

RYA NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER THROUGH TO DECEMBER 2006 THE ANNUAL ‘ROUND-UP’

RYA GOLD STANDARD AWARDS CEREMONY 2007

And what do points make? Yes you got it prizes!

All champions should now have received their invitation to the annual Awards Ceremony – this time we have an extra special venue, which has views over the sea where you can watch the Brass Monkey event.

The date is the 3 February 2007 at the De Vere Royal Bath in Bournemouth. Details on website

CHAMPIONS - WHO DID WHAT? Circuit, Jet Sport and Offshore Champions for 2006:

Circuit National Sprints:

Malcolm Goodman = 0:250
Nigel Edwards = 0:350
Paul Hart = 0:500
Ricky Gibbs = OSY:400
Ben Morse = J:250
Simon Emmerson = T:850
Brian Shulver = S:850
Paul Balfour = NS:2000

National Champions:

Nigel Edwards + Paul Hart =
Outboard Hydro – joint first
Stu Wilkinson = OSY:400
Ben Morse = J:250
Simon Emmerson = T:850
Scott Curtis = S:850
Paul Balfour = NS:2000

World Champion:

Colin Jelf = F2000

Jet Sport National Champions:

Danny Mace = Novice Jnr Ski
Lee Wheeler = Junior Ski
Josh Harvey = Novice Ltd Ski
Chris Wilkinson = Ski Ltd
Luke Brooks = Expert Ski S/S
Anthony Burgess = Freestyle
Spencer Wells = Jnr Freestyle
Luke Hill = Novice R/A Stock
James Bushell = R/A S 4 Stroke
James Bushell = Exp R/A S/S
Ria Pickard = Runabout Ltd
Chris Brettle = Veteran Runabout

Offshore National Champions:

Joe Bunyan = K250 Driver
John Bunyan Jnr = K250/K400 & K400
Intl Co-Driver
Jake Swann = K400/K1000 & K400 Intl
Driver
John Bunyan Snr = K1000 Co-driver
Ryan Field = K1000 Intl Driver
Jasmine Field = K1000 Co-driver
Mark Walker = OCR A Driver
Jason Walker = OCR A Co-driver
Robbie Mould = OCR B Driver
Fiona Bowdler = OCR B Co-driver
Bob Irwin = Class III C Driver
Dave Simpkins = Class III C Co-Driver
Joshua Brown = RIB F1 Driver
Ian Brown = RIB F1 Co-driver
Jack Glendinning = Honda 225 Driver
Simon Bucknall = H 225 Co-driver
Nick Clemson = Honda 150 Driver
Paul Trow-Smith = H 150 Co-driver
Andy Twemlow = V-24 Driver
Adrian Everett = V-24 Co-driver
Martyn Willcox = Zapcat Driver
Will Evans = Zapcat Co-driver
Jason Wyatt = Thundercat Driver
Darren Harrison = T/Cat Co-driver
Mike Shelton = P1 World Champion
Jackie Shelton = P1 World Champion
Steve Curtis = Class I Euro. Champion
Class I World Champion

Note: the paperwork for the original attempt by Matt Sullifant & Mike Conner is still outstanding.

Vitesse (World & National):

Bournemouth Pier to Pier:
V-24 = Marc Lamont 80.06 MPH
(September)

Vitesse (World)

Coniston:

Peter Little = Class III C EPA
(established) at a speed of 87.61
MPH (to be ratified by UIM)

Thomas Rosen = Class III C EPA
at a speed of 96.82 MPH (to be
ratified by UIM)

Roland Sjogren = P750 Sport at a
speed of 62.56 MPH (to be ratified
by UIM)

(October/November)

Vitesse (World & National)

Coniston:

Jason Wyatt = P750 Freehull at a
speed of 64.22 MPH (to be ratified
by UIM)

Jason Wyatt = P750 Sports at a
speed of 64.47 MPH (to be ratified
by UIM)

John de Mott = Steam at a speed
of 17.25 MPH (to be ratified by
UIM)

Malcolm Goodman = 0250
Hydroplane at a speed of 100.56
MPH (to be ratified by UIM)

Paul Hart = F500 Hydroplane at a
speed of 106.67 MPH (to be
ratified by UIM)

Ted Walsh = S3000 at a speed of
138.3 MPH (to be ratified by UIM)

(October/November)

2006 SPEED RECORDS

Endurance (World):

London to Monte Carlo = Chris
Strickland, John Puddifoot, Jan
Falkowski & Gordon Compton at a
speed of 39.076 MPH (July)

London to Gibraltar (Established)
= Chris Strickland, John Puddifoot,
Jan Falkowski & Gordon Compton
at a speed of 37.65 MPH (July)

Gibraltar to Monte Carlo = Chris
Strickland, John Puddifoot, Jan
Falkowski & Gordon Compton at a
speed of 41.95 MPH (July)

(ratified by the UIM)

Endurance (World & National):

Southern Islands (new course) =
Dave Deacon & Mike Deacon at a
speed of 61.82 MPH (November)

Vitesse (National)

Coniston:

V Ganjavian = P750 Sport at a speed of 61.84 MPH.
Jason Wyatt = Thundercat P750 at a speed of 62.10 MPH
Peter Little = Class III C at a speed of 95.70 MPH
Tom Welch = KF400 at a speed of 37.31 MPH
Dan Lewis = K1000 at a speed of 44.99 MPH
Joe Bunyan = K250 Group A at a speed of 34.44 MPH
Steve Fitzsimmons = F2000 (established) at a speed of 115.82 MPH
Ben Morse = J250 at a speed of 40.05 MPH
Ben Morse = T250 at a speed of 41.17 MPH
Ben Morse = JT250 at a speed of 42.30 MPH
Nick Walsh = J250 at a speed of 40.61 MPH
Chris Loney = O/B Immersed Prop. Monohull at a speed of 85.61 MPH
Paul Brooks = O/B Immersed Prop. Monohull at a speed of 86.92 MPH
Darren Hook = Zapcat at a speed of 42.81 MPH
Bob McCarthy = OCR A at a speed of 66.25 MPH

(October/November)

(All records announced and TBC – full listing on website)

KIDS' PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2006 WINNER!

We are pleased announce that the winner is: Matthew Palfreyman (again). Many congratulations! The prize is an Ipod and it is on its way to you!

Matthew's photograph will appear in the next issue of the RYA News Magazine, along with an article about his race season.

KID'S 'DESIGN A MODEL POWERBOAT' COMPETITION 2007

Full details of this is on the Kid's section of the website shortly. You can use any

medium you like to design the craft – computer drawing programme, hand drawing, collage, model in different materials etc. etc. The design can range from 'new age' to traditional style – let your imagination run riot. The designs will be judged by a top Boat Builder after the closing date of Friday 14 September 2007.

CHANGES TO OCRDA CLUB OFFICIALS

Fiona Bowdler, bows out gracefully as the OCRDA Race Secretary. After a year of hard work Fiona has handed over the reigns to Bob McCarthy. RYA HQ would like to thank Fiona for all her efforts, and would also like to take this opportunity to compliment her on her efficiency with the paperwork.

The OCRDA officials as at November 2006:

Chairman = Bob McCarthy
Vice Chairman = Phil Artiss
Treasurer = Dom Watson
(Temporary) Secretary = Bob McCarthy

REPORT FROM OFFSHORE OFFICIALS' ADMINISTRATION SEMINAR ON 21 OCTOBER 2006

The allure of a free lunch with a day spent at RYA HQ, just proved too much temptation for some – we had record numbers of officials attending the Seminar and it proved to be a very productive day.

It was a great way of updating and familiarising officials with current procedures and practices.

With the use of good PowerPoint presentations, talks by Senior Officials and role play scenarios the seminar proved most effective.

The Quiz was won by Tom Crump who received a bottle of Champagne and Sally Windsor who was awarded a box of chocolates.

We are contemplating hosting an (all) Officials "chill out" pre, or post

season dinner/dance at some point, where everyone can just relax and just enjoy one another's company.

We would be interested on your views on this as this could apply to all disciplines of the sport.

But bear in mind "there are no free lunches" with this new idea!

CIRCUIT – NEW CLASS BOATS SL90 AND SL250 UPDATE

See calendar for race dates.

OFFSHORE – HOT BOATS 600 AND 1000 – GATHERING STEAM AND READY TO ROLL FOR NEXT SEASON!

See calendar for race dates.

TIME TO WIND DOWN Sheila Wright's letter to the sport:

For some time now, I have been thinking about how I would deal with my eventual retirement.

Would I suddenly leave with no hand-over? Would I work part-time and hand-over to someone full time in the interim? Or what?

After discussion with The Powerboat Racing Manager and RYA Personnel we reached a mutual agreement that I would work part-time, 24 hours per week (6 hours a day over 4 days – Tuesday to Friday) until my retirement date.

In the meantime, my full-time Senior Administrator post would be advertised and a person employed to be the 'new me'. This allows for continuity.

I have accrued years of knowledge and this would be passed onto the new Senior Administrator, which should effect a painless transition.

The successful candidate will be joining us in the New Year.

I think this will have tremendous benefits for the office, competitors and officials alike.

We trust that we can count upon your support and ask that you give the 'new me' a warm welcome.

Remember the saying "old age and treachery outwit youth and skill". With a bit of luck we might have a combination of the two now!

2007 LICENCE APPLICATION FORMS

Once we have the renewal premium, the Clubs' insurance and administration fees will be calculated and the licence fees will be reassessed. It is planned to mail out the new LAFs to all existing powerboat racers at the beginning of the New Year.

Do not forget to send in your completed upgrade documentation with your licence renewal forms.

2007 LICENCES – NEW STYLE?

I know we keep threatening to issue you with new style licences, but we have nearly reached our goal. Work was delayed on this because priority had to be given to the design and population of the new RYA website, but now time should be available to finish off the Powerboat Racing project, which has been outstanding for 18 months.

The new style licences will look like passports, but in red for competitors and blue for officials' ID. You must keep the main wallet from year to year and we will issue you with a fresh, updated paper insert annually.

We are just doing our bit to save the planet!

PB1 AND PB2 – DO NOT THROW THEM OUT

All existing competitors will receive an amendment sheet with their 2007 LAF – hang onto those precious rule books.

Only newcomers will receive a new rule book (plus the amendment sheet of course).

Carbon Trust – eat your heart out!

(Amendments sheets are currently available on the website and these are updated as and when).

RENEWAL OF MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATES

This is a reminder to renew your measurement certificates in 2007.

Don't forget the new ruling that on transfer of ownership of a raceboat all the new owner has to do is to pay for a renewal and the certificate will be changed to the new name.

Note: If you do sell a boat to another racer, please make sure you pass on the homologation papers and most importantly in the case of circuit cell boats – the UIM log book.

Please make sure that any damage is recorded on the back of the certificate by the scrutineer too.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Don't forget to arrange your medical examination early (a GP can take up to six weeks to arrange an appointment for you – and that is private).

The RYA Panel doctors will be in the Disraeli Suite of the De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, Bath Road in Bournemouth over the weekend of 3 & 4 February 2007. Although this is the Awards Ceremony venue, other racers are welcome to turn up for a medical examination. All at a preferential rate!

IMMERSION TESTING

It has not been possible to arrange immersion testing at the De Vere Royal Bath or indeed any other location in the Bournemouth area.

This is primarily due to the fact that the EU regulations now stipulate the swimming pools have to be a certain depth. Unfortunately this will not allow for the rotation of the immersion cell. Use of many municipal venues is also out of bounds due to the risk assessment difficulties this presents.

In lieu of the Osprey test dates – please telephone Bob Reynold on: 07811 959520

For Andark dates, please telephone Andy Goddard on: 01489 581755.

HELMET STICKERS 2007

These will still to be a requirement for 2007 onwards. Scrutineers as asked to re-inspect the helmets and reissue satisfactory headgear with a new sticker for 2007.

View website for latest bulletin on helmets.

UNSPORTING BEHAVIOUR AND GROSS MISCONDUCT

The RYA takes a very serious view of the above. Most of you will have read or heard about the five year ban handed out to two offshore racers for gross misconduct and unsportsmanlike behaviour in 2006.

This behaviour will not be tolerated by the Governing Body and we will be reviewing our Protest, Disciplinary and Appeal procedures to further tighten up on these rules. This applies to competitors and officials alike.

Either behave like a sportsman/woman or suffer the consequences.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JEREMY HOYLAND – PART-TIME POST WITH THE JSRA OF GB

Jeremy Hoyland has accepted the permanent part-time post with the JSRA of GB. Jeremy had been organising events as a volunteer, using his spare, after work hours, to run the sport. To enable its growth, it was decided that more 'dedicated' time should be set aside, and Jeremy should be able to achieve this with this new post.

We wish him and all JSRA officials much success with this new venture which will be given every support from this office.

Congratulations Jeremy!

ZAPCATS GET THE GREEN LIGHT FOR INTERNATIONAL RACING WITH THEIR NEW EXPERIMENTAL SERIES!

The UIM endorsed Zapcat's request to race an experimental series for 2007 at their General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur – watch this space and the Zapcat website for dates and venues!

The RYA wishes good luck to Tony Jones with his ever-expanding series.

THUNDERCATS HOST P750 WORLDS AT SCARBOROUGH

May 31st to June 10th 2007

Check out M2M/Thundercat website for information.

OULTON BROAD TO HOST OSY:400 WORLDS

The Lowestoft and Oulton Broad Club are pleased to announce that they will be hosting the Hydroplane OSY:400 Worlds on 14/15 July 2007

SHARM EL SHEIKH RED SEA RIB RALLY 2007

It is hoped that this will run again in October 2007 – RIB owners watch our website for details.

DVD's of the rally are available from HQ.

COMPLETED, CIRCUIT AND OFFSHORE CALENDARS

The provisional calendars are printed at the end of this Newsletter and they will be updated on the website.

SAD NEWS

Danny Keay, circuit official, passed away in November after losing his battle with a long illness.

Ian Paskin (MPRC) and Cees van der Velden of the Dutch NA passed away over Christmas.

Our sincere condolences go to their families, relatives and friends.

LAUNCH OF NEW COFFEE TABLE BOOK "CAMPBELLS BLUEBIRDS IN 3D COLOUR"

The launch of this book is to coincide with the birth date of Donald Campbell - 23rd March.

See website for details.

Offshore Records/Circuit Records pages.

CONISTON RECORDS' WEEK 2007

The predicted dates are 29 October to 2 November, subject to the permission of the authorities.



Manager's report

UIM GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE FROM KUALA LUMPUR NOVEMBER 2006

RYA Newsletter

The first of the RYA electronic newsletters was posted on the web site mid October and was well received, little or no input was received from the sport and this was very much an in house publication. It is hoped that clubs, classes, officials and competitors will in future contribute to this valuable source of information. It is anticipated that the next news letter will be posted before Christmas; this will be in electronic format and will also be sent in hard copy to the whole sport with the licence application forms.

Rule Books, PB1 & PB2

No information received from clubs or classes re amendments to the rules. Current rules as printed will apply for 2007 unless otherwise advised. New rules have been received from the "Hot Boat" offshore class and these will be considered by SAT on Friday 8th December.

Event Licences 2007

To remain as 2 per person per season. The cost of both ELs to be set against the full Powerboat Racing Licence.

Offshore only: Unrestricted use of ELs for those competitors who only complete in "established" basic events, such RMYC Club Classic series, AYC Shakedown, UKOBA and ORDA basic races which are attached to other national/international events.

Office Staff

Following discussions with RYA finance and Rod Carr it has been agreed to engage a new full time member of staff to replace Debra France. Nikki Drummond senior administrator from Zap Cat racing has been recruited and will take up her position in early January 2007. Nikki will be trained by Sheila Wright over the following three months after which time Sheila will take reduced hours (24) per week and Nikki will then take over Sheila's position as senior administrator *full time*. It is hoped that this valuable addition to the department will greatly ease the current work load and in particular enable the dept to ensure the sport is both better informed and kept up to date with all racing matters.

UIM General Assembly

Powertrain Commission:

Mercury agreed to check limited numbers of ECU (PCM) units from major International events, if the test proved that the unit had been tampered with it would be restored to factory settings prior to being returned to the owner. It was considered that this would act as a deterrent to "chipping" engines for major events.

Mercury 200 XS the homologation file for this engine would be re considered and existing tolerances would be brought into line with current recommendations

No applications to homologate new engines for 2007 had been received

Roger Trotman confirmed he would look into the availability of new EPA engines for the J250 class.

Cominsport Commission:

The commission confirmed that they had received the appeal from the RYA regarding the Helen Loney electric record and that they accepted that the basis of the appeal was that the boat did not comply with class rules and that it was a prototype. The appeal has been placed with UIM legal and we are awaiting the outcome.

JP then presented the SL90 project, it was agreed that Cominsport would support the request for the class to be accepted as a full international class, i.e. eligible for World and European championships as well as Rouen 24. It was further agreed that the commission would support the request for cockpit cells to be registered for a period of 10 years; this is a very important development and will now bring some stability to the sport and hopefully stop the constant stream of mandatory upgrades emanating from the cockpit commission.

Formula Future Commission:

This class is very similar to the Honda Youth RIB Challenge currently run in the UK. I have suggested that we may be able to send one or two teams from the Honda Challenge to compete in the World Championships, I have spoken to Andrew Norton and he will put the idea to Honda as a possible "prize"

Cominoff Commission:

The proposal tabled by Italy to fit all Class 3C boats with canopies was rejected by the Commission and received no support in the GA. Italy have taken this to Cominsafe and it is likely that the problem will re surface at the mid term meeting. A very careful watch must be maintained on this as Italy will endeavour to push it through at the earliest opportunity.

The application by Zapcat to be accepted as a full International Class was supported by the commission and a full set of rules was submitted to be included in the 2007 rule book.

The development of the RIB classes sport and recreational was

also supported by the commission and dates were submitted for a full round of International events.

Finland presented the results of testing on a new Class 3B rig using a new 115hp EPA engine, speeds were in the region of 118kph approx 12kph below current racing speeds. Further testing and development is planned for 2007 before the class is considered for 2008.

JP presented a request for the UK to host the Class 3C World Championships in 2008 in Guernsey. The date suggested was end of May and the Commission considered that this was too early, UK to look at a possible alternative date.

Class 3C World Championships 2007 Italy 10/17 September.

Class 3B World Championships 2007 Norway date TBA.

Full calendar details to be on the UIM website after 15 December 2006.



RYA WEBSITE – www.rya.org.uk
To access Powerboat Racing issues:

- **Go to RYA website**
- **Click on "Activities"**
- **Click on "Powerboat Racing"**
- **Click on "Competitors' Information" to take you through to the various disciplines.**

Using the website as a main source of information, cuts out an enormous amount of time, photocopying and postage – our pages have been 'adjusted' so that the site is more navigable'.

STOP PRESS

James Bushell - 1st Stock R/A in Europeans, 1st in Pro-am R/A 1200 Four Stroke Stock in the Worlds, 1st in Pro-am R/A 1200 Four Stroke Ltd in the World championship.

Jim Goodchild - 1st Masters Ski Open in Worlds, 1st Veterans ski Ltd in the Europeans.

Anthony Burgess - 1st in the Amateur Freestyle in Worlds and all the riders from the UK brought home 3rd place in the nations trophy for 2006

NOTICE TO CLUBS

Offshore - you are doing very well with the submission of your Race Applications, but we just need to tighten up a little bit more, so please make sure that you send them in within the specified time. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Circuit and Offshore - Please ensure that on completion of an event that you send all paperwork back to the office so that a complete paper-trail can be maintained. Use the Event Summary Form as guidance.

Jet Sports, please make sure that you also maintain a complete paper trail – you never know when it might be needed!

PAYMENT OF INSURANCE

FEES – It is imperative that your club insurance fees are paid BEFORE the event, cover notes or letters of approval will not be issued until this is done.

PAST & PRESENT CHAMPIONS:

Trophy returns – please make sure they are back in the office by the first week in January.

Current Champions – please let this office know whether you are or are not going to the Awards Dinner. Thank you.



Read on for advertising, RYA statement and calendars.....

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Wanda Offshore Race Klubb

History

Wanda Offshore Race Klubb members have been enjoying the exciting, sometimes dangerous, sport of offshore powerboat racing for over 4 years. Wanda has 3 classes the K250, K400 and K1000, with a new class coming in 2007.

Competition, thrills and victory and can be found in all racing categories, comprising a broad selection of hull configurations all complemented by powerful engines.

Founded by the UK & European offshore champion, Vicky Cadman, the Wanda Offshore Race Klubb offers youngsters from the age of 8 to 16 the chance to race and train in a range of powerboats. Since 2003 nearly 60 budding champions have taken part in the training programmes and the RYA-backed national championships.

Safety

'Safety is always top of the agenda' says John Pocknell, RYA Safety Officer for K class. K class has its own safety support team, paramedic and safety boats.

Safety training is paramount at Wanda Offshore Race Klubb and safety instruction training takes place from day one, both in the classroom and on the water.

Classes

The K250 class is for 8-12 year olds, the K400 classes are for those aged 12 onwards. The K1000 class is for the 15+ age range, racing with 60 hp engines.

The new offshore adult class will start from the 2007 season and members aged 16 and over can race with 90 hp engines. We'll tell you more about that later.

Based in Poole, Wanda Offshore Race Klubb has set up a training programme that instructs members in the core elements needed to be a successful powerboat racer:

- Key powerboat handling skills
- Powerboat racing skills
- Rules of the road
- Essential race safety protocols
- International race procedures

New class for 2007

A new and unique feature offered by Wanda Offshore Race Klubb is a new adult class for 2007. In simple terms, the new class offers families a one-stop-shop for all the season's races. One of the difficulties faced by some of our members is the logistical challenge when racing in several classes.

Some of our members are juggling their diary dates when they have their 13 year old racing in one class, their 16 in another, both on the same date, but at different venues. Until now, members had to choose which race to knock off the list. With the advent of the new adult class for 2007, that's going to be a thing of the past and families can enjoy racing in all four classes on the same dates at the same meet!

It doesn't end there. The new adult class means that just about anyone from 16 to 116 can take part

Denis Swann, from Swann Marine Racing team said 'This is a great move towards streamlining Wanda's races. It means we can make our events more family-orientated and families can spend time together at the same venue, and even mum and dad can race with their kids at the same event'.

Wanda is looking at developing a constructors' championship for next season, something that will definitely get the competitive juices flowing.

Racing Criteria for the new class

To race in the new class, members will be able to use any 16ft production mono hull (past or present) with one make of 90hp engine.

Unique Membership

Some classes of boats are available to hire through Wanda Offshore Race Klubb. Here's just one example of the options available. Hire a boat for a minimum of 12 months and you can choose from two options.

1. Brand new Fletcher K400 complete with engine and trailer - £295 a month
2. Refurbished Fletcher K400 complete with engine and trailer - £195 a month

For more information about the options available contact Denis.

How to get involved

If you're interested in becoming a member of Wanda Offshore Race Klubb and what to have an informal chat, call Denis Swann, Swann Marine Racing on 01634 252107. To find out more about Swann Marine visit www.swannmarineracing.co.uk.

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RYA STATEMENT Concerning WPPA & UIM

please read this.....

Very important information:

The UIM is the International Governing body for the sport of Powerboat Racing worldwide. In 2006 a new organisation was formed, the WPPA (World Professional Powerboat Association), the Chairman of this is Saeed Hareb the former Chairman of the UIM Offshore Commission. This new body primarily representing offshore Class One has not been recognised by the UIM and consequently any races run by the WPPA will be 'non approved' in accordance with UIM Rule 104. Any drivers or officials who take part in any WPPA events will be subject to sanctions from the UIM; All WPPA Board members have been suspended from holding any UIM office.

The RYA received a communication from the UIM on 12th December setting out their position, including a letter from the Class I World Powerboat Championship dated 3 December detailing the Board Members of the WPPA. **We ask that all competitors and RYA officials read this document carefully, (it is printed on the following pages).**

The RYA recognise that this is a very serious situation and one which could have an extremely negative effect on the sport both nationally and internationally. In an effort to find a solution to this damaging situation the RYA have employed a team of specialist lawyers and we are expecting their recommendations on how the RYA should proceed by the end of the month. We will keep the sport fully informed as negotiations progress. The RYA is the national governing body for the sport and its views are very well respected internationally, we will do everything possible to assist in bringing about an acceptable solution to both sides but in the mean time would strongly caution any involvement with the WPPA until a solution has been found.

John Puddifoot
RYA Powerboat Racing Manager

Monaco, December 12, 2006

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URGENT COMMUNICATION TO ALL UIM NATIONAL AUTHORITIES

Dear UIM Members,

POSITION OF UIM REGARDING CREATION OF WPPA

On December 2, 2006, Saeed Hareb announced the launch of the WPPA to the press in Dubai. Their stated aim is to bring together all various watersport disciplines starting with Class I, Class III and Pro Vee.

During the General Assembly meetings in Kuala Lumpur, the UIM Council clearly stated its' disagreement with the planned activities of this group and a notice of disagreement was sent on behalf of the UIM council to both the promoters of Class I and F1.

In the meantime, the F1 promoter, Nicolo Di San Germano has confirmed his withdrawal from the WPPA (letter attached).

The Class I promoter Sheik Hassan Al Thani has responded that the Class I will be conducted under the WPPA (letter attached detailing the Board of the WPPA)

The founding of the WPPA and the break away of IOTA will obviously cause serious damage to the UIM and to UIM's National Authorities. The UIM's Executive Committee regrets this decision of IOTA even more as this break away was initiated by a small group of people with strong personal motivations and interests.

The UIM Executive Committee is convinced, that only a very strict policy against the WPPA is suitable to minimize the damages for the UIM and its' National Authorities. In Kuala Lumpur we learned that WPPA has only one real aim. This aim can only be to break away from UIM sooner or later and to enter into competition to UIM. The longer WPPA will operate with the sanctioning of the UIM, the bigger the damage will be for UIM in case of a future break away.

On the other hand a new, more competitive, cheaper and more attractive UIM Class 1 might be the final result of this sad story. The existing contract with the UIM Class I promoter will be cancelled and until further notice the World Championship title for Class I has been frozen.

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The UIM Executive Committee therefore assumes your agreement with the following decisions:

- All the UIM Commission Members listed as Board Members of WPPA or working along with WPPA, have been preliminarily suspended from their UIM functions, pending ratification by Council. In the cases necessary a hearing according to Article 12 of the By Laws shall take place.
- National Authorities sanctioning any WPPA events might be suspended from UIM with immediate effect and all their international events in any category which are confirmed on the UIM calendar will be cancelled.
- The UIM delegates which have confirmed to be Board Members of the WPPA can no longer hold any UIM function or be a race official at any of the UIM international events.
- Any driver participating in WPPA events will not be allowed to race at any other UIM International event and should not be granted an international license by the National Authority. No UIM Superlicenses will be granted. Please inform your drivers and the organising clubs accordingly and send copy of your correspondence to the UIM.
- Any infringement by a National Authority regarding the above will be notified to the relevant National Olympic Committee.

Please note that the WPPA is not entitled to organise any international ordinary races or to grant any World or Continental Championship title.

WPPA is not recognised by the UIM nor recognised by the I.O.C. or affiliated to GAISF (General Association of International Sports Federations) or ARISF (Association of I.O.C. Recognised International Sports Federations) as a world governing body and international sports federation.

The I.O.C., all NOC's, GAISF and ARISF have been informed accordingly through copy of this letter.

Offshore Class III Championships will be run as scheduled in the December 15th official calendar publication, i.e. through the UIM and the organising clubs of the National Authorities.

We thank you for your cooperation and any further questions should be addressed to the UIM in writing.

Sincerely yours,



Ralf Fröhling
President UIM

Copy circulated to : UIM Council members
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WORLD POWERBOAT CHAMPIONSHIP

3rd December 2006

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For the attn of Mr Ralf Froehling - President

Dear Sirs

Re: 2007 Class1 World Powerboat Championship

Further to the UIM Council letter dated 9th November 2006, the IOTA Board, having received the favourable opinion of the Teams, has decided to join the World Professional Powerboating Association “WPPA” and to hold the 2007 Class1 World Powerboat Championship with this organisation.

At the same time, the IOTA Board expressed the hope that the UIM will reconsider its position of intransigence with regard to the WPPA project and show itself willing to find a solution for the recognition of this new Professional Powerboating body, respecting its autonomy in terms of management, something we consider to be the only way to guarantee improvement in our Sport.

As a demonstration of the interest which this initiative has created within Professional Powerboat Racing circles, we would inform you that John Haggin, representing the USA organisation ‘OSS’ and Bill Barry-Cotter, in the name of the Teams who participate in Class1 racing in Australia, have both decided to adhere to the WPPA.



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Furthermore, several National Authorities have given their explicit support to the WPPA project.

The serious-mindedness and professionalism of this initiative is also demonstrated by the people who have agreed to become Members of the WPPA Board:

Chairman: Saeed Hareb – UAE
Members: Mohamed Al Jaidah – Qatar
Bill Barry-Cotter – Australia
John Haggin – USA
José Jesuita – Portugal
Per Carsten Michelsen – Norway
Rory Power – UK
Alfredo Redaelli – Italy
Marco Sala – IOTA representative
General Secretary: Sid Bensalah – Algeria

We look forward to hearing from you on this matter and need to receive your reply by no later than 20 December 2006 in order to be able to announce next year's World Championship in the correct manner, a Championship which we will, in any event, be held using the Class1 name and logo which has already been registered in IOTA's name on an exclusive basis worldwide.

Yours respectfully,

Sheikh Hassan Bin Jabor Al Thani
Chairman, IOTA

cc: UIM Council Members



OFFSHORE CALENDAR 2007 AS AT 21.12.06.

DATE	VENUE	EVENT TITLE	CLUB	I N T	III C	V 24	RIBS	HOT BOAT 600 1000	O C R	F 4 S A	K250 K1000 K400	T C a t	Z C a t	Club Basic
January		K Class Training	WORK								Training			
Through		K Class Training	WORK								Training			
To March		K Class Training	WORK								Training			
FEB 3	Poole	Brass Monkey (Awards Weekend)	RMYC		B	B	B		B	B				B
MAR 24/25	Poole	K Class Basic Club Classic	WORK Assessment								Training B			
APR 14/15	TBA		OCRDA						C					
APR 28/29	Allhallows	K Class National	WORK								C			
MAY 5/6	Allhallows	K Class National	WORK								C			
May 6	Allhallows	Basic Race	AYC		B	B	B							B
MAY 5/6	TBA		OCRDA						C					
MAY 5/6	Malta	P1 GP of the Sea	P1	I										
MAY 12/13	Burryport		Hotboats					C						
MAY 12/13	Poole	K Class National	WORK								C			
MAY 26/27	Teignmouth		OCRDA						C					
MAY 25-27	Guernsey		ORDA	I	C	C	I & C							
MAY 26-27	Italy Naples	P1 GP of the Sea	P1	I										
MAY 31 TO JUN 10	Scarborough	P750 WORLDS	M2M	I								I		
JUN 15-17	TBA		F4SA							C				
JUN 16/17	Blackpool		Hotboats					C						
JUN 16/17	TBA		OCRDA						C					
JUN 16/17	Chasewater	Club Classic	WORK								B			
JUN 23	Poole	Camden Trophy	RMYC		C	C	C							
JUN 24	Poole	Cancer Charities	RMYC		B	B	B							B
JUN 30 JUL 1	Germany Tr'munde	P1 GP of the Sea	P1	I										
JUL 6/7/8	Plymouth	Class I		I										
JUL 6-8	TBA	F4SA + Honda Youth RIB	F4SA/ HONDA							C				
JUL 7/8	Ramsgate	OCR under AYC	AYC		C	C	C	C	C					
JUL 7/8	Ramsgate	K Class National	WORK								C			
JUL 14/15	Exmouth	RIB Rally & Poker Run	Exe PB&SC				Rally							
JUL 14/15	Ilfracombe		OCRDA						C					
JUL 21/22	Cardiff	K Class Int'l	WORK	I										
JUL 21/22	Pwllheli		Hotboats					C						
JUL 21/22	Pwllheli	Prov.	ORDA		C	C	C							
JUL 21/22	Ilfracombe	Prov.	OCRDA											
JUL 27-29	TBA		F4SA							C				
AUG 4/5	Plymouth	K Class National	WORK								C			
AUG 4/5	Stewartby		OCR/Circuit						B					
AUG 11/12	Allhallows	Estuary Classic	AYC National		C	C	C							
AUG 11/12	Dover	K Class National	WORK Finals								C			
AUG 11/12	Dover		OCRDA						C					
AUG 17-18	Sweden	European 1.3L		I										
AUG 17-19	L/Hampton	Regatta Weekend	ORDA		C	C	C	C						
AUG 25/26	Cowes		KBL/UKOBA	I	C	C	INT	?		C				
AUG 24-27	Cowes	GP of the Sea	KBL/UKOBA	I										
SEP 1/2	Carr Mill	K Class Basic	WORK								B			
SEP 8/9	Poole	Basic	RMYC		B	B	B							B
SEP 8/9	Zeebrugge	RIB Belgium Offshore	BIBOA/ Belgians	I			INT							
SEP 10-17	Italy	World 2L & 6L		I										
SEP 14-16	TBA		F4SA							C				
SEP 15/16	B'mouth	Pier to Pier	WORK											
SEP 15/16	B'mouth	K Class Classic	WORK								B			
SEP 15/16	TBA		OCRDA											
SEP 15/16	Spain	P1 GP of the Sea	P1	I										
SEP 29/30	Torquay	RYA Nat. Finals	ORDA		C	C	C	C TBC						
SEP 28-30	Gibraltar	OCR RYA Finals	OCRDA						C					
OCT 27/28	Portugal	P1 GP of the Sea	P1	I										
OCT 26 - 4 NOV	Egypt	Echinops Red Sea RIB Rally	EPRA/BIBOA											
OCT 29 TO 2 NOV	Records Week	Coniston	WMBRC											

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C = RYA National/Series Championship (points allocated)
I = International
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For Zapcat calendar go to: www.zapcat-racing.com

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ORDA – May run Pwllheli in June – tbc, HONDA – all dates provisional + one yet to be confirmed

THUNDERCATS want 6 nationals plus international P750 WC tbc, ZAPCATS want 8 nationals (plus internationals – tba)

CIRCUIT CALENDAR 2007 (DRAFT) as at 18.12.06.

National Racing								Club/racing/testing/demonstrations					Int'l Racing	
Date	Venue	J:250	OS Y	Mono	S:850	NS2000	Hydro	LPRC 07780 992515	MPRC 07812 019166	LOBMBC 01603 881112	SWSC 07930 268151	WMBRC 07766 913801		
MAR 24/25											24 Sat testing 25 Sun testing			
MAR 31-1APR								Apr 1						
APR 7/8											7 Sat testing 8 Sun club race	Apr 7		
APR 14/15										Apr 19th				
APR 21/22								Apr 22		Apr 26th		Apr 21		
APR 28/29										May 3	28 Sat testing 29 Sun club race			
MAY 5/6										May 10		May 5		
MAY 12/13	Carr Mill	N	N	N	N	N	N	May 13		May 17				
MAY 19/20												May 19		
MAY 27 Sunday	Oulton Broad	N	N	N	N	N	N							
MAY 28 Monday	Oulton Broad													
JUN 2/3										Jun 7		Jun 2		
JUN 9/10								Jun 9		Jun 14	9 Sat testing 10 Sun testing			
JUN 16/17		Barrow National ALL SPORTSBOATS								Jun 21		Jun 16 /17		
JUN 23/24										Jun 28				
JUN 30 JUL 1	Stewartby	Anglo Irish & Christobel Green Outboard Hydroplanes Junior Masters (all are club races)									Jul 5		Jun 30	
JUL 7/8								Jul 7						
JUL 14 Saturday	Oulton Broad		WC									Jul 14		
JUL 15 Sunday	Oulton Broad													
JUL 21/22								Away		Jul 26				
JUL 28/29										Aug 2		Jul 28		
AUG 4/5														
AUG 4/5	Stewartby	NATIONAL SPRINTS ALL CLASSES								Aug 9				
AUG 11/12								Aug 11		Aug 16		Aug 11		
AUG 18/19														
AUG 25/26										Aug 27		Aug 26		
SEP 1/2	MPRC	N	N	N	N		N							
SEP 9	Oulton Broad	BATTLE OF BRITAIN							Sept 8					
SEP 15/16	Stewartby	N	N	N	N	N	N					Sept 15		
SEP 22/23														
SEP 29/30												Sept 29	(Optional)	
OCT 6/7								Oct 7				Oct 6		
OCT 13/14											13 Sat testing 14 Sun club race			
OCT 20/21														
OCT 27/28								Oct 27						
Oct 29 to Nov 2	WMBRC	CONISTON RECORD WEEK 2007												
Dec 26								Dec 26						

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