

Report on Paramotor Sport in Poland for the annual CIMA meeting Lausanne'2010

Overview of the situation in Poland for flying paramotors.

In several weeks we are expecting a positive change in air law. The change will allow CAA to delegate issuing of pilot's licenses and certificates to an outside body. CAA is keen to authorize Polish NAC to take over those duties. The change should make training process easier, and less expensive for pilots, what in turn should result in bigger amount of pilot trained every year.

Number of pilots trained

Out of over 800 paraglider licenses issued this year, over 250 has been granted to paramotor pilots.

Competitions

The biggest paramotor event in Poland was Polish Open Paramotor Championships, that gathered 26 pilots from Poland, plus one pilot from Estonia. Apart from this event 8 another sporty paramotor events were held ranging from air shows to FAI-like competitions.

Records

Two precision Competition World Record has been broken:

KUDASZEWICZ Tomasz	RPL1T	"Clover leaf Slalom"	52.235 s
PLAK Emilia	RPF1Tf	"Clover leaf Slalom"	47.900 s

There were no "regular" (non competition) records broken. The main reason is the lack of FAI official observers in Poland.

Outstanding feats

A PL1 pilot Artur Dyl has flown an FAI triangle of over 700 km long.

Accidents

1 fatal accident – a deep spiral too close to the ground . Pilot didn't manage to come out.

5 severe (non fatal) accidents – 2 of them caused by pilots flying in circle into their own vortex.

Significant issues

A lack of FAI official competitions this year, causes a serious impact on Paramotor sport discipline budget, that depends on the results of the official team last year. Poland insists on CIMA to work out the system where there are FAI Cat.1 or FAI Cat.2 competition every year. Continental League Cup is an event that we are enthusiastically supporting.

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