

100.000 US Dollar Cash Prize at the IWWF Izmit Open 2010

After last year's success the 2nd World Trophy 2010 is coming back to Turkey.

The action will take place not far south from Istanbul in Izmit. The Izmit Open will feature 2 top-notch competitions from September 16 - 19. In addition to the World Trophy with 100.000 \$ cash prize, wakeboarders and wakeskaters will have the chance to fight for the title of European Champion 2010.

The city of Izmit is eagerly building this brand new Wakepark at lake Bickidere Göleti and expects the sport of wakeboarding to be a huge success in their area, especially after this world-class event brought all attention to this lake with its modern cablepark. Wakeboarding in Turkey is getting bigger and bigger, for 2010 there are two more projects being planned.

The whole ID+MA crew as well as our beloved Clint Liddy are looking forward to welcome the world's best wakeboarders in Izmit.

All results, meaning important ranking points, will feed the IWWF World Ranking, which has seen some changes after the first half of this season and the World Championships have taken place. The new World Champion Nick Davies (GBR) is now back on top, followed by current European Champ Dominik Gührs (GER). So there are at least 3 reasons for the cream of the crop to take part at this wakeboard happening. Another reason will be the most important thing as always: the fun.

Last year's World Trophy was won by nobody less than Tom Fooshee (USA) and Maxine Sapulette (NED). We are eagerly awaiting who it's going to be to take home the first place's 10.000 \$ this year and especially from which part of the world the winner will come from. Maybe we will even see some Asians. Everyone is waiting for them to finally face the competition from the western hemisphere.

Eligible for the World Trophy is every licensed rider in the categories Junior and Open, so we can expect riders from all around the world to come to Izmit.



For the second time around, the wakeskater will have their own European Championships as well. In 2009 wakeskating impressed everyone and the skaters appreciated the fact that they had their first official championships. We are looking forward to this year's championships and expect even more nations to send their best wakeskaters.

Unfortunately the wakeskaters didn't have their first World Championships this year. 10 nations were required to get this official title, only 7 nations will be required to have the European Championships. Let's hope for this young sport to get the chance to represent itself in Turkey.

For more information on the event and the world ranking visit <u>www.cablewakeboard.net</u>

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