

## Provisional Program 2018

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Dear Solar Teams,

Finally, more information! We know you have been waiting for more information regarding this year's races. In this mailing we will inform you about this year's races and the overall championship. Furthermore, information about registration and classification will be provided. The provisional program with the dates and the venues can be found on the website in the 'races' section.

### Classification

This year different race organizations will cooperate and a World Championship will be created. The races that are included in the World Championship are the National Competition in Akkrum, the Solar Sport One races and the Solar & Electric Boat Challenge in Monaco. Race dates can be found on our website in the 'races' section.

In order to compete in the World Championship teams will have to take part in at least 4 out of the 5 races. Your 4 best races will determine your final classification. Besides, in each of the 5 races there will be a winner of that particular race. Therefore, it is not compulsory to compete in all races of the championship. However, it would be great if you can compete in all races.

### Uniform regulation

In this year's races the regulation will be unified for the entire championship. This means that for all the races in the championship the same technical rules apply, as well as the same race elements. Both documents can be found on our website in the 'regulations' section. By determining uniform regulation we hope to make it easier for you to compete in multiple solar boat races and make the standards more clarified for you. Hopefully this will also lift the Solar Sport to a higher level.

### Pre-season technical inspection

Subsequently, this year we organize a pre-season technical inspection. The pre-season inspection will be held May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and will be obligated for the Dutch teams. The inspection criteria and exact location will be announced later, however we aim for a location in the middle of the Netherlands. Only a limited part of the complete set of inspections will be executed during the pre-season inspection. Other parts, such as swimming tests, sailing tests and evacuation tests will still be organized the first race you'll compete. All this information will be collected in a team passport, this will be valid for the whole solar season.

### International teams

We know we cannot expect all the international teams to travel to Europe multiple times. Therefore, we offer our races within a timeframe of three weeks. We hope international teams will be present at least in Groningen and Leeuwarden. Because in a timeframe of 9 days we will be racing 6 days.

For the international teams we will provide a side program between the race in Groningen and Leeuwarden. More information will be provided to the international teams within a couple of weeks. Everyone who loves solar racing is invited to come to the Netherlands earlier and compete in the beautiful city of Purmerend as well.

### **Young Solar Challenge**

We are very happy to tell you that Young Solar Challenge will be competing in most of our races this year. The Young Solar competitors will be in Purmerend and Leeuwarden for sure. For the race in Groningen we will be inviting them, however this will not be part of their championship program.

### **Registration**

After all this information you probably want to register for the races, which is completely understandable. So, grab your diary and write down at Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February that you can register for the Solar Sport One races.

### **Back on our feet**

A lot has happened over the last year. We are happy to tell you that we now have a healthy financial basis to start organizing this year's races. We are looking forward to welcome you to the solar boat races, because nothing will stop us to make this year a great race year full of energy.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us, [hello@solarsportone.org](mailto:hello@solarsportone.org). We are more than happy to help you with your race preparations.

Sunny regards,

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