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UIM FORMULA FUTURE WORLD AND CONTINENTAL YOUTH POWERBOATING CHAMPIONSHIP COMES TO THE UK

For the first time ever the UIM Formula Future World and Continental Championship is coming to the UK, with junior power boat racers from across the globe battling it out for a place on the winners' podium.

Some 80 competitors, aged 8-18 years, from Great Britain, Malaysia, Czech Republic, Portugal, Germany, Slovakia and 2009 champions Russia will compete in manoeuvring and slalom disciplines over the weekend of 13-15th August at the Lancashire Powerboat Racing Club in St Helens, Merseyside.

John Puddifoot, RYA Powerboat Racing Manager said: "We are delighted that the championship has come to the UK this year and that UIM President Dr Raffaele Chiulli will be attending, showing his support for all the competitors.

"Formula Future is a fantastic way of showcasing the young powerboating talent we have not only in this country but all over the world. We are looking forward to what promises to be a very exciting and close fought weekend of racing."

Hosted by the RYA, with official sponsors 'Powerboat P1', the championship will see competitors racing against the clock in five different classes, with a maximum of two competitors per age group:

- Class 1 8-9 years
- Class 2 10-11 years
- Class 3 12-13 years
- Class 4 14-15 years
- Class 5 16-18 years

Classes 1-3 compete in tiller steered Ribs of a maximum of 3.6m with a maximum engine power of 8hp (2 stroke), whilst classes 4-5 compete in a RIB, powered by an outboard engine with a minimum power of 10hp and a maximum power of 15hp. For these classes the boat will have a steering wheel, and jockey seat for the driver with the speed lever on the starboard/right side and a kill-switch. These boats have been provided specifically for the event by UK RIB Manufacturers RIBEYE.

Each class will compete in three stages of the competition and will have two attempts at each stage.

- Stage 1: Free Practice
- Stage 2: Manoeuvring – each class will have a different course to complete and all competitors will need to demonstrate their knot tying skills completing a bowline, reef knot, clove hitch and half hitch in the allocated time of 60 seconds. Classes 4 and 5 will also have to complete a man overboard manoeuvre during this section.
- Stage 3: Parallel slalom

Points are awarded based on the time of each competitor with time penalties added for breach of rules and regulations.

As well as competing for the overall winner’s trophy the young competitors will be vying for individual World and European championship titles across the different disciplines of manoeuvring and slalom.

Asif Rangoonwala, Chairman of Powerboat P1 Management, said: “Formula Future is the breeding ground for nurturing the most exciting new talent in powerboat racing, so Powerboat P1 is delighted to be able to support the series and promote the grass roots development of our sport.”

Team GB

Class 1	Teigen Goodfellow, (8) Staffordshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has attended circuit powerboating events since she was 3 days old! Hopes to begin racing a JT250 in 2011 when she reaches the entry age of 9 years old. This will be Teigen’s first racing event
Class 2	Benjamin Jelf, Kent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JT250 : 1st MPRC National Championship

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd LOBMBC National Championship • 2nd LPRC National Championship
	Jenson Loveys, Suffolk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has grown up attending Powerboat Events with his father who is an RYA official. Although new to competitive racing Jenson jumped at the chance at getting involved with the competition and hopefully kickstarting his racing career
Class 3	Fraser Macmillan, Ayrshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2009 Scottish regional champion Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship
	Connor Blackman, Hampshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Began racing in 2009 in a 14ft Fletcher • 2010 sees him competing in the ThunderKids class a new initiative from the Thundercats series which sees children compete in games that aim to teach them about boat control in all weather conditions. How to get the best performance from the boat through different set ups, engine maintenance and first aid
Class 4	Jordon Muckles, Sunderland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2007 National Champion Honda RYA Youth RIB Champion (8-12 age group) • 2008 North East regional champion Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship • 2009 7th Place UIM Formula Future World Championship, Italy
	Steven Curtis, Cambridgeshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2008 and 2009 National Champion Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship (8-12 years age group)
Class 5	Ben Morse, Wigan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4xUK JT250 Champion • 5xUK JT250 Sprint Champion • 2xEuropean Bronze JT250 Champion • 1x World Bronze JT250 Champion • 5xBritish Speed Record holder (J250, JT250, T250, GT15, GT30)
	Rory Flannigan, Northern Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2008 and 2009 Northern Ireland regional champion Honda RYA Youth RIB Championship (13-16 age group)

The competition starts at 09:00hrs on Saturday 14 August, following an opening ceremony introducing all the competitors, finishing on Sunday 15 with the Prize Giving presentation taking place at 19:00hrs.

Spectators are welcome to watch all the action. Entry is free so come along and support Team GBR.

For more information about the UIM Formula Future World and Continental Championship 2010, hosted by the RYA and sponsored by Powerboat P1 visit www.rya.org.uk

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Notes to Editors:

- Images attached of some of Team GB in action in their various championships

Event Schedule:

Friday 13th August 2010

09:00 – 18:00	Registration
09:00 – 13:00	Free Practice
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 18:00	Free Practice
18:00	Briefing of Team Representatives

Saturday 14th August 2010

08:30 – 09:00	Official Opening Ceremony
09:00 – 13:30	Manoeuvring Classification - for Continental Championship
10:00 – 16:00	UIM Junior Race Training & Demonstrations (optional) - JT250,GT30 & Thunderkids
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 18:00	Manoeuvring Classification - for World Championship

Sunday 15th August 2010

08:30 – 12:30	Parallel Slalom. Preliminary Heats Separate Classification for WC and CC
10:00 – 16:00	UIM Junior Race Training & Demonstrations (optional) - JT250,GT30 & Thunderkids
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 16:00	Semi-Final and Final Races Continental Championship
16:00 – 18:30	Semi-Final and Final Races World Championship
19:00	Prize Giving

This time schedule may be subject to change

About the RYA

- The RYA is the national body for all forms of recreational, competitive and professional boating. It represents dinghy and yacht racing, motor and sail cruising, RIBs and sportsboats, powerboat racing, windsurfing, inland cruising and personal watercraft.

- The RYA is recognised by all government offices as being the negotiating body for the activities it represents. It continually fights for the rights and freedoms of its 102,000 personal members, the majority of whom choose to go afloat for purely recreational non-competitive pleasure on coastal and inland waters. There are an estimated further 500,000 boat owners nationally who are members of RYA affiliated clubs and class associations.
- The RYA also sets and maintains a recognised standard for recreational boat training through a network of 2,340 RYA Recognised Training Centres in over 43 countries. On average 155,000 people per year complete RYA training courses.
- The RYA is committed to promoting all forms of boating and making them accessible to everyone. For more information please refer to our web site www.rya.org.uk
- RYA Sailability is the leading UK charity for disabled sailing and is the official charity of the RYA. Registered Charity Number: 1084351
- You can find the RYA at RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Southampton, SO31 4YA