

WGAC & WAGAC 2017 CONTEST DIRECTOR REPORT



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Dear President . Dear Delegates.

I had the honor of being the Contest Director of the World Glider Aerobatic Championships in Toruń for the first time.

Competition was held on 27.07.2017-05.08.2017 In two categories - Unlimited (23 competitors from 10 countries) Advanced (35 competitors from 11 countries)

We had 4 Towplanes – (Robin DR400 , 2 x Socata Ralle 235 , Yak 12). During the event pilots made 436 flights (155 Training), (269 Competition) and Warmup Pilot (12)

Unfortunately one accident took place, Glider crashed during landing. Pilot didn't suffer any serious injuries. Glider has been damaged in 30%.

Generally there was no official protests during competition. We used meteorological balloons for wind measurement and VAISALA - Weather information station, although the system is old but , everything worked fast and very well .

Over the control of aerobatic box the border lines and altitude were monitored by the (Red Van) system and the measurements were very accurate.

A very good cooperation with the Aeroclub in Toruń contributed to the professional preparation of the infrastructure, (the layout of the zone, a new hangar specially built for the championship).

I rate the sporting level very high. Taking into account that some of the Swift's gliders is at the end of the hour life cycle. These gliders should be allocated only to participate in the unlimited category.

Contest Director of WGAC 2017 Toruń

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