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222.43 km/h - only with wind power - new world record in land sailing

On 11.12.2022 Emirates Team New Zealand officially broke the 2009 world record set by Briton Richard Jenkins increasing it by 19.53 km/h to a new record of 222.43km/h (138.21mph).

Emirates Team New Zealand broke the record in its Landyacht named Horonuku on Lake Gairdner in South Australia in a windspeed of 22 knots.

The World Landsailing Organisation, Federation International de Sand et Land Yachting (FISLY) has officially ratified the record today.

The FISLY Council and the President of FISLY congratulate Emirates Team New Zealand and pilot Glenn Ashby for this extraordinary achievement.

Dependent only on nature

In times when energy alternatives are being sought, this is another milestone. Beach and land sailors harness what nature provides using wind, beach, desert or salt lake and the power of the athlete.

The World Landsailing Organisation Federation International De Sand et Land Yachting (FISLY for short) was founded in 1962 and is the governing body for the sport, for its rules and over seeing of all landsailing record attempts.

The federation currently includes more than 20 worldwide national associations. European and world championships are held annually and every four years.

In competition, some of the vehicles and their pilots may reach speeds of more than 130km/h on the beach or on dried-up salt lakes.

First record documented 1912

90 years ago in 1912 the first record was set by the well-known cross channel aviator Louis Bleriot with 54 km/h, it is now officially 222.43km/h.

Emirates Team New Zealand with terrific engineering work

Now Emirates Team New Zealand doesn't just excel on the water but also on land too.

It has based its meticulous work on the design of British engineer Richard Jenkins. Every little detail has been further optimized, significantly increasing the potential performance of the record-breaking vehicle. The vehicle with its wide boom may seem bizarre, but the goal was to absolutely minimize the rolling resistance in order to maximize the propulsive power of the wing.

A New Record and not yet in optimal conditions

With 22 knots of wind force already 222.43 hours kilometers. The record pilot Glenn Ashby says "... there is certainly more in it..."

To increase the record even more, it needs more than 222.87 km/h. 0.2% above the established record, as required in the record attempt current rule of the FISLY.

It remains to be seen what the next few days will bring under even better conditions.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Records in landsailing :

This list is open to additions and corrections.

Summer 1909 : first recorded land yacht race at De Panne in Belgium. It marks the beginning of landsailing as a sport.

1912 : International races in Berck-Plage (France). Bleriot is participating. The maximum speed recorded is 54 km/hour.

1924 : foundation of the Sand Yacht Club at De Panne (Belgium). It still exists as ROYAL SAND YACHT CLUB and is the eldest club worldwide.

1926 : Willy Coppens, world war 1-airplane pilots, is the first one to set a wing on a land yacht

1955 : The Coronation Year Mark 2 sets a speed record from 57,66 mph at Lytham St. Annes in the UK

1958 : First European land yacht meeting at De Panne

1963 : The Dutch bring the DN iceboat to landsailing. It is the beginning of the class 3

1981 : The Frenchman Christian Nau sets a speed record from 107 km/hour

1985 : In Argentina on the pampa El Leoncito Jaime de Lara reaches 140 km/hour

1989 : Jean-Christophe Villedieu (Fr) sets a speed record on A13 motorway 85.55 km/h.

1991 : Bertrand Lambert (Fr) sets a speed record on the Beach of Berck-Plage (France) of 151,5 km/hour with an asymmetrical winged yacht.

1999 : Bob Schumacher (US) in Iron Duck, 116mph on Ivanpah dry lake, USA.

2000 : Tadeo Normand (Fr) broke the world record (151.9 km / h, 16-6-2000).

2004, September 7, on the beach of Pentrez, Christine Chuberre, Ludovic Lefebvre and Ronan Simoneau set off for a duration of 24 hours recording 1122.4 km distance.

2009 : March 26, on Lake Ivanpah in the USA, The Greenbird - driven by British engineer Richard Jenkins crushes the land speed record for wind powered vehicles. The Greenbird is recorded at 126.1 mph (202.9 km / h)

2009 : The Kite-Buggy record held on Ivanpah Dry Lake is 124 km/h

2022 : Glenn Ashby and Emirates Team New Zealand record 222.43km/h (138.21mph) on Lake Gairdner, South Australia

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