

#### **ROUTE TO: PORTO, PORTUGAL**

The 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> rounds of the FIA WTCC will take place next week on Porto's Circuito da Boavista.

This is the second visit the championship pays to this racetrack that winds along the streets of the Portuguese city and was revived in 2005, half-a-century since it hosted the Portuguese Formula 1 Grand Prix.

In 2007 – on WTCC's first visit – Chevrolet and BMW shared the glory. In the first race Alain Menu led home a trio of Chevrolet Lacetti cars, followed by team mates Robert Huff and Nicola Larini. The second race saw a BMW double, with Andy Priaulx emerging as the winner ahead of Jörg Müller.

Next week the WTCC competitors will benefit from a 30 minute test session on Friday to re-discover the track; the only major change to the layout that was used two years ago concerns the infamous paddock chicane, which has been completely redrawn.



Two years later, the WTCC goes back to Porto's Circuito da Boavista

#### **JAMES THOMPSON JOINS LADA SPORT**

Touring car ace James Thompson returns to the FIA WTCC joining the LADA Sport team. Yesterday at Zolder, the 35-year old Englishman had his first test in the brand new LADA Priora he will drive in Porto next week. Thompson will replace team principal and driver Viktor Shapovalov in four of the remaining six events: Porto, Brands Hatch, Okayama and Macau, missing Oschersleben and Imola due to previous commitments. His team-mates Jaap van Lagen and Kirill Ladygin will also switch from the current LADA 110 to the new Priora from the meeting in Oschersleben on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Thompson boasts an outstanding WTCC record, having raced for Alfa Romeo, SEAT and Honda claiming 4 victories and 12 other podium results; in 2007 he classified third in the drivers' championship. He has started the current season competing in the Danish and the British Touring Car Championships, achieving four wins so far.

*"I'm very excited to be back in the WTCC and I feel very privileged that LADA has asked me to be the first person to race their new car," said Thompson. "It's a great challenge to be involved in a new project like this from the beginning and I am looking forward to it very much."*



James Thompson tested the new LADA Priora in Zolder

### **WTCC TO RACE AT ZOLDER IN 2010**

On Wednesday in Paris the FIA World Motor Sport Council approved the calendar for the 2010 World Touring Car Championship.

The series will visit two new venues: Zolder and Algarve. The former that hosted one meeting of the FIA European Touring Car Championship back in 2001, replaces the French round of Pau and will mark WTCC's return to Belgium after its only visit (at Spa in 2005). As for the new Portuguese racetrack, it will receive the championship for the first time, stepping in for Porto.

Other changes compared to the current season are the dates swapped between Italy and Spain (the name of the Italian venue that will host the first European event will be communicated soon) and the postponement of the Czech event to August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **2010 FIA WTCC CALENDAR**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Venue</b>
07 March	BRAZIL	Curitiba
11 April	MEXICO	Puebla
16 May	MOROCCO	Marrakech
30 May	ITALY	TBA
20 June	BELGIUM	Zolder
04 July	PORTUGAL	Algarve
18 July	GREAT BRITAIN	Brands Hatch
01 August	CZECH REPUBLIC	Brno
05 September	GERMANY	Oschersleben
19 September	SPAIN	Valencia *
31 October	JAPAN	Okayama
21 November	MACAU	Macau

\* subject to the approval of the Spanish Federation

### YOKOHAMA CONFIRMED UNTIL 2012

Following an invitation to tender, the FIA World Motor Sport Council appointed the Yokohama Rubber Company to supply the control tyre for the next three seasons of the FIA World Touring Car Championship: 2010, 2011 and 2012.

The Japan-based manufacturer has been WTCC official tyre supplier since the 2006 season.

### SEAT AND CHEVROLET ARE LIGHTER IN PORTO

The SEAT León Tdi and Chevrolet Cruze LT cars will benefit from a reduction of the compensation weight for the next event of the season in Porto.

According to the calculation that took into account the lap times set in the three previous events (Pau, Valencia and Brno) BMW remains the fastest model and will receive once again the maximum 40kg ballast. At the same time SEAT's turbodiesel machines will run on the minimum weight fixed by the sporting regulations (1170 kg), while Chevrolet will be a further 10 kilos lighter, just like Alessandro Zanardi's BMW 320si (the only one equipped with a sequential gearbox).

Both the SEAT León TFSI and the LADA 110 cars will have 20kg deducted from the minimum weight, while the newly homologated LADA Priora will be laden with the maximum ballast for its first two events in the championship.

#### Compensation weights Porto

<b>+ 40 kg</b>	BMW 320si, LADA Priora
<b>± 0 kg</b>	SEAT León TDI
<b>- 10 kg</b>	BMW 320si Zanardi , Chevrolet Cruze LT
<b>- 20 kg</b>	LADA 110, SEAT León TFSI

### FASTEST CARS IN THE PREVIOUS EVENTS

#### Lap time calculation as per art. 79 Sporting Regulations

<i>Curitiba:</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> SEAT León Tdi; 2 <sup>nd</sup> BMW 320si (+ 0.252); 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Chevrolet Cruze LT (+ 0.337)
<i>Puebla:</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> BMW 320si; 2 <sup>nd</sup> SEAT León Tdi (+ 0.419); 3 <sup>rd</sup> : BMW 320si GBS (+ 1.497)
<i>Marrakech:</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Chevrolet Cruze LT; 2 <sup>nd</sup> SEAT León Tdi (+ 0.191); 3 <sup>rd</sup> : BMW 320si (+ 0.831)
<i>Pau:</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> BMW 320si; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chevrolet Cruze LT (+ 0.579); 3 <sup>rd</sup> : SEAT León Tfsi (+ 1.002)
<i>Valencia:</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> SEAT León Tdi; 2 <sup>nd</sup> BMW 320si (+ 0.294); 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Chevrolet Cruze LT (+ 0.965)
<i>Brno:</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> BMW 320si; 2 <sup>nd</sup> BMW 320si Zanardi (+ 0.393); 3 <sup>rd</sup> : SEAT León Tdi (+ 0.809)

### PUYO IS THE SEAT CUP WINNER FOR PORTO

Diego Puyo has won participation in the next World Touring Car Championship races at Porto by winning the SEAT León Eurocup's second event last Sunday at Brno.

On the Czech racetrack the 25 year-old Spaniard completed the first race in fifth position and won the second one, climbing on top of the standings.

Thanks to these results, Puyo will take the wheel of SUNRED Engineering's third SEAT León at Porto, succeeding Tim Coronel who successfully drove it at Brno.

### ARTISTIC LIVERY FOR MENU'S CHEVROLET

Chevrolet chose the Portuguese event to sport – on Alain Menu's Cruze car – the special livery winner of this year's 'Young? Creative? Chevrolet!' pan-European contest.

Like in 2008, the brief in the visual arts discipline of Chevrolet's competition for art school students was the design of a unique livery to be sported one-off by one of the WTCC cars.

The winning project comes from Belgium and was conceived by Britt Raes, from the Royal Academy of Fine Arts (KASK) in Ghent.



'Young? Creative? Chevrolet!' Livery for Alain Menu's car in Porto

### MEDIA ACCREDITATION FOR BRANDS HATCH

Rounds 15 and 16 of the 2009 FIA World Touring Car Championship will take place at Brands Hatch, UK, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July.

**The deadline to apply for media credentials is Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Please remember that media passes issued by National Sporting Authorities and/or any other series will NOT be valid.**

The Accreditation form may be downloaded at the websites [www.fia.com](http://www.fia.com) and [www.fiawtcc.com](http://www.fiawtcc.com).

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**COUNTDOWN: - 9 DAYS**



to the 2009 FIA WTCC Race of Portugal – 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> July in Porto

# 2009 FIA WORLD TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP



## ROUNDS 13 & 14 - PORTO, 5 July - ENTRY LIST

#	class	competitor	driver	car
1		SEAT Sport	Yvan Muller (FRA)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
2		SEAT Sport	Gabriele Tarquini (ITA)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
3		SEAT Sport	Rickard Rydell (SWE)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
4		SEAT Sport	Jordi Gené (ESP)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
5		SEAT Sport	Tiago Monteiro (POR)	SEAT León 2.0 TDI
6		BMW Team UK	Andy Priaulx (GBR)	BMW 320si
7		BMW Team Germany	Jörg Müller (GER)	BMW 320si
8		BMW Team Germany	Augusto Farfus (BRA)	BMW 320si
9		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Alessandro Zanardi (ITA)	BMW 320si
10		BMW Team Italy-Spain	Sergio Hernández (ESP)	BMW 320si
11		Chevrolet	Robert Huff (GBR)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
12		Chevrolet	Alain Menu (SUI)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
14		Chevrolet	Nicola Larini (ITA)	Chevrolet Cruze LT
18		LADA Sport	Jaap van Lagen (NED)	LADA 110 2.0
19		LADA Sport	Kirill Ladygin (RUS)	LADA 110 2.0
21	/	SUNRED Engineering	Tom Coronel (NED)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
22	/	SUNRED Engineering	Tom Boardman (GBR)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
23	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	Félix Porteiro (ESP)	BMW 320si
24	/	Scuderia Proteam Motorsport	George Tanev (BUL)	BMW 320si
25	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Franz Engstler (GER)	BMW 320si
26	/	Liqui Moly Team Engstler	Kristian Poulsen (DEN)	BMW 320si
27	/	Wiechers-Sport	Stefano D'Aste (ITA)	BMW 320si
28	/	Čolak Racing Team Ingra	Marin Čolak (CRO)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
30	/	Exagon Engineering	Mehdi Bennani (MAR)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
35	/	SUNRED Engineering	Diego Puyo (ESP)	SEAT León 2.0 TFSI
36		LADA Sport	James Thompson (GBR)	LADA Priora

/ = Yokohama Independents' Trophy

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## ROUNDS 13 & 14 – CIRCUITO DA BOAVISTA, PORTO



**Lap distance – 4,720 m**  
**Race distance – 2 x 11 laps**

- Location:** downtown Porto, in the Boavista district, around the City Park
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- Airports:** Porto-Pedras Rubras “Francisco Sá Carneiro” (10 km), Viseu (110 km), Vigo, Spain (150 km)
- S2000 lap records:** Qual. - 2:06.927/133.87 kph, Alain Menu (Chevrolet Lacetti), 8 Jul 2007  
Race - 2:08.829/131.89 kph, Robert Huff (Chevrolet Lacetti), 9 Jul 2007
- Previous winners:** 2007 FIA WTCC Race 1: Alain Menu (Chevrolet Lacetti)  
2007 FIA WTCC Race 2: Andy Priaulx (BMW 320si)



## Rounds 13 & 14 – Porto (POR) EVENT TIMETABLE

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009

12.45 – 13.15	Portuguese Touring Car Championship	Testing
13.30 – 14.00	SEAT León Eurocup	Free Practice 1
14.15 – 14.40	Trofeo Abarth 500 Europe	Free Practice 1
<b>15.00 – 15.30</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Testing</b>
15.45 – 16.15	Portuguese Touring Car Championship	Free Practice 1
16.30 – 17.00	SEAT León Eurocup	Free Practice 2
17.15 – 17.40	Trofeo Abarth 500 Europe	Free Practice 2

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2009

<b>09.00 – 09.30</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Free Practice 1</b>
09.45 – 10.15	Portuguese Touring Car Championship	Free Practice 2
10.30 – 11.00	Trofeo Abarth 500 Europe	Qualifying
11.15 – 11.30	SEAT León Eurocup	Qualifying
<b>12.00 – 12.30</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Free Practice 2</b>
12.40 – 13.00	SEAT VIP Race	Practice
<u>13.30</u>	<u>SEAT VIP Race</u>	<u>Race</u>
14.15 – 14.45	Portuguese Touring Car Championship	Qualifying
<b>15.00 – 15.50</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Qualifying</b>
16.30	SEAT León Eurocup	Race 1
<u>17.30</u>	<u>Trofeo 500 Abarth Europe</u>	<u>Race 1</u>

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2009

<b>09.00 – 09.15</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Warm up</b>
10.05	Portuguese Touring Car Championship	Race 1
<b>11.35</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Race 1 (11 laps)</b>
12.05	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 1</i>
13.15	Trofeo 500 Abarth Europe	Race 2
14.20	SEAT León Eurocup	Race 2
15.25	Portuguese Touring Car Championship	Race 2
<b>16.50</b>	<b>FIA WTCC</b>	<b>Race 2 (11 laps)</b>
17.20	<i>FIA WTCC</i>	<i>Podium Race 2</i>

**NB – local time: GMT**