

OFFSHORE POWERBOAT LICENCE APPLICATION

HOW TO APPLY AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUE

All UK residents who wish to take part in Powerboat Racing in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland must hold a valid Powerboat Racing licence issued by the Royal Yachting Association.

All UK residents who wish to take part in International racing must hold a valid International Powerboat Racing licence issued by the Royal Yachting Association.

Licences available are as follows:

1. **PROVISIONAL LICENCE** – this licence is issued to all newcomers to national racing. Competitors are required to undertake a Powerboat Race Training programme, full details of which can be found in RYA Powerboat Race Training handbook, PB3 and on the RYA website. On satisfactory completion of this training and written proof of competency, the RYA will issue a Provisional Powerboat Racing licence which can be upgraded to a full national licence after successfully competing in four Offshore Powerboat racing events. Competitors are required to present their Powerboat Racing Upgrade form to the Officer of the Day prior to the Drivers' Briefing; this will be signed by the Officer of the Day at the end of the event providing he is satisfied with the competitor's performance.

Note: The Officer of the Day will require competitors to take a written/oral test prior to racing and demonstrate that they fully understand the racing rules particularly those relating to overtaking and rounding of race marks, together with a full understanding of the International Regulations for the Preventing of Collisions at Sea (G2).

2. **NATIONAL LICENCE** – this licence is issued to:

- a) Successfully upgraded Provisional licence holders
- b) Previous holders of National licences (issued within the last two years)
- c) Foreign competitors who are resident within the UK and wish to take a UK national licence must:
 - i) Have written permission from their own National Authority.
 - ii) Proof of previous racing experience by the submission of a Powerboat Racing CV with their Licence Application Form.

3. **INTERNATIONAL LICENCE** – this licence is issued to:

- a) Previous holders of National licences (issued within the last two years).
- b) Foreign competitors who are resident within the UK, who wish to take an International licence must have written permission from their own National Authority to be issued with an International licence.

4. **UIM SUPER LICENCE** – this licence is issued to:

- a) All competitors who race in UIM, Class I or UIM X Cat **must in addition to their UK International licence hold a UIM Super Licence.**
- b) UIM Super Licence application forms and procedure can be downloaded from the RYA website – www.rya.org.uk/programmes/powerboatracing/offshore (go to Offshore Forms for competitors).
<http://www.uimpowerboating.com/vsite/vnavsite/page/directory/0,10853,4916-194213-211436-navlist,00.html> or www.uimpowerboating.com
- c) UIM Super Licence applicants are reminded that an additional UIM medical examination is required

and that the deadline for a Super Licence is six weeks before you require it.

5. EVENT LICENCES: (purchased at each event and issued by Race Secretaries):

An Event Licence provides a competitor with a temporary Powerboat Racing licence valid only for the duration of the event at which it was issued and restricted to the class as authorised by the Event OOD and signed by the Race Secretary.

Racing with an Event Licence **does not** make you eligible for **National Championship points**.

A "Medical Self Declaration" form must be completed and signed by the competitor prior to the issue of **each** Event Licence and only a **maximum of two** can be issued with a MSD.

From 2012 Event Licences are now **unlimited** - after the issue of two with MSDs **a full medical is then required if a competitor wishes to continue racing**. They must then apply to the RYA for an **Annual Powerboat Event Licence (APEL) and Log Book**.

Criteria for Unlimited Event Licences, as above, the competitor must apply to the RYA Office for an **Annual Powerboat Event Licence and Log Book**. This is done by filling out the usual Licence Application Form (which now carries a tick box section related to the APEL). This application must be accompanied by a full RYA Powerboat Racing Medical completed by the competitor's GP, passport photographs, Proof of Training, and if required, a current immersion test certificate. The competitor will then be issued with an **Annual Powerboat Event Licence and Log Book**, which must be presented to Race Control on "signing on" where the Event Licence Fee of **£75** must be paid per event and the **Log Book** completed by the Race Secretary.

All competitors with no previous racing experience are required to undertake a Powerboat Race Training programme prior to an Event Licence being issued. On satisfactory completion of this training the RYA will issue an Event Licence. Full details of the Powerboat Race Training programme can be found in the RYA Powerboat Race Training handbook PB3 and also on the RYA website.

Note: The Officer of the Day will require new competitors to take a written/oral test prior to their first racing event and demonstrate that they fully understand the racing rules particularly those relating to overtaking and rounding of race marks, together with a full understanding of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (G2).

Competitors who have previously held a Powerboat Licence or Event Licence within the last two years will be eligible for an Event Licence without them having to undergo training. The RYA will send a list of all such qualified competitors to RYA Race Secretaries at the start of each new racing season.

Event Licences will be stamped prior to the race by Race Secretaries to confirm a competitor has paid the fees due and that the paperwork is in order. The competitor will retain his **Annual Powerboat Event Licence and log book** for presentation at any future events.

Event Licences will Cost £75 per event.

Note: If a competitor wishes to race with a full RYA licence there will be no reduction in the full licence fee to accommodate any Event Licence charges that have been made.

Note: If a competitor wishes to race with an Annual Powerboat Event Licence and Log Book, they must allow adequate time to undertake a medical, fill out the Licence Application form and submit to the RYA a minimum of 14 working days before they actually require the APEL, or the normal fast-track fee will be applied.

If a Competitor wishes to apply for an APEL in advance of their first event they can do so providing all the relevant paperwork is in place. No payment will be required until their first event of the season.

6. POWERBOAT RACING LICENCES FOR THOSE UNDER 18 – (ie those who are not yet 18 when they apply for their licence):

- a) All competitors under the age of 18 are required to submit an RYA Certificate of Competence Form signed and completed with their Licence Application form on an annual basis.
- b) RYA Officials who countersign a Certificate of Competence form are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that the named competitor has undergone a Powerboat Race Training programme, and in their opinion, is competent to participate in Powerboat Racing for the classes identified on the competitor's Licence Application Form.

7. IMMERSION TESTS If you are racing in a class that requires an Immersion Test ie restraint and canopy boats, then you must have undertaken your test before applying for your licence. **See RYA website for details of venues and dates when tests are being offered.**

8. WHAT DOES THE POWERBOAT RACING LICENCE PROVIDE FOR YOU?

All competitors are provided with Third Party Public Liability insurance whilst racing and during official practice. This cover only applies once the competitor has "signed on" at Race Administration at the beginning of the event. All such cover ceases once the competitor has "signed off".

The RYA Powerboat Racing Department is now pleased to offer specialist insurance for Powerboat Racing to all RYA licensed Powerboat competitors. The RYA can now provide insurance for raceboats and their equipment both whilst in transit to and from RYA events and also can provide insurance cover for competitors' boats whilst racing. Full details are enclosed with this application and can also be found on the RYA website.

THIRD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE IN UNITED KINGDOM

Payment of the licence fee automatically ensures that the holder is subject to the terms and conditions of the insurance effected on behalf of the insurers to the RYA for and on behalf of its recognised clubs and members jointly indemnified with the RYA in respect of legal liability for death or bodily injury to persons or damage to property following accident whilst taking part in any powerboat race approved by the RYA and organised by one of its recognised clubs.

The policies will also indemnify any holder whilst taking part in such official practice as may be defined in the advance programme or by the race committee at the time of the event.

The limit of indemnity is £5,000,000 on water and £10,000,000 on-shore for any one accident, with an excess of £1,000 and £2,500 respectively. Payable by the organising club/competitor.

OVERSEAS THIRD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE – This is automatically included with an international status licence.

This means that holders of international licences participating in worldwide events, (excluding the United States of America and Canada), will automatically receive a cover note (insurance letter, or licence endorsement), to extend the conditions of the insurance applying to the UK – **this insurance only comes in force if the race organiser's own insurance fails – the RYA cover is not the PRIMARY LAYER. Competitors MUST purchase the organiser's own insurance at UIM recognised foreign events.**

The limit of indemnity is £5,000,000 on-water only for any one accident when racing overseas. Competitors must provide their own insurance for races held in the United States of America and Canada.

10. WHAT DOES THE POWERBOAT RACING LICENCE NOT PROVIDE FOR YOU?

- a) **The RYA insurance policies do not cover competitor to competitor liability.**
- b) **The RYA policies do not cover Personal Accident and Death benefit.**

The RYA strongly advise that you take out the following insurances before racing:

- c) Personal Accident and Death Benefit.
- d) Legal Expenses cover.
- e) Loss of Earnings insurance.
- f) Travel and Medical Insurance (when travelling to foreign events)
- g) All Year Round Third Party Public Liability or Comprehensive cover on your boat/ski (outside of RYA organised Powerboat Racing events).
- h) Fire, Theft insurance cover on your own craft/trailer – check to see if your car policy covers trailing.
- i) Check all your insurance policies to ascertain whether you are covered whilst Powerboat Racing. It is imperative that you declare this.
- j) *ALWAYS SEEK INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL ADVICE IN INSURANCE MATTERS.*

- 1. THIS PAGE TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS FOR A RYA LICENCE**, including those applying for renewal of an existing licence. Refer to Offshore Powerboat Racing Handbook PB1 for detailed licence information and minimum age restrictions and to PB3 for details of Race Training.

2. COMPETITOR DETAILS (PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS):		RYA REFERENCE NO.
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Mr/Master/Mrs/Ms/Miss	Date of Birth:	
Full Name:	Age in Years:	
Address:	Sex: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Club Name:	
	Important Medical Information you wish known:	
Post Code:		
Tel (Home) + STD code:	Glasses worn <input type="checkbox"/>	
Tel (Day) + STD code:	Contact lenses worn <input type="checkbox"/>	
Mobile:	VHF No:	
Fax Home:	Previous Licence - Category:	
Fax Day:	Previous Licence No:	
Email:	Year of Issue:	
Home Page:		

- 3. ENDORSEMENT BY RYA AFFILIATED CLUB: (NB: THE RYA WILL NOT ACCEPT A LICENCE APPLICATION UNLESS FIRST ENDORSED BELOW BY YOUR CLUB) (clubs must not sign this form until it has been fully completed)**

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 or first application.

Signed: Club: Date:

Address:

Rank:

- 4. IMMERSION TEST INFORMATION:** Are you racing in any restraint boat – YES/NO.....

Immersion Test Date: Immersion Test Centre: RYA Ref No. T008100032 Andark Diving ☐
 Immersion Test with Air ☐ Immersion Test Centre: RYA Ref No. T920069116 Osprey Rescue ☐
 Immersion Test with Canopy ☐ *Tick relevant boxes*
(will assume NO if un-ticked)

If you are racing in a class that requires an Immersion Test (ie restraint and canopy boats) then you must have undertaken your test before applying for your licence.

DO NOT FORGET TO ENCLOSE 4 PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS (NO LARGER THAN 2" X 1½")
Attach one to the medical section on page 9

FOR RYA OFFICE USE:

LICENCE NUMBER: AMOUNT PAID £

CLASS (prices incorporate 20% VAT)	Office Use ONLY	ANNUAL EVENT LICENCE ✓ £75 Per Event	PROVISIONAL/ NATIONAL LICENCE			INTERNATIONAL LICENCE	
			COST £	PROV ✓	NAT ✓	COST £	✓
Class I + UIM Super Licence Fee (UIM Medical required)	CLASS1					700	
P1 Superstock 150	SS150		320			420	
P1 Superstock 250	SS250		320			420	
Class 3B	3B		320			420	
Class 3C	3C		320			420	
X Cat + UIM Super Licence Fee (UIM Medical required)	XCat					420	
Guernsey Series Restricted (excl VAT)	GSY		294				
Malta Series 200HP Class C	M200		320				
Malta Series 250HP Class D	M250		320				
UKFFORC S250	S250		80				
UKFFORC F400	F400		80				
UKFFORC E900	E900		320				
UKFFORC E1500	E1500		320			420	
OCR A Class (1800 cc)	OCRA		320			420	
OCR B Class (1300 cc)	OCRB		320			420	
OCR C Class (1000 cc)	OCRC		320			420	
RIB (Rigid Inflatable)	RIB		320			420	
Marathon All Classes (see important notes for RB12)	MARA		320			420	
V-24	V24		320			420	
Thundercat	TCAT		280			335	
Zapcat (One Design)	ZAP		280			335	
Annual Event Licences for All National Classes £75 per event – see section 6 for use							
CREDIT CARD PAYMENT: CARD HOLDER'S NAME (NOTE: Is the card registered to the address as shown on page 5? If No, please give details below)							
Please select as appropriate: VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD <input type="checkbox"/> MAESTRO <input type="checkbox"/> SOLO <input type="checkbox"/>							
CARD NUMBER:/...../...../..... SECURITY CODE: START DATE:/..... EXPIRY:/..... ISSUE No:							
PAYMENT TOTAL £ Tick if VAT receipt required <input type="checkbox"/> All credit card details will be processed in accordance with current FSA regulations							
CHEQUES- Please make payable to 'Royal Yachting Association'							

NOW FILL OUT THE REST OF THE FORM CAREFULLY, GETTING YOUR DOCTOR TO FILL IN THE SECTION THAT IS RELEVANT TO HIM/HER USING THE MEDICAL GUIDANCE NOTES PROVIDED.

RYA MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

PART 1. MEDICAL DECLARATION – To be completed by applicant and signed at bottom of form

Surname:	Age:	
First Names in Full:	Date of Birth:	Sex:
Address:		Post Code:

The following questions must be answered by all applicants for a Powerboat Racing licence:

1. Name and address of your regular Doctor

	Continuation of questions for applicant:	YES OR NO
2.	Have you ever been rejected, or accepted at increased premium, for life insurance on medical grounds?	
3.	Have you ever been treated for or do you now have, or have ever had any of the following medical problems:	
	(i) Nervous breakdown, mental disease or disorder?	
	(ii) Head injury associated with unconsciousness or concussion, of which required a stay in hospital for observation or investigation?	
	(iii) Heart disease or disorder or conditions causing shortness of breath on exertion?	
	(iv) High Blood Pressure requiring investigation or treatment?	
	(v) Diabetes?	
	(vi) Epilepsy (when sleeping or awake), fits, dizziness (vertigo), fainting attacks or blackouts of any duration?	
	(vii) Disease of or injury or operation to either eye?	
	(viii) Have you any abnormality or restriction of power or range of movement of any arm or leg or of the Cervical (neck) (Spine)?	
4.	(i) Is your eyesight normal in both eyes?	
	(ii) If the answer to 4(i) is No, is your eyesight normal with spectacles or other correction? When driving (racing) with correction do you wear GLASSES/CONTACT LENSES? (delete as applicable)	
5.	Are you taking any medication on a regular basis (prescribed or non-prescribed)?	
	If so, please declare under Extra Medical Information, the condition being treated and the nature of the medication and provide a copy of a valid medical prescription.	
NOTE: Please answer all questions in the end column Yes or No – your licence may be delayed if this form has to be returned to you for completion.		
If YES to any part of questions, 2, 3 & 5, please supply full details on a separate sheet.		

EXTRA MEDICAL INFORMATION

If you wish to add to the simple Yes or No answers opposite please make reference to the relevant section and comment on a separate sheet giving details of Hospital or Consultant (Specialist) with dates if possible.

I declare that the statements made to the RYA in Part 1 regarding my physical and mental condition and any previous injury or illness is true and accurate. I further declare that if subsequent to being granted a licence I should suffer any illness or accident which might be liable to affect its validity I will declare this to the RYA so that the RYA can consider whether I should take part in subsequent competition.

(If information is withheld, misleading or false, you may be liable to suspension of your RYA licence and your insurance protection will be invalidated).

I authorise any hospital or medical practitioner to provide information relating to my medical condition to the RYA Medical Officer for the purpose only of helping that Doctor decide if I am fit to undertake powerboat racing.

Signature of Applicant:	Date:
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Don't forget to sign here!

PART 2A – MEDICAL NOTES FOR THE EXAMINING DOCTOR:

Competitors in powerboat races held under the jurisdiction of the RYA and the RYA affiliated clubs are required to pass the RYA approved medical examination.

No Powerboat Racing licence will be issued until the Medical Examination Form is completed and signed by a Registered Medical Practitioner.

Event Licences however are subject to “self declaration” only and a signature by a Medical Practitioner is not required.

Competitors are required to declare any physical or mental disability.

Competitors must sign the declaration which permits the RYA to request details of their medical history from their General Practitioner or from any hospital or other practitioner.

For this reason the examining Doctor is asked to ensure that his full address is entered upon the form.

The fees for the Medical Examination and any Specialist Examinations are the responsibility of the applicant (competitor) and not the RYA, and would normally be expected to follow the guidelines currently recommended by the BMA.

The medical examination should be carried out to a standard similar to that required for Life Insurance.

Diabetics may apply to the RYA Medical Officer for the issue of a licence to be considered.

Epileptic applicants will not be issued for a licence to race.

Applicants who have had, or still suffer from the following may be regarded as unfit to hold a powerboat licence:

- (i) Myocardial infarction
- (ii) Myocardial ischaemia
- (iii) Coronary artery by-pass surgery
- (iv) Serious valvular disease of the heart or other cardio vascular conditions which give rise to cardiopulmonary problems
- (v) Severe hypertension which has given rise to cardiopulmonary problems
- (vi) Misuse/abuse of alcohol or illicit drugs in the last 3 years

Amputations of any type could be incompatible with fitness to race apart from minor amputations of one or two fingers where the normal function of the hand is unimpaired. Absence of a thumb could also be incompatible with fitness. Where the functioning of the limbs is limited free movement should not be less than 50% of normal capability.

Patients requiring the use of any orthopaedic appliance should declare this so that specific consideration can be made of the case by the RYA Medical Officer.

Eyesight:

Normal binocular vision is required with full visual fields, normal eye movements and normal stereoscopic vision.

Normal colour vision is required. (Note: if colour deficiency – this can be referred to RYA Medical Officer for second opinion)

The vision in each eye to be at least 6/9 either before or after correction

If glasses or contact lenses are worn this should be stated on the form

Contact lenses may be worn provided there is reasonable vision in both eyes without the lenses in place.

The visual acuity in each eye to be stated both with and without the contact lenses in place

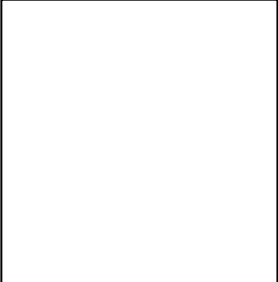
The examiner should bear in mind that powerboat racing may take place at high speeds over turbulent water in confined areas, or upon waters used by the public, when considering the suitability of the application (competitor).

Note: Recognised Professional Medical Certificates are acceptable providing the medical examination conforms to the RYA criteria. These certificates are only valid in the year in which they were originally issued; therefore an annual medical examination is still required for subsequent years.

PART 2B – MEDICAL EXAMINER’S REPORT

This section must be completed by a Registered Medical Practitioner. Doctors are asked to note the answers to Part 1 and to read the notes before completing part 2B.

1.

Competitor's Name (please print)	DOB:	CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH OF COMPETITOR
DOCTOR'S STAMP		 Doctor's signature confirming this is the person who was examined. Sign across photo.

Medical Examiner's Report continued:		YES OR NO
2.	Are you the registered medical practitioner of the applicant?	
3.	(i) Is there evidence of abnormality of the Heart, Cardiovascular or Respiratory Systems?	
	(ii) Blood Pressure BP reading: /	
	(iii) Has the applicant had an ECG?	
	If the answer to (iii) is Yes, was this normal? PLEASE PROVIDE REPORT IF THIS WAS ABNORMAL	
4.	Is there evidence of physical or mental condition, past or present, which should, in your opinion, debar the applicant from powerboat racing?	
5.	Is there any abnormality or, or restriction of movement of arms or legs?	
6.	Vision - uncorrected R eye _____ / _____ L eye _____ / _____	
	Corrected R eye _____ / _____ L eye _____ / _____	
	Pupil Reaction L & A R eye _____ / _____ L eye _____ / _____	
	Field of Vision R eye _____ / _____ L eye _____ / _____	
	Is colour vision normal?	
7.	Is urine analysis abnormal for presence of Alb _____ Sugar _____ Blood _____	
8.	Has the applicant used any medication in the past year? If so, please list the medications:	
	(i) In your opinion is any of the medication likely to interfere with the competitor's ability to partake in powerboat racing?	
9.	Is there evidence that the applicant has misused drugs or alcohol in the past 3 years?	
	If YES to questions 3,4,5 8 & 9, please give details:	
Should a Doctor not approve the applicant, the Medical Examiner's Report should NOT be signed, but should be forwarded to the RYA with his/her comments recommending whether or not the applicant should be referred to the RYA Hon. Medical Officer.		
This is to certify that I have today examined the applicant in accordance with the requirements of this form 2B and advisory notes, and declare that in my opinion he/she is fit to drive a powerboat in competitive races.		
Doctor's Signature:		Date:

PART 3. APPLICATION FOR OFFSHORE RACING LICENCE – to be signed at bottom of form

DECLARATION

- a) I will not take any action which brings the UIM, the RYA or the sport into disrepute.
- b) I agree to be bound by the rules of the UIM and the RYA, and will not compete in any unauthorised event. I confirm that my application meets these requirements.
- c) I do not hold, and will not apply for a licence from another national authority whilst my RYA licence remains valid.
- d) The medical certificate on page 6 has been completed and signed.
- e) I have read and understood the General Racing rules in the Offshore Racing handbook PB1, the class specific rules, to which my licence refers, and the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCS) (Part B, sections I & II of RYA G2).
I have read and understand the rules and regulations permitting the use of VHF radios at sea.
I am aware that Harbour Authorities apply bye-laws and regulations and I agree to conform to such bye-laws and regulations when using their waters.
I am aware that non-compliance of any of the above rules and regulations could result in RYA disciplinary action.
To the best of my knowledge the information given on this form is correct and complete.
- f) **Identification of Risk**
I am fully aware and conscious of the actual and potential risks involved in active water sports, including drowning, hypothermia, physical injuries or death.
I accept that, by engaging in active water sports, my physical safety could be endangered. I am also aware that other competitors' actions, or inactions of the organisers of water sports events, including the drivers of safety craft, can also endanger my physical safety.
- g) **Acknowledge of Risk**
I acknowledge that it is up to me personally to assess whether any event or activity on the water is too difficult for me or my crew. I acknowledge that the safety of my boat and her entire management including insurance is solely my responsibility, and I am satisfied that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race.

I acknowledge that scrutineering does not constitute a condition survey of the craft and it is solely my responsibility to decide whether or not to start or to continue in any powerboat race. I acknowledge that the efficiency of the helmets and racing vests worn is solely my responsibility.
- h) I have read, understood and agree to abide by the rules set out in PB1 (National Offshore Racing rule book).

NOTE: THE RYA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE THE ISSUE OF A POWERBOAT RACING LICENCE

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE.....

If the applicant is under the age of 18 years this declaration shall be countersigned by parent or guardian. Such signature shall be deemed as approval for the RYA to issue the licence for which application is made.

If applicable, Parent or Guardian's Signature.....

IMPORTANT NOTES

LICENCE APPLICATIONS BY NEW COMPETITORS FOR RB12

All new competitors or those who have not held a powerboat racing licence within the last two years who wish to participate in Round Britain 2012 must have a minimum RYA qualification of Advanced Powerboat or foreign equivalent. Competitors will be required to submit a detailed CV of their racing or boating experience to the RYA powerboat racing office. Applicants may also be required to take a theoretical examination so that the RYA can determine their level of experience prior to granting a licence. All RB12 competitors must have an International Licence in order to be eligible to compete in this event. For more information please contact the powerboat racing office: 023 8060 4240.

Marathon Competitors are further reminded that an International Marathon Licence is required for the Cowes Torquay Cowes event.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE – The Powerboat Racing Division has a ZERO tolerance policy on this, and it would fall under “bringing the sport into disrepute”. The medical section of the Licence Application Form has a question relating to any abuse in the past three years. We expect people to be in control of themselves and their craft.

ANTI-DOPING – TUE FORMS

If you are taking drugs for medical reasons which contravene the list of prohibitive substances, you will need to fill out a TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption) form enclosed and return it with your completed licence application form – you only need to complete this form if you are racing internationally.

The list can be found on the WADA site www.wada-ama.org

DECLARATION OF MEDICAL FITNESS TO RACE – All fully licensed competitors are required to have a medical examination on an annual basis before the issue of their new documentation. At each race competitors are asked to sign a “declaration of fitness to race” whether they are fully licensed or not, we believe that on some occasions there have been a few whose level of fitness has declined during the season, either through accident, injury or illness. It is imperative to make sure that you are fully fit before participating in an event; bear in mind that to try and recover a fit person after a racing accident is difficult enough, without the added anxiety of trying to recover someone who shouldn’t have gone out in the first place. Your actions could have repercussions on our third party insurance – PLEASE THINK CAREFULLY BEFORE PARTICIPATION.

IN THE EVENT OF INJURY:

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

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