



IWWF E&A Wakeboard Boat Championships 2026

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July 15-18

Servia Kozanis, Greece

Bulletin 1

The **IWWF European Confederation**
together with
Hellenic Water Ski Federation and **Malibu Boats**
are delighted to invite all Federations to participate at the
2026 IWWF Europe & Africa Wakeboard Championships
in
Servia Kozanis, Greece
from
July 15 to 18, 2026.



1. EVENT SITE

Nautical Club of Servia.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/tL5cFhWEKnVcfvUi8>



https://www.instagram.com/calma_waterski/

Kozani, Greece

Visitors to the Kozani area are lured by its impressive variety of landscapes, including alpine valleys, steep slopes and ravines, high mountains with dense vegetation, rivers, waterfalls and lakes. Though mostly unknown to travellers, Kozani is an ideal place for road tours leading to beautiful discoveries and aesthetic thrills.

The landscape is to a large extent shaped by two man-made lakes, Vythos and Polyfytos (**where the event will take place**), which are important wetlands, ideal for bird watching and fishing, and a good reason to visit the area. The village of Neraida was built after the creation of the lake and is where a 1,372-metre bridge ends. This is where you'll find a beach by the lakeshore. Lakeside cafes and tavernas with their backs to the street provide unobstructed views of the lake and bridge, and serve as a meeting point of locals and visitors all year round.

All-day cafes, bars, tavernas and restaurants line the main streets, creating a pleasant vibe. For those interested, Kozani town also offers theatrical performances staged by the regional municipal theatre, cinemas and a vast array of entertainment options from the morning until late at night.

For its part, Siatista has kept alive the residential character it had in its heyday due to its small population, and offers visitors a journey back in time. A visit to Velventos is not to be missed, not only because of its many traditional houses in the old town, but also for the fine food of its tavernas, as well as the exceptional fruits and syrupy sweets.



2. HOW TO GET THERE:

Kozani, It is located in the western part of Macedonia, in the northern part of the Aliakmonas river valley.

- 450 km from Athens
- 130 km from Thessaloniki
- 350 km from Patras

Nearest Airports:

1. Kozani National Airport "Filippos" (KZI)
2. Thessaloniki International Airport "Makedonia" (SKG)
3. Athens International Airport "Elefterios Venizelos" (ATH)

Transport Options to Kozani

1. From Athens

- Fly to Kozani National Airport Filippos
- Drive/ Rent a car
<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Athens/Koz%C3%A1ni#r/Drive/s/0>
- Train
<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Athens/Koz%C3%A1ni#r/Train-bus>
- Bus
<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Athens/Koz%C3%A1ni#r/Bus/s/0>

2. From Thessaloniki

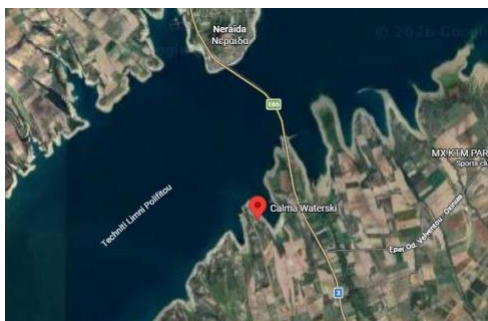
- Drive / Rent a car
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- Taxi Abt 150€
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- Bus
<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Thessalon%C3%ADki/Koz%C3%A1ni#r/Bus/s/0>

3. From Patras

- Drive / Rent a car
<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Thessalon%C3%ADki/Koz%C3%A1ni#r/Drive/s/0>
- Bus
<https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Patras/Koz%C3%A1ni#r/Bus>

GPS Coordinates – Competition Site:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/tL5cFhWEKnVcfvUi8>



3. OFFICIAL EXCLUSIVE TOW BOAT FOR THE E&A CHAMPIONSHIPS

We are delighted that the exclusive Tow Boat for the 2026 E&A Wakeboard Boat Championships at Kozani will be provided by our official partner Malibu Boats.

The specific model of the boat will be announced on Bulletin #2.

4. WEATHER:

The temperature in July usually ranges between 18°C and 32°C.

5. LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency is Euro. Visa and MasterCard are accepted in most hotels, shops and restaurants. ATM machines can be found all over the municipality of Kozani as well as banks.

6. OFFICIAL ACCOMODATION

The Organization has selected the best places near the competition area for all the participants, families and visitors to enjoy the best accommodation during the event. **Please make sure to book your accommodation ASAP** as they are limited and we expect high demand.

As the hotels in the area will be very crowded during the event the organization has arranged with the Hotels below to reserve a huge number of rooms for the participants and family members attending this major event. These hotels offer a variety of facilities to fit every need and every budget. Please check the options and choose the one that suits you best.

Once you choose one, please make your booking directly with the hotel via email **using email address provided below for each hotel**. You will manage your bookings and payments directly with your hotel. When making your booking, please make sure to inform them that you are attendee to the European wakeboard Championship 2026 using the key word: **EURO WAKE 2026**.

When you write a reservation email to the hotel always send also a copy (cc) to euowake2026@wakeboardcouncil.com and make sure to write in the subject: **“RESERVATION hotel name MADE BY your name FOR EURO WAKE 2026”**

LIST OF OFFICIAL HOTELS:

OFFICIAL HOTEL: Hotel Agnanti. (Distance to Site 20 Km)

<https://www.agnanti-hotel.gr/>

E-mail for reservations: info@agnanti-hotel.gr

Phone number: +302464049002

Double from: 60€ to 95€. Three bed room: 90€ to 120€

Other options check with hotel.

Hotel Elena (Distance to Site 29 Km)

<https://www.hotelelenakozani.gr/>

E-mail for reservations: elenakoz@otenet.gr

Phone number: +3024610 41777

Single from: 67€. Double from: 87€.

Other options check with hotel.

Hotel Aliakmon (Distance to Site 28 Km)

<https://aliakmonhotel.gr/>

E-mail for reservations: info@aliakmonhotel.gr

Phone: +302461036015

Single from: 62.00€. Double from: 75.00€. Three bed room: 95€

Above Hotels will reserve availability with special prices for the European Championships until 15/05/2026. As Greece is a very popular summer vacation destination, we urge you to proceed with your hotel booking asap.



CAR RENTAL

We would like to inform you that the Servia Nautical Club has secured a special benefit to facilitate your travel. Specifically, all athletes and their accompanying persons are entitled to a 10% discount on car rental through CARAC.

To benefit from the discount, please follow the steps below:

- Contact the CARAC Customer Service Department via phone or email.
- State that your reservation concerns the Servia Nautical Club competition event.
- After confirmation, the discount will be applied to your reservation.

For more information about the available options and service points,

you can visit the website: <https://www.carac.gr> or call at 2310 521000 | +30 6970866198

7. INTENTION TO ENTER

Countries interested in participating should submit the attached Intention to Enter form **no later than 16th May 2026**

Emails to: eurowake2026@wakeboardcouncil.com

Any Federation not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to compete until they pay a fine of €250 to the IWWF. For each participant entered on the Intention to Enter form, the Federation must pay **a deposit of €50 to IWWF bank account** - this payment is non-refundable. This payment will ensure the number of riders participating at the event is accurate and enable the planning of the event.

If the Federation sends the number of riders as indicated in the Intention to Enter, the payment made will be deducted from the entry fee.

If the Federation sends less riders than the number indicated on the Intention to Enter, the €50 paid for each of the riders not attending will be forfeited.

The Federation may enter up to 2 additional riders more than originally declared on the Intention to Enter form. If more than 2 additional riders participate, then a fee of €50 per additional rider will be levied on the Federation.

8. ELIGIBILITY

A Federation may select and enter the riders as desired according to the 2026 World Wakeboard Rules. However, each team member must be a citizen or applying for citizenships of the country that the Federation represents. Rider nationality will be checked by the Chief Judge and Chief Scorer according to his/her passport.

9. TEAM ENTRY

All riders participating will be considered team members. It is encouraged to have a mixed participation with male and female riders, and riders entered in as many categories as possible. Team scoring will be used for country classification at Titled Championship events, as per the 2026 Wakeboard Rules.

10. INDIVIDUAL RIDERS

According to the IWWF World Wakeboard Rules (rule 3.9.2) athletes may compete as individuals. An individual rider's entry must be submitted through his respective Federation or Federation representative, following the same procedure. Any individual entering must complete registration by attending the Scorers office with his/her passport 39 hours prior to the start of the event. Federations will decide the criteria for an individual rider's entry. There is no restriction to the number of riders who enter International Titled events as individual competitors

11. ENTRY / REGISTRATION OF RIDERS

Each Federation shall register the riders through their EMS Federation Administrator **no later than 5th July, 2026** (10 days before the scheduled start of the event), through the [IWWF Event Management System \(EMS\)](#). Any Federation not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to compete until the Federation pays a fine of €10 per rider per day after the 10-day deadline to the IWWF for each rider not officially entered. Late entries will only be accepted with the mutual consent of the Organiser and Chief Judge.

Registration will close at **6:00 pm on July 13, 2026** (39 hours prior to the start of the competition).

If a rider is not able to be at the site before the registration closes, he/she (or the Team Captain) must ensure that a digital copy of his/her passport is sent to the Chief Judge and Chief Scorer and that his/her entry fee is paid, as well as a clear indication of the division the rider will compete in.

The registration of the rider participations in EMS can be done as follows:

1. The EMS Federation Administrator has to login to EMS
2. Go to the Competitions menu and set the *Code* (tbc) or *Country* "GREECE" and *Discipline* "Wakeboard Boat" in the Search Filters
3. Select the "IWWF Europe and Africa Wakeboard Boat Championship" competition
4. Scroll down to the Participations section and click the "New participation" button to register the Athletes
5. Enter the Name of the Athlete in the Search box and click on the loop sign to the right
6. Register the *Category in Competition*, the *Event* and the *Entry Type*
7. Click on the blue "+Add" button and the participant will be registered
8. Repeat the steps 5 to 7 for any additional participants
9. Any registration after the deadline on 5th JULY 2026, will be put on the waiting list to be approved by mutual consent of the Organizer and the Chief Judge
10. Any penalties on entry fees will be collected on site in cash

12.IWWF LICENSE

It is essential that Federations ensure that all their Wakeboard athletes hold a valid IWWF License to enter any E&A Confederation Championships. All participants must enter via their Federations on EMS.

13.RULES

The 2026 IWWF World Wakeboard Boat Rules will apply.

14.OFFICIAL FAMILIARISATION

All riders will have equal time to familiarise themselves with the course and the wake. All riders will have the opportunity for only 1 familiarisation slot.

The number of days required for Official Familiarisation will depend on the total number of riders according to the Intention to Enter forms. Official Familiarisation will take place on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July 2026.

Official Familiarisation will open for booking on 18th May 2026 at 09.00 CET - 2 days following the deadline for the Intention to Enter forms. The process for the booking of Official Familiarisation will be strictly managed on a first come first served - according to the date and time of the receipt of email requests to:

eurowake2026@wakeboardcouncil.com

AND

Linda.johnston@wakeboardcouncil.com

When requesting official familiarisation slots, please state the preferred date and time. Slots will be allocated by order of preference as received by email date and time. Slots booked are not changeable and are not refundable. Where required - final decisions will be made by Chief Judge and Chief Scorer.

Payment must be made at the time of the confirmation of the booking and is not refundable. Slots cannot be changed following booking confirmation.

The price of 1 slot is €40.00 payable to IWWF – the bank details are below.

Please reference your payment – WBB OF E&A 2026 + Country

15. ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is €280.00 per athlete for Open, Masters and Veterans, €230,00 per athlete for Junior categories. To be paid to IWWF bank details below

16. BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS OF IWWF:

NAME OF BANK: ABN-AMRO, PO BOX 59
Account Name: WAKEBOARD BOAT
COUNCIL IBAN: NL03ABNA0843855983
BIC/SWIFT CODE: ABNANL2A

Mark your payment with the reference - WBB E&A 2026 + COUNTRY

Proof of payment must be sent to - eurowake2026@wakeboardcouncil.com AND copy to Linda.johnston@wakeboardcouncil.com

17. UNOFFICIAL TRAINING

The organizer will organize unofficial training during the two days before the competition starts. The price of 1 slot of 10 min will be confirmed in the next bulletin. For more information, please contact George via **WhatsApp @+306944277331**

18. OFFICIALS PANEL – Details in Bulletin 2

19. OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

The Opening Ceremony will take place on Tuesday 14th July

The Closing Ceremony will take place on Saturday 18th July
Further details will be provided in Bulletin 2

20. FLAGS

It is important that ALL Team Captains **bring 2 flags** of their country for the Opening ceremony and for the Medals ceremony. Flags should be given to the Organizer at registration.

21. DOPING CONTROL

In accordance with the IWWF E&A Anti-Doping Rules, doping controls will be conducted during the competition. When entering this competition all athletes must agree to be subject to doping control. Information about the anti-doping rules and links to the list of banned substances can be accessed at the following link: <http://iwwfed.com/athletes/anti-doping/>

This is the link to the WADA website where the Doping Control Process is explained: <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/education-and-prevention/doping-control/processforathletes>

22.IWWF SAFE SPORT POLICY & SAFEGUARDING REGULATIONS

The IWWF takes safeguarding extremely seriously and is committed to ensuring that everyone who attends the championships, whether athletes, officials or volunteers operate in a safe environment, free from abuse and the risk of harm. It is a condition of participation that all attendees familiarise themselves and comply with the IWWF Safeguarding Regulations which are available at <https://iwwf.sport/safe-sport/>

23.CONTACTS

Main contact - Organizer – Theodosios Dimopoulos +30 6942474717
t.dimopoulos@wakeboardcouncil.com

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Nautical Club of Servia – Manos Dimoudias
manosdimoudias@yahoo.gr

**The IWWF E&A Wakeboard Boat Championships 2026
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INTENTION TO ENTER FORM

The.....FEDERATION will attend the IWWF E&A Wakeboard Boat Championships 2026, at Servia Kozani, Greece powered by Malibu Boats. We expect our team to consist of:

U14 Boys _____

U14 Girls _____

U18 Men _____

U18 Women _____

Open Men _____

Open Women _____

O30 Men _____

O30 Women _____

O40 Men _____

O40 Women _____

O50 Men _____

O50 Women _____

Name of Team Captain: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Team Manager: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Lead contact: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Please return this form by 16th May 2026 to:

eurowake2026@wakeboardcouncil.com

and

Linda.johnston@wakeboardcouncil.com