45.83 kts

May and June 2026

SP 80 attempts in Leucate: no record claim.

June 2025 La Palme

World and National Wingfoil 500 M Records:

World & FRA National Women Record:	Marie-Agnes AUDREY	31.00 knots
GBR National Record:	Richard HOBSON	30.41 knots
USA National Record:	Rob DOUGLAS	32.47 knots

World & National Women Wingfoil Nautical Mile Records:

World & FRA National Women Record:	Marie-Agnes AUDREY	29.40 knots
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World & National Windsurfer Nautical Mile Record:

SWE National Record:	Roger ORNVANG	39.08 knots
GER National Record:	Thomas MOLDENHAUER	41.14 knots
BEL National Record:	Vincent VALKENAERS	43.51 knots

World & National Women Windsurfer Nautical Mile Record:

World & SUI National Women Record:	Heidi ULRICH ARNOLD	39.64 knots
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World & National Nautical Mile Kite Sail Record:

SWE National Record:	Roger ORNVANG	32.42 knots
USA National Record:	Rob DOUGLAS	42.73 knots