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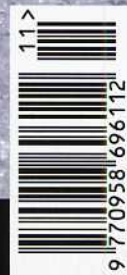
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Lee Stone and Jack Moule
go huge at the JSRA British
Championship finals

PUMP UP THE SLAM

Monster backflips and barrels rolls at the Blowsion Surf Slam in Oregon

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Surf Slam

Heather Selwitz Briglia heads to Oregon for the penultimate round of the IFWA freeride tour - the Blowsion Surf Slam. How will our three British competitors fare against the best of the best?



Competitors and spectators alike witnessed some large surf and challenging conditions for the 2009 Blowsion Surf Slam. Tierra del Mar, just north of Pacific City Oregon was host to this round of the 2009 International Freeride Watercraft Association's World Championship Tour (IFWA) and the International Jet Sports Boating Association's Motosurf Western National Championships (IJSBA). Professional Freeriders and racers from

around the world were on hand for this inaugural event. Although the tides proved challenging earlier in the weekend, the athletes and event organisers pushed through Sunday and completed all rounds of freeride competition and motosurf racing.

Over 30 of the world's best freeride watercraft pilots were on hand competing for the event win and points towards the 2009 IFWA World Champion title. Current points leader, American Ross Champion, displayed his skills throughout the weekend

and ended up taking the win in the finals against fellow American Mike Serlin. Friend and teammate Serlin gave Champion a run for his money in the final. It was a close heat but Ross Champion's big manoeuvres and incredible wave riding skills edged Serlin out for the top podium spot.

Former World Champion Pierre Maixent rounded the top three, as he competed in his first 2009 IFWA event after returning from an injury. Maixent moved up through the pre-qualifying rounds and >



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was pitted head to head with British competitor Graham Reid in the consolation final. Freeride Judge Randy Laine said, “Pierre’s riding was amazing. It was the most technical I’ve seen and he displayed the biggest amplitude of the weekend.” Graham Reid’s fourth place finish advances him to fourth place overall in the 2009 IFWA World Tour Points.

The competition was strong and full of high energy through all the rounds. International riders included Italian Federico Bufacchi, Brazilian Tiago Geitens, German Marc Sickerling, Arkadius Schramek from Poland and first time IFWA competitor Peter McLoughlin from Australia along with fellow Aussie Jeremy Fleming. Americans Eddie Bettencourt, Jerry Jones and Jerry Brandon showed that they could compete with the best in the world in the crashing Oregon waves.

In the Amateur Freeride Category, first timer Mark Gomez battled it out in the three-man final to emerge the victor. Chris Rosner came in second and Staton High rounded out the podium. The IFWA Amateur division also included international competitors Ramon Ferre from Spain and British newcomer Stephen Foot. The amateurs had rough conditions all weekend and won respect from both the judges and the professional riders. ➤

Tan Hussain skids back onto the beach after a heat



Arkadius Schramek got on the wrong side of his handpole



One-handed barrel roll



