



# **POWERBOAT RACING RECORD ATTEMPTS**

**WORLD AND NATIONAL**

**SHORT AND LONG DISTANCE**

**(SECTION X OF PB1)**

## RECORDS' SECTION - (World Records and National Records)

Foreword: The Royal Yachting Association is the National Authority for Powerboat Racing and Record Attempts, the UIM, Union Internationale Motonautique is the International Governing Body for Powerboat Racing and Record Attempts. The RYA is a member of the UIM.

### X1. INTRODUCTION

This procedure has been evolved as a result of many enquiries to the RYA asking for details of the administration of record attempts. It is hoped that this section will be of assistance to both Clubs and Individuals in the setting up and costing of record attempts. However, it must be remembered that all rules in both RYA (PB1 & PB2) rule books and UIM (Union Internationale Motonautique, the International Governing body) rule books (Offshore & Circuit), still apply and *must* be observed.

### X2. There are two distinct categories of Record Attempts:

- a) **Offshore Class Record Attempt (Short Distance** ie measured mile/kilometre). Attempts take place on Coniston Water at end of October/beginning November on an annual basis. All national classes are eligible to attempt national records during Records Week at Coniston Water. Coniston is the current "operational" records course. The Windermere Motor Boat Racing Club is responsible for the organisation and timing of national and world records. All enquires for an attempt must be made through them.  
Contact: **Alison Whalley - 07850 807039 for entry forms**  
Records Maintainer: **Mike Ward - 01502 731195 for details of existing records**

Note: The end of October/beginning of November is the time of year when Powerboat Racers/Jet Sport Riders have the opportunity to attempt/break Records in their particular discipline or try for an "experimental" category. All those attempting records must have a full RYA Powerboat Racing licence issued with the correct status, ie national or international.

- b) **Offshore Long Distance Record Attempts** (eg Round Britain, London-Monte Carlo etc.) There are only certain "recognised" long distance records courses, each with their own specific criteria and rules. The current courses, rules and speeds are listed out under **Q16** in the Short and Long Distance Records book, which is available on the website.

These long distance courses attract those people who are used to Endurance or Marathon racing; ie those who have the physical ability and type of boat with which to endure a lengthy sea trial.

All those attempting records must have a full RYA Powerboat Racing licence. All those attempting records must have a full RYA Powerboat Racing licence issued with the correct status, ie national or international.

### X3. NOTIFICATION

In the case of Long Distance records, a notification form is obtainable from section Q16. in the Short and Long Distance Records book, which is available on the website, and must be completed and returned at least three, ideally four weeks before the proposed attempt(s) to the RYA together with the appropriate fee.

#### X4. FEES

The following fees are payable to the RYA upon notification of a record attempt(s).  
Note: the fee is to be paid if the attempt is an individual/one-off.

**Notification fee to RYA:** £400

The exception is Coniston Records' Week, where a course has been set up by the organisers and those wishing to undertake a record during that week pay the club an entry fee for their services instead.

#### ON SUCCESSFULLY ATTAINING A RECORD:

A set of homologation papers (RYA/UIM official record document), will be filled out by the RYA Officials – these are the same set as for national or world attempts. The correctly completed and signed paperwork is then submitted to the RYA office for ratification (if a national record, or UIM for a world record), along with the corresponding fee, photograph of the boat (if required) and a copy of the measurement certificate (if required).

Note: For Long distance world records there is additional paperwork required, the templates of which are contained in the Short and Long Distance Records Book, which is available on the website.

If a competitor has attained a world record he will be given the choice of having a UIM painted certificate, a calligraphed certificate or his attempt homologated only (no certificate) and there are different fees for each of aforementioned.

#### **Ratification** – by the UIM (International Governing Body):

International Record: Painted Certificate	£320	(boat and crew are depicted on Certificate by artist)
Copy of Painted Certificate	£250	(as above)
Calligraphed Certificate	£120	(certificate is hand written in Gothic Script on A3)
Homologated (no Certificate)	£ 90	(attempt is ratified but no certificate is issued)

**National Record only:** £100 (certificate is hand written in Gothic Script on A4 and is usually signed by the Princess Royal, the RYA's President)

#### X5. PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATES

In addition to National and World records, Performance Certificates can be made available by the organisers of individual events when the fee and types of certificate will be determined by them. These are not available at Coniston due to the bye laws.

#### X6. LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

The minimum licence status is as follows:

**National Record** - Those wanting to attempt a National Record must apply to the RYA

for a Licence Application Form and obtain a National Licence and pay the respective fee to the National Authority.

**International (World) Record -** Those wanting to attempt a World Record must apply to the RYA for a Licence Application Form and obtain an international Licence, in the respective class, and pay the relevant fee to the National Authority.

Note: for those wishing to undertake a **Long Distance record**, they will need to apply for a Marathon licence.

If you require a licence, please telephone the Powerboat Racing Department on: 02380 604238/604239/604240. [www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk)

#### X7. OFFSHORE RECORD ATTEMPT CATEGORIES:

**World Offshore Class Record Attempts** – Competitors who wish to attempt World Offshore Class record attempts can only do this on Coniston Water and the prerequisite is that the boat must have finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in a UIM World or Continental Championship.

**National Offshore Class Record Attempts** – Competitors who wish to attempt National Offshore Class record attempts can only do this on Coniston Water. Competitors are not required to have competed in Offshore national races prior to attempting a national class record.

**World Offshore Long Distance Record Attempts** – Competitors can only attempt these records on UIM registered/homologated courses as detailed in Q16, in the Short and Long Distance Records book, which is available on the website, of these rules. The requirement for competitors to finish 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in a UIM World or Continental Championship does **NOT** apply Long Distance Record Attempts. Competitors must fully comply with the UIM Rules 616.04 Long Distance Offshore World Records and in particular UIM Rule 616.06 Safety Rules.

**National Offshore Long Distance Class Record Attempts** - Any RYA registered national class boat is eligible to attempt a national class record. The only records course available for Long Distance class attempts is the Isle of Wight records base. (See Q6 for licensing requirements).

#### X8. ELIGIBILITY

**World Offshore Class Records** – Competitors must ensure that their boats and ancillary equipment comply with current international class rules.

**National Offshore Class Records** – Competitors must ensure that their boats and ancillary equipment comply with current national class rules.

**World Offshore Long Distance Records** – Competitors must ensure that their boats and ancillary equipment comply with the UIM rules governing Long Distance Offshore World Speed Records, UIM 616 Pleasure Navigation rule book.

Competitors are advised that the only categories available for World Offshore Long Distance Records are as listed:

Any motorised vessel up to 30 ft (9.14 metres) length overall, with any number of crew

Any motorised vessel 30 ft (9.14 metres) up to 50 ft (15.24 metres) length overall, with any number of crew

Any motorised vessel over 50ft (15.24 metres) up to 164 ft (50 metres) length overall, with any number of crew.

In accordance with UIM rule 616.10 (Pleasure Navigation current book, or UIM Offshore rule book) the record can fall into one or more of the three preceding categories.

Note: the fastest speed of any size motorised craft will also qualify for the Outright World Record

**National Offshore Long Distance Class Records** - Competitors must ensure that their boats and ancillary equipment comply with current national class rules.

#### X9. **RECOGNISED CLASSES**

##### **World Records:**

All International classes and world records are contained in the current UIM rules.

##### **National Records:**

All International classes contained in the current UIM rules, all National classes contained in the current RYA rules, unlimited inboard immersed propeller, unlimited outboard immersed propeller, 'pump fuel' hydroplane classes, offshore gas turbine experimental, unlimited water-jet and an unlimited 'ladies' record.

#### X10. **OFFICIALS REQUIRED AND EXPENSES (ONE-OFF ATTEMPTS)**

The following RYA officials are the ideal minimum required to organise and observe an official record/performance certificate attempt:

- Officer of the Day
- Timekeepers (2)
- Commissioner
- Timekeepers' Observers (2)
- Measurer

It is recommended that the OOD is appointed first so that he can be responsible for ensuring that all arrangements, including those for rescue, are provided.

A rescue service is mandatory at all record/performance certificate attempts.

The committee or OOD organising the attempt(s) is responsible for deciding whether or not an ambulance is required. An ambulance should be in attendance for 'weekend' or 'week' attempts organised to cater for multiple attempts from eligible all-comers.

RYA officials may claim expenses and subsistence plus car mileage allowance.

#### X11. **COURSE APPROVAL**

Coniston Water is currently approved for national and world record attempts and details of Long Distance Offshore courses can be found in the Short and Long Distance Records book.

#### X12. **WORLD AND NATIONAL**

An up-to-date list of national records is held by the RYA and world records by the UIM. A combined list is maintained by a member of the Powerboat Records committee which is used in determining record eligibility. Note: the world records list is maintained by the UIM and can be found on their website,

[www.uimpowerboating.com](http://www.uimpowerboating.com). The national records list (short distance) is maintained by Mike Ward and long distance records can be found in the Short and Long Distance Records book, which is available on the website.

**X13. NOTIFICATION OF NEW RECORDS TO THE RYA**

Successful individual attempts must be telephoned through or emailed to the RYA at the earliest possible time, by the officials who had overseen the record. **NO LATER THAN 48 HOURS.**

Properly completed record application sheets and other papers must be delivered to the RYA within three days of the attempt (UIM Rule 615.04).

**X14. MEASUREMENT**

It is recommended that a measurer for the appropriate class, together with two observers, be on site so that the necessity for sealing and measuring away from the record site within 48 hours for UIM records (UIM Rules 607.04) does not have to be implemented.

**X15. CLAIMING A RECORD**

It is incumbent upon the record holder to claim the record and pay for its ratification. All records established or broken are to be claimed and payment made for such to the National Authority/UIM. Remember this is history in the making.

**X16. LONG DISTANCE OFFSHORE ENDURANCE, WORLD AND NATIONAL RECORDS - ELIGIBILITY AND RECOGNISED COURSES.**

This section deals solely with those attempting World and National Long Distance Offshore Endurance Records.

To reiterate, the RYA as the National Authority for Powerboat Racing and Records is responsible for the ratification of all national records and performance certificates.

The UIM (Union Internationale Motonautique) is responsible for examining, approving and ratifying all world records.

Note: All British world records are submitted through the RYA initially, who double-check the documentation and submit the final paperwork to the UIM.

The following deals with the eligibility, current recognised record courses and specific rules and criteria for those courses:

**1. ELIGIBILITY**

Any Offshore record can be held in any of the following categories:

- a) Any motorised vessel up to 30 ft (9.14 metres) length overall, with any number of crew
- b) Any motorised vessel 30 ft (9.14 metres) up to 50 ft (15.24 metres) length overall, with any number of crew
- c) Any motorised vessel over 50ft (15.24 metres) up to 164 ft (50 metres) length overall, with any number of crew.
- d) In accordance with UIM rule 616.10 (Pleasure Navigation book 2005) the record can fall into one or more of the three preceding categories.
- e) Note: the fastest speed of any size motorised craft will also qualify for the Outright **National Record**.

It is not permitted to undertake any records single handed that require duration at sea of more than six hours.

For full details of all UIM Long Distance Offshore Endurance Records – please refer to the UIM Pleasure Navigation rules, and these are 616 to 616.14 onwards. These will be found on the UIM website. (Go to Rules, Pleasure Navigation, and then print out the Pleasure Navigation rule book and Addendum). These can now be found in the UIM Offshore rule book as well under the 600 rules.

2. CURRENT RECOGNISED RECORD COURSES:

- a) Round Britain
- b) Round Britain and Ireland
- c) Round Ireland
- d) London-Monte Carlo or Monte Carlo-London
- e) London to Gibraltar
- f) Gibraltar to Monte Carlo
- g) Poole-Cherbourg
- h) Round the Isle of Wight
- i) Southern Islands – round Isle of Wight, Channel Islands, Scillies returning to the Isle of Wight (UIM application pending April 2006)
- j) Round the World
- k) Round the World Port to Port
- l) Round Anglesey
- m) Whitehaven, Round the Isle of Man, Whitehaven (new course to be ratified by UIM)
- n) London to St Petersburg & Ports (new course to be ratified by UIM)

For full details of the record's process please refer to the Short and Long Distance Offshore Records Book, [www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk), or telephone the RYA office on 02380 604238/239/240

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