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## 'Reservoir Rendezvous' Set This Weekend

### *Windsurfers From Several States Expected*

Windsurfers from a multi-state area are expected to gather at the New London Reservoir Park and Campground this weekend for the Second Annual Reservoir Rendezvous, which is a stop on the MOWIND (Midwest Organizers of Windsurfing) competition circuit.

Other stops on the circuit include events in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa, as well as Ohio.

The event is intended to provide a fun time of competition and camping for the windsurfers, and the organizers invite the community to watch the competition, visit with the competitors and possibly get some expert advice on getting started in the sport.

The regatta is officially

scheduled to start at around 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 16, and, following an evening break, continue on Sunday morning, July 17.

While the number of competitors is unknown at this point, Philip Sage, President of MOWIND, told the Record that about 60 windsurfers took part in last year's New London event and about the same number is anticipated this year "with perhaps more new faces, as the word has gotten out that this is a fun event."

"Hopefully, the wind gods will bless us again like they did last year," said Scott Haas, of Monclova, Oh., who has been in charge of organizing the New London event while Sage is on a work assignment. "I do expect the p

increase a bit over last year," he added.

Haas said Ted Schweitzer of Traverse City, Mich., whose father, Hoyle Schweitzer, is credited with inventing the windsurfer board 40 years ago, plans to attend the New London event again and will be bringing some of his "Original Windsurfer" boards.

Haas, a certified U.S. Sailing Level I windsurfing instructor, said he is planning to offer a couple free windsurf mini lessons Friday afternoon for area residents interested in taking up the sport.

While the windsurfing event is going on, the reservoir park will remain open for swimming and other activities. The admission fee to the park is \$2.00.



Windsurf competitors skim the surface of the New London Reservoir during one of the Reservoir Rendezvous races. Organizers say more competitors could turn out for this year's event. (Record Photo)