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PAIN IN SPAIN

The deepening financial crisis in Spain seems to be taking its toll on the Canaries – and in turn the Fuerteventura Grand Slam. The local government were forced to withdraw a portion of their committed budget, leading to the cancellation of some facets of the event. First came the demise of the IKA kitesurfing contest and the ISWC Windsurfing Speed World Championships. As if that weren't a big enough blow, PWA Women's Freestyle was then dropped from the Fuerte schedule due to lack of funding, leaving just Men's Slalom and Men's Freestyle coming to Sotavento 23 July 2010.

Rumour and speculation have been rife elsewhere in the Canaries too. The mooted Tenerife Wave event has failed to materialise, although as we go to press the traditional July start to the Wave Tour at Pozo has just been confirmed for 8-9 of July. There's some good news after all! Keep up with all the PWA results and movies at boards.co.uk, follow the latest news at boardseeker.com, and look for official word from pwaworldtour.com

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ZARA ON TOP OF THE WORLD

The UK's queen of speed, Zara Davis, has taken the top spot on the official International Speed Windsurfing Class ranking. Zara only started speedsailing in 2005 but has steadily climbed up the rankings through consistent performances at international events like the European Championships in Ireland last year. But victory tasted bitter-sweet as it coincided with news of the demise of the World Championships at legendary Sotavento. Zara said: "It's great to be ranked number one in the world, but it's the World Championships I was looking forward to. It attracts all the top girls and it would have been great to achieve the world title on a level playing field". Zara is sponsored by Mistral, Simmer, DaKine, Spartan, Sonntag Fins and Walnut Grove Clinic. zaradavis.co.uk