

Lancashire Powerboat Racing Club

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National Championship 2nd and 3rd May 2009

- TITLE:** Eric Middleton Trophy
- DATE:** 2nd and 3rd May 2009
- ORGANISERS:** Lancashire Powerboat Racing Club
- AUTHORITY:** The event is organised in accordance with the appropriate rules and regulations of the UIM, the RYA and the individual rules and regulations of the club and for the water. The organisers reserve the right to enforce any rule or condition which may be imposed by Local or National authorities.
- VENUE:** Carr Mill Dam. St.Helens
- OFFICERS:**
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| Officer of the Day: | Ruth Morse |
| Assistant OOD: | Rabbit |
| Timing Officer: | Dave Scott |
| Ambulance: | Calder Rescue (Paramedic) |
| Commodore: | Ruth Morse |
| Rescue Officer: | Mike Jones |
| Scrutineers: | Malc Hughes
Bill Owen |
| RYA Commissioner: | Stuart Wilkinson |
- PROTEST JURY:** To be announced at drivers meeting
- ELIGIBILITY:** National points for S2000, S850, T850/T750/GT30, OSY400, JT250/J250/GT15
Basic licence: Superclubman (The Comcare Trophy for those who prefer a little rough)
- CANCELLATION:** It is expected that all eligible classes will race. If due to insufficient numbers a class cannot race for national points those entered will be informed by Malcolm Hughes (LPRC Race Secretary) by telephone on Thursday evening 30th April. The RYA will be informed on Friday morning.
- LIABILITIES:** While every precaution will be taken to ensure safety of people, property and craft, the Organiser does not accept responsibility for any accident, damage or loss to persons, property or craft arising from this Meeting. A driver causing a Third Party Claim on the Club RYA policy shall pay the excess.
- PITS:** Pit Marshal's directions are mandatory. It is the driver's responsibility to present his boat for launching in time for racing and practice.
- ENTRY FEE:** In accordance with RYC / CRC:

Class	Pre entry- via RYA	After 25th April	On the Day
Senior classes	£60 (£50 for under 18 years)	£90	£100
Juniors	£40	£60	£70
Superclubman	£25 before 25th April (no pre entry)	£35	£45

- ENTRIES:** All entries to be returned to: Lancashire Powerboat Racing Club
C/o Malcolm Hughes
29 Wadeson Way, Croft,
Warrington, Cheshire, WA3 7JP

On Line Entry is now available at www.lprc.info

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- BOAT NUMBERS:** State your number on the race entry form, nationally registered numbers will normally be given preference. It is the driver's responsibility to correctly display the allocated number for Scrutineering.
- SCRUTINEERING:** Present your boat, equipment, measurement certificate and homologation papers to the Scrutineer before Signing-In. RYA National Scrutineering forms will be available from the organisers on Saturday morning. It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that his boat is scrutineered. Scales will be available for pre-race weighing, the scales, or lack of them, shall not be protested. Scrutineering is not a condition survey of the craft and equipment, including the condition and suitability of helmets and racing vests. It is the sole responsibility of the driver to determine whether or not the boat and all equipment for driver and crew is in accordance with the rules and fit to race and to decide whether or not to start or to continue in any powerboat race. If any boat does not have a measurement certificate the driver must inform the organisers before Wednesday 29th April so that an RYA measurer can be informed.
- SIGNING IN:** As soon as your boat is scrutineered, report with entry, scrutineering slip and measurement certificate to race control. Obtain any necessary One Day Insurances, pay any outstanding amounts and complete all paperwork.
- DRIVERS BRIEFING:** Drivers briefing will be at 9.30 each day. Any driver who does not attend at the correct time will be shouted at very very loudly and made to stand in the corner. When a driver is prevented from attending it shall be the driver's responsibility to report to the OOD for a special briefing.
- RESCUE & PATROL:** Rescue and Safety boats have right-of-way at all times for all purposes.
- LAUNCHING:** **Tractor launching only.** (Actually to call it a tractor is an insult! It is a rather nice blue Mitsubishi Pajero with air con, a CD player and genuine plastic leather seats) Trailers shall be marked with the boat's allocated racing number.
- COURSE:**
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| Sportsboats: | 1.4km approx |
| OSYs and Juniors | 1.0km approx |
- GRID:** Times taken during practice will determine the first heat grid; other heats shall be the finishing order of the previous heat. For mixed class racing, and in the interests of safety, the race committee / OOD may relegate a class to the back of the grid. The decision will be based on safety and fair play and is final.
- START:** Pontoon / Jetty, in accordance with PB2. Red Lights
- DURATION:**
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| S2000 | 3 Heats of 12 laps | Saturday and Sunday |
| T 850 | 3 Heats of 10 laps | Saturday and Sunday |
| S 850 etc. | 3 Heats of 10 laps | Saturday and Sunday |
| Junior | 3 Heats of 8 laps | Saturday and Sunday |
| OSY | 4 Heats of 8 laps | Saturday and Sunday |
| S/Club | 3 Heats of 10 laps | Sunday Only |
- Number of laps to be confirmed.*
- MARKS OF THE COURSE:** Hitting - **no penalty**, missing - **1 lap penalty**, for travelling against the racing line - **disqualification**, going inside the right hand turn, penalty your lower unit and transom will be removed from your boat!, dislodging or damaging a buoy causing a race stoppage – **disqualification**, lost, damaged or destroyed buoy - **£80.00 fee**
- RE-STARTS:** As PB2 Section G19

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FINISH: On showing of chequered flag. After all boats have crossed to finish line chequered flags shall be waved from all rescue boats. Red flags will not be waved to signal the end of a race. Drivers shall slow down, shall not cross the course, shall not take extra laps or other practice and shall carry on round the course away from other finishing drivers and return to the jetty for recovery. All boats shall immediately moor at the jetty and not mill waiting for trailers to be launched.

COURSE CLOSED: Two minutes after the winning boat finishes, reopened only for those in the next section of the programme.

POST RACE INSPECTIONS: The cost of stripping for RYA and Race Officials to verify eligibility shall be borne by the competitor. In weight restricted classes all boats shall be available for weighing after practice and racing. The OOD shall select engines to be inspected; additional engines may be selected by the Engine Inspectors. Post race inspections shall not hold up prize giving where, if necessary results shall be given subject to completion of inspection. All boats must be available for inspection and must not leave the pits until cleared by the Inspectors.

STARTING OF ENGINES: It is forbidden to start any sportsboat engine in the pit area. Engines must only be started in the water. **Penalty Disqualification**

PROPELLER GUARDS: Propeller guards are mandatory for all classes and shall be used at all times.

PROTESTS: In accordance with RYA procedure in PB2 (Section L). Time limit - 30 minutes after posting of the results. A box will be provided in timing control for discarded teddies and dummies.

TIME TABLE:	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Scrutineering	8.30	8.30
Drivers Briefing	9.30	9.30
Practice	10.00	10.00
Water Closed	6.00	6.00

PRIZE GIVING: As soon as possible after the finish of racing.

SITE ACCESS: Access is possible from Friday 1st May

ALCOHOL & DRUGS: As per RYA / UIM.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS: At Signing-In and at Drivers Briefings.

CHILDREN & PETS: Pets are welcome but are not allowed in the pit areas. Children must not foul the grounds and must be kept on a lead at all times. Children, except drivers, are not allowed on the jetties at any time.

ACCOMMODATION: There is ample parking, camping / caravan space adjacent to the pits. **Please take directions from the Car Park Marshalls (Geoff Goodman / Jim Howarth) before you park your car, boat or camper.**

SATURDAY NIGHT FUNCTION: The usual **FREE LPRC** hospitality and disco in the **Boat House** lounge.

SAFETY AND CONDUCT GENERALLY **Smoking is not allowed on the jetties or pits.**

It is always the driver's responsibility to drive in accordance with the prevailing conditions. Sanctions will be taken against anyone on or off the water whose actions or lack of action causes or exacerbates an incident. Crews note: your drivers will be sanctioned if you are responsible. Should there be a serious incident please note that however closely you are involved the only statements made shall be by the OOD.

The Directors, Race committee and Members of
Lancashire Powerboat Racing Club
wish all competitors a safe, exciting and enjoyable weekend.



RACE ENTRY FORM FOR:
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COMPETITOR	RYA Licence No.
Name:	
Address:	Tel. No. Home
	Tel. No. Work
	Fax No.
Post Code:	Club:

MEDICAL HISTORY	Blood Group:
State blood group and any medical abnormalities that should be know in an emergency; ie: Allergies, transfusion reaction etc. (if none, state none)	

BOAT	Safety Cell Fitted Yes/No
Name of Boat	Class:
Make of Hull:	RYA Race No:
Make of engine cc/hp	RYA Hull Reg. No:

INDEMNITY/DECLARATION

In signing this entry form I agree to be bound by the conditions in the advance programme, racing instructions and the general competition rules of the UIM and the RYA, to accept the decisions of the organising committee and the officials nominated by it, to save harmless and keep indemnified the owners of the premises upon which the meeting is held, the organising club, the sponsors and the RYA and their respective officials, servants and agents, other boat owners, drivers, passengers or mechanics engaged in the meeting against all actions, claims, costs expenses and demands in respect of loss or damage to the signatory's property or the property of his/her drivers, passengers and mechanics whether or not such loss or damage may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of the said persons or bodies their officials, servants, representatives or agents.

Signed.....Name.....Date.....

PARENT/GUARDIAN

Persons under 18 must have written authority signed by either parent or guardian

Signed.....Name.....Date.....

RESTRAINT SYSTEM DISCLAIMER – Where applicable

I confirm that I have read and understood the UIM, my National Authority and the APBA rules regarding systems and confirm that the boat entered for the event in which I am taking part has been constructed to and conforms with these rules.

I further undertake not to hold the UIM, my National Authority, the APBA, the Organising Club, or any of the servants or agents of the foregoing, nor any other person connected with the organisation of the event, responsible for any personal injury incurred by my wearing this restraint system. I will also produce on demand a copy of my National Authority's rules for restrained cockpits.

Signed.....Name.....Date.....

Please return this form duly completed with the correct entry fee not later than:				TO: Lancashire Powerboat Racing Club C/o Malcolm Hughes 29 Wadson Way Croft Warrington Cheshire WA3 7JP.
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