



**THIS NEWSLETTER IS DEDICATED TO ALL RACING OFFICIALS AND COMPETITORS – YOU MUST READ THIS CAREFULLY AS THERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES**

As we head toward the beginning of the 2009 season, The champions of UK powerboat racing headed to Bournemouth for the 2008 RYA Powerboat Racing Awards Ceremony.

As the first Offshore race of the season the RMYC's Brass Monkey race was cancelled on safety reasons due to the UK's recent bout of bad weather, the RYA Powerboat racing department waited in anticipation to see how many of the evenings guests would be thwarted by the condition of Britain's roads.

Resilient as ever and not wanting to miss the party everybody arrived safely for the festivities to begin with a drinks reception sponsored by Denis Swann and UKFFORC's new E1500 Class, before the champions made their way through to the De Vere Suite for the Awards Ceremony.

As the guests took their seats John Puddifoot Powerboat Racing Manager was joined on stage for the evening by powerboat racing's media darling Shelley Jory to commentate their way through the racers achievements. Whilst the VIP guest of the evening was Dr Raffaele Chiulli President of the UIM was on hand to present the awards.

The evening got underway with the Junior Champions of 2008, each taking centre stage to receive their well deserved awards. Brothers Matt and Joe Edwards were present for the evening to collect their Jet Ski Awards along with Pink Lady World Jet Ski Champion Anya Colley.



Jake Swann & Jamie Little  
F400 Champions



Jake Swann & Chris Little  
E9000 Champions



Ben Morse J250 Sprint  
Champion & GT15 & JT250  
Record Holder



Alex Gilbert J250  
Champion



Matt Edwards Junior Expert  
Ski 4-Stroke Champion



Anya Colley World Novice  
Women's Ski & Novice Ski  
Limited & National Ski Limited  
Champion



Joe Edwards World Junior  
Ski Lites 10-12yrs  
Champion

Each year we see our Junior competitors grow more and more into young adults, they are phenomenal in what they do and in what they achieve, but more importantly how they conduct themselves in the process we are all very proud of them, they are the future of our sport and with youngsters like these the future looks very promising. Well done to you all! And best of luck in the new season! 2009 will see some very exciting new initiatives both from the RYA and the UIM which we hope will help promote junior and youth racing in all disciplines.

The evening's attentions then turned to the Offshore discipline of the sport where 8 of the sports teams received accolades for their achievements including Round Britain Team Gee who received special "RYA Spirit of Offshore Racing Awards" for their exploits in the Round Britain Race, World Powerboat P1 Evolution Champion James Sheppard was also in attendance, in addition to World Class 3C navigator Peter Phillipson, Zapcat fans were pleased to see the Championship pilot Michael Pritchard take to the stage to receive his trophy minus his back brace less than 6 months after breaking his back at the last event of the season.



Bob McCarthy & Jeremy  
Gibson receiving OCR  
Trophy on Behalf of Mark  
& Jason Walker



Nicky & Dave Cockman  
receiving Honda 150  
Trophy on behalf of Jak  
Cockman & Andy Phipps



Michael Pritchard & Neil  
Fraser (in Place of Barry  
Minns) Zapcat  
Champions



Scott Collings & Dave  
Simpkins Class 3C  
Champions



V24 Champion Navigator  
Neil Jackson



World Class 3C  
Champion Navigator  
Peter Phillipson



World Powerboat P1  
Evolution Champion  
Driver James Sheppard



RYA Round Britain Spirit  
of Offshore Powerboat  
Racing Award  
Team Gee

Festivities then turned to the Circuit racers of 2008 with Bill Owen finally receiving a Circuit Monohull Championship Trophy after 30 years of trying, Standing Ovation went to Colin Jelf for his hat trick of F2 World Championships, Continental cup and National Sprint title and Carl Wigg dedicating his trophy to his team and their support to name just a few.





James Tapp & Christian  
Fletcher-Walker  
Thundercat P750  
Champions



Vee Ganjavian receiving  
the P750s Thundercat  
award on behalf of James  
Sinclair & Murray  
MacGregor



Bill Owen National T850  
Sprint Champion



Graham Palfreyman  
National T850 Champion



Colin Jelf World F2, F2  
Continental Cup &  
NS2000 Sprint Champion  
assisted by Ben Jelf



Paul Balfour National  
NS2000 Champion



Julian Codling O350  
Hydroplane Sprint  
Champion



Carl Wigg O500  
Hydroplane Sprint  
Champion

The last Champions but by no means least were the Jet Skiers with veteran racer Kevin Pope receiving two awards and newcomers David Brealey and Christian Miller both walking away with titles in their first years of racing.



Kevin Pope National Ski Ltd & Ski Stock 2-Stroke Champion



David Brealey National Novice Runabout 2-Stroke Champion



Christian Miller National Novice Sport Open Champion

Proceedings then sped over to the World and National speed record breakers receiving their Certificates and their K7 coveted Gold and Silver Stars.



Ian Stirling National Class 3C Mono Record Holder – 83.17mph



Keith Whittle, John Puddifoot, Raffaele Chiulli & Jan Falkowski. National SL250 Record Holders & President of the UIM



Gareth Williams World P1 Supersport Record Holder – 87.18mph



Vahid Ganjavian  
World P1 Evolution & P1  
Supersport Record  
Holder- 119.52mph &  
89.69mph



Gino Passchier  
World P1 Evolution  
Record Holder  
121.90mph



Thomas Gilderdale  
World T850 Record  
Holder  
65.85mph



Chris Loney  
World F3000 Record  
Holder  
130.92mph



Helen Loney World  
Outright Electric & Electric  
48v & National Ladies  
Outright Record Holder  
76.80mph, 13.80mph &  
125.80mph



Alan Pickard  
World Runabout Super  
Stock 1200 Record  
Holder  
80.76mph

The Offshore Sponsors Trophy dedicated by Shelley Jory to recognise the generosity and support that sponsors give to teams, making it possible for many people to continue to race was awarded to Silverline tools for their support of the Round Britain Race, Thundercat Racing and The Silverline Powerboat P1 Supersport Team. James Goddard-Watts Owner and Managing Director of Silverline Tools was present to receive the award on behalf of Silverline who are probably the fastest growing supplier of top quality hand and power tools to wholesalers, merchants and retailers in the UK.



Raffaele Chiulli presents James Goddard-Watts of Silverline Tools with the RYA Offshore Sponsors Trophy

The criterion for the next award is that it should be presented to anyone who is adjudged as having given outstanding service to the sport. This year the Tony Needell Award fell to the Offshore discipline the recipient was someone who has worked tirelessly for the sport and is a true ambassador of offshore powerboat racing. The award went to Annie Beakhust with special thanks from the RYA powerboat racing department for all her support, assistance and hard work throughout the years.



Annie Beakhust receives the Tony Needell Award for services to the sport from UIM President Raffaele Chiulli



President of the UIM Raffaele Chiulli then addressed the room talking of his honour in attending the event and giving his congratulations to all the evenings recipients. He then proceeded to talk to of the future of powerboat racing and the UIM. He also took the opportunity to thank the RYA and all the National Authorities and their organizing clubs, teams and drivers, sponsors, UIM promoters and officials for their commitments and contributions at a high professional level.



Raffaele Chiulli receives a small gift from RYA Powerboat Racing Manager John Puddifoot to thank him for attending the awards ceremony

The evening's raffle with prizes donated by Predator Technology, H2O Full Throttle Magazine, The RYA and Emerald Marine saw over £700 raised for The Jeremy Hoyland Rescue Fund in a small bid to assist Jeremy's friends and family in the continuing search.

With the formalities out of the way responsible drinking and dancing continued into the small hours as the racers swapped their racing skills for dance moves.

The RYA Powerboat Racing Department would like to personally thank everybody that attended the event both champions and guests and hope you enjoyed yourself as much as we did.



Team Jelf had lots to celebrate in Colin's Hat trick of World F2 titles as well as his other trophies



The Jetskiers show off all their silverware before hitting the dance floor



## Licence Applications 2009

Licence Applications have been posted out to all existing competitors in the New Year. The cost of your Licence for 2009 has been frozen to 2008 prices. We will however not be offering free licences to any newcomers this year, but we are currently looking at initiatives to encourage more people into the sport.

– The RYA Certification Department is going to take over the processing of the licences, So please ensure all documentation is 100% complete before sending in for processing. All those originally issued by this department will be re-issued by Certification in a different format (and hopefully with the same number). We are hoping to start this transfer by the end of March.

### Medical Declaration Change to Procedure – All Disciplines

When attending your GP's surgery for a medical examination you will be required to produce your passport photographs. One of which must be attached to the new section at the top of page 5. This is for the doctor to verify who he has actually examined. (RAM committee decision 2008).

**Take A Copy** – When sending your Completed Licence Application Forms to us it is advisable to take a photocopy for your records. Some have been lost in the post and medical examinations have had to be retaken. This will save you a lot of trouble and expense.

**The Little Red RYA Licence Wallet** – Please recycle. Hang onto your old red licence wallet for 2009 and use with your updated licence. It's good to be green!

### Download Licence Application Forms Here

**Circuit Racing** - [Circuit Licence Application Form](#)

**Offshore Racing** - [Offshore Licence Application Form](#)

**Jet Sport Racing** - [Jet Sport Licence Application Form](#)

## Insurance - Your Licence and

### What You Are Now Covered For:

RYA Licensing Benefits: Third Party Liability

#### Insurance whilst racing

**Important Note:** We strongly advise you to purchase Competitors' Group Personal Accident & Death Benefit, Legal Expenses cover, Loss of Earnings Insurance, Travel & Medical Insurance (when travelling to foreign events), All Year Round Third Party or Comprehensive cover on your boat/ski (outside of RYA organised Powerboat Racing events), cover against Fire, Theft on your own Craft/Trailer, check to see if your Car Policy covers Trailing. Check **All** your insurance policies to ascertain whether you are covered whilst Powerboat Racing – It is imperative that you declare this. *Always* seek independent professional advice in insurance matters.



#### Extended Third Party Liability Insurance Cover whilst racing abroad (On Water only, up to £5million).

The RYA Third Party Liability Insurance does extend to UIM recognised foreign events – please note that this is only back-up cover in case the organiser's own insurance fails. It is incumbent upon competitors participating in events abroad to purchase the race organiser's own insurance.

### **CLUB INSURANCE FOR CLUB OFFICIALS (OUTSIDE OF RYA EVENTS).**

Clubs can obtain insurance through Heath Lambert on: 01384 822222 or Bishop Skinner on 0800 7838057.

### **PERSONAL ACCIDENT FOR COMPETITORS**

We are always being asked where you can obtain cover, and we have sourced a company for you.

Combined Insurance – [http://www.combinedinsurance.co.uk/Amateur\\_Sportspeople.htm](http://www.combinedinsurance.co.uk/Amateur_Sportspeople.htm)

Contact: Andy Felsted, Tel: 0208 5416040.

**Measurement Certificates** – All classes which require measurement certificates (Circuit and Offshore); must be renewed and paid for on an annual basis *before* the first national race. If there is a transfer of ownership from one competitor to another, then the certificate must be raised in the new owner's name and a renewal fee paid. New boats racing in national events will require measuring by a RYA Measurer prior to the first event. Competitors need to ensure that they have made the necessary arrangement with the Measurer in advance so that he can examine the boat and complete the measurement form; this is then sent on by the competitor to the RYA office, along with the appropriate fee, so that a measurement certificate can be completed and returned to the driver. Measurement forms can be downloaded from the website.

## ***In The Event Of an Injury***

If you are injured during a Powerboat Racing Event and are sent to hospital for examination or treatment, then your licence will be withdrawn by the organisers (a PB19 form is filled out and your licence returned to the RYA). You will be sent a copy of the PB19 form and you must get a doctor's signature declaring you fit before you can race again, and your licence will be reissued.



## ***Volunteers Wanted***

The RYA Powerboat Racing Department wants your help! We are currently seeking people that can help give us information about events, so we can create press releases to send out to local and national press.

We understand that you racers and officials are very busy at events, so if you have a friend or family member that goes to every event with you and you think they would be able to do this (we don't expect them to write an article, just fill in a form and feed us with some information) Click here to volunteer [I want to volunteer to help promote the sport.](#)

***Website Misuse - Word of Warning*** – There are many competitors' forums on the web, and used wisely, they are a good place to air new ideas and views. There have however been formal complaints made to this office about the content of some of these 'chat rooms', to the point where it was requested that the RYA Legal Department make a ruling.

Please be advised that if you are using the web your comments are in the 'public domain'; any defamatory remarks or statements could well fall under the laws of libel (the written word), (slander being the spoken word). It may only be a short while before anyone allegedly maligned may take legal action against those who have allegedly maligned them. So, please take this as a warning to check your facts before committing to print, otherwise it could prove a very costly legal exercise.

Also bear in mind that this may also be viewed by the RYA as "Bringing the sport into disrepute". We are not asking for censorship, but merely request that you write and converse with a bit more caution.

## Immersion Tests:

It is imperative that everyone reads the UIM Immersion Procedures for 2009 these can be found on the RYA website, or the UIM website. <http://www.uimpowerboating.com/vsite/vnavsite/page/directory/0,10853,4916-151356-168572-nav-list,00.html>



# IMMERSION TESTS

It is a mandatory requirement to have an annual immersion test if you are racing in a restrained/safety cell (closed cockpit) craft. This applies to both circuit and offshore racers.

The immersion test is valid for 14 months from the date of successful completion. If you are racing a Super Licence class, you will require a copy of a UIM Immersion Test Certificate, which will be issued by the RYA Powerboat Racing Department.

14th February 1-3 PM  
Chase Terrace Technology College,  
Bridgecross Road,  
Chase Terrace,  
Staffs,  
WS7 2DB

8th March 3-5 PM  
Deyes Lane School,  
Deyes Lane,  
Maghull,  
Liverpool

21st March 1-3 PM  
Chase Terrace Technology College,  
Bridgecross Road,  
Chase Terrace,  
Staffs,  
WS7 2DB

25th April 1-3 PM  
Chase Terrace Technology College,  
Bridgecross Road,  
Chase Terrace,  
Staffs,  
WS7 2DB

There may be another session booked at a later date to accommodate Offshore drivers, if numbers allow.

Cost £30

Please book by telephone: 07811 959520 (Bob Reynolds),  
Booking to be confirmed by sending cheque in advance,  
made payable to Osprey Powerboat Rescue Team

Send to: Bob Reynolds, 43 Lilac Grove, Rising Brook, Stafford, ST17 9ED.

Note: minimum of 3 people per session.  
If minimum persons are not confirmed 4 days prior to the session, it will be cancelled and any cheques received for that session will be returned.



# ANDARK DIVING AND WATERSPORTS



## IMMERSION TESTS

Friday Sessions starting at 19:30

13th February  
13th March  
3rd April  
8th May  
5th June

Sunday Sessions Starting at 10am

22nd February  
22nd March  
19th April  
24th May  
28th June

Other dates can be arranged for groups of 6 or More people.

To Book your place please contact  
Alan Hamblen, Andark Training Manager  
Email: [alan@andark.co.uk](mailto:alan@andark.co.uk)  
Web: [www.andark.co.uk](http://www.andark.co.uk)  
Tel: 01489 581755  
Fax: 01489 575223





## Powerboat Racing Equipment

The RYA does not seek to recommend any particular equipment. Any purchase remains the responsibility of the buyer. Go to the website for the latest safety specifications.

[www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk)

Useful websites:

[www.demon-tweeks.co.uk](http://www.demon-tweeks.co.uk)

[www.tigerperformance.com](http://www.tigerperformance.com)

[www.vortex-racing.co.uk](http://www.vortex-racing.co.uk)

[www.k4plus.com](http://www.k4plus.com)

## Yamato Race Engines

Contact Mike Ward on 01502 731195 or email [mike@yamato.ndo.co.uk](mailto:mike@yamato.ndo.co.uk) or you can visit our website at [www.yamato.ndo.co.uk](http://www.yamato.ndo.co.uk) which contains the latest news and results regarding OSY.400 racing and the availability of motors and parts.



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## Message Regarding Yamaha 70 CES - Aftermarket pistons

As from 1st January 2009, aftermarket pistons manufactured by Wiseco under Wiseco part numbers 3132P2 and 3132P3 will be allowed as replacement pistons in this engine model. These are the only aftermarket pistons which are allowed.

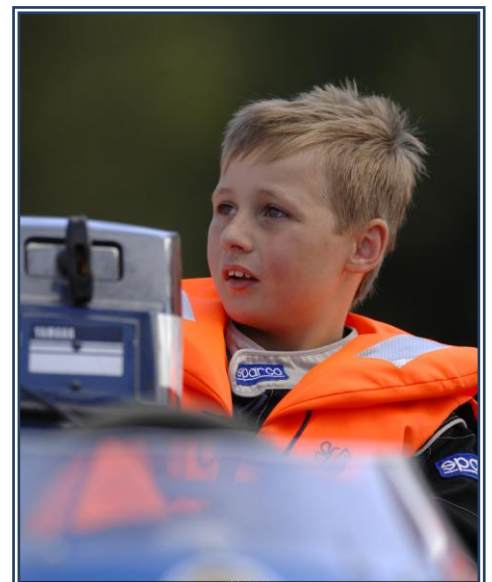
The homologation of the Yamaha 70 C engine model, UIM file 00435, will expire at the end of the 2011 season. No prolongation of this homologation will be granted. At that time the engine will no longer be eligible for international competition.

## New Anti Doping Regulations

As a consequence of the approval of the new World Anti-Doping Code, all international federations and national anti-doping organizations have been obliged to renew their anti-doping regulations in order to be in compliance with this new Code. The new UIM Anti-Doping Regulations – imposes a no-advance-notice out-of-competition testing program. In order to be able to fulfil this obligation, UIM has established a so-called Registered Testing Pool, determining the drivers who should be available for out-of-competition testing. To find out more [Download UIM Letter](#)

## Youth & Media Committee

A new Youth and Media sub Committee has been formed which will represent the interest of our junior racers. The Committee will consist of Fiona Pascoe, Mark Gilbert, Denis Swann and corresponding member Chris Davies. A representative of this committee will sit on the PBRC. Terms of reference etc to be agreed.





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JetSport Racing Association of Great Britain

## 2009 RACING CALENDAR

### 2009 British Championships

- 2/3rd May RD1, Tees Barrage, Stockton on Tees
- 23/24th May RD2, Glyn Neath Lakes, South Wales
- 20/21st June RD3, Rothervalley Country Park, Rotherham
- 18/19th July RD4, Tattershall Park, Tattershall. Lincs
- 15/16th Aug RD5, Nitrojet Action Sports, Oxfordshire
- 5/6th Sept RD6 Willen Lakes, Milton Keynes, Bucks

### 2009 Club Championship

- 18/19th April RD1, Nitrojet Action Sports, Oxfordshire
- 16/17th May RD2, Nitrojet Action Sports, Oxfordshire
- 20/21st June RD3, Rothervalley Country Park, Rotherham
- 18/19th July RD4, Tattershall Park, Tattershall. Lincs

### 2009 Other Events

- 25/26th July Glasgow River Festival, Glasgow (Clyde river)



## New Experimental Class E1500

In 2009 UKFFORC will be running a new Experimental class. Any 18-20ft production mono hull with one make engine Evinrude 150hp HO Etec outboard. Driver 17+, Navigator 16 +.



New boat ready to go £22,000 or a secondhand boat with new engine approx £14,000, 70mph plus.

To encourage new racers into the Formula E1500 class it is proposed that if 6 boats are signed up to the series by 1st April 2009 the overall winner will be refunded the engine cost in full.

Neil Holmes Powerboat & Race training centre will offer a 'sponsored' weekend of race training for the first team to sign to the E1500 class for the 2009 season.

For further info contact Denis Swann 01634 252107 or email [denisswann@barges.co.uk](mailto:denisswann@barges.co.uk)



## You are Cordially Invited

To the BPRC Powerboat Racing Ball - 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009, Belmore Park, Hampshire. A Powerboat Ball such as this hasn't been seen on the racing scene for many years and the BPRC feel that the fun element of racing should be brought back to life!

Finding sponsorship is hard at the present time and this ball will help considerably in generating funds so that the fantastic Cowes Powerboat Festival in August can run.

This will be a spectacular evening with great food, wine, dancing and a Rock & Roll band - to be announced.

Some of the main attractions will be both an auction and a silent auction which will include a number of very special items plus many other surprises. If you have any goods or services that you or friends can supply to us for the auction then that would be gratefully appreciated and you will have done powerboat racing a great service.

If you would like to come and join us and meet many old friends, please contact Laura our BPRC club secretary at [www.bpbrc.co.uk](http://www.bpbrc.co.uk) where you will find full details - Tickets are £50.

**Offshore Racing Committee:** The RYA are delighted to announce that the newly constituted ORC met for the first time on Tuesday 24 March, this meeting was attended by representatives from 15 voting offshore clubs who by a majority vote confirmed Anne Robinson as the newly elected Chairman of the RYA Offshore Committee. One of the first tasks of the new chairman was to appoint chairman to the working groups and accordingly Barry Williams was appointed Chairman of SAT, Denise Monteith Chairperson of RAM and Dave Simpkins as Chairman of Race Approvals and Fiona Pascoe as Chairperson of the new Youth and Media group who also now have a voting position on the PBRC. The ORC proceeded to efficiently deal with all matters outstanding from the former ORC and the now discontinued Clubs and Classes Committee. A meeting of the new SAT committee will take place within the next two weeks and Denise Monteith confirmed that RAM would take over the organisation of the officials seminar.

# OFFSHORE RACING COMMITTEE

## Terms of Reference

### Objectives

- 1.1. To promote all forms of offshore powerboat racing competition nationally and internationally and to control an orderly development of the sport in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and the Union Internationale Motonautique (UIM) rules.
- 1.2. To maintain contact with RYA powerboat committees and affiliated powerboat clubs and regions.
- 1.3. To co-ordinate and develop national racing rules to reflect changes in design of boats and engines in consideration of national and international competition rules.

### Authority

- 2.1 The authority of the Offshore Racing Committee (ORC) is delegated by the Powerboat Racing Committee (PBRC) to pursue the objectives above. However, this delegation may be withdrawn.
- 2.2 The Committee has the authority to:-  
Administer and direct the sport of Offshore racing under the rules of the RYA and the UIM.

### The Committee

- 3.1 Chairman: Chairman is to be proposed by active RYA affiliated Powerboat Racing clubs/associations, nominated annually by election by standing members of the Committee and appointed annually by PBRC Chairman. Term is for a maximum of three years in five years. The ORC Chairman is a member of PBRC.
- 3.2 Standing Members: One voting representative from each active RYA affiliated Offshore Racing Club/Association. New clubs and associations actively engaged in racing may be represented for a probationary year by their representative member approved by the ORC who will be non voting. After one year of attendance the representative will have the right to vote. Clubs no longer taking an active part in racing may continue to have a member for two years who will be non voting.
- 3.3 Corresponding Members. Selected by the Chairman with the approval of the committee, appointed for their special knowledge, experience or ability. Attending meetings at the invitation of the Chairman or at the request of the corresponding member and to receive and submit papers.
- 3.4 RYA Powerboat Racing Manager in attendance as and when time and work permits.

### Annex Meetings:

1. Frequency: Four meetings a year:
2. Agendas and Papers: Agendas and papers are Chairman approved and sent with all necessary papers by the RYA office to all members of the ORC. These are to be received by the committee at least two weeks in advance of meetings.
3. Elections: The Chairman is elected annually on written proposals from the RYA Affiliated Powerboat clubs. The Chairman elect must be nominated by an affiliated Powerboat club and seconded by an affiliated Powerboat club within the specified time, all 'active' affiliated clubs are then eligible to vote. Such proposals shall be included in the agenda for the meeting at which the elections are due. It is important to note that the nominated Chairman need not be an existing member of the ORC. Voting for Chairman is by secret ballot in accordance with RYA voting procedures.
4. Voting: Standing members only with Chairman's casting vote. When the Chairman is a Standing member the Chairman's casting vote is additional.
5. Minutes: The committee is self-minuting and chairman approved. Items for PBRC attention are to be identified by sidelining. Sidelining is decided by the committee or Chairman.

Minutes are sent by the RYA office to the ORC delegates and the PBRC; they may be made available electronically to all RYA managers and to the affiliated powerboat clubs.

### Glossary of terms:

*'active' = a Club/Associations who has been involved in running a powerboat racing event within the previous 24 months of the election.*



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- **'ThunderBolt' Racing: Two class monohull series**

Standard Class E900: 16ft Production hull, 90hp Evinrude Etec  
Min 16yrs driver, 16 yrs co driver, age in-line with Honda 150

High-Octane E1500: 18 - 20ft Production hull, 150hp HO Evinrude  
Min 17yrs driver, 16 yrs co driver, age: in-line with PB1

- **'ThunderCat' Racing: Two class catamaran series**

P750 Standard class – 50hp Tohatsu outboard

P750 Blue Print class – 50hp Tohatsu outboard  
Min 17yrs driver, 16 yrs co driver, age: in-line with PB1



**THUNDER ACADEMY:** "Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is, not a preparation for life; education is life itself". (John Dewey)

- **Youth Racing: Min 12yrs to max 17yrs**

T25 Class - 12ft single seat, Sorcerer hull, 25hp Mercury

T40 Class - 14ft Fletcher hull, Driver & Co-Driver, 40hp Yamaha

RYA racing licence required. T25 club boats will be available for scholarship students; having proved themselves in the youth boat handling challenge.

- **Honda Rib Youth Challenge: 8yrs to 12yrs, 13yrs – 16yrs**

Based on the already recognised and highly acclaimed RYA Honda Youth Challenge, our students will have the opportunity to represent 'Thunder Academy' at regional, national and international competitions; 'It's a knock out' fun designed approved courses (sanctioned by Andrew Norton) will appeal to both spectator and competitor; constructed, fundamentally as an educational tool. Ribs and T25 boats will offer a diverse opportunity for our youth to gain experience in various vessels without purchasing a boat. Training and Thunder Youth Club will be held at HQ and Southampton waters during the year. Youth from all walks of life and disabilities will be welcomed to participate.



**The Malta Offshore** series has recently been confirmed which will now host a series of five races and time trials Check out their Website [for more information](#)

# Poole Cherbourg Poole

## Cancelled - The Marathon Race 30 May

Poole Cherbourg Poole has been cancelled due to organisational problems in France



## UKOBA AGM – 04/01/09

The 2009 UKOBA AGM will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at Emsworth Sailing Club.

Emsworth Sailing Club  
55 Bath Road  
Emsworth  
Hampshire  
PO10 7ES

Please plan to arrive at 16:30 for a 17:00 start, the meeting should take no longer than 30 minutes. The meeting will be followed by Powerboat films and supper will be available for those wishing to stay.

We are planning to have a Doctor at the event to provide race medicals, this is still to be confirmed so please check the [website](#) or [contact me](#) for confirmation. The medical will be free those with Full Race Membership of UKOBA.

I look forward to seeing you,  
Tony Fiddy

**Offshore Seminar:** An offshore officials seminar is being planned to take place at the RYA in the early Spring, final dates to be confirmed. This seminar will provide all officials with the opportunity of updating their knowledge and considering the changes to racing rules incorporated in the new PB1 Offshore Rule book.

**Offshore RYA Commissioners:** Appointment of RYA Commissioners remains under the direction of RAM, commissioners will be appointed on an ad hoc basis to selected events and the organising clubs advised accordingly.

All commissioners will shortly be contacted by the RYA and asked to provide details of dates when they are available to carry out inspections.

**Needles/Camden Trophy:** The Poole Marathon Race scheduled for weekend of 15-16 August will now run as part of the RMYC Needles Camden Trophy race. This historic race will cater for all types of craft, details and entries available from the RMYC. Points gained by competing Marathon boats will count towards the Marathon Series which now consists of three races.

## *Marathon Series:* Marathon Series

Confirmed as three races:  
Needles Trophy 15/16 August,  
Cowes-Torquay-Cowes August 28/31 and the final race  
of the series  
Poole South Coast Marathon 26/27 September.



## *RYA National Finals:* The RYA are

delighted to welcome Honda back to Cowes over the 28/31 August, this classic weekend of racing will now see some 65-70 race boats competing in four national class finals as well as the epic Cowes Torquay Cowes race, this is one not to miss and a must for your 2009 diary. The ORC considered an application by ORDA for the Class 3B and Class 3C national finals over the weekend of 28-31 August to consist on one race only as opposed to two as stipulated in PB1. Given the circumstances of the 2009 finals dispensation was granted for these two classes and consequently racing in these classes will only take place on Saturday 29 August.

*Offshore Simplified Race Approvals:* The ORC agreed to a simplified method of controlling race courses close to the shore typically for OCR, Zap-Cat and Thundercat, it was agreed that if race courses fell within an area of 2nm by 2nm details of Lats, and Longs etc would not be required. This it was felt would help to speed up the approvals process however all clubs were reminded that applications for all race approvals MUST be lodged with the RYA no later than 30 days prior to the event, failure to do this will result in the events not being approved.



## *Offshore Overtaking Rule Changed:*

### F16. OVERTAKING (OVERLAP RULE)

- A boat is classified as an overtaking boat when the foremost part of the vessel overlaps the aft most part of the overtaken boat. As long as this overlap is maintained the overtaking boat has right of way at any point on the course and the overtaken boat MUST give way.

- No overtaking boat may cut in front of the overtaken boat until it has established a minimum lead of 2 boat lengths.

### RULES OF THE ROAD - RIGHT OF WAY

- The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea apply at all times between race boats and all non race boats.
- All competitors are reminded that powerboat racing is a non contact sport and that it is their responsibility to avoid collisions at all times and to particularly comply with Rule 2 of the rules governing collision avoidance and close quarters situations.
- Local Bye Laws and Racing Rules described below must be strictly adhered to.
- Competitors of boats involved in a collision may be penalised and be issued with a Yellow Card or Red Card

*Offshore Class 3B Crew Weights:* Class 3B The ORC agreed that the published UIM minimum crew weights for Class 3B would not apply to Class 3B boats running with 90HP engines. All Class 3B boats using 115hp engines must conform to current UIM Rules.



**Offshore Conduct Of Officials:** The ORC re confirmed that an acceptable behaviour from officials would not be tolerated under any circumstances, particularly instances of officials drinking alcohol during races. A no tolerance stance to the use of all drugs continues to be the policy of the RYA and any competitor or official found guilty of infringing this rule will be immediately disciplined. It is the responsibility of the OOD to deal with any such cases or for the organising club to submit a formal complaint to the RYA.

**2009 PB1:** The new PB1 has now been approved by the ORC and the RYA will now proceed with the printing of the new rule book. The new book will be in loose leaf format to enable changes and corrections to be made during the year. It is not envisaged that any class rules will change unless significant safety issues arise however any changes made will be published on the RYA web site as well as being sent to all club secretaries.

OFFSHORE CALENDAR 2009 AS AT 25.03.09.															
DATE	VENUE	EVENT TITLE	CLUB	I N T	III C	V 24	RIB	M P A	III B	O C R	F 4 S A	S250 F400 E9000	T C a t	Z C a t	Club Basic
Jan 31-1 Feb	Rockley Poole	Taster Day	UKFFORC									T			
Feb 7	Poole	Brass Monkey	RMYC												B
Feb 17-22	Birmingham	NEC/Boat & Caravan Show	M2M Demo										D		
Mar 28or29	Malta		MPA												
Apr 18-19															
Apr 25-26	Allhallows	Taster Day/Club SEPA Taster Sat SEPA Basic Sun	AYC/SEPA												T B
Apr 25or26	Malta		MPA												
May 2-3	Looe	Basic with OCRDA	M2M WWRC												B
May 2-4	Looe	4 x Nat All Classes	Joint WWRC		C	B	B		C	C					
May 9-10	Pwllheli	Honda	F4SA								C				
May 23-24	Hartlepool	TBC	M2M									Demo	C		
May 23-24	Torquay	4 x Nat All Classes	ORDA		C	B	B		C	C					
May 30-31	Stewartby	Stewartby	UKFFORC									C R 1&2			
June 6-7	Poole	Cancer Charity	RMYC - All C		B	B	B		B	B					B
June 13-14	Watergate	Zapcat national	Zapcat Racing											C	
June 20-21	Guernsey	Guernsey Basic	GPA/GYC												B
June 20-21	Allhallows	Estuary Classic	AYC							C					
June 20-21	Conwy	North Wales	M2M									C R 3&4	C		
Jun 20-21	Plymouth	Honda	F4SA								C				
Jul 4-5	Christchurch	Dorset	M2M									C R 5&6	C		
Jul 4-5	Plymouth	4 x Nat All Classes	OCRDA		C	B	B		C	C					
Jul 18-19	Ilfracombe	4 x Nat All Classes	WWRC			B	B			B					
Jul 18-19	Cheshire	Pageant of Power	Circuit Event											B	
Jul 18	Guernsey	Poker Run	GPA/GYC												B
Jul 25-26	Lowestoft	Honda	F4SA								C				
Aug 1-2	Torquay	All Classes	ORDA		C	B	B		C						B
Aug 8-9	Dover	UKFFORC classes	UKFFORC									C R 7&8			
Aug 8-9	Gravesend	OCR National	AYC/SEPA							C					
Aug 15-16	Poole	Needles/Camden Trophy	RMYC		C	B	B								
Aug 15-16	Poole	Needles/Camden 1 <sup>ST</sup> MARATHON	RMYC	I											
Aug 15	Guernsey	Poker Run	GPA/GYC												B
Aug 22-23	Kent	Super Club Class	SEPA												SCC
Aug 28-31	Cowes C-T-C	2 <sup>ND</sup> MARATHON event & National Finals	BPRC/ORDA	I	C	B	B		C	B	C				B
Aug 29-30	Cowes	Grand Prix	F4SA								C				
Aug 29-31	Eire	TBA	M2M												
Aug 29-30	Guernsey	Guernsey Basic	GPA/GYC												B
Sep 5-6	Margate	OCR N/Super Club	SEPA							C					SCC
Sep 12-13	Poole	Windfest	M2M									C R 9&10	C		
Sep 19-20	IOM	Honda	F4SA								C				
Sep 19-20	Saicombe	OCR FINALS	WWRC							C					
Sep 19or20	Malta		MPA							C					
Sep 18-20	Brighton	White Air	M2M											C	
Sep 19-20	Lymington	Lymington Challenge	BIBOA					I RIBs							
Sep 25-26	Watergate	Zapcat National	Zapcat Racing											C	
Sep 26-27	Poole	3 <sup>RD</sup> MARATHON event South Coast	UKOBA	I										B	B
Oct 3-4	Torquay TBC	OCR National Finals	Joint												
Oct 10-11	Weymouth		M2M									C Finals	C		
Oct 17or18	Malta		MPA							C					
Nov	Malta		MPA							C					
Nov 2-6	Coniston														
RECORDS WEEK															
Please check with RYA Tel: 02380 604238/239/240 Correct at time of going to press		<b>B</b> = Basic (no national points allocated) <b>C</b> = RYA National/Series Championship (points allocated) <b>I</b> = International <b>V24 - 7 race Basic Series (Cliff Smith)</b> For Thundercat calendar go to: <a href="http://www.thundercatracing.co.uk">www.thundercatracing.co.uk</a> For Zapcat calendar go to: <a href="http://www.zapcat-racing.com">www.zapcat-racing.com</a> (7 race events tba)													

FOR THE P1 RACE SERIES 2009 go to: [www.powerboatp1.com](http://www.powerboatp1.com)

## *Circuit Measurement Certificates New Information:- For*

2009, all boats must have a current measurement certificate. A register of measurement certificate issues and renewals will be circulated by the RYA the same as licenses in case a driver forgets the certificate.

If a boat arrives without a certificate or being on the current register, it should not be excluded from racing, but then it must be measured on the day by an approved measurer for the appropriate fee.

The certificate should comprise a log of any damage to the boat, and if it has been signed off, and should be submitted to race control for the duration of the meeting. It should also be available for perusal on scrutineering to ensure defects have been rectified.

## *Event Licences – Brand New Circuit Racers ONLY*

Brand New Circuit Racers in 2009 will receive a 50% Discount off Event Licences.

## *Scrutineering Forms –Circuit Racing*

A new Scrutineering Form will be issued to drivers for retention during the season.

Race Secretaries will hand them out to drivers when signing on at their first national event.

Drivers must keep all Scrutineering Forms together for inspection at each race venue.

The purpose of the form is that anything requires attention to the boat then this can be noted on the form and rectified before the next race meeting so the scrutineer is aware.

## *Circuit National Pre-Entries* Available on RYA Website [Download Here](#) –

### [Circuit Racing National Pre Entry Form 2009](#)

#### **Changes to pre-entry system:**

No bonus points will be awarded for pre-entry. 1 Point will be awarded for Pole Position in all classes except outboard Hydros.

If a pre-entered driver does not attend the meeting and fails to inform the Club in advance of their Non-attendance their cheque is liable to be cashed.

Entry Costs into the National Series are as follows:

<b>Time Scale</b>	<b>National Cost</b>	<b>Junior National Cost</b>
Pre-Entry before 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2009	£60	£40
Pre-Entry after 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2009 until 7 days before the event	£90	£60
Within 7 days or on day of Event	£100	£70

The CRC agreed the pre-entry date for the 2009 season will be the 31 March.

Newcomers will be charged at £60/£40 respectively on acquisition of full National Licence.

# Stewartby Sprints – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2009

The CRC have agreed that no championship points will be awarded to any classes at Stewartby Sprints regardless of cancellations to the national calendar other than F2.



## Circuit Competitor Reminder

The CRC reiterated the importance of adhering to rule F29 regarding prop guards, this will be rigorously enforced in 2009.

### F29. PROPELLER

(H) It is forbidden to start an engine with the propeller unshielded unless immediately prior to launch.

(S) An engine with the propeller fixed must not be started out of the water.

## Yellow Card Rescinded

Name	Class	Date of Issue	Expiry Date
Alex Gilbert	J250	ISSUED 27.09.08.	Rescinded Following Upheld Appeal



## Circuit Rule Books

PB2 Rule Books have been fully reviewed and are now nearing completion. The new book will be of A5 loose leaf format so that changes can be easily incorporated. It is expected that this new book will be printed as soon as possible.



### Correction on 2009 circuit rulebook

#### Section Class OSY – page 200

Following rules were deleted by mistake from the  
2009 circuit rulebook

#### HULL

The hull must be of a hydro type (the sponson must not exceed 60 % of the total length of the hull).

Minimum weight with driver 180 kg.

A reserve of visible and sufficient flotation must be provided to keep the hull floating in case of accident (see § 503.01).

Any device to produce a sudden braking effect, causing excessive water spray, reducing visibility, is prohibited.



**CIRCUIT CALENDAR 2009 RYA OFFICIAL (DRAFT) As at 20.03.09.**

National Racing								Club/racing/testing/demonstrations (T = Testing)						
Date	Venue	JT:250	OS Y	Mono	S:850	NS2000	Hydro	CWSC 07968 113721	LPRC 07780 992515	MPRC 07812 019166	LOBMBC 01603 881112	SWSC 07930 268151	WMBRC 07766 913801	
Feb 7														
Feb 14	Body Moor Club										Feb 14			
Feb 28	Body Moor Club										Feb 22			
Mar 7-8														
Mar 14-15	Body Moor Club										Mar 14			
Mar 21-22												Mar 21/22		
Mar 28-29	Body Moor Club										Mar 28			
Apr 4-5									Apr 5					
Apr 11-12												Apr 11/12	Apr 11	
Apr 18-19	OCRDA/Coombe Cellars	Proposed event run through OCRDA Classes to be decided – date change requested by CRC to 27/28 June or 15/16 August - TBA							Apr 19		Apr 23			
Apr 25-26											Apr 30	Apr 25/26	Apr 25	
May 2-3	LPRC/Carr Mill	N	N	N	N	N			S Clubman		May 4			
May 9-10											May 14		May 9	
May 16-17	Body Moor Club									May 17	May 21			
May 23-24	LOBMBC/OB	N	N	N	N	N	N							
May 30-31	Stewartby	UKFFORC NATIONAL ROUNDS 1&2											May 30/31	May 30
June 6-7											June 4			
Jun 13-14	MPRC	N	N	N	N		N				Jun 11		Jun 13	
Jun 20-21									June 21		June 18			
Jun 27-28	WMBRC/Barrow	CANCELLED CANNOT GUARANTEE WATER										June 25		Jun 27
Jul 4-5											Jul 2			
Jul 4-5With Anglo Irish	SWSC/ Stewartby Non National TBC	UK Masters			UK Masters		Christobel Green Hydros		Jul 11		Jul 9			
Jul 18-19	Cheshire Body Moor Club	Cholmondeley Pageant of Power Water Festival									Jul 16		Jul 18	
Aug 1-2	Stewartby	SPRINTS ALL CLASSES (National points NS:2000 only)									Jul 26	Jul 23		
Aug 8-9											Jul 30			
Aug 15-16	Chasewater TBC										Aug 6		Aug 8	
Aug 15-16											Aug 13			
Aug 22-23													Aug 15	
Aug 29-30	MPRC/Body M	JT250 & OSY400 Europeans										Aug 31		
Sep 5-6	ISA Virginia W	Anglo Irish Championship, away leg												
Sep 12-13	LOBMBC	Battle of Britain							Sep 12		Sep 13			
Sep 19-20														
Sep 26-27	Stewartby	N	N	N	N	N	N						Sep 26	
Oct 3-4	Body Moor Club										Oct 4			
Oct 10-11									Oct 11					
Oct 17-18												Oct 17/18		
Oct 24-25									Oct 24					
Nov 2-6	WMBRC	CONISTON RECORD WEEK 2009												
Dec 26														

**THE CHOLMONDELEY**  
**PAGEANT**  
**OF POWER**  
**18TH & 19TH JULY 2009**  
 A PAGEANT OF SPEED AND EXCITEMENT  
 A WONDERFUL WEEKEND FOR  
 ALL THE FAMILY

Arrangements for this year's pageant are progressing well, with Thundercat Racing, F4's and F2's in attendance other classes are still to be confirmed. But no classes will be being run as championship classes. Anybody wishing to display at the Pageant of power should contact Robin Hurst on 07826 844698.



## Anglo Irish Championship

There will be 2 rounds of the Anglo Irish Championships.  
 Round 1 – Stewartby Water Sports Club 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> July 2009  
 Round 2 – Virginia, County Cavan 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009  
 More information to follow



## *Circuit Drivers Aged 14-16 Licence Fees*

Drivers aged 14-16 wishing to race in the OYS400 class have had their licence fee brought in line with the New Formula V classes. Licences will cost £130 for an OSY400 licence if you are aged 14-16.

## *Circuit Outboard Drivers Championship Handicaps*

The proposal for handicapping is to be per the proposed groups (see groups section) and is to be based on the practice lap times of the fastest boat in each group. i.e. fastest lap time for Group 1, Group 2, Group 3 etc.

Using these practice times set on the day, group handicaps should be set for the *rest* of the meeting.

### GROUPS:

- Group 1 125cc and 175cc
- Group 2 250cc and 350cc Konig/Konny
- Group 3 350cc VRP/GRM and all remaining prop riders
- Group 4 Hydro cats with Konig/Konny (500 and 700cc)
- Group 5 New Generation cats with VRP/GRM etc

NB// Where lap times of the fastest boat in 2 or more groups are very similar, the groups will be combined to form a single group.

## *Circuit Junior Racing Adjudicators wanted*

A team of volunteers are wanted to act as adjudicators for junior racing. Adjudicators will be appointed with the following brief:

1. To watch each junior race particularly to observe competitors from start line to first turn buoy.
2. To ensure full course is observed
3. To judge on rules.

The CRC have agreed that the appointed adjudicators would not undermine the authority of the OOD. Chris Loney has volunteered to take on the role of junior liaison and coaching and to work with a small team of volunteers. To volunteer please [Email Chris Loney](#)

