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I hope that you had a most enjoyable Christmas and may I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

And what a new year it will be! As well as the many national events that will be held around the world we have the Hovercraft Club of Great Britain's week long "Hovercraft Extravaganza" in June followed by the World Hovercraft Championships 2012 BGS Sport Event in Germany in September.

We have also agreed new WHF Construction Regulations for Racing Hovercraft (WHF 002) which will come into force in 2012 which will be a major step forward in making our sport even safer. (Further details of these and the above events are given in the following pages).

It will certainly be a very busy and interesting year and I hope to meet you at one if not all of our events.

Kind regards,

Tony M Drake JP. President of the World Hovercraft Federation.

P.S. As usual this Bulletin will be circulated to as many people as possible but please pass it on to anyone who you think may be interested.

Hovercraft Extravaganza ~ Great Britain.

In case you are not aware the Hovercraft Club of Great Britain are organising a week long "Hovercraft Extravaganza" from the 6th to the 12th of June 2012. This event will include one of the British national series, and a European race meeting. In addition the WHF have given permission to hold both a World Record Speed attempt and a World Championship Endurance Race.

Full details will be available on a dedicated web site early in January and the website details together with a link will be published on the front page of the WHF website.

World Hovercraft Championship 2012 BGS Sport Event

The 2012 WHC World Championships will take place at Saalburg, Germany, from the 12th to the 16th of September. They will be called World Hovercraft Championship 2012 BGS Sport Event to acknowledge their German sponsors. Their website www.hovercraft-wm2012.de giving initial details will be on line from Saturday the 31st of December so please have a look at it and start to make your arrangements.

New WHF Regulations for Racing Hovercraft

After months of work and consultation by our Technical Director the WHF have now approved new Construction Regulations for Racing Hovercraft to replace our previous much outdated documents. THESE AFFECT SAFETY THEY WILL COME INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

The opportunity has also been taken to streamline our other racing publications, in some case by separating out specific sections in specific documents. As there are no significant changes these will also be brought into immediate effect.

The following documents are ready for download:

- WHF001 Competition Regulations for WHC Racing Events
 - Restructured, Appeals procedure removed.
- WHF002 Construction Regulations for WHF Events
 - Major changes to how limits are set, users should review the document to check for compliance, however if craft comply with the 2009 regulations, then few, if any, changes are required.
 - Drivers / craft owners will be personally responsible for their crafts' safe construction via a compliance procedure.

- WHF007 Appeals Procedure
 - New document, content taken from WHF001 and WHF002
- WHF008 Scrutiny and Compliance Procedure
 - New document, content taken from WHF002.
 - All hovercraft must have unique log books issued by member countries.
- WHF009 Moment of Inertia and Blade Energy calculations
 - New Document, to support applications for new fan blades.
- WHF010 Fan Homologation requirements
 - New Document. Defines homologation requirements for new fan blades.
- WHF013 Safety Checklist for WHF events
 - New Document. Scrutineering checklist for WHF events.
 - Scrutineers will ensure drivers / craft owners comply with the compliance procedure and only carry out a visual safety check.

New WHF Construction Regulations for Racing Hovercraft and associated Publications (Continued)

Further documents will be published in early January, including the new ER racing Regulations, (unchanged, but separated from the normal racing regulations WHF001) and a review of the Speed regulations (WHF004) will occur in early 2012.

It is very pleasing to note that the European Hovercraft Federation and Hovercraft Club of Great Britain and the have also adopted the WHF Construction Regulations for Racing Hovercraft and associated documents.

For the first time the major hovercraft organisations are now all working to the same regulation. All our member Countries are encouraged to follow suit so that hovercraft can compete to the same high safety standards anywhere in the world.

Our Technical Director, Jamie Lewendon, would like to express his thanks to all those who have assisted him in revising our documents, in particular the technical representatives of both the European Hovercraft Federation and the Hovercraft Club of Great Britain.

And Finally ~ WHF Award for Excellence.

Towards the end of 2011 the WHF Board Members approved the award of our prestigious Award of Excellence. It was presented to Peter Venn of Australia it was presented on behalf of the WHF by Owen Ellis, our Director of Endurance Racing.

It was given to Peter for "A lifetime of specialising in various aspects of hovercraft activity including craft construction, commercial environmental applications, joy ride promotion and operation. Plus ongoing and uncompromising help and support to hovercraft enthusiasts across Australia"



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