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Subject: Important Reminders and Updates for Member Clubs

Dear NZPBA Member Clubs,

As we move ahead into the upcoming season, the NZPBA Executive would like to bring your attention to several reminders and updates.

Race Warrant Of Fitness (RWOFF) and Head Clearance Forms:

A friendly reminder to ensure that all RWOFF forms are promptly submitted to the NZPBA Secretary. Additionally, any RWOFF submissions requiring a Head Clearance Form should also be submitted accordingly. A few have had the actual measurement for each differing driver, this is great.

Applying for Licences and Event Entry:

We remind you that rule 44 states you must apply for a licence 14 days prior to an event. To avoid any disappointment, please ensure that you get your licence application in early. Also, please get your entries in early so the respective host Club can work on race programs and schedules.

Respectful Conduct Towards Officials:

We emphasize that abuse or berating of officials, whether on or off the water, is not acceptable within our sport. We encourage a culture of respect and sportsmanship toward all competitors, race officials and volunteers. Let's keep our events enjoyable and respectful for everyone involved.

We are also looking at introducing a Code of Conduct encapsulating social media and behaviour towards volunteers and officials. This would bring us in line with many other motor sports.

Rescue Teams:

We have now created 2 Rescue Teams (1 North, 1 South) which we feel will offer more consistency in operating at our North Island events with Andrew and Shane, and Dean and Todd at our South Island events. We feel this brings more safety and bring further skilled people into our sport and will relieve travel between islands with events being so close together.

Seeking funding for rescue teams also remains a priority for the NZPBA Executive. We encourage member clubs to explore potential funding avenues or grants that could support the critical role of rescue teams in ensuring the safety of our events.

We also offer thanks to the Southland Club for the hire of their rescue craft. Without their support we could not have achieved this initiative.



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Biosecurity Measures at Events:

Biosecurity is a shared responsibility. As we gather for events, please be mindful of biosecurity measures to prevent the spread of any potential contaminants. Let's work together to maintain a clean and safe environment at all our events.

We have had positive feedback that Calvin Hicks and the NZ GP Club did a great job in this respect at the recent Mangakino regatta.

Rule Book Update:

We are continuing to update the rule book to make this easier to follow. This is very time consuming process so please bear with us.

Youth Officers Update:

Falling out of the UIM Prop Stars event that was attended by Abby Hall last year, our youth officers have developed an 'Introduction to boat racing' brochure that will be distributed for use by Clubs. Well done to Abby and Lilly for their efforts here.

Your cooperation in adhering to these reminders is greatly appreciated. By working together and upholding these standards, we can ensure the success and integrity of our sport.

Should you have any queries or require further clarification on any of the mentioned points, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Have a merry xmas and new year.

Best regards,

NZPBA Executive