



OFFSHORE RACING DRIVERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Crew

POWER BOAT RACING TORQUAY 28 29 30 MAY 2010

As you are all aware the Power Boat Racing Season is now upon us, we have had a difficult start, however, ORDA are determined to make it a successful season for all.

We have a fabulous event arranged at Torquay, a venue we have been attending for nearly 30 years, where the hospitality is second to none and the support of the Harbour Master, Royal Torbay Yacht Club and the Local Authority are brilliant.

I enclose for you an Entry Form that I ask you to complete and return to me with your Entry Fee prior to attending the event by Friday 21 May 2010, making cheques payable to ORDA, I have also enclosed Race Instructions which are in a new format this year, which has been prescribed by the RYA. You need to read these carefully as there are many changes to the Racing Rules, and these will be fully explained to you at Drivers Briefing which is to be extended to accommodate these changes. You should also be receiving a copy of your Racing Rules when you apply for your licence through the RYA.

There are also new Rules that apply to Event Licences and to those crew who have not entered a race before or have been away from the sport for more than two years. In some cases Training is required along with a Racing CV. If you have questions regarding this please contact me as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made to support you if it is required.

This year at Torquay we are joined by Thundercats, OCRDA, and 4 Nations, along with 3B, 3C and V24, and we welcome Club Basic Boats to attend also, we have received interest in this entry already and welcome more to come along.

As you know we voted at the AGM to hold the Boat Parade once again in Torquay and the theme for this will be Cow Boys and Indians, we will have a prize for the best presented boat in the parade. We ask for all crews to join in as those boats in the parade will need to be supported by marshals around the town area along with the Police escort provided. This will be followed by the Commodores Welcome Party at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

ORDA is once again running the ORDA Championship, to be part of this championship you must be an ORDA member to qualify for points. It was agreed at the AGM that the ORDA Championship will consist of the following events, Torquay, Littlehampton, Harwich and Torquay in August for the National Finals.

- 1 Points will be awarded to all boats that cross the start line commencing a race
- 2 1st place to be awarded 400 points, each subsequent placing reducing by 10%
- 3 Points to be awarded to each boat, regardless of driver or navigator
- 4 Points will be awarded to all starters who later retire regardless of distance covered.
- 5 No points to be awarded for any boat that is disqualified due to technical infringement or not properly completing the race course.
- 6 All races are to count towards the boat's total points for the Season
- 7 If a boat cannot attend a race because they are competing in an International Event where there is a conflict of dates, the boat will be awarded points for that heat equal to their average points scored to date, or the next race result of a similar status.
- 8 In the event of a tie in final points places, reference PB12010

This points systems offer more opportunities for boats to be in with a chance of winning up to the last races, than any other formula. Points will only be awarded at ORDA Events during 2010.

ORDA Championship Winners, 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class will be recognised at the ORDA Dinner Dance January 2011. The ORDA AGM will take place at 2.00 p.m. on this day and we welcome all to attend your input is very important to us.

I have also enclosed with this letter a form to provide us with details of your tow vehicles. We are to provide a parking plan to the Torbay Council for the top deck car park which will only consist of Camper Vans and Tow Vehicles, no boats are to be parked on the top deck area. All boats are to be parked on Haldon Pier and directed by the Chief Marshall. There are also parking facilities in the lower deck car park, and car passes will be issued for this purpose.

At this time I think this covers most things you need to know, but for you to be assured that ORDA are working closely with the RYA to ensure our events comply fully with the new Rules for 2010, and that we pass this information to you as soon as we are aware of it. The extended briefing to be held in Torquay should provide clarity on all of the changes made for this year.

I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future, and to assist you in returning your entry form I have enclosed a stamped address envelope to assist you.

Best Wishes for the 2010 Season

Regards

Shirley Simpkins
ORDA Secretary