

**IHPVA World Championships 2008**  
**Bentwaters Parks, Suffolk, England – 16-17 August**  
**2008**

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## **Introduction**

The focus on any International Human Powered Association World Championships vehicles is the land based machines, faired and unfaired recumbent bikes and trikes, the fastest and most efficient way of moving on solid ground under purely human power.

That's not all there is to it though and over the weekend of 16-17 August at Bentwaters Parks in Suffolk the BHPC have the pleasure in hosting vehicles suitable for two of the other elements, air and water!

## **Elements**

Human Powered Hovercraft "Steam Boat Willy" (<http://www.steamboatwilly.org/>) will be in attendance to show what's possible when things start to get wet, and there are two other Human Powered Aircraft including the British HPA Airglow to look forward to seeing.

It's been a while since anyone has pushed the boundaries of human powered flight but this year sees a resurgence in interest in these fascinating paperweight flying machines.

At present the French "Zeppy" is attempting the first ever human powered airship crossing of the channel from Lydd in Kent across to Calais in France.

A team from the University of Delft is building a Human Powered Aircraft to take the Kremer prize, which must be completed on British soil.

## **Racing & Records**

The weekend is based around racing, and there will be plenty of racing for those who want it. The main runway at Bentwaters Parks has now been professionally surveyed and the BHPC are proud to announce that at an overall rise of 2m in 1220m the overall rise is 1 in 150 length the course works out to be very suitable for world record attempts for the 200m flying start sprints.

For the first time there will be a British All Comers record, who will become the fastest person on British soil? There is also opportunity to break the WRRRA records for unfaired machines.

Running Order is now

Sat am - Flying 200m & 1k drags - On main runway, about 1.3 mile long

Sat pm - Three Hour Race - Course about 4 miles.

Sun am - One Hour Time-Trial - Fast flat course about 2 miles.

Sun pm - Criteriums - A short, 1.3-mile course, video of course on <http://www.wc2008.org.uk>

## **Prizes**

HPV World Championship 2008 competitors will be racing for genuinely collectable prizes: distinctive hand-made pottery!

Produced at MADE IN CLEY, a craft centre in Cley-next-the Sea, Norfolk, the range of pottery items are a departure from the usual plastic-and-tin trophy cups, and as well as being attractive, are useful for holding food, beer, flowers, origami, or whatever.

The prizes are thanks to joint sponsorship by Mike Burrows and the British Human Power Club. The pottery is custom-designed and hand-made for us for this World Championships, you wouldn't be able to buy anything like it elsewhere!

MADE IN CLEY are a small (eight, last look) group of craftspeople, and as well as pottery, they produce sculpture, jewellery, prints and photographs, and furniture.

Their web site (<http://www.madeincley.co.uk/Index.htm>) is lovely, and well worth a visit.

The World championship website has full details of the event, including latest news, online bookings and reservations. <http://www.wc2008.org.uk>

## **CONTACTS**

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## **Notes to Editors**

This is a press release update with latest news.

Original press release is attached with further details of the event.

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<http://www.wc2008.org.uk/\press.aspx>