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As 2009 draws to a close may I take this opportunity of wishing you and you family the complements of the season.

This is the time of year when many of us celebrate Christmas and the New Year. We think of our many friends around the world some of whom perhaps we have not seen since 2008 in Sweden, 2006 in France or even before that. Our Championships coming up in 2010 in the United Kingdom will give us the opportunity to once again meet and I do hope to see you there. The organization of our Championships is well underway and I know the Hovercraft Club of Great Britain will give us a wonderful welcome and Championship. It will be a great time to meet up with old friends and indeed to make new ones.

Wherever or however you choose to celebrate this time of year I wish you well.

Tony M Drake JP. President of the World Hovercraft Federation

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WHF Competition Regulations.

- The WHF Competition Regulations have now been updated to reflect the changes agreed at the last Delegate meeting in 2008 and the re-introduction of F3 for 2010.
- Appendix F ~ Endurance Racing (ER) prototype rules are currently being revised and will be added in the very near future.
- The revised WHF Competition Regulations are now available in the "Down Load" section of our web site.

Endurance Racing (ER).

- Appendix F of the WHF Competition regulations deals with the rules for ER.
- Appendix F is in effect prototype rules for ER because ER has not been formally adopted by the WHF. The first ER rules were formulated by the French organizers of our 2006 Championships at Lac de Tolerme. As ER is a prototype category the organizers of the 2010 Championships, out of courtesy, have been asked to comment and make proposals for ER. After all they have been asked to organize ER on behalf of the WHF and they should be able to administer any rules that are to be implemented. Any proposals accepted will be in the original spirit of ER ~ that is to say it shall be a country based team event with credit being given to encourage the use of quiet craft. We are in discussions with the HCGB at the moment and hope to have Appendix F published on our web site very soon.
- If the proposals from the HCGB are somewhat different from the first ones designed by the French it will give us an alternative to consider for the future.

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World Hovercraft Championships Information.

 Just as a reminder the HCGB, hosts for our 2010 Championships, have established a dedicated web site which will give all relevant information and when appropriate be available for everyone who wishes to attend to register.
We urge you to look at it from time to time. It can be found at: www.whc2010.org.uk

WHF Award for Excellence.

- Each year, if appropriate, the WHF make an Award for Excellence. This is given to a person or organization, whom or which in the opinion of the WHF governing board has made an outstanding contribution to the world of hovercraft.
- The WHF governing Board would be pleased to receive any nominations for this prestigious award.

As usual we have circulated this bulletin to everyone we have on our circulation list. Please do pass it on to anyone who you think may not have received a copy and who would be interested.

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