

McGregor races to 6th World K1 Title in Derakane™ kayak, Brandenburg, Germany



Brandenburg (RSA) PRESS RELEASE – Hank McGregor bagged a seventh world title when he mastered a powerful field and tough weather conditions to win the Men's K1 crown at the ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships, with compatriot Andy Birkett grabbing his first senior medal to complete a historic South African one:two.

Hank Mc Gregor raced to his 6th World Marathon K1 title in the new Velox Spectra kayak manufactured by Kayak Centre using **Derakane™ 411-200 resin** supplied by **add resins**, supplier of **Derakane™ resins** in Southern African.

Racing in rainy, windy conditions that left the vast expanse of the Brandenburg an den Havel lake choppy and difficult to manage, McGregor raced a tactically superb race to stay in command of a threatening nine boat front bunch, with Portugal's Jose Ramalho and Hungary's Adrian Boros always well positioned.

"Racing against some of the best paddlers, if not the best paddlers, and I managed to pull it off when it really counted," said McGregor.

"I thoroughly enjoyed myself. It was a totally different type of racing, with sometimes fifteen guys on the front bunch. But that's the World Championships, against the best of the best.

"To have my countryman working together with me was great. I am really happy," he said after the race.

The silver medal is a massive result for Birkett, who won the Under 23 K1 world title in Copenhagen.

McGregor's sixth K1 title win saw him defend his K1 crown which he won in Gyor last year, to go with the K2 crown that he won with Jasper Mocké in Oklahoma in 2014. On The following day McGregor and Mocké successfully defended their K2 title giving McGregor an astonishing 8th World title; the other South African crew racing in the K2 event, Louis Hattingh and Andy Birkett claimed the Bronze medal in the same race.