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The World Hovercraft Championships held this past August in England have now come and gone and I believe I can speak for all who participated that it was an extremely enjoyable time. Attached to this bulletin is a thank you letter from WHF President, Owen Ellis to the HCGB President, Tony Drake. We all take pride in congratulating all of the competitors and especially our World Hovercraft Champions!

Formula 1: Michele Scanavino, Italy
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World Hovercraft Championships, 2002

As you will see from the minutes of the WHF Meeting that was held in August at Weston Park, there were two proposals for the 2002 World Hovercraft Championship. These were presented by Kent Gano on behalf of the Hovercraft Club of America and by Michael Metzner on behalf of the German Hovercraft Federation. Both asked that their bids be considered tentative until further investigation by their respective clubs with a final deadline being February 1st, 2001. Since the Weston Park meeting, the Hovercraftclub von Deutschland held a meeting of their constituent clubs on the 9th of September wherein it was decided that they would not be in a position to organize the 2002 World Hovercraft Championships. The Hovercraft Club of America has been informed of this decision and they are still continuing their study. We are anxiously awaiting their final decision!

WHF Achievement Award

There were no proposals for the WHF Achievement Award hence no selection procedure was done at the Weston Park meeting. Please let the WHF know how you feel about this proposed

award. The purpose is to recognise individual achievement for the advancement of hovercraft on a global scale.

WHF Technical Manager

It has been determined that the WHF requires a Technical Manager to oversee the technical operations at the World Championships. Currently, all of the responsibilities concerning craft compliance falls upon the shoulders of the Race Director - an already overloaded individual. We are looking for recommendations from you for a suitable individual to fulfil this position. Please submit your selection on the voting form at the end of this bulletin. The Technical Manager will start to perform his duties at the Weston Park World Championship.

WHF Web Page

Britain's Ian Cooke has been the WHF World Wide Web page Web Master since its inception. Ian has now decided that he wishes to devote more time to other things and the WHF wishes to express its gratitude to Ian for all of the work he has put into the promotion of the World Hovercraft Federation. The new role of Web Master will be taken up by Britain's Steven Smith. Thanks for taking us on, Steven.

Bulletin Distribution

In an effort to reduce costs and speed up the communication process, the WHF Bulletin will now be sent out electronically wherever possible. If you have an e-mail address, please provide it to the WHF office and you will be put on the electronic distribution list (obviously, if you already received this bulletin electronically, you're already on the list!!). Of course, where electronic mail is not available, we will continue to distribute WHF correspondence "the old fashioned way" – by regular post.

Items to be discussed via e-mail

As you can see from the minutes of the last WHF meeting in August 2000, item 00.19, there were several rule related issues that were not resolved. It was decided at this meeting to continue the discussion surrounding these rules via an e-mail forum. If you want to be included in these discussions, please forward your e-mail address to world_hovercraft_federation@hotmail.com as soon as possible. The discussions will commence in January 2001.

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October 2000

Mr T Drake

Chairman

Hovercraft Club of Great Britain

Dear Tony,

Re: World Hovercraft Championships 2000

On behalf of the World Hovercraft Federation, I'd like to thank the Hovercraft Club of Great Britain for hosting the 2000 World Hovercraft Championships. I'm sure all the competitors and their crews appreciated the tremendous effort put in and the personal sacrifices made by your Club Members to ensure that this event was such an outstanding success.

Apart from being a great event, the WHC 2000 will earn its place in history for the introduction of a number of initiatives, such as:

- the expansion of the Championships to encompass four days of craft operation with three days devoted to competition, which obviously promotes a greater test of reliability of both pilot and machine.
- the introduction of the F25 class, which adds a new dimension to the sport by providing a different focus. The limit on power output can only stimulate greater technical efficiency in small hovercraft design in the future.

The operational side of the event was impeccable and a credit to the HCGB. The Club members once again demonstrated their wealth of experience and proficiency by executing a tight, punctual racing program and by the provision of very capable rescue and recovery service.

There are countless examples of the efficiency and enthusiasm of the HCGB officials and supporters. One such typical example, demonstrated by your Ground and Support crew (aided and abetted by the Canadian and US teams), was the unloading of the Australian container. This

was *completed* just as the first members of the Oz Team arrived on site. The Aussies speculated that had they arrived an hour later, this support crew would have had the Aussie marquee erected, the five craft assembled and would probably have even completed a few warm-up laps!

The opening and closing ceremonies maintained the relaxed, friendly and “down to earth” nature of our unique sport. There was no doubt that the Medieval Banquet was an overwhelming success, attested to by the shabby condition of a number of the attendees the following morning!

It is also acknowledged and greatly appreciated that the HCGB added to its workload by immediately following the WHC with the World Cup. This event was yet another success story and achieved one of its primary objectives - that of providing additional competition exposure for the overseas visitors lucky enough to stay around.

The WHF Committee Members look forward to meeting up again with all our friends in the HCGB at the 2002 World Championships. The WHF is presently awaiting final submissions from which the host country will be decided. I believe it has been suggested (the source escapes me at the moment) that future WHC events be expanded to include a tree felling and wood chopping competition!

Yours sincerely,

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