



NOTTINGHAM POWERBOAT RACING CLUB

ADVANCE REGULATIONS

**UIM Formula 4 World Championship
UIM GT30 European Championship
UIM F250 European Championship
UIM F125 European Championship**

01 – 02 July 2017

**Stewartby Water Sports Club
Green Lane, Stewartby
Bedford, United Kingdom
MK43 9LY**

GPS: N52.06783/W0.52204



The event is run under the regulations of the UIM, RYA and any supplementary regulations that may be issued.

Organisers: Nottingham Powerboat Racing Club: Affinity Partnerships Limited, 2 Pyke Road, Lincoln, LN6 3QS, United Kingdom

Event Contact: Tony Cossington T. +44 (0) 7557524367

Officer of the day:	Gordon Sutherland
Deputy Officer of the day:	Tim Mooney
UIM Commissioner:	Pelle Larsson
Chief Scrutineers:	Barry Loveys , Malcolm Watts & Jim Noone
Technical Officers:	UIM Technical Commissioner + Assistants
Race Secretary:	Jenny Powell
Chief Timekeeper:	John Stevens
Rescue Officer:	Andy Collison
Rescue Team:	Osprey Rescue
Jetty Marshall:	Nigel Edwards
Pit Marshall:	Susan Key
Medical Officer:	Mark Chapman
Medical Services:	Immediate Care Paramedics
Jury Chairman:	Sheena Williams
Media:	Nikki Drummond / Powerboat GP

1. General

- 1.1 F4, F125, F250 and GT30 classes with power units conforming to the UIM Rules & homologations.
- 1.2 All boats must be equipped / constructed according to the 2017 UIM rule book.
- 1.3 The event will be governed by UIM, RYA and Local rules.
- 1.4 The organisers and race officials retain the right to announce additional rules and regulations specifically for the race mentioned in this advance program. These rules and regulations shall be in compliance with the rules and regulations of the UIM or local requirements and shall be equally mandatory as any other rules and regulations of these races.

Drivers shall be informed about these additional rules and regulations by the race officials during the drivers' briefings or by official bulletins.

- 1.5 The official language of the event is English.



2. Date & Place

- 2.1 1st and 2nd July, 2017
- 2.2 Stewartby Water Sports Club, Green Lane, Stewartby, Bedford, MK43 9LY.

3. Participation in the UIM F4 World & GT30/F125/F250 European Championships

3.1 Competitors will be admitted to the race only after providing the following documents:

- Official letter of Start Approval from their National Authority.
- Entry form stamped & endorsed by their National Authority
- Measurement Certificate
- Current International Licence

Note: Original documents must be presented to the Race Secretary.

3.2 Minimum Age for participation:

- GT30 14 years
- F4/F125/F250 16 years

4. Entries

- 4.1 Entry forms shall be fully completed and approved by the respective National Authority.
- 4.2 Entries must be sent by **Friday 16th June, 2017** to the Race Secretary: Mrs Jenny Powell, email to: jenny.powell@powerboatgp.co.uk

All entries will be confirmed by an email reply from the organisers. If a competitor has not received such confirmation they are responsible to contact the organisers to verify the application.

5. Insurance

- 5.1 Third-party liability insurance cover which amounts to **£10,000,000 (Ten Million pounds) on water and land** is required.

If you have your own insurance cover for this amount a copy of your policy, written in clear English, must be produced at registration.

Local third-party insurance can be purchased at a cost of **90 Euros**.

- 5.2 **All competitors are responsible for their own personal accident insurance.**

6. Race Course & Information

- 6.1
- GT30 : **Four** heats. **Three** best results will count towards the Final Result.
 - F4 : **Two** final heats, **one** on Saturday and **one** on Sunday.
 - F125/F250: **Three** heats, all to count.

6.2

Class	Start Straight	Lap Length	No. of Laps	Race Length
GT30	450m	1430m	Start lap + 10	15.44km
F4	450m	1430m	Start lap +20	29.74km
F125	450m	1500m	Start lap + 5	8.64km
F250	450m	1500m	Start lap + 8	13.14km

7. Drivers' Briefing

- 7.1 Mandatory Drivers' Briefings will be held on the 1st & 2nd July according to the provisional time schedule attached to this Advance Programme.
- 7.2 Place and time: **In Club-House as per timetable & Site Plan**
- 7.3 Drivers' meetings will be chaired by the OOD, the official language of the meetings shall be English.
- 7.4 Competitors absent from the drivers' briefing may be excluded from participating in the events of that day.

8. Pit Area

- 8.1 The PIT area will be secure from **12.00 pm Friday 30th June** until **Monday 3rd July**. **Teams should not arrive earlier than 30th June.**
- 8.2 The pit area shall be closed, secured and restricted territory available only to the technical staff of the teams, Competitors and their equipment only. All technical preparation of the boats and their launching into the water shall be performed at the PIT area.
- 8.3 Any open fire or smoking shall be strictly prohibited in the PIT area.
- 8.4 Every boat in the PIT area shall have a fire extinguisher located in close proximity of the boat or attached to the trailers if the UIM Rules require.
- 8.5 No animals shall be allowed in the PIT area.
- 8.6 PIT area will be closed during the evening starting from 22.00 PM until 7:00 AM and no one shall be allowed to stay there without permission of the race officials.
- 8.7 PIT Passes and Pontoon Passes shall be provided by the organisers when competitors sign in.
- 8.8 **There will be a maximum of 5 passes (including driver) allocated to each team. Please do not request all 5 passes if you do not need them.**

Pit passes will be strictly controlled and should only be for genuine team members and may be refused or withdrawn if the organisers suspect otherwise. Each team member will need to collect their own pass from race control.

Please ensure you return your pit pass request form included in the entry form.

*Competitors & crew members will be removed from all official areas if they do not have their pit pass !

- 8.9 Team Members and Competitors must wear appropriate team clothing and closed toe shoes in the PIT & Pontoon Areas at all times.
- 8.10 Any further rules and regulations related to the PIT Area and its use shall be provided to the teams at registration and/or drivers' meetings and posted on the information board in the PIT Area.
- 8.11 Space is limited in the PIT Area so trailers and vehicles will not be permitted in the main part. Vehicles and trailers must be parked in the designated area as instructed by the Pit Marshalls.

Please ensure that you return your required pit space measurements with your entry form.

8.12 **To be applied to all people in the paddock:**

- **A Blue Card can be given by the UIM Commissioner or the OOD for any offensive, unsportsmanlike, abrasive, etc. behaviour during any official activity (briefing, race control during event etc.).**
- **A second blue card will immediately remove the offender from that activity.**
- **Following the subject activity, the Race Jury will meet and determine if further disciplinary action is justified. UIM Rule 406.05**

9. Launching of Boats

- 9.1 Launching of boats into the water shall be performed with launch vehicles or by hand via the slipways.
- 9.2 Pit Marshall instructions must be obeyed at all times.

10. Fuel

- 10.1 GT30 and F4 Teams shall buy their fuel at the local designated Fuel Station (UIM Rule: 508.08):
- Shell Fuel Station, Beancroft Road, Marston Moretaine, Bedford, MK43 0PZ
 - F125/F250 Alcohol based fuel (UIM Rule 508.05) to be supplied by the Driver.
- 10.2 Fuel will be checked and tested during the event by the Technical Committee according to UIM Rules.



- 10.3 GT30 and F4 Teams bringing their own fuel to the venue (other than purchased at the official fuel station) will be penalised as per UIM 508 Rules.

11. Practice

- 11.1 Practice will be allowed only after the technical inspection of the boat has been completed and the course is laid as per the water registration.
- 11.2 Practice will only be allowed during the official practice sessions according to the final time schedule of the event. Practice outside the race circuit and before or after the authorised timed shall be subject to disqualification from the event (UIM Rule 205.13).

12. Start

- 12.1 The start will be dead engine start from a jetty as per UIM Rules.
- 12.2 The start will be signalled with lights / Flag Start is lights fail
- 12.3 On the start jetty each driver may only be accompanied by a maximum of three mechanics.
- 12.4 It is the driver's responsibility to place the boat on the start line in time.
- 12.5 Late starters can only join the field after instruction by the Jetty Marshall.
- 12.6 Restarts – as per UIM 311 Rules. Only one restart per heat, except the final heat.

13. Finish

- 13.1 In accordance with UIM Rules 316 and 317.02.

14. Weighing

- 14.1 Weighing will be carried out by the Technical Committee at any time. The scales cannot be protested.

15. Results and Protests

- 15.1 Results will be published on the Information Board in the PIT area.
- 15.2 Results will be posted on www.facebook.com/powerboatgp as soon as they are available. The final results will be published on www.powerboatgp.co.uk at the end of the event.
- 15.3 Any protests must be submitted to the Race Secretary in English according to UIM Rule 403.
- 15.4 Protest fee is **80 EUR** and is payable in cash at the time of lodging the protest.

16. International Jury

16.1 Participation in the International Jury shall be subject to the official mandate from their National Authority. All members of the International Jury shall present their credentials to the Race Secretary before the first Drivers' Meeting on **Saturday 1st July, 2017**.

17. Prizes

- 17.1
- **GT30** - The first three competitors will receive a UIM Medal, trophies will be awarded to the top five places.
 - **F4** - Trophies will be awarded to the top five places in each Final race.
 - **F125/F250** – Trophies will be awarded to the top five places.
- 17.2 All drivers and teams must attend the Prize Giving Ceremonies according to the Time Schedule.
- 17.3 Team uniform must be worn by all attending the Prize Giving.

18. Noise and environment

- 18.1 Drivers are responsible that their engines do not exceed the maximum noise as stated in UIM rule 504.
- 18.2 Utmost care must be taken to avoid spilling fuel and oil. An absorbent carpet must be used to avoid any spillages (UIM Rule 703)
- 18.3 Every member of each team is responsible to take care of the environment around their tents, boats and equipment.

19. Alcohol and drugs

19.1 Drivers and mechanics must comply with UIM Rules 205.02.02 and 205.02.03 concerning alcohol and drugs. Random tests will be carried out at drivers' briefing and additional tests may be carried out at any time during the event, written notification will not be given.

20. Buoys

20.1 Any driver damaging or destroying a buoy (including anchor and weight parts) shall be subject to a **200 Euro penalty** payable immediately to the Race Secretary. Should the driver concerned fail to pay the fee they will not be allowed to take part in the following heats, until payment has been received by the Race Secretary.

21. Large Entry

21.1 **GT30, F125 and F250** - In case of entries exceeding the water approval limit the alternative procedure as specified in UIM Rule 305.04 will apply. An agreed number of drivers will qualify for the final races from their fastest time in the time trials.



Those drivers that have not qualified will run a single qualifying race and a certain number of drivers will qualify from that race. (Numbers qualifying from time trials and heat will be announced at Drivers' Briefing and may vary according to class.)

F4 - In accordance with the UIM Formula 4 Rules.

21.2 Maximum number of boats is **20** for all classes except F/0 : 125, 250, 350, 500 which will be **18**.

Qualification Race Duration:

- GT30 8 laps
- F4 8 laps
- F125 4 laps
- F250 6 laps

22. Accommodation

22.1 Please try using www.booking.com and entering the event postcode : MK43 9LY or directly contact the following hotels :

22.2 Bedford Swan Hotel, The Embankment, Bedford, MK401RW
www.bedfordswanhotel.co.uk email: info@bedfordswanhotel.co.uk

22.3 Park Inn by Radisson, 2 St Mary's Street, Bedford, MK42 0AR
www.parkinn.co.uk/Bedford Tel: +44 1234 799 988

22.4 www.hiexpress.com (use MK43 9LY postcode to search nearest hotel to the venue)

22.5 www.premierinn.com (use MK43 9LY postcode to search nearest hotel .
Select Family rooms – 2 Adults + 2 Children and these rooms will sleep 4 people.

22.6 www.travelodge.co.uk (use MK43 9LY postcode to search nearest hotel.
Select Family rooms – 2 Adults + 2 Children and these rooms will sleep 4 people.)

27.8 **Camping:** Limited Camping is available on-site at the venue.

This must be booked in advance on the enclosed form at the same time your entry form

27.9 Any problems with booking accommodation please contact Tony Cossington:
Email: tony.cossington@powerboatgp.co.uk

23. Additional rules

- 23.1 You will be required to produce your passport for inspection when you sign in to this event.
- 23.2 The Local Organiser reserves the right to make any changes in the rules and regulations of the event. All changes will be published in writing and announces during the Drivers' Briefings or via Bulletins.
- 23.3 The Local Organiser requires the participants to use their National flags and team uniforms.
- 23.4 By signing the attached entry form participants accept the rules and regulations of this Advance Programme, the Instructions of the Local Organiser and the UIM Rules.
- 23.5 The Local Organiser shall in no way have any responsibility towards the drivers, mechanics or other participants of the Event for any material damages incurred during or in connection with the Event.
- 23.6 **The Local Organiser will provide stickers of Local Sponsors of the event which should be attached, in a visible position, on both sides of the boat as a mandatory requirement of the Local Organiser (UIM Rule No. 203.051).**

24. Visa requirements

It is the responsibility of each team and driver to obtain a visa for entry into the UK if necessary. Please contact your nearest UK Embassy or Consulate to find out whether you need a visa to enter the UK and the requirements to apply for it.

If you are in doubt or have any questions about your Visa to enter the UK, please contact the local Organiser and they will do their best to assist.

Note that, if you need a Visa or invitation for obtaining the Visa you must contact the Local Organiser as soon as possible. The process of obtaining Visas can be time consuming and the organisers may not be able to assist you if you do not give sufficient time.

25. Catering

- 25.1 Catering facilities are available on site in the Club House.

26. Toilets & Showers

- 26.1 Located in the Clubhouse & around the site.



27. Official Functions

- 27.1 Drivers and teams attending any official functions must be in their team wear. Details of any functions will be notified before or at the event.

28. Group B Racing

- 28.1 In case of the number of entries exceeding water approval the organiser invites those boats that do not qualify for the main race/heats to enter into an 'International cup challenge' as long as there are sufficient numbers.

This will apply to all classes.

29. Ferries/Eurotunnel

- 29.1 Please visit www.directferries.co.uk for all available routes via ferry to the UK. Please visit www.eurotunnel.com for other routes.

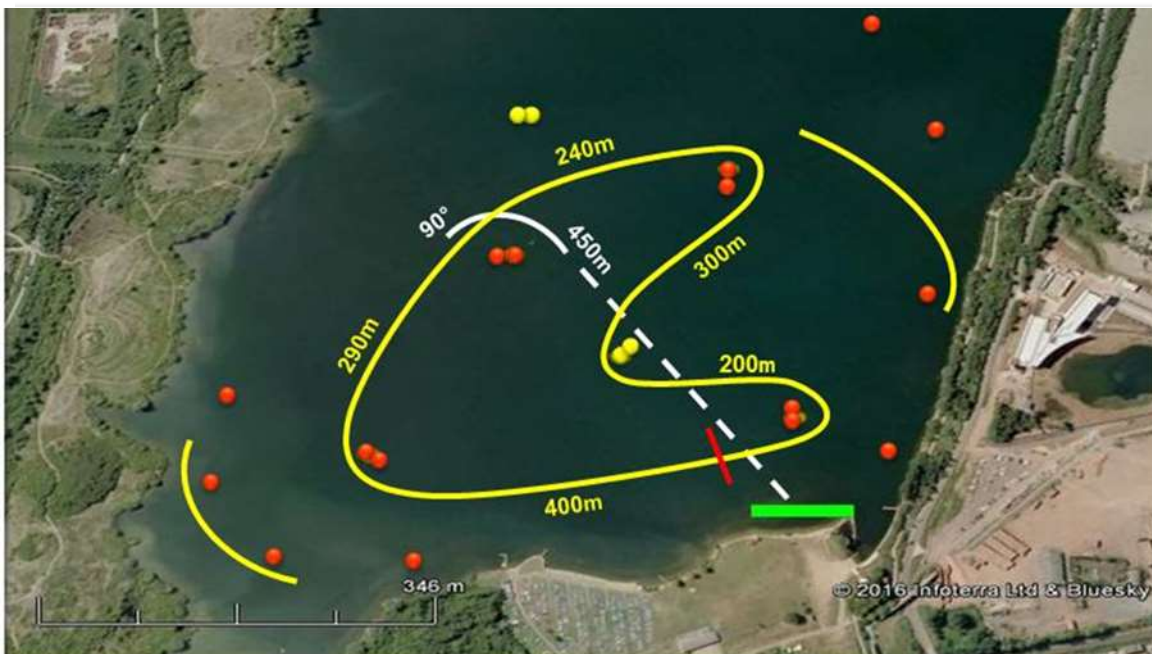
29. Timetable (subject to change)

Friday	30th June 2017	10.00	Pits open / Teams Arrive
		12.00 – 19.00	Race Administration
		12.00 – 19.00	Scrutineering
Saturday	1st July 2017	07.30 – 08.30	Race Administration
		07.30 – 08.30	Scrutineering
		08.30 – 09.30	Drivers Briefing
		09.45 – 10.15	GT30 Free Practice
		10.20 – 10.50	F125 Free Practice
		11.00 – 11.30	F4 Free Practice
		11.40 – 12.10	F250 Free Practice
		12.15 – 12.45	GT30 Qualifying
		12.45 – 13.30	Lunch Break
		13.30 – 14.00	F125 Qualifying
		14.05 – 14.35	F4 Qualifying
		14.45 – 15.15	F250 Qualifying
		15.30- 15.40	GT30 Heat 1
		15.45 – 16.00	F125 Heat 1
		16.15 – 16.35	F4 Race 1
		16.45 – 17.00	F250 Heat 1
		17.15 – 17.30	GT30 Heat 2
Sunday	2nd July 2017	07.30 – 08.30	Race Administration
		07.30 – 08.30	Scrutineering
		08.30 – 09.00	Drivers Briefing
		09.15 – 09.45	GT30 Free Practice
		09.50 – 10.20	F125 Free Practice
		10.30 – 11.00	F4 Free Practice
		11.10 – 11.40	F250 Free Practice
		11.50 – 12.00	GT30 Heat 3
		12.10 – 12.20	F125 Heat 2
		12.30 – 12.45	F250 Heat 2
		12.45 – 13.30	Lunch Break
		13.30 – 13.40	GT30 Heat 4
		13.50 – 14.00	F125 Heat 3
		14.15 – 14.45	F4 Race 2
		14.55 – 14.15	F250 Heat 3
	15.00	Podium Presentations	
	15.30	Technical Inspection	

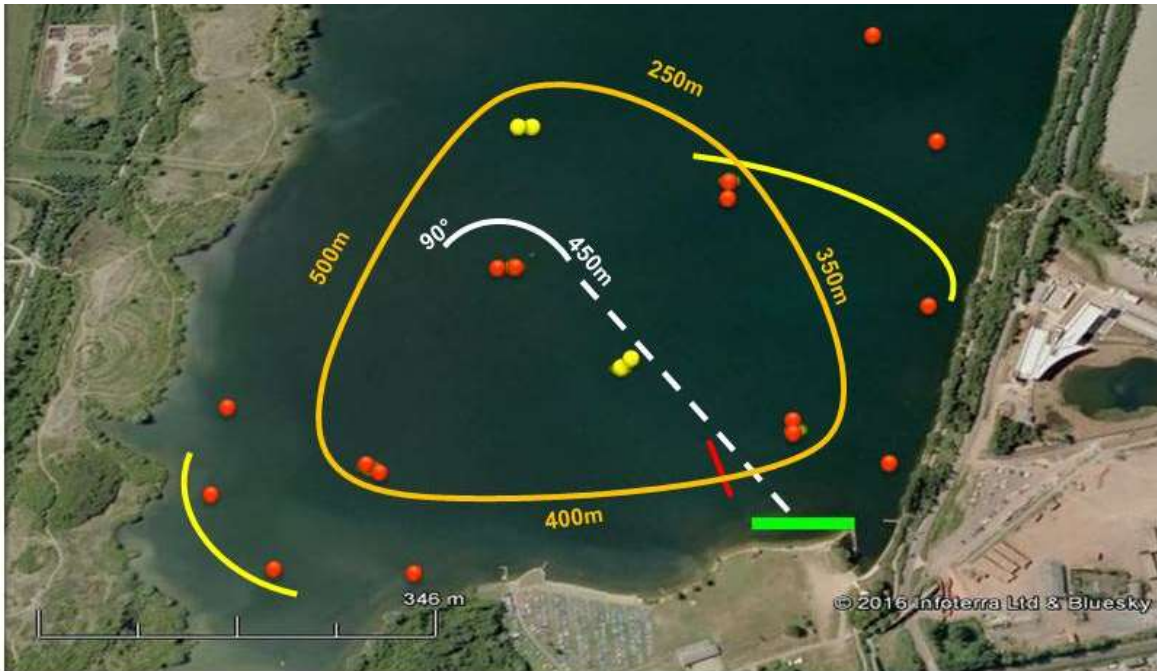
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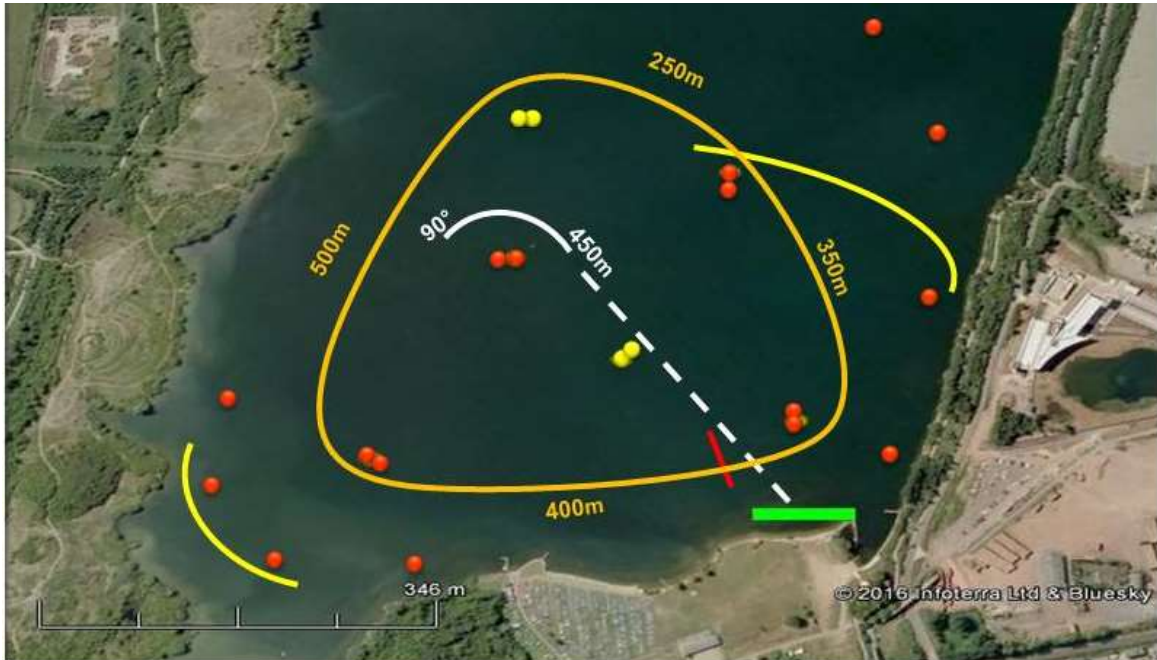
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F4	450m	90°	1430m	Start Lap + 20	29.74km



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GT30	450m	90°	1430m	Start Lap + 10	15.44km



Class	Start Straight	1 st Turn Angle	Lap Length	No. of Laps	Race Length
OSY400 & F125	450m	90°	1500m	Start Lap + 5	8.64km



Class	Start Straight	1 st Turn Angle	Lap Length	No. of Laps	Race Length
F250/350 500	450m	90°	1500m	Start Lap + 8	13.14km

31. Site Plan



Stewartby International Site Plan



ENTRY FORM

U.I.M F4 World & GT30, F125 & F250 European CHAMPIONSHIPS- Grand Prix of Great Britain
01 – 02 July 2017, Stewartby, Great Britain

Entry Forms returned by **16th June 2017** to: Jenny Powell: jenny.powell@powerboatgp.co.uk

YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE YOUR PASSPORT WHEN SIGNING IN FOR THE EVENT

Section 1

First Name:	Family Name:
Date Of Birth:	Place of Birth:
Address:	
	Nationality:
Mobile Telephone:	Email:
Blood Group :	Allergies:
Relevant medical conditions or medication that the organisers should be aware of :	
Person to contact in case of emergency :	
Name:	Relationship:
Address:	
	Telephone:
Mobile Telephone:	Email:

Section 2

National Authority:	Class:
Licence Number:	Date of issue:
Boat Manufacturer:	Year of build:
Engine:	Race Number:
Team Name:	Team Manager:
UIM S.L. Number:	

I hereby confirm that the information contained herein is correct. I will conform to the rules and regulations of the U.I.M., National Authority and Local Organizer. I assure that all members of my teams, its sponsors, and other such acquainted persons will be governed by the same rules as previously expressed. By signing this Entry Form, the driver confirms that participation in the above mentioned event for him/her and any other person connected or being the member of his/her team is under their own risk and responsibility.

Driver Signature:	N.A STAMP
Date:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	
Date:	
National Authority Approval Signature:	
Date of National Authority Approval:	



Pit Pass Reservation :

Extract from Advance Regulations:

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There will be a maximum of 5 passes (including driver) allocated to each team. Please do not request 5 passes if you do not need them. Pit passes will be strictly controlled and should only be for genuine team members and may be refused or withdrawn if the organisers suspect otherwise.

Each team member will need to collect their own pass from race control.

Please list below your team members who are nominated for pit passes. The Race Secretary will advise if these will be issued.

Pass 1 (Competitor)	
Pass 2	
Pass 3	
Pass 4	
Pass 5	

Pit Area Reservation :

In order that we can maximise the use of the space in the pit area would you please record below the size of your tent for use in the pits:

Tent Length (total): _____

Tent Width (total) : _____

Trailer: _____

Vehicle: _____

Date:

Driver's Signature:

Please return with your entry form to: jenny.powell@powerboatgp.co.uk



CAMPING BOOKING FORM

One free Camping place, with electric, will be allowed per Driver/Team.

Additional Camping places may be available at a cost of £30/weekend, including electric supply. Please fill in a separate form if needed.

Name of Driver:		
Race No:	Class:	
Date of Arrival: Friday 23 September 2016		
Date of Departure: Latest – Monday 26 September 2016		
Truck/Trailer:	Motorhome:	Tent
Length:	Length:	Size:
Names of Team Members Camping:		
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

Date:

Driver's Signature:

Please return with your entry form to: jenny.powell@powerboatgp.co.uk



Risk Statement

Powerboat Racing is by its nature a dangerous sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. However, I understand that having good knowledge of the rules and ensuring that my equipment is in good working order will help to minimise risks.

By participating in or becoming involved with Powerboat Racing organised by UIM or RYA affiliated clubs either as a participant, team member or otherwise individuals agree and acknowledge that:

- i. they are aware of the inherent risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for exposing themselves to such inherent risk, including risks to their person, their property, drowning, hypothermia, collision injuries burns and other physical injuries as well as possible death
- ii. they have satisfied themselves that they have the necessary skill and knowledge to take part in the event and deal with the conditions that may arise in the course of a race
- iii. they will not participate in the event whilst under the undue influence of alcohol, drugs or whilst otherwise unfit to participate
- iv. they are responsible for the safety of themselves their crew their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore and that the management of their boat including insurance is solely their responsibility
- v. scrutineering does not constitute a condition survey of the boat and it is solely their responsibility to decide whether or not to start or to continue in any powerboat race
- vi. ensuring the efficiency and suitability of the helmets and racing vests worn is solely their responsibility
- vii. the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their responsibilities
- viii. the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances
- ix. to be bound by the conditions of the Race Entry Form, Racing Instructions / Advance Programmes and the General Competition Rules of the UIM and the RYA
- x. they will accept the decisions of the organising committee and officials nominated by the organising committee.
- xi. they understand that it is their responsibility to ensure that the event has suitable insurance cover in place before participating and it is also their responsibility to ensure that they familiarise themselves with event Risk Assessments & Race Instructions / Advance Programmes and bulletins before participating.



INDEMNITY

Participants in the event will be required on signing on to the event to save harmless and keep indemnified:

- (a) The owners of the premises at which the event is held;
- (b) The host National Authority, The Organising Club, the Sponsors / promoters and the UIM, the RYA and their respective officials, servants and agents; and,
- (c) The other boat owners, drivers, passengers or mechanics engaged in the meeting (together with the "Indemnified Parties") AGAINST all actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect of loss of or damage to the property of or personal injury sustained to the Indemnified Parties to the extent caused by the participants, their crew, their boat, their mechanics, support team, representatives or agents.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Persons under the age of 18 must have written authority signed by either Parent or Guardian.

**THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A COMPETITORS DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN A RACE
OR TO CONTINUE RACING IS THEIRS ALONE**