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2007 HIGHLAND SPRING HIHO ADDS OPEN CLASS RACING ***New challenge for top level racers with St Maarten start***

Tortola, British Virgin Islands – January 16, 2007 – The Highland Spring HIHO, one of the world’s premier windsurfing events, will expand the competitive portion of this year’s event to include Open Class racing. Racers in the Open division will start in St Maarten on June 30 and join the rest of the Highland Spring fleet in Virgin Gorda on July 2. The 2007 Highland Spring HIHO runs from June 29 to July 8.

The Highland Spring HIHO event has traditionally been a one-design event with all racers competing on the BIC Techno 2 board. The Techno class will remain in place with the new Open class competing alongside. The significant difference is while Techno racers all compete on identical boards, Open racers are unrestricted and may compete on any board they prefer.

Event owner and manager, Andy Morrell, states that the purpose behind this expansion is to broaden the event’s appeal. Morrell commented, “We’d like to see more racers join the Highland Spring HIHO event so we’re adapting it to provide a greater challenge for advanced sailors. Extending the event and including a St Maarten start offers more racing, more islands to enjoy which raises the overall fun factor.”

A further incentive is that The Open fleet will also have the chance to race for prize money in some races. “We’ll have a purse of \$500 for certain inter-island races,” confirmed Morrell.

Race director Rusty Henderson welcomes the addition of advanced sailors to round out the fleet, “The Open class will appeal to the advanced and pro-level competitor, with the pleasure of more miles of great racing to cover. The Open class should expect to cover over 250 miles of racing in 8-days of competition, compared to the 150 miles in the Techno class.”

About The World's Greatest Windsurfing & Sailing Adventure

The annual Highland Spring HIHO event is windsurfing's best-known adventure. The essence of the event is a week-long odyssey through the British Virgin Islands aboard captained catamarans. Each day the fleet visits new islands arriving at virgin sandy beaches for adventure, meals and parties. Daily island-to-island competition challenges the fleet of competing windsurfers. Competing windsurfers cover over 150 miles as they race between 7 and 9 times from one island to another. Non-windsurfers stay occupied with a range of activities including sailing, diving, snorkeling, kayaking and island discovery. Highland Spring HIHO participants call a captained catamaran home for the entire event. All yachts in the event are provided by The Moorings, the World's leading charter yacht company. For more information visit: www.go-hiho.com.

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