

# RYA NEWSLETTER, 2007 ROUND-UP, INFORMATION & REFERENCE DOCUMENT



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

## REPORT FROM THE RYA

### Supporting Powerboat Racing

At the beginning of 2007 the RYA stated that costs of licences and insurances would not increase by more than 2.5%. This target was achieved and costs have been successfully controlled. The general level of activities from within the sport as a whole has shown a healthy increase particularly in the one design classes. It is recognised that the make up of the sport is changing and that some of the more traditional classes particularly in offshore are suffering as a result. The RYA frequently hears that the sport is in decline this is not so, what is happening is that the focus of interest has moved and again the one design classes highlight this point with some 40 boats racing in both the Honda and Zapcat classes. Some five years ago the JSRA joined the RYA and as a result we now have 100 plus licence holders racing in these classes, this important contribution must not be overlooked.

The RYA will continue to support classes who have particular difficulties until it becomes apparent that it is no longer viable to do so, in 2007 Circuit F4 benefited from RYA financial support in a joint effort to find a replacement boat for the S850/F4 Class. This development initiative is still continuing despite problems with boat speeds and gearbox ratios.

The RYA approved a number of demonstration and promotional races in 2007 and no charge was made to the organizers, club applications to run such events will always be considered and in most cases no charges will be levied. Growing the sport however is a two way trade and the RYA was disappointed that the Hotboat series failed to materialize. The promotional race in Malta proved that this class could be successful so why not stop complaining, get the boats off their trailers and go racing in the UK. The RYA will support the series and do everything possible to make it as cheap as possible, any input and ideas from Hotboat owners will be considered.

What does the RYA ever do for the sport of powerboat racing is the cry frequently heard? They charge too much for licences and insurance, burden the sport with unnecessary paper work and go of on free junkets all over the world. The reality is however somewhat different, firstly it must be appreciated that like any organization the RYA cannot run at a loss we have to balance our books as does any authority, but equally we do not seek to make a profit, something we are frequently accused of doing.

To answer some of those criticisms in 2007 the Lister/Knocker Honda appeal cost the RYA some £60000, this being legal and administrative costs resulting from the disciplinary hearing, the subsequent appeal and the final hearing at the Sports Dispute Resolution Panel. Further legal costs resulted from other claims involving one of our safety boats, an incident in the Thundercat class involving personal injury and the on going claim following the K Class accident in 2005. The combined total cost of these actions is in the region of £180,000 so whenever you hear "What does the RYA do for the sport?" remember some of £180,000 worth given this year alone.

Insurance costs are a constant source of complaint quite naturally as this cost is the biggest single element of the powerboat racing budget. A new system of charging was introduced in 2006 and in general this has worked reasonably well, it is certainly much fairer than the old system and without doubt more transparent. The department continues to review these costs and does everything possible to minimize the premiums; the reality is that the sport is high risk and we have had a number of claims in the past. We will however continue to explore all possibilities for the benefit of the sport as a whole.

One of the strengths of the RYA is its officials and volunteers who give so freely of their time, this valuable contribution cannot be overestimated so when you are next critical of their actions remember they are helping you to go racing in their own free time and they are doing it because they enjoy the sport. If you think you can do better put your name forward and perhaps then you will appreciate just what this willing band actually does for the sport.

Through the professionalism and dedication of our officials the RYA is being increasingly asked to support foreign events. Gibraltar was the first example of this and in the last two years we have seen Egypt and now Malta seek our professional help. These later venues have paid the RYA Powerboat Racing in excess of £5000 for the services provided freely by willing volunteers, this equates to a saving on all national licences of approx £10 per person, so next time you criticise the RYA for free foreign junkets remember those savings on your licence.

Bureaucracy and paper work is the evil of modern life, the department will however continue to do everything possible to minimize this whilst complying with basic requirements.

Offshore racing in the Solent has now been secured for the foreseeable future as a result of a close and professional working relationship established between the RYA and the local authorities. The P1 Cowes Grand Prix of the Sea took up a considerable amount of office time this year and the RYA would like to thank all of those who again gave so freely of their time and helped to make this classic headline event the great success it was. The RYA has charged P1 for the administration and again these charges will help to offset other costs from within the department.

In 2008 it is likely the Round Britain Offshore Powerboat race will run and possibly a round of the circuit F1 World Championships. It is hoped that funds resulting from both of these major events will help to keep costs down in the new season.

Those in the RYA powerboat racing office are dedicated to the sport; we want to work with you all and strive to make the sport as professional and successful as possible. Our sport is your enjoyment so let's work together and strive to make 2008 as enjoyable as possible, we don't ask for accolades or praise but a little less of the barracking and criticism would be much appreciated by all concerned.

John Puddifoot

### **OFFSHORE, JET SPORT & CIRCUIT – INVESTMENT & FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Many query how we spend the money which is raised through competitors' licence, measurement and homologation fees, plus clubs' insurance premiums and admin. charges.

- A large proportion goes on good insurance cover for third party liability (£10 million on land, £5 million on water), competitors' legal expenses cover and Officials PA and Death benefit insurance. This type of insurance is not easy to source and has a very limited market, but we have remained with HSBC (who sources the insurers and underwriters) for this purpose. In all the years that we have insured through HSBC, they have paid claims, given legal advice and support and provided excellent cover.
- A few clubs and officials have also had to seek the RYA's legal advice over the past year, it is our estimate that this probably came to several thousands of pounds, but no charge was made to them.
- Substantial sums of money have been paid out on Disciplinary Hearing and Appeals.
- The Powerboat Racing Department has also made a considerable donation towards the 'developmental costs' of a new circuit class.
- We also purchased a K class boat.
- Circuit has benefited from prize money for the J:250 class in recent years.

- Juniors have benefited from competition prizes, offered each season – in 2007, it was a remote controlled helicopter for the winning design of a powerboat. Last time we bought an Ipod, and the previous competition we gave away a digital camera.
- We have also purchased event equipment, such as an immersion test cell, fuel testers, breath test equipment, medical recovery equipment, dyno tester, marshal flags, helmet stickers, self adhesive decals, trophies, medals, certificates and other attendant items.
- The Awards Ceremony is also heavily subsidised so that champions and record holders can have a wonderful evening. It is run like the Oscars, with exciting film footage, supported by good commentary and a slick prize giving.
- More time is being spent on the production of news items for the website, so that the sport has fresh information on a daily or weekly basis.
- New classes are being introduced and much time spent on refining their rules.
- Officials' seminars have been staged, with the RYA footing the bill for room hire and refreshments.
- Behind the Powerboat Racing Department, lies the main body of the RYA, with all its weight and power when things go wrong. It has spent considerable sums in the defence of keeping Windermere available to the sport plus many other, equally serious boating matters that could affect you. The RYA actively supports liaison between the various authorities to enable racing to continue on closed waters or open seas. This can be demonstrated by our regular meetings with the Broads Authority and the Lowestoft and Oulton Broad Motor Boat Racing Club regarding racing on Oulton Broad.
- The RYA also has considerable influence at the UIM and pursues the interests of the British racers with the international authority.
- As you can see, we are far more than an independent 'stand alone' organisation that could just disappear tomorrow. The RYA is here to facilitate the means by which clubs can organise races; competitors can compete in a structured environment where safety and training is taken very seriously, and everyone 'sings from the same song sheet'.

**OFFSHORE, JET SPORT & CIRCUIT - ADDITIONAL REVENUE RAISED IN 2007:** The department is frequently criticised for involvement with foreign events as this is perceived as costing the RYA both time and resource. In 2006 the department raised approximately £5,000 through its involvement with the Egyptian Red Sea Rally and this year we have raised approximately £800 by supporting and working with the Maltese NA in running the recent Chaudron demonstration event. These additional funds go some considerable way to offset the running costs of the department.

### **INFORMATION AND UPDATES PROMULGATED DURING THE SEASON:**

**OFFSHORE – ORC. 15.12.06. “HONDA 225 POWER STEERING – Urgent notification -** Hydraulic hoses are *recommended* to be stainless braided, to prevent instant failure. F4SA rule addendum.”

**OFFSHORE, AIR SUPPLY –** SAT recommend that the demand valve be located in one place, i.e. on the crew's chest. *Other 508 rules also need wording revision.*

### **OFFSHORE REPORT ON MARC LAMONT'S V24 ENGINE – ORC 15.12.06.**

“JC reported that the RYA had commissioned the report on Lamont's V24 engine, that Norman Taylor's examination of the engine was very thorough and concluded that V69 had no problems with eligibility with that engine, which has been sealed. SAT agreed that this be included in the next RYA Manager's Newsletter as it demonstrates due diligence to the sport.”

**OFFSHORE & CIRCUIT** – When you sell your boat to another competitor, please make sure that you give them the old measurement certificate, the homologation papers and the UIM log book (if applicable) so that the details can be transferred into their name.

**OFFSHORE AND CIRCUIT** – It is imperative to record any damage and repairs made to your boat – you will find this form on the back of your measurement certificate, or for those with cell boat, in the UIM logbook.

**ORC 15.12.06. - 19/06 – “Boat Damage recorded on Measurement Certificates** - Scrutineers to be reminded to record boat damage on measurement certificates, with severely damaged boats’ measurement certificates to be withdrawn and returned to the RYA, and the boats remeasured. To be covered in seminar. RYA office to inform all Scrutineers as soon as possible via email. To be included in rules addendum also.” This practice was reiterated by the new SAT group at their meeting on 1.8.07.

**OFFSHORE AND CIRCUIT** – If a boat is damaged at an event in a racing accident – this will also need to be reported to the RYA Office, via the new Incident Report form for boats.

**OCR HULL HOMOLOGATION ABOLISHED** – In its place we have created a more enhanced and comprehensive Measurement Form for this class. (This form can be found on the website).

**OFFSHORE ANNUAL CANOPY EXAMINATIONS:**

**ORC 15.12.06. - “18/06 – V24/508 Annual Canopy Examinations** - SAT found that the current procedure was creating difficulties in achieving this as all boats are remaining with the same owners and receiving renewed measurement certificates annually from the RYA without checks being undertaken. SAT suggested that, to comply with current rules, when the renewal comes into the RYA office for processing the owner is notified this check has to be done and this is noted on the renewed measurement certificate as outstanding. The scrutineer could then sign the measurement form & inform the RYA office when this check has been carried out. Measurement form to be amended to accommodate extra data & signature. The ORC agreed. To be included in rules addendum.”

**ORC 15.12.06. OFFSHORE – YAMAHA 130 AND 140** – The removal of these engines from the UIM homologation list is not a national problem.

**ORC 15.12.06. OFFSHORE – MERCURY ECU CHECKS** – Mercury are willing to provide ECU factory checks for the whole sport, including international events.

**MERCURY OPTIMAX 200XS** - The RYA have recently learnt that Mercury will be commencing a production run of the Optimax 200 XS engine in the near future. There is now the opportunity for a bulk order to be placed with Mercury thus maximising discounts and at the same time taking advantage of the current Pound/Dollar exchange rates. If any competitors are interested in taking advantage of this please contact the RYA as soon as possible.

**OFFSHORE, JETSPORT & CIRCUIT - HELMET STICKERS** – Helmets will continue to be checked by Scrutineers for the 2008 season onwards; the anti-tamper stickers will be posted to Club/Race Secretaries at the beginning of next year, ready to be handed out to Scrutineers for this purpose.

**OFFSHORE, JETSPORT AND CIRCUIT - LICENCE APPLICATION FORMS 2008** – All 2007 licence holders will receive their new Licence Application Forms at the beginning of January. This gives you plenty of time to get your medical booked and your LAF returned to us before your first event of the season! LAFs and attendant documentation can also be downloaded from our website.

All applications must be sent to Clubs for endorsement before being sent to the office for processing. Competitors are reminded that whilst their licence covers them with 3<sup>rd</sup> party public liability and legal expenses benefits. **They are not covered by personal accident insurance. The RYA strongly recommends that every competitor holds their own PA cover.**

**OFFSHORE, JETSPORT AND CIRCUIT - REMINDER TO CLUB SECRETARIES:** Please note when you over-sign a Licence Application form for a competitor you are signing to say *“I, the undersigned, certify that I know of no reason why this licence should not be issued, and that the applicant is a*

*member of this club/association. This application also complies to the best of my knowledge with the rules of licence renewals.”*

**OFFSHORE, JETSPORT & CIRCUIT – NEW LICENCES** – This has been a very slow process because the IS section of the RYA had to spend much of their time revamping the website. We are now about to test the new licence database system for the first time. Some of you will have already received an old type of licence, but you will get a new one reissued in a plastic, red wallet. This wallet must be retained from year to year, and the paper licence insert will just be updated instead.

**OFFSHORE & CIRCUIT – THIRD PARTY INSURANCE EXTENSION LETTER AND APPROVAL TO RACE ABROAD LETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITORS** – Don't forget to request these if participating in an international event.

**OFFSHORE, JETSPORT AND CIRCUIT - NEW MEDICAL SELF-DECLARATION FORM** (to be used in conjunction with all Events Licences). Nikki Drummond has created a new enhanced Medical Self-Declaration Form, which must be filled in by the competitor when an Event Licence is issued. This is to give the organisers a better insight of your medical condition, should you require emergency treatment by a Paramedic or Doctor at the event.

**OFFSHORE, JETSPORT AND CIRCUIT - NATIONAL TUE FORMS – (THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION)** – It is absolutely imperative that you get your GP to fill out a TUE form if you are taking the type of medicine that could cause a 'false positive' on a random drugs test. GP's should be directed towards the UK Sport website which provides a link to the [http://www.uk sport.gov.uk/prohibited\\_list/](http://www.uk sport.gov.uk/prohibited_list/)

If you are racing nationally, and have filled in the TUE form the RYA automatically sends a copy to UK Sport for their information.

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If you are racing internationally, and have filled in the TUE form the RYA automatically sends a copy to UK Sport and the UIM for their information who in turn sends it to WADA. It is important to note that an International Federation does not necessarily adopt a National TUE for a competitor moving up into international competition. The UIM Medical Panel must decide whether they will accept it and they will also require a letter from a competitor's doctor/consultant explaining when he/she first started taking the medication and why.

**The RYA continues to remain vigilant in 'keeping drugs out of sport'. Zero tolerance rules OK!**

**OFFSHORE, JETSPORT AND CIRCUIT - TESTING FOR ALCOHOL, NEW AND OLD METHODS** – We have an electronic breath-tester (as used by the Police) which can be loaned out to clubs to test competitors on a random basis. We are also looking at a new quick chemical method and are in the process of liaising with the company who produces the kits to arrange some training for officials. We can then purchase enough packs so that each club will have a stock and they can then test at will.

**OFFSHORE, JET SPORT & CIRCUIT – JUNIOR LICENCES 2008** – Licences will not be issued by the office until a Certificate of Competence accompanies the LAF. This is all part and parcel of the Junior Training Schemes in operation throughout the disciplines.

**OFFSHORE – CLUB RESPONSE TO COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS** – A new form has been devised which allows a club to respond to low ratings on a Commissioner's Report with regard to their particular event.

**OFFSHORE SAT (SAFETY AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE) - REVISION OF OFFICIALS' TITLES** – The committee will be making changes to the various categories held by Scrutineers (for clarification). To be included in PB1.

**OFFSHORE NEXT OF KIN FORM FOR OFFICIALS** – Nikki has also created a new form especially for Officials to fill out when they sign on at an event, just in case the organisers need to contact their next of kin for any reason.

**OFFSHORE MASTER STATIONERY PACK** – Nikki has been working hard updating all the CDs for this pack and they have been mailed out to all club secretaries. All other disciplines will also be receiving updated documentation shortly. We intend to use common forms in line with MAIB recommendations.

**OFFSHORE, JETSPORT & CIRCUIT – INSURANCE (CLUB AND OFFICIALS)**

Once a club has paid their RYA insurance and administration fees for Powerboat Racing, and the event has been approved, they are covered for:

Third Party Liability on water £5 million any one claim (once signed on)  
Third Party Liability on land £10 million any one claim (once signed on)  
Personal Accident & Death benefit (once signed on) (age limitations apply to this policy only)

**OFFSHORE, JET SPORT & CIRCUIT – 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.

**OFFSHORE, JETSPORT & CIRCUIT – INSURANCE (COMPETITORS)**

These are all in force when a fully licensed competitor has signed onto a RYA approved event:

Third Party Liability on water £5 million any one claim (once signed on)  
Third Party Liability on land £10 million any one claim (once signed on)  
Legal Expense cover

*(No competitor to competitor cover exists, Personal Accident is strongly recommended, along with all other optional insurances as listed on the Licence Application Form).*

**OFFSHORE – NEW POWERBOAT RACING CLUB AFFILIATIONS:**

**HOTBOATS RACING ASSOCIATION:**

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Barton's Barn  
Stoughton  
Chichester  
West Sussex PO18 9JQ  
Tel: 02392 631120 (h)  
Email: [hotboatsracing@aol.com](mailto:hotboatsracing@aol.com) Website: [www.hotboatsracing.com](http://www.hotboatsracing.com)

**CLASSIC OFFSHORE POWERBOAT OWNERS' CLUB:**

John Iddon is Club Secretary and is keen to encourage a revival in Offshore racing involving classic boats. JI's telephone number: 01189 794932, email: [seahunter325@hotmail.com](mailto:seahunter325@hotmail.com)

**WEST COUNTRY WATERSPORTS & RACING CLUB:**

Newly affiliated club. Graham Lawton is the representative on the CCM.

**NEW RACING CLASSES FOR 2007:**

**OFFSHORE - E:9000 CLASS** – ORC meeting of 15.12.06: “44/06 – K Class introduction of Eco Class K9000 with 90HP as a non-national experimental class for 2007  
JP explained that this was primarily for the parents of K class children to join in racing. JC reported that this class would use a 16ft Phantom with 90HP Etek Evinrude engine. The meeting noted that OCRDA were against this new proposal, being outside the original intention for K class racing. The ORC recognised that this class was comparable to Class 3B and OCR 'B', and recommended that these technical rules be drawn on for K9000. RP to inform WORK and OCRDA of ORC recommendation.”



## **OFFSHORE – HOTBOATS CLASSES – 600 & 1000 CATEGORIES**

These are the brainchild of Gary Manchester – visit his website on [www.hotboatsracing.com](http://www.hotboatsracing.com) You can also download the rules on the RYA website on [www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk). It has been a disappointing season so far, but we hope for more support for next year with this new concept.

**OFFSHORE – POKER RUNS AND RALLIES** – A means of facilitating these events is being discussed with the RYA office. HQ is keen to expand their remit to cover these all important events. A racing policy, framework and a set of guidelines is being set up.

**CIRCUIT – NEW CLASS – HELLCAT MAKES GREAT LEAPS!** Nigel Hall of Hellcat Racing took a stand at the Autosport Show and was amazed at the amount of interest and indeed business that this generated for this new SL90 class of racing. His offer of track days drew a lot of attention and he has many takers – this turn key concept of racing looks like it has 'legs'; a prestige car manufacturer approached him and expressed a serious interest too. It is hoped to host a World Championship for this class for 2009, and we are hoping for an 8-10 boat competition.

**CIRCUIT - CRC 15.7.07.** – “The CRC agreed that the requirement for immersion tests and the wearing of restraints would be waived for participants in SL90 track days only.”

**CIRCUIT CRC 15.7.07.** – “Side Protection OSY:400 request from Ricky Gibbs – existing rule requires OSY:400 outer casings to have two layers of 315 grams Kevlar, this material is difficult to obtain, CRC agreed that 4 layers of 170 grams could be used instead.”

**CIRCUIT - TEAM POWERBOATING (LTD)** – We have been informed by Pat Ainge that she has now handed over the business to Charlotte Hughes and her father Peter Kirkham. All future correspondence should be addressed to: Charlotte Hughes, Team Powerboating Ltd., 115 Belt Road, Hednesford, Staffordshire WS12 4JJ. Tel: 0870 752 4799, email: [teampowerboating@fsmail.net](mailto:teampowerboating@fsmail.net), web: [www.teampowerboating.co.uk](http://www.teampowerboating.co.uk). Charlotte's mobile: 07791 916811, Rita Kirkham (Secretary) mobile: 07969 122210. For current race/training days, check the website.

**CIRCUIT - OULTON BROAD WATER APPROVALS** – an extra “Patrol Boat” needs to be added into the OB water approvals documents – Alan Marshall will attend to this when updating the documents. This water has now been re-registered with the UIM.

**CIRCUIT – BARROW DOCK – AMENDMENTS TO COURSE** – Alan Marshall to update Water Approvals (September 2007).

**CIRCUIT - CRC 15.5.07.** – Competitors are to fly the Union Flag (not a St George's Cross), they represent the United Kingdom.

**CIRCUIT** – A decision was made that the chemical cyclohexane has been banned in fuel testing. This is due to the fact that it is not transportable and is highly combustible.

**OFFSHORE & CIRCUIT - TATTERSHALL** – This has been registered to allow Thundercats to race and demonstrate on this water.

**OFFSHORE, JET SPORT & CIRCUIT – DECISION OF THE SPORTS DISPUTE RESOLUTION PANEL OF THE LISTER-NOCKER RE-HEARING 3.7.07.** Both were given a five year ban and they will not be able to hold RYA Powerboat Racing licences until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012. Please be aware that this was an expensive exercise, in excess of £20,000 being paid by each party to find a resolution.

**JET SPORT DISCIPLINARY** – A red card was issued to Chris Brettle on 9.9.07. he has also been banned from participating in JSRA events for the 2008 race season.

## **OFFSHORE, JET SPORT & CIRCUIT – PROTESTS, DISCIPLINARY AND APPEALS**

It has been decided that these procedures now need to be re-written in line with current legal thinking. The sport has endeavoured to deal with its own problems over the years, but it is becoming clear that a new approach is needed and we have asked the RYA's legal team to review the wording and process.

**OFFSHORE, JETSPORT & CIRCUIT - GROSS MISCONDUCT** – This applies to all officials as well as competitors, and will be added to the respective rule books accordingly.

**OFFSHORE SAFETY BULLETIN (SAT 1.8.07.)** - The Committee agreed that a Safety Bulletin be circulated recommending that all cable steering be replaced with suitable hydraulic systems as a matter of urgency & that when PB1 is rewritten Hydraulic steering become a mandatory requirement.

**OFFSHORE – CLUBS’ RADIO LICENCES** - It is the responsibility of all clubs to obtain and pay for radio licences for events from Ofcom. At no time now or in the future would the RYA be paying for these licences, and the RYA would send an email to all clubs reminding them of their responsibility to obtain these licences for any events that they hold.

**OFFSHORE - ABOUT MALTA** – 21-23 September the Powerboat Racing Manager, John Puddifoot along with a team of RYA officials and racers from the UK were invited by the Maltese government to Malta to assist in organising a demonstration race.

The Maltese government approached the RYA to assist in the running of the event in the hope that it can create a close working relationship in the future for the international promotion of Powerboat racing. Although the RYA officials received an all expenses paid trip to Malta they were certainly made to work for it!

The 9 boats competing certainly created a stir in Malta, with one local radio station covering the event receiving over 400 phone calls requesting information of how to get involved with the racing.

On the success of the weekend “A new club is now being formed in the region affiliated to the RYA which will bring new funds to the UK sport” commented John Puddifoot ....“This club will then be running further races under our guidance and in conjunction with the Maltese National Authority during 2008!”

**JET SPORTS & OFFSHORE – COWES 2007** – Racing in the Solent for the past few years has proved difficult to organise because of more and more demands being placed upon the Association by the local authorities. The RYA was instrumental in co-ordinating the safety and marshalling organisation of the event and would like to thank sincerely all those volunteers who assisted, without their commitment and professional expertise and would not have run so smoothly.

As a result of the success of this year’s event we have received positive feedback from all of the authorities which now guarantees the continuation of Powerboat Racing in the Solent for the foreseeable future.

**OFFSHORE – TORQUAY FINALS** – The office extends its thanks to ORDA for their fine organisation of the Offshore Finals. The weather, although acceptable on the Saturday, proved to be more challenging on the Sunday, but nevertheless, was a very successful event.

**OFFSHORE – HONDA FINALS – LIVERPOOL GRAND PRIX** – The close quarters racing now typified by the Honda 150 and 225 classes reached its climax at the Finals in Liverpool. The RYA would like to thank all of those involved throughout the season in this important one design series for their continuing hard work and dedication which has ensured the progression of the sport.

**CIRCUIT, JET SPORT & OFFSHORE – P:750 (THUNDERCAT WORLDS – SCARBOROUGH)** – This was the first ever P750 World Championship in the northern hemisphere. It contended with unpredictable weather conditions organisational challenges, which were all overcome by the dedication of the officials and support of M2M Racing, led by Vee Ganjavian and Fiona Pascoe. The event was made even more spectacular with the involvement of the JSRA who raced on the open sea for the first time in a long while in conjunction with this class. Well done to all officials and competitors! The presentation of the P:750 medals will be held at the Earls Court Boat Show (date of show 1-9 December 2007).

**OFFSHORE – ROUND BRITAIN RACE 21 JUNE 2008** - Look out for this particular event, it will be an epic. To read all about it go to this website: [www.roundbritain.info/](http://www.roundbritain.info/) More information on this later.



**OFFSHORE – ZAPCATS -** Lucky seven! It has now been seven years since the inception of Zapcat Racing and it has gone from strength to strength. Over 40 boats raced regularly in 2007 which saw them visit even more new locations and the final two rounds being held at Watergate Bay as a separate contest in conjunction with the RYA national championship to find the Zapcat King of the Surf.

**OFFSHORE – OCR – SALCOMBE –** For the first time ever, racing was allowed in the river estuary this drew large crowds who witnessed a spectacular weekend of classic OCR activity. Congratulations to the organisers who made this possible and it is hoped that it will be repeated in 2008!

**OFFSHORE 2008 – CLASS III 2 LITRE WORLDS – 1-8 SEPTEMBER 2008:**

The Union Internationale Motonautique and the Royal Yachting Association have kindly sanctioned the World Championship to take place in Guernsey, Channel Islands in September 2008 – organising club ORDA. The RYA says..... “It is great to see Guernsey hosting powerboat racing again.”

**CIRCUIT – OSY:400 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP –** We are pleased to report that this was a well supported event, and the title went to home grown champion, Sean Barnard. We are hoping that he will take time out to come to the RYA Awards Ceremony in February – looking forward to seeing you there Sean! We also sent our congratulations to the organisers of this prestigious event, it made for some very exciting racing.

**CIRCUIT 0:350 WORLDS 2008 –** This will be taking place at Stewartby Lake, Bedfordshire, on June 28-29 2008. Confirmed to UIM. More of this in the next newsletter.

**JET SPORT –** Jeremy Hoyland’s hard work paid off; this nomadic group organised a stunning season and our congratulations go to champions:

- FIELD DANIEL
- EDWARDS MATTHEW
- WEBSTER PAUL
- YOUNG JASON
- GILL SIMON
- BURGESS ANTHONY
- WELLS SPENCER
- ROBERTS JASON
- BUSHELL JAMES
- BRETTLE CHRIS
- PURKISS RAY
- RICHARDSON ANYA

**RULE CLARIFICATION: OFFSHORE - RULE F16 new rule to be added.**

**OFFSHORE, JET SPORT & CIRCUIT - PARENTAL CONSENT -** A reminder that all competitors Under the age of 18 must have a parental consent form signed before taking part in an event.

**OFFSHORE, JET SPORT & CIRCUIT – POWERBOAT RACING STATISTICS**

<b>2006 STATISTICS</b>	
2006 Number of licences issued in total including Event Licences	830+
2006 Number of Offshore licences issued	252
2006 Number of Jet Sport Licences issued	110
2006 Number of Circuit Licences issued	104
2006 Number of Event Licences issued	364
2006 Number of races held in total – all disciplines	903
2006 Number of Offshore Racing Incidents	31
2006 Number of Jet Sport Racing Incidents	2
2006 Number of Circuit Racing Incidents	31

<b>2007 STATISTICS AS AT 12/10/2007 – TO BE UPDATED AT THE END OF THE SEASON</b>	
2007 Number of licences issued in total including Event Licences	999
2007 Number of Offshore licences issued	255
2007 Number of Jet Sport Licences issued (Winter Series licences yet to be issued)	87
2007 Number of Circuit Licences issued	126
2007 Number of Event Licences issued	531
2007 Number of races held in total – all disciplines	889
2007 Number of Offshore Racing Incidents	TBA
2007 Number of Jet Sport Racing Incidents	TBA
2007 Number of Circuit Racing Incidents	TBA

#### **CIRCUIT AND OFFSHORE NEW AND UPGRADED OFFICIALS:**

Atlee Peter	Confirmed as Senior Scrutineer All Classes & 508
Baker Glenn	Senior Scrutineer All Classes & 508
Bowdler Fiona	Race Secretary
Buck Robert	Commissioner
Currie Ian	Approved Scrutineer
Dodsworth Robert	Officer of the Day (Class III)
Dodsworth Robert	Safety Officer All Classes
Eaves Nicola	Race Secretary
Fattorini Ed	Officer of the Day
Harrison Karen	Race Secretary
Herring Terry	Senior Scrutineer All Classes & 508
Hudson Gill	Race Secretary
Hudson Les	Safety Officer All Classes
Humby Matt	Approved Scrutineer All Classes
Kendal Jenny	Timekeeper K Class
Little Dawn	Timekeeper K Class
Manchester Gary	Commissioner
McCarthy Bob	Measurer (OCR)
McCarthy Bob	Approved Scrutineer (OCR) TBC
McCarthy Carole	Timekeeper
McCarthy Carole	Race Secretary
Monteith Denise	Assistant Officer of the Day
Monteith Denise	Timekeeper
Morse Geoff	Commissioner (K Class Cardiff)
Morse Ruth	Commissioner
Morse Ruth	Race Secretary
Mould Rob	Senior Scrutineer (OCR)
Mould Rob	Measurer (OCR)
Oaten Steve	Safety Officer (OCR)
Pascoe Fiona	Officer of the Day
Payne Gary	Senior Scrutineer
Pocknell Julie	Race Secretary (K Class)
Prigent Robert	Senior Scrutineer
Purnell Martin	Approved Scrutineer All Classes
Raby Amanda	Safety Officer
Ridd John	Approved Scrutineer
Robert Mickey	Senior Scrutineer All Classes
Rousell Tony	Senior Scrutineer
Salaman Richard	Safety Officer
Taylor Norman	Senior Scrutineer All Classes & Engine Inspector
Welch Clare	Timekeeper K Class
Wheeler Adam	Commissioner
Zelley Alan	Senior Scrutineer All Classes

There are other nominations pending, awaiting approval, but these will be added into the next newsletter.

**RETIRING OFFICIALS:** Roy Fisher, Steve Le Roy, Mike Shepherd

Quote from ORC minutes of 28.6.07....."Both Tom and Vicky had resigned from Wanda and while this was indeed sad news, it was felt that the chairman of ORC should write to thank both Tom and Vicky for all of their hard work. For the rest of the season K Class could use the name of Wanda which was in fact Vicky Cadman's, but after this season K Class would have to affiliate to the RYA in their own right."

Our sincere thanks go to all officials who have worked so hard and have given so freely of their time to run the sport.

**ORC MEETING OF 28.6.07. Training Syllabus for Officials** - GM and DM had spent a good deal of time looking at how officials are currently trained. GM had worked out a Two Tier training system for all officials in an effort to encourage more trainee officials to come forward. In the past trainee officials after completing the required amount of training would go before the relevant committee to be approved and could wait for some while until the committee met. The introduction of the rolling email decision had helped but it could still take some while. With the new system an official could choose to become an official for a particular class and could become qualified for that class alone. If the official then wished to train in all classes they would then spend time working with all classes and become qualified in all classes. GM training syllabus also laid out all the criteria's required to become an official in whichever field the trainee had chosen so that the official training the trainee and the trainee were aware of what was required. This would lead to less confusion all round. The ORC felt that this was a good way to encourage new officials as the sport was in desperate need of officials trained to the same standard.

**OFFSHORE OFFICIALS' ID** – We are gradually working our way through this new style ID – but we need all offshore officials to reply to the letter we sent out recently, enclosing their recent passport photos.

**JET SPORTS AND CIRCUIT ID** – you are not forgotten, but we are going to issue Offshore first and test it out.

**CIRCUIT, JET SPORT & OFFSHORE OFFICIALS** - As always, we are looking for new blood, so if you know of any prospective volunteers please let us know.

**OFFSHORE - PB1 2008** – We are working on a new style, loose leaf A5 ring binder file, which we think will be easier to maintain. Updates for rules can then be downloaded on the website.

**CIRCUIT, JET SPORT & OFFSHORE NEW/UPDATED CLASS RULES FOR 2008** – Please send them by the end of November 2007 (or as soon as humanly possible).

**OFFSHORE, JET SPORT & CIRCUIT – EARLS COURT BOAT SHOW** – 1-9 December 2007, 30 November is Press Day.

**OFFSHORE, JET SPORT & CIRCUIT – AUTOSPORT SHOW, BIRMINGHAM** - 10-13 January 2008

**OFFSHORE, JET SPORT & CIRCUIT - LONDON BOAT SHOW – CHANGE OF DATES** – The London Boat Show, will be held later than usual in 2008, it will run from 11-20 January.



## REPORT FROM UIM & INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

**OFFSHORE – ZAPCATS JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL FLEET!** Zapcats have been accepted by the UIM as part of the international fleet and their rules have been submitted to the World Governing Body. We await their scheduled dates.

**OFFSHORE – PRO VEE CLASS HAS COLLAPSED** – The Promoter was released from his UIM contract.

**UIM PRESIDENT, RESIGNATION** - Ralf Frohling resigned through ill health. The Presidency is up for grabs at the next UIM General Assembly in November.

**OFFSHORE – CLASS 3C AND 3B CANOPIES** – this proposal was defeated, but a watching brief is being maintained.

**EPA ENGINES** – Following the Class III 2 Litre Worlds in Italy earlier this year, where only one competitor was using a “dirty” XR2 engine, it is now extremely likely that UIM Cominoff will mandate the use of green engines for the class for 2008. Cominoff has previously agreed that when over 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the competitors in this class are using green engines, the whole class will go green the following year.

**OFFSHORE – RIB CLASSES (SPORT AND RECREATIONAL CATEGORIES)** – The UIM has supported these and a set of rules has been submitted to them.

**OFFSHORE – PLEASURE NAVIGATION** – John Puddifoot now represents UK on this Commission.

**OFFSHORE – COMINOFF** – John Puddifoot represents UK and is the appointed minute taker.

**OFFSHORE – COMINOFF** – Gary Manchester has been nominated by UK as a delegate on this commission.

**UIM COUNCIL** – John Reed is the UIM Administrator.

**CIRCUIT – COMINSPO**RT – Phil Stacey is the UK’s delegate on this commission

**CIRCUIT – DRIVERS’ REPRESENTATIVE FOR HYDROPLANES** – Susan Keay

**UIM PRESIDENCY** – Following the submission of a new manifesto from Lord Beaverbrook, it was recently decided by the PBRC that the UK should co-nominate Lord Beaverbrook with Canada for the position of UIM President.

**OFFSHORE, JETSPORT & CIRCUIT** – The PBRC ruled that if a club is going to host an international event they must: “Lodge a financial bond with the RYA. This Financial Bond now applies to all UIM events to be held after 1 January 2007, being 75% of the international fee for each event, payable 21 days after each event is entered on the international calendar.”

**OFFSHORE – RED SEA RALLY** – run through the newly UIM affiliated Egyptian National Authority. Egypt beckons again, the event will be hosted from this Red Sea resort; this year it should be a little cooler (if you could ever call Egypt cool), as it is being run from 26 October to the 4 November, a little later in the season.

**WPPA (World Professional Powerboat Association) UPDATE** – The RYA has been working quietly behind the scenes to broker a peace between the WPPA and the UIM. Discussions are still in progress and we are hoping for a satisfactory outcome for all national authorities and international competitors. Working together is the only solution.

**CLARIFICATION ON OFFSHORE RULES 735.17 & 735.31** – The following wording in 735.22 rule should have been added to 735.17 and 735.31 rules as these rules relate to gearcases, whereas 735.22 rules mainly relates to engines (powerheads):

“it is allowed to add material to the leading edge of the gearcase skeg.”

**UIM GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOVEMBER 2007** – A full update will be made in the next newsletter.



### **CURRENT RYA POWERBOAT RACING COMMITTEES:**

**CRC = Circuit Racing Committee**, Robin Hurst, Chairman, Nigel Hall, EHRC delegate, Susan Keay, SWSC delegate, Alan Marshall, WMBRC delegate, Bill Owen, LPRC delegate, Fiona Pascoe M2M delegate, Phil Stacey, UIM rep, John Staveley, L&OBMBC delegate, Stu Wilkinson MPRC delegate, John Puddifoot, Powerboat Racing Manager (plus any Technical/Safety or Class representatives the chairman chooses to ask to the meeting). Note: the CRC Chairmanship is up for election at the next meeting of the committee in November.

**CRC Technical Rep** = Barry Turner, **Safety Rep** = Malcolm Curtis, **Class Reps:** John Masters S:850, Ruth Morse, J:250, Stu Wilkinson, OSY:400, Bill Owen, Hydroplanes, Susan Keay.

**JSRC = Jet Sport Racing Committee**, Martin Child, Chairman, Jeremy Hoyland delegate, Karen Cable, delegate, Michelle Richardson Colley, delegate, Justin Hart, delegate, Dr John Jolleys, delegate, David Wooton, delegate, Robert Wesley, delegate, Jacqui Hoyland, delegate, Jackie Smith, delegate, Louise Hammond, delegate (committee comprises of technical, safety and medical expertise).

**Medical Panel** = Dr Vadas (Offshore), Dr Dawes (Circuit), Dr Wilson (Circuit), Dr Jolleys (Jet Sport), Co-optee, Dr Henderson

**ORC = Offshore Racing Committee**, Gary Manchester, Chairman, Jan Falkowski, Delegate, Mike King, Chairman for Safety and Technical Group, Denise Monteith, Chairlady of Race Administration Management Group, Brian Peedell, Delegate, Anne Robinson, Chairlady of Clubs and Classes, Chris Strickland, Delegate, John Puddifoot, Powerboat Racing Manager.

**Offshore sub-committee - SAT = Safety & Technical**, Mike King, Chairman, Glenn Baker, Delegate, Rob Beakhust, Delegate, Jeremy Griffiths, Delegate, Terry Herring, Delegate, John Pocknell, Delegate, Norman Taylor, Delegate, Adam Younger, Delegate

**Offshore sub-committee - RAM = Race Administration Management**, Denise Monteith, Chairlady, Nikki Drummond, RYA Co-optee, Karen Harrison, Delegate, Stephanie Hall, Delegate, Terry Herring, Delegate, Karen Waterfall, Delegate, Sheila Wright, Delegate.

**Offshore sub-committee - CCM = Clubs, Classes & Media, (now divided into two)**, Anne Robinson, Chairlady, plus Media & PR representative and All Club representatives.

**Offshore sub-committee – MPR = Media & PR**, Chris Davies, Chairman, Vahid Ganjavian, Offshore Delegate, Alan Newton, Circuit Delegate, Jeremy Hoyland, Jet Sport Delegate

**Offshore sub-committee - RA = Race Approvals**, Gary Manchester, Chairman, Terry Herring, Delegate, Denise Monteith, Delegate, John Puddifoot, Powerboat Racing Manager.

**PBRC = Powerboat Racing Committee**, Richard Solomon, Chairman, CRC Chairman, JSRC Chairman, ORC Chairman, PRC Chairman, John Puddifoot, Powerboat Racing Manager, plus 2 UIM Co-optees, John Reed & Phil Stacey plus Dr Vadas, Doctor's Panel Chairman, Co-optee. Note: the PBRC Chairmanship is up for election at the next meeting of the committee on 28 November.

*All PBRC delegates' terms of office will terminate in the November of the year in which they are due re-election. This is a new ruling.*



**PRC = Powerboat Records Committee**, Tom Crump, Chairman, Phil Hill, Circuit Delegate, George Sawyer, Circuit Delegate, Richard Solomon, PBRC Chairman, Mike Twigg, Timekeeper, Mike Ward, Records Maintainer, Allison Whalley, Minute Taker, John Puddifoot, Powerboat Racing Manager.

**SAG = Safety Audit Group** (newly formed to cover all disciplines of the sport) comprises: Chris Kaye, Chairman, Annie Beakhus, Offshore delegate, Roy Clark, Circuit delegate, Alan Pickard, Jet Sport delegate.



**OBITURY:** It is with regret that we have to inform you that Eileen Bloomfield passed away on 8 August. Our sincere condolences go to Peter; both he and Eileen had been involved with the Offshore side of Powerboat Racing for as long as we can remember.

Derek Thompson also passed away. Derek was a stalwart of the Cotswold Motorboat Racing Club and will be very much missed by the Circuit racing fraternity. Our sympathies are extended to his family and friends.

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## GUERNSEY CLASS III 2 LITRE WORLDS 2008 - The Venue

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The facilities in and around the town of St. Peter Port are superb. The wet pits and race control areas are all at the Queen Elizabeth II Marina, all craning and launching into the 800 berth Marina with all facilities available in one area.

The St. Peter Port area together with the east coast of Guernsey and the west coast of Sark form a natural arena for racing, and provides for challenging courses, truly a navigator's offshore event.

Guernsey has a world-wide reputation for its commitment to safety with hundreds of volunteers giving the best support and expertise found anywhere in the sport of power boat racing.



There are many wonderful restaurants and cafés in and around St. Peter Port, and hotels to suit all budgets. Roll-on, Roll-off travel is by our long serving friends, Condor Ferries who have been a staunch supporter of power boat racing events in the Channel Islands for many years. They operate from Portsmouth on the south coast of England and Saint Malo on the Brittany coast.

You will not get a bigger welcome anywhere else in the World and hospitality will be second to none. For further information please contact any of the addresses below. We look forward to seeing you in Guernsey in 2008.

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The 2008 U.I.M. World Championship organised by the Offshore Racing Drivers Association (affiliated to the R.Y.A.) supported by The Guernsey Powerboat Association.

## 2006 CHAMPIONS

Jake Swann    Anne Robinson    John Bunyan Jnr & John Bunyan Snr  
Presenter



**Jake Swann K1000/K400 National Champion and K400 Int'l Champion  
Collecting his awards with his co-drivers at the RYA Powerboat Awards Ceremony  
At the De Vere Royal Bath Hotel, in Bournemouth on Saturday 3 February 2007 – congratulations to the  
whole team and thanks to his Father, Denis for his kind donation to the sport.**

# 2007 INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS (SO FAR)

## Congratulations to:

Mark Williams for winning the F4 World Championship  
 Sean Barnard for winning the OSY:400 World Championship  
 Anya Richardson for winning the UIM Aquabike European Class Pro Women Ski Division  
 James Sheppard for winning the Powerboat P1 Evolution World Championship

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONS:

CIRCUIT	NS2000 SPRINT	JELF COLIN
CIRCUIT	NS2000	STEVE FITZSIMMONS
CIRCUIT	S:850, S:850 SPRINT & F4 WORLD CHAMPION	WILLIAMS MARK
CIRCUIT	T:850 & T:850 SPRINT	EMMERSON SIMON
CIRCUIT	J:250 & J:250 SPRINT	MORSE BEN
CIRCUIT	OUTBOARD HYDROPLANE & 125 SPRINT	TURNER WAYNE
CIRCUIT	OUTBOARD 350 SPRINT	EDWARDS NIGEL
CIRCUIT	OBOARD 500 SPRINT, OBOARD & W RECORD	SMITH MIKE
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CIRCUIT	OSY:400	KNIGHTS TONY
CIRCUIT	OSY:400 WORLD CHAMPION	BARNARD SEAN
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OFFSHORE	K400 DRIVER	WELCH TOM
OFFSHORE	K400 CO-DRIVER	ROSE KIRSTY
OFFSHORE	OCR A DRIVER	WALKER MARK
OFFSHORE	OCR A CO-DRIVER	WALKER JASON
OFFSHORE	OCR B DRIVER	NO CHAMPION
OFFSHORE	OCR B CO-DRIVER	NO CHAMPION
OFFSHORE	CLASS III 2 LITRE DRIVER	LITTLE PETER
OFFSHORE	CLASS III 2 LITRE CO-DRIVER	ARHTUR DAVE
OFFSHORE	RIB F1 DRIVER	NO CHAMPION
OFFSHORE	RIB F1 CO-DRIVER	NO CHAMPION
OFFSHORE	HONDA 225 DRIVER	PARSONAGE GAVIN
OFFSHORE	HONDA 225 CO-DRIVER	LIBBY NATHAN
OFFSHORE	HONDA 150 DRIVER	COWLEY DAVID
OFFSHORE	HONDA 150 CO-DRIVER	BARKSHIRE PAUL
OFFSHORE	V-24 DRIVER	SMITH CLIFF
OFFSHORE	V-24 CO-DRIVER	BRIDGES MARK
OFFSHORE	ZAPCAT DRIVER	PRITCHARD MIKE
OFFSHORE	ZAPCAT CO-DRIVER	MINNS BARRY
OFFSHORE	THUNDERCAT DRIVER	TBA
OFFSHORE	THUNDERCAT CO-DRIVER	TBA
OFFSHORE	POWERBOAT P1 EVOLUTION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	SHEPPARD JAMES

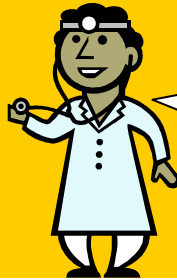
All results are listed on the website under the various disciplines, so you can see how you ended up on the championship. **All subject to ratification.**

**And don't forget Champions, the RYA Powerboat Racing Gold Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday 2 February 2008 at the De Vere Royal Bath Hotel in Bournemouth,**



**It is such a popular and unusual venue that we have booked it again. It will be on a first come first served basis and that includes officials, with priority given to Champions.**

**We also operate a 'waiting list', so if tickets become available they will be allocated to those in chronological order.**



**Medical Examinations are available in the Disraeli Suite of the Royal Bath Hotel on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Price £35 - advance bookings not necessary, just turn up.**

**URGENT NOTIFICATION – CHANGE IN DATE TO CONISTON RECORDS WEEK – it now moves to 5-9 NOVEMBER 2007. Please alter your diaries accordingly.**

**All record holders will be announced in the next newsletter.**

**Nice to keep in touch!**

**John, Nikki & Sheila  
(Your RYA Powerboat Racing team at HQ)**

**October 2007**

**Next Update – End of December/beginning of January**