



The January ORC confirmed delegates to head up each of the ORC Sub-Committees, as well as finalised the Rules for the new Z150 class being introduced into Offshore. BPRC unveiled their plans to expand Cowes beyond their usual Marathon spectacle, as well as the exciting news that an all classes Offshore & Circuit Powerboat Open Day is in the planning stages. Further details below:

2015 Events

- See link to the [2015 Offshore Racing Calendar](#) - now available on the RYA Website. Watch for updates!
- See link to the [2015 International Offshore Racing Calendar](#) – now available on the UIM Website.
- [Cowes 2015](#) back in the Marina with plans to expand their event to include National Offshore & Thundercat racing, as well as multiple social events.
- Plans to host an all classes Powerboat Open Weekend on 24/25 October in Southampton are underway.
- Open Weekend to include Offshore & Circuit boats as static and on water display – further details to follow.
- Special ferry rates for competitors commuting to/from mainland UK to Guernsey for National/International events are available by contacting GPA.

Information for Competitors

- Rules for the new **Z150** class have now been finalised and will be taken to PBRC for ratification in February.

Z150 National Rules		
Min. Length	18 feet	Measured in accordance with UIM method (3B/3C)
Max. Length	24 feet	Measured in accordance with UIM method (3B/3C)
Engine	Branded Stock 150hp	No modifications – as bought. (20" leg – standard)
Lifters	Not allowed for 2015 (to be reviewed in 2016)	Shaft level to be 1" below the keel line
Class Specific Rules	UIM Class 3	Class equipment
Racing Rules	RYA 2015	National class running under RYA National Rules
Weights	750 kilos	Including equipment & residual fuel (excluding crew/helmets/lifejackets)
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- Minimum lap lengths have been standardised across the offshore classes at 1.7nm.
- PB1/2015 will be available shortly on line and in printed format.
- International Licence fees have been held at 2014 prices – see link to [2015 LAF](#).
- Two event licences in a season can be purchased at £80 on a self-declaration medical for club events.

UIM NEWS

Clarification of UIM rulings in the following areas have been received:

- Saddle brackets can be strengthened by adding additional metal to the brackets.
- Solid mounts may be fitted as UIM Rules state mounts are free.
- Sensors may not be disconnected or removed but may be repaired.
- 2015 3A World Championships confirmed in Oskarshamn, Sweden alongside 3B/C in on 1 – 5 July.

Information for Officials

- Safety & Scrutineering Seminar (TBA) will cover practical boat studies & information sharing.
- OODs, SO's & Scrutineers or anyone interested in becoming an RYA Official welcome to attend.

Next Events:

February The RYA celebrates its Champions at the [RYA Awards Dinner](#) on 07.02.15; [RYA Sponsors](#) confirmed. Training for Thundercats gets underway on 14 & 15 – contact [Thundercats UK](#) for more details.

March Brass Monkey Invitation event alongside Thundercats hosted by M2M at Bournemouth – 13 & 14 March. Training for [Zapcats](#) kicks off on 14/15 with Engine & Race Clinic dates on 28/29 – see link for details.