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The Two Ocean Slope Soarers Committee would like to extend an open invitation to all French Pilots to our annual slope aerobatics competition, our next event will be hosted on the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2017. This would be an excellent opportunity to experience a holiday in Cape Town, South Africa while enjoying your sport of slope soaring and precision aerobatics during the course of your stay.



Cape Town is one of the best sun, sand and sea destinations in the world, with a rich history and beautiful landscapes. Choose from a wide variety of activities including relaxing days on the beach, a trip up Table Mountain, shopping and exotic dining at the V&A Waterfront, or take a drive out to the beautiful winelands. You can also access other desirable destinations such as the Garden Route or take a short domestic flight to the famous Kruger National Park and enjoy a local safari. The club members are also a highly sociable bunch so you won't be short on opportunities to enjoy a barbecue in the company of fellow slope soarers.

TOSS operate from seven local flying sites around Cape Town which cater for most wind conditions, all with stunning views of the Cape Peninsular coastline. Our primary summer site is Red Hill in Simons Town and usually where the aerobatic completion is hosted every year:



Signal Hill – Cape Town



Soetwater - Kommetjie



Gif Kommetjie



Diaz Beach – Cape Point



Red Hill – Simonstown

Smitswinkel Bay



Chapmans Peak – Hout Bay

The Two Oceans Slope Soarers club was founded in 2007 and hosted their first annual Slope Aerobatics

Competition in 2009 and has grown considerably from its humble beginnings. The event now attracts pilots from all over South Africa and we have SAMAA registered judges to adjudicate scoring for the event. Glassware is awarded to pilots for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class and a floating trophy awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place in each class.

Competition format:

- 2 days (Sat & Sun) + practice day (Fri)
- Total of 3 rounds flown, weather permitting
- 3+ judges
- 2 classes, Expert Class and Open Class
- Manoeuvres are performed individually but in sequence
- 2 pilots in the air at a time
- K-factors apply across all manoeuvres
- Callers to announce manoeuvre, start and finish of sequence
- Assigned Flying Box

While flying sites and conditions are world class, landing at most of our sites can be a challenge for the uninitiated. Most of our slopes have a mixture of shrubs and bushes with some exposed rocks in between and landing damage to gliders is not uncommon. To minimise this risk at the competition, we recently installed a 25 x 5m landing net at our Red Hill site which was use with great success during our 2016 event with no landing damage reported (see below)





Links below to articles in Radio Control Soaring Digest really capture the visual flavour of the competition.

Radio Control Soaring Digest article TOSS Aerobatics 2015 http://www.rcsoaringdigest.com/pdfs/RCSD-2015/RCSD-2015-05.pdf

Radio Control Soaring Digest article TOSS Aerobatics 2016 http://www.rcsoaringdigest.com/pdfs/RCSD-2016/RCSD-2016-08.pdf

## Accommodation

One of our members, Peter Berretta has a 5 bedroom holiday home located within a secure complex in Lake Michele, Noordhoek which he rents out and will be available over the completion period. It is ideally located to enjoy all of the local beaches, flying sites and other amenities.

Link to Peter's home and accommodation reservation https://www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/7569261

## Safety

South Africa receives a lot of bad press and while reports of high crime are statistically accurate, the Western Cape and particularly the Cape Peninsular where most of us live has a very low crime rate and is much safer than other parts of the country. As long as one uses common sense regarding concealing valuables and locking vehicles and homes, Cape Town offers a very safe and enjoyable holiday destination.

Please contact Christo le Roux at info@toss.co.za if you would like any further information regarding the Competition or advice on visiting Cape Town.

Regards

**TOSS Committee**