

# Coniston Records Week 2008



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CONISTON WATER

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# **INTRODUCTION**

## **The Thirty Eighth Week**

### **RECORD WEEK 2008**

There is good news and not so good news for 2008.

The good is that Record Week continues and the even better is that the additional run fee has been pegged and your entry fee will continue to include two attempts. The not so good is that last year our costs were £ 1,500 less than income. If Record Week is to continue we must ensure that the loss is replaced as soon as possible and sufficient income is generated in 2008 to cover our costs with a bit to spare. The entry fees have therefore been increased. For 2008 they are £150 for seniors, £100 for juniors for early entries with a bit more for late entries.

This will be our fourth Record Week at Coniston - how the years fly by - so once again we invite all sections of powerboating and all ages of drivers to Coniston for a thoroughly successful and entertaining Week.

We look forward to seeing you there.

# **WATER SPEED RECORD CLUB**

WSRC organise the Social and Fund Raising Events for Record Week.

The funds they raise and present to the Record Week Organising Committee have been instrumental in the Organisers being able to keep down the cost to the competitor of entering Record Week.

Two raffles are run through the Week for which prizes will be very much appreciated. Please bring them to Coniston and give them to the fund raisers in the WSRC caravan in the pits.

The continuing success of WSRC is essential for the future of Record Week, their Social Events for the Week will be announced:

**Tuesday 4th November**

Quiz Night

**Wednesday 5th November**

WSRC Annual General Meeting at lunchtime.

**Wednesday 5th November**

K7 Club Committee Meeting.

**Thursday 6th November**

K7 Club AGM and Dinner at WMBRC.

**Friday 7th November**

Prizegiving.

Please see notice board during Record Week for any alterations of times of events

For enquiries prior to Record Week and for suggestions for Social and Fund Raising Events please contact the Chairman of Water Speed Record Club:

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The WSRC Hon Treasurer will be very pleased to receive annual subscriptions

£10 for single and £15 for family membership.

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## 1. AUTHORITY

Record Week Organising Committee are the Organisers. Record Week is held under the Advance Regulations and Procedures, Rules of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and Rules of the Union Internationale Motonautique (UIM) together with any Supplementary Rules and Regulations the Organisers reserve the right to issue at any time.

## 2. COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS

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WEBMASTER: Mike Twigg - [www.conistonpowerboatrecords.co.uk](http://www.conistonpowerboatrecords.co.uk)

## 3. CLASSES

- a. UIM Classes and Unlimited Categories for World and National Records.
- b. RYA National Classes for National Records, Unlimited Outboard & Inboard Immersed Propeller, Gas Turbine, Unlimited Water Jet, Unlimited Ladies Outright, Steam, Hovercraft, Aquabike.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY RULES

- a. Offshore qualifications must be under the class specifications current at the date of the attempt.
- b. OFFSHORE UIM CLASSES WORLD RECORD ATTEMPTS. The boat as entered must have finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd in its class in a World or Continental Championship event, UIM 601.04. A copy of the results when the boat qualified must accompany the Entry Form, so we can comply with UIM Rule 615.05.
- c. OFFSHORE UIM CLASSES (except OCR) NATIONAL RECORD ATTEMPTS. A boat must have qualified for a World Record attempt or finished in 3 National events. The boat must be in the same class and as raced and fully equipped for National racing. Any boat thought by the Scrutineers to have been stripped specially for an attempt may be rejected.
- d. NATIONAL OFFSHORE TOURING CLASSES (OPC). A boat and driver must have finished in three 2007 National Class Championship Points Scoring Races. The boat must be in the same class as raced.
- e. OFFSHORE CIRCUIT RACING (OCR) CLASSES. A boat qualified for a world record or having finished three national races in the same year and same class is eligible to attempt a National record.

- f. NATIONAL UNLIMITED IMMERSSED PROPELLER CLASSES. Inboard: inboard engines only, hull and engine free, National Safety Rules apply. Outboard: as above but outboard powered.
- g. GAS TURBINE CLASS. Boats must comply with the RYA National Experimental Gas Turbine rules for Offshore boats but no need to have been placed in any event.
- h. UNLIMITED WATER-JET CLASS. Propelled solely by 'water jet'. Hull form and water jet propulsion unit are free. National Safety Rules must be complied with.
- i. PUMP FUEL HYDROPLANE CLASSES. For hydroplanes complying with UIM outboard classes up to 700cc using pump fuel up to 101.3 octane. Fuel to be checked if a record is broken.
- j. SPORTSBOAT NATIONAL CLASSES. For weight restricted classes, no qualifications. For non weight restricted classes, a boat and driver having finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a 2008 Championship Points event may in the same year and class and as raced, attempt a record.
- k. JETBIKES. There maybe limited facilities for these classes. Details from the organisers.

## 5. LICENCES

- a. World Records: international licences.
- b. National Records: for Circuit classes, national or international licences; for Offshore classes, the same licence requirements as for the qualifying events; for aquabikes, the same as required for same level events as the attempt.

## 6. ENTRIES

- a. On the Record Fee Entry Form. Fee £150 for entries (excluding Junior classes) **signed-in and briefed** by Tuesday evening, includes two attempts. All other entries £200 for two attempts. J250 and K Class £100 entry fee before Tuesday evening, £150 after. Last time for entries to be signed-in and briefed is 1600 hours on Thursday. For launch fee, see section 15.
- b. Additional runs, £10 per attempt must be paid for in advance, if by open cheque then the Entry Fee must be paid separately.
- c. The Organisers reserve the right without giving any reasons to not accept entries and to permit, or disallow, any runs during the Week.
- d. Entry fees will not be returned to non-starters except at the Organisers discretion when a £10 administration fee will be charged.

## 7. MEDIA

All media representatives brought to Record Week by entrants must report to the Press Officer on arrival.

## 8. BOAT PARK

- a. **The boat and vehicle parking arrangements are very specific and under the control of the Pit Marshall in association with the Coniston Boating Centre staff. Payment is made for the facilities to the LDNPA by each driver depending on the individual's requirements. This payment is made directly to the NPA through the Boating Centre staff and is out of the control of the event organisers. One vehicle is permitted for each entry. Officials' instructions are mandatory.**
- b. No access for competitors vehicles and boats until 1400 hours on Sunday 2nd November.
- c. No other vehicular movements when the launch vehicle is working.
- d. The pits and boat park are park ferme.
- e. The pits will not be available for vehicle entry or exit 30 mins after evening stand down.

## 9. DRIVERS BRIEFINGS

Mandatory before launching. At the Ruskin Institute, Yewdale Road (the main street) at 1930 hrs on Sunday 2nd November and daily at 1000 hrs on site with additional briefings if necessary. Last briefing at 0800 hrs on Friday.

## **10. MEDICAL**

The doctors instructions are mandatory. All officials, competitors and crews are liable for drink and drug testing. There will be random testing.

## **11. TIMEKEEPING**

By highly accurate 'Crocker' system using two tracking telescopes at each end of the measured kilometre.

## **12. BUOYANCY & NOISE ATTENUATION**

- a. BUOYANCY. All boats MUST HAVE BUOYANCY to float both boat and driver in the event of a capsize. Must be proved by the competitor to the Scrutineer's satisfaction. You are reminded the lake is, in places, over 200 ft deep.
- b. NOISE ATTENUATION. You are advised to pay particular attention to this when preparing your boat. Your decibel level will be recorded. Attempts will be void when the permitted level is exceeded.

## **13. HOMOLOGATION PAPERS, SCRUTINEERING & MEASUREMENT**

- a. A copy of the homologation sheets MUST accompany any motor, hull or accessory for the classes in which homologation has been provided for (UIM 505.08) and TOGETHER WITH THE MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATE FOR ALL RACING CLASSES MUST be presented to the Scrutineers. A COPY OF THE MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATE MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE ENTRY.
- b. All boats shall be scrutineered prior to launching.
- c. All boats must arrive measured and registered. The Organisers reserve the right to have front cowls and other panels removed to fully inspect steering, breakaway panels, buoyancy, fuel lines, structure etc. and to have deformable pickles unbolted for inspection.
- d. When a boat has set or broken a record it will be impounded until the necessary hull and engine measurements are taken unless the same boat and engine is entered for another class or the competitor wishes to make further runs for the same record in which case the engine will be sealed by the Measurers for later examination.
- e. All speeds achieved by a boat will be rendered null and void by the boat or engine leaving the Boat Park or Pits before post attempt checks by the Measurers without prior Consent of a Measurer which Consent must be notified in writing to the Duty OOD, other than to officially compete and practice.
- f. All competitors or their mechanics must be prepared to strip their outfits and engines at the time, place and as directed by the Measurers.
- g. All competitors shall bear all the costs of stripping and rebuilding.
- h. In your interest we STRONGLY RECOMMEND you drill appropriate bolts, studs and other parts so your engine can be properly and easily sealed.
- i. Drivers of boats to be weighed shall attend weighing, provide their own slings and be responsible for the hoisting. Scales will be provided, will be available for pre-attempt use and shall not be protested.
- j. Scrutineering does not include a condition survey of the craft and equipment and it is the sole responsibility of the driver whether or not to start or to continue in any powerboat race.

## **14. LAUNCHING, PIER SPACE AND LAUNCH FEE**

- a. Launching of entered and scrutineered only boats is by the Organisers. Drivers with boats requiring crane launching must make their own arrangements.
- b. The safety jetty to be free from competitors' boats at all times.
- c. All competitors, after arriving on site, must, as soon as possible, pay the pits and launching fee directly to the L.D.N.P.A. office on site.
- d. Trailers must be accompanied by a crew member to and from the pit space for launching and recovery.



## 15. THE COURSE

A measured 1 kilometre course is established. This course is registered with the RYA and UIM.

## 16. SAFETY AREA

- a. A two buoy course will be laid opposite the slipway.
- b. On each occasion drivers must obtain permission for use of the course from the OOD and boats must pass the Scrutineers before requesting permission from the OOD.
- c. Use is confined to anti-clockwise circuits of the two buoy course unless boat size or type renders this impracticable when alternative arrangements must be made by the OOD.
- d. Drivers must not leave the pits for the safety course area until a rescue boat is on station inside the practice course, a rescue boat must be on station for the duration of the use.
- e. Drivers with restraints must contact the Pit Marshal in good time so that suitable rescue can be arranged.

## 17. NEW RECORDS

- a. Records standing prior to the event shall remain until exceeded by 0.3%.
- b. A driver achieving a new Record during the Week may make further attempts (see section 13) and providing no other driver intervenes with another new Record, the first driver's new Record shall be the highest speed attained provided this speed is at least 0.3% faster than the old Record.
- c. After a Record has been achieved during the Week any other driver must exceed the Record by at least 0.3% to achieve a new Record.
- d. New Records standing at the end of the Week shall be claimed. Records gained and lost during the Week may be claimed at the driver's discretion.
- e. Drivers having gained and lost a Record during the Week must as soon as possible after losing the Record advise Record Week Office whether or not the lost Record is being claimed so that the Office, Timekeepers and Measurers can assemble and complete the application papers without delay.
- f. OCR Classes. Records shall not be determined until the end of the Week. The fastest run in each class during the Week, provided this is 0.3% faster than the existing record, shall claim a new Record.

## 18. WORLD RECORDS

- a. **ALL NEW WORLD RECORD HOLDERS SHALL PROVIDE, NO LATER THAN THE EARLIER OF 24 HOURS AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT OR BY 1400 hrs ON THE FRIDAY :**
  - (i) for offshore boats, a copy of the qualifying race results,
  - (ii) for those wanting full UIM certificates with painting, a photograph of the boat under way and a note of colours, signwriting, etc (UIM Rule 615.05), a large colour photograph of the boat on trailer plus an action photograph is acceptable.All drivers attempting World Records are **MOST STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** to bring the necessary photographs with them to the Week and **NOT** to rely on obtaining the photographs during the Week.
- b. As World Records are continually being set up and broken a list of these Records will not be published until the attempts. Prospective entrants wishing to know existing World Records should contact the RYA direct.

## 19. RESULTS & PROTESTS

- a. Results are announced by Control as soon as possible after each attempt.
- b. Drivers can obtain individual results from the Record Week and Press Offices.
- c. Protest fee £50. Time limit one hour after the **announcement** of the speed achieved, whether or not that speed has broken or set a record. **NOTE:** this also applies to OCR classes.

## **20. AWARDS**

- a. Drivers claiming World and National Records or requiring RYA or UIM Performance Certificates must pay the appropriate fees. The fee for a full colour World Record Certificate is approximately £350 (subject to exchange rates), the National Record ratification fee is £100.
- b. National Record Certificates will be presented at the 2009 Powerboat Presentation Dinner.
- c. The Organisers certificate of speed attained will be sent to every competitor.
- d. The K7 Club will present Gold Stars Awards to British competitors not already possessing the award who achieve new National Records of at least 100 mph.
- e. Silver Stars will be presented by the K7 Club to Record Breakers under 100 mph.

## **21. CARAVANS & CAMPERS**

Please remember to arrange accommodation for yourself on a caravan site. Space at the pits area will not be available.

## **22. TIMETABLE**

From 0800 hrs with stand down for 2 hours at approximately 1200 hrs with the last attempts starting as determined by the Duty OOD except for the last attempt on Friday which must start by 1400 hrs. On Friday there will be no lunch stand-down.

## **23. PRIZEGIVING**

- a. The place and time on the Friday night will be announced.
- b. Certificates at the 2009 RYA Powerboat Presentation Dinner.

# **PROCEDURE FOR COMPETITORS**

## **24. GENERALLY**

- a. The arrangements for Record Week have been proved over many years and while no one, least of all the Organisers, wish to impose undue restrictions we have found the ones contained in the Advance Regulations and Procedures for Competitors have enabled Record Week to continue successfully for so many years. This year is the Thirty Eighth Record Week.
- b. It is necessary to co-operate with local residents as much as possible and cause the very minimum of upset and disturbance. The public address system will not always announce speeds except when a record is broken.
- c. It is not our fault if your boat will not start, the weather is bad or there is a queue of competitors ahead of you. It's very easy for a driver to vent his disappointment on Officials and ruin the atmosphere of this major event. Please remember that all the Officials are volunteers and trying their best to get runs for all competitors.
- d. The close co-operation of you and your crew with our Officials really does make all the difference to everyone's enjoyment.

## **25. ARRIVAL & PARKING**

- a. Discover from the Pit Marshal a space for your boat and proceed there immediately, then as soon as possible report to Record Week Office.
- b. Space is limited and we cannot know the composition of the entry until Thursday morning.

## **26. SIGNING-IN**

At the Record Week Office by the pits. Take your licence, measurement certificate and copy of your measurement certificate (if not previously sent with an entry), engine and hull homologation papers, confirmation of current lake registration for your boat, completed entry form and fee. Drivers using reinforced cockpits must sign the RYA Restraint Disclaimer Form. All drivers, co-drivers and riding crew must sign the RYA Event Indemnity Sheet. When Record Week Office is satisfied you will be given a Control Card.

## **27. SCRUTINEERING**

Take your Control Card and where appropriate your homologation papers and measurement certificate to your Scrutineer who when satisfied will sign the Card and fix a sticker on your boat, you may then request launching. Scrutineers will be available in the pits from 1500 hours on Sunday 2nd November

## **28. LAUNCHING**

- a. Contact the Pit Marshal, your boat will be launched when it is clear so to do at the Pit Marshal's direction. Immediately return your trailer to your parking space unless the Pit Marshal specifically directs otherwise.
- b. Co-operate with all directions from the Pit Marshals, the orderly parking of boats and trailers is essential to the smooth running of the event.

## **29. RECOVERY**

- a. After an attempt your boat must be returned immediately to its parking place unless required elsewhere by the Scrutineers.

## **30. BOOKING YOUR FIRST ATTEMPT**

Report to Control with your Control Card signed by your Scrutineer and advise Control of your state of readiness to make an attempt. Control can either add your name to those "Ready To Go" or place your card on one side to wait for you to return to advise Control that you are "Ready To Go" and make an attempt.

## **31. "READY TO GO"**

Means you are launched or in the case of an outboard hydroplane on a stand in the lake and ready to proceed to the Course Marshal boat as soon as called by Control.

## **32. THE ATTEMPT**

- a. As your turn rises to the top of Control's running order you will be put on "Stand By" and may be asked to indicate by a wave from your boat that you are indeed ready. In due course Control will dispatch you to the Course Marshal's boat where you must wait for his instructions. Normally there will be a boat making an attempt when you arrive and the Course Marshal's boat will be showing a red flag and red light which you must not pass, the course is closed to you. On dispatch by Control you may be instructed to go and speak to the Course Marshal to receive information.
- b. Mill or rest in the area to the north of the Course Marshal to permit the driver on the course to return to the pits round the Course Marshal. Return to the pits if the Course Marshal's red flag is waved at you.
- c. When the course is clear the Course Marshal will alter his signals to green when you must either make an attempt or immediately return to the pits. When you receive the green signal you are on your own, you will receive no further signals unless there is a sudden problem on the course in which case you will be red flagged from the rescue boats on the course, if this happens you must immediately slow down, return to and speak to the Course Marshal.
- d. The driver accepts full responsibility for his boat and all equipment and any safety measures and water state deemed necessary for making attempts.
- e. Rescue boats are stationed along the course, they are in radio contact with Course Marshal but will not approach unless help is needed.
- f. It is important to enter and leave the measured kilometre through the 'gate' buoys at each end of the kilometre. The Timekeepers will record the time taken for you to pass along the kilometre and calculate your speed.
- g. Having completed your southerly run along the kilometre you must judge the distance required for a run up for the return run. Again, no instruction will be given by Officials providing the course remains clear.

- h. Although the UIM rules state the return run must be completed within 20 minutes it is appreciated by all concerned (especially the next competitor waiting at the Course Marshal's boat) if you make your return run as quickly as possible - if everyone took the statutory 20 minutes Record Week would soon grind nearly to a halt.
- i. ON FINISHING YOUR RETURN RUN YOU **MUST FIRST PASS ROUND THE COURSE MARSHAL'S BOAT BEFORE RETURNING TO THE PITS** so that we know the course is clear for the next run and to ensure that all boats return to the pits from the same direction. **YOUR APPROACH TO THE PITS MUST BE AT SLOW SPEED.**

### **33. AFTER AN ATTEMPT**

- a. If you have broken a Record your boat and engine must immediately be either sealed or measured. You are most strongly advised not to let anyone else board your boat, and you must not remove or add anything to the boat until a Measurer has come to meet you when you must make arrangements with the Measurer for sealing or inspection and weighing. If you are in a weight restricted class the boat must be taken off the lake, dripped off and immediately weighed.
- b. If not subject to a. above, recover boat to its parking place in the pits. There will be no jetty space for moored boats.

### **34. BOOKING ANOTHER ATTEMPT**

- a. Control will only accept one attempt request from you at any one time.
- b. For additional attempts you must, for each additional attempt, go to Control and advise Control you are "Ready To Go" and pay your additional run fee. Control will then place your sheet with those already waiting and "Ready To Go".

### **35. BACK-TO-BACK ATTEMPTS**

- a. Occasionally it is possible to arrange for a driver to make back-to-back attempts, but note this would not be permitted if there are other drivers "Ready To Go" except in very exceptional circumstances.
- b. The decision whether or not to permit back-to-back attempts is taken by the duty OOD whose decision is final.
- c. In this circumstance the driver's fastest average speed can be calculated from any two consecutive runs through the kilometre.

### **36. START OF WEEK RUNNING ORDER**

- a. Drivers (not crew) "Ready To Go" for 0800 hrs on Monday may hand in their Control Cards to Control by 0745 hrs with a request to be placed in the Start of Week Running Order, the cards will be drawn at random after which the duty OOD will announce the Order.
- b. Control Cards submitted after 0745 hrs will be added to the end of the Start of Week Running Order.

### **37. END OF DAY STACK**

The duty OOD may permit some of the previous days End of Day Stack to be carried forward.

### **38. START OF DAY RUNNING ORDER AFTER MONDAY**

- a. After Monday any driver (not crew) "Ready To Go" for 0800 hrs may ask to be included in the Start of Day Running Order, his request will be put with any others in a draw. Closing time for inclusion in the draw is 0745 hrs, as on Monday.
- b. When the duty OOD permits the previous days End of Day Stack to be carried forward all drivers who have not reported "Ready To Go" before 0745 hrs will be withdrawn from the Stack. Additional drivers will be added to the previous End of Day Stack to form a new Start of Day Running Order.

### **39. 0800 HRS FLAT CALM, HIGH SPEED WATER**

The duty OOD will hold back boats which might interfere with high speed attempts. The decisions of the duty OOD on this matter are final and shall not be challenged.

**40. THE ORGANISERS GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

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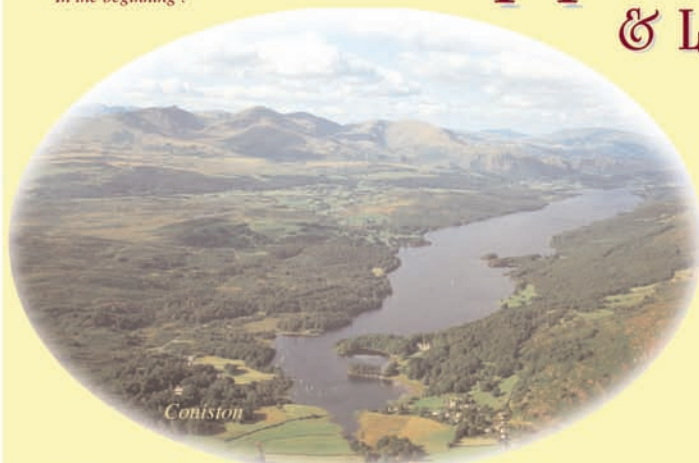
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### The Coppermines Mountain Cottages

- Weekend celebrations & parties
- Wedding receptions & marquees
- Midweek business meetings
- Ideal team building environment
- Self catering or quality catered option
- Unique conference location
- Large Dining room & en - suite facilities



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