



Red Bull Storm Chase: First Mission starts on January 28, 2013 • Official Go given for Brandon Bay, Ireland • 10 of the world's best windsurfers and event crew on their way

Red Bull Storm Chase Mission 1 to Ireland

January 27, 2013 – Ireland green-lighted! After 6 months of waiting the official GO for the first Mission of The Red Bull Storm Chase has finally been given. 10 of the world's best windsurfers and the crew are now en-route to catch the tracking storm in time. The first round of the most-challenging windsurfing contest of all time is expected to start on Monday, January 28.

The spot: Brandon Bay, Ireland

Ireland is known for heavy storm surf and howling winds. Brandon Bay is a former PWA wave spot, where Red Bull Storm Chase can find the right break for almost any wind direction within a couple of kilometers. The bay allows perfect camera angles with stunning backgrounds. The sailors will have to fight with the fact that wind develops more power in colder temperatures. For the participants used to the warmer temperatures at home, this might become tricky...

Average Temperatures: Air (Jan-Mar): 5-12°C, Water (Jan-Mar): 10°C

The Athletes:

10 windsurfers will compete in Mission number one: Josh Angulo (CPV), Marcilio Browne (BRA), Daniel Bruch (GER), Kenneth Danielsen (DNK), Victor Fernandez Lopez (ESP), Boujmaa Guilloul (MAR), Leon Jamaer (GER), Robby Swift (GBR), Julien Taboulet (FRA), and Thomas Traversa (FRA). Only six of them advance to Mission number two.

The Judging:

Waves and jumps are scored on a scale from 1 to 10. Focus is on radicalness and height. An extremely high jump without a clean landing can get higher scores than a clean landed one. In order to incentivise sailors for variety, points will be deducted for repeating (-1 point or three times -2 points) in their top-5 scored moves.

The criteria for sessions will be set by the three Judges - Head Judge Duncan Coombs, Sports Director Klaas Voget and Guest Judge Timo Mullen. Competitors will be mixed and drawn by the head judge. Every sailor will have the opportunity to go out for multiple sessions. Judges will present the actual ranking after every complete round of sessions. The 5 best jumps and the 5 best waves from all sessions during the mission will be taken into the final score. At the end of the day, the crew, judges and all "non sailors" will vote for the highest jump and sickest wave ride. Competitors will be awarded with 5 extra points for these. If two competitors have the same amount of votes, the extra points will be shared.

Live-Rporting:

Real-time mission reportings from the sailors and crew members, latest information and stunning images from the mission at www.redbullstormchase.com

