



## **2015 APPENDIX TO THE RYA P750 RULES -** **THUNDERCAT RACING UK CLASS SPECIFIC RULES**

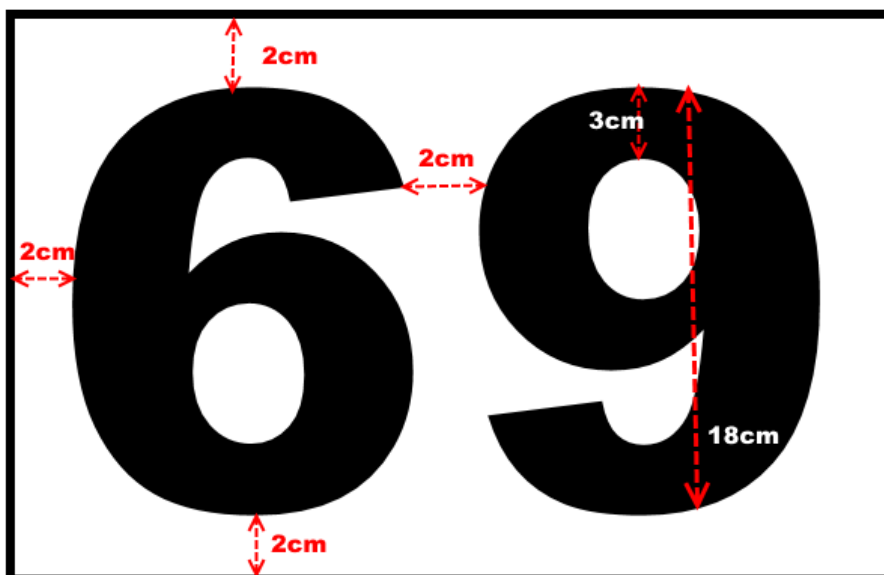
### **TC 01.00 - ORGANISATION:**

ThunderCat Racing UK believes in promoting a 'Win-Win' COMMUNITY environment. M2M Racing Club Ltd is the affiliated non-profit club to the RYA (Our National Governing Body) that works on a voluntary basis organising racing. All racers must pay an annual subscription to become a member of M2M Racing Club before being able to apply for their RYA licences. ThunderCat Racing Ltd is associated to M2M Racing Club Ltd dealing with the land based organisation of the ThunderCat P750 events; promoting, marketing and dealing with sponsorship.

### **TC 01.01 - BRANDING:**

1. ThunderCat Racing UK or the ThunderCat Racing.com logo is to be shown on all team clothing, either left or right front breast approx. a minimum of 7cm long.
2. The ThunderCat Racing web address must be on all boats along both sides of the high-jacker (a minimum of 1m long, Ariel font - 'thundercatracing.com or .co.uk if you have already got it on your boat') this must always be clearly visible and re branded if it starts to come off.
3. In the event of a main investor entering the series ThunderCat Racing Ltd might need the cooperation of all teams to assist with further branding on all boats in a corporate position; the branding would be paid for by ThunderCat Racing Ltd and not by the teams. We ask for your assistance for the better of the sport and forwarding our aim to make racing cheaper for competitors.
4. Decals and numbers for the cowling each year will be supplied by M2M Racing Club and invoiced on collection. These are compulsory and will cost max: £35
5. **BOAT NUMBERS:** Must be at the bow of the boat, the number must be a minimum of 18 cm x 3cm with a 2 cm gap round the number and on the engine cover must be 18 cm x 3 cm with a 2 cm gap around the number. Their colour must be black letters in ARIEL BOLD in a white box. If the boat is white then there must be a black outline around the box.

### **THE MINIMUM SIZE OF THE BOAT NUMBER SITUATED ON THE SIDE OF EACH TUBE NEAR TO THE BOW (FRONT)**



**If the side of the tube is white, then you must have a black outline  
to denote the box. If it is a coloured tube then it can be all white.  
You can make the box and number bigger!**



#### **TC 01.02 - CONDUCT & DRESS CODE:**

1. All teams including their ground crew are asked to wear team clothing to improve our ThunderCat Racing image and maintain a high level of professionalism within the community and sport yet keeping our family environment. Competitors and ground crew are expected to wear team clothing during race days and at Ceremonies/Podium Presentations and functions where stated.
2. We ask for your cooperation in making the Dry and Wet Pit areas as professional and colourful as possible; assisting with the erection and dismantling of events where possible. If you wish to promote your sponsors further please contact ThunderCat Racing UK HQ.

#### **TC 01.03 THUNDERCAT WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA:**

1. Website: 2015 will see the launch of our global inclusion to the new 'thundercatracing.com' site. To maintain up to date coverage and knowledge of teams, events and news ThunderCat HQ ask all members to send in any articles (word doc) and photos (jpeg) to assist with the promotion and continuity of the site.
2. Social Media & Social Responsibility: We ask that the community acts in a responsible manner whilst in dialog on any social media, keeping a positive attitude towards the sport. Any grievances should be emailed to TC HQ or the RYA to be dealt with; any derogatory comments / remarks bringing the sport into disrepute will be dealt with by the RYA and by M2M Racing Club.
3. We promote the use of positive statements on social media, to expand your team's presence, assisting sponsorship and media awareness.  
 FACEBOOK: A 'Team Facebook' page is highly recommended to enhance your profile and grow your fan base.  
 YOUTUBE: Short video clips of your racing from each event giving more exposure to your team and the sport.  
 TWITTER at races is excellent... get the Team Manager to do it whilst you're racing, keeping your followers well informed.  
 PINTEREST; LINKEDIN; BLOGS: BlogSpot or Word Press; TUMBLR; PATH are all useful social media outlets.... You can synchronize many of these together and maximise exposure.

#### **TC 01.04 - CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES:**

1. Internationally: UIM World, European & Hemisphere Championships.
2. Nationally: The RYA British Championship
  - a) RYA British P750 Pro Stock Team Champion – This is awarded to the team that gains the most points during the season recognising dedication by the Drivers, Co-Drivers, Team Management, Sponsors and Crew.
  - b) RYA British P750 Pro-Stock Driver's Champion – This is an individual trophy awarded for the maximum points collated individually during the season, showing dedication and commitment to the sport.
  - c) RYA British P750 Pro-Stock Co-Driver's Championship – This is an individual trophy awarded for the maximum points collated individually during the season, showing dedication and commitment to the sport.
3. ThunderCat Racing UK Championship titles: Surf (based on Bournemouth, Watergate, Fistril and Tolcarne events) and Long-haul (3 races).
4. Off the water accolades, awarded at each venue in the form of a Sweepstake, for competing teams at that event. The winner will be drawn, this will give the opportunity for every racer to be a winner on or off the water... retaining the win-win ethos of ThunderCat Racing UK.

#### **TC 01.05-a DESIGNATED DRIVER:**

1. Each Team can designate additional Drivers during the season, as long as they are named on the event entry form or details emailed to [tracey.armstrong@thunderuk.com](mailto:tracey.armstrong@thunderuk.com) 2 weeks prior to the event; they must be present at Driver's briefing and have a RYA licence. They can only collate points for the team championship and their own personal Driver Championship.
2. Driver substitutes can be used at the RYA British Championship Final of the season for the following reasons
  - a. Medical reasons and agreed by the O.O.D and Medical Officer.
  - b. Notification given at the beginning of the season that the Driver cannot attend the Finals then through Force Majeure circumstances this will be allowed.
  - c. For circumstances beyond the teams control using Force Majeure.
  - d. The Driver can only race for team points and the driver's personal championship points.

#### **TC01.05-b DESIGNATED CO-DRIVERS:**

1. The Co-Driver can be changed prior to the event as long as they are named on the event entry form or details emailed to [tracey.armstrong@thunderuk.com](mailto:tracey.armstrong@thunderuk.com) 2 weeks prior to the event. The Co-Driver must be present at Driver's briefing and have a RYA licence.
2. In the event of a Co-Driver being injured a replacement of the Co-Driver is permitted in all disciplines if:
  - a) A Doctor/Paramedic's report is produced stating that the condition of the Co-Driver does not allow him to continue racing due to an injury or other condition.
  - b) The O.O.D is satisfied with the doctor/paramedic's report.
  - c) The replacement Co-Driver has the complete current paperwork including a current RYA license.
  - d) No Co-Driver can be changed during a heat, race or leg.



#### **TC01.05.c DESIGNATED TEAM REPRESENTATIVES, ENGINEER AND NOMINATED DRIVER/ CO-DRIVER:**

1. A Team Representative per team must be appointed and their details sent into the Race Event Secretary prior to the season – (Team Manager or Coordinator), this person is to deal with the smooth running of the whole team including social media / PR and everything except for racing.
2. The Engineer's details need to be registered prior to the start of the season with the Race Event Secretary. The engineer will be required to respond with crew members, to any technical questions, infringements and scrutineering of engines. The engineer must remember that their teams' engines and equipment must conform to the UIM / RYA Rules for 2015.
3. Nominated Driver or Co-Driver to act as crew main point of contact for HQ. Their position will be to enable HQ to send information regarding racing to one person re: paperwork and enquires; the nominated person must have the ability to act upon, on behalf of their other crew / team members.

#### **TC01.05.d DRIVERS REPRESENTATIVE: (Driver & Co-Drivers Rep)**

The 2015 Drivers Representative is Marc Newton [pmlnewton@msn.com](mailto:pmlnewton@msn.com)

#### **TC 01.06 FORCE MAJEURE:**

Ruling of 'Force Majeure' where the O.O.D and Race / Event Committee can call 'Force Majeure' to amend / change rulings, courses, officials, cancel races and/or the timetable when a situation arises that is contrary to standard practice and thus deviates from the Race Instructions and Rules; this can only be sanctioned with the consent of the event committee under the grounds of safety or for the better of the sport and a Race Bulletin must be posted and all teams made aware of all changes. This does not include the RYA specific penalties as per PB1/2 that will also be applied.

#### **TC 01.07 TEAM'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR EQUIPMENT**

1. It is the team's responsibility solely to make sure that their personal safety equipment is in date, in working order and correct.
2. It is the responsibility of the team to make sure that their boat is in good working order.
3. That the engine is legal to the class the team are competing in.
4. To understand that P750 ThunderCat Racing is not a contact sport. That the racing is about the quality of the driving and ability to win on the merit of the team rather than 'bully boy' tactics.
5. At any time during the season the Scrutineer may call for your engine to be checked to see if it is in the tolerances of the class rules. The engine may be sealed and taken back to ThunderCat HQ for inspection.
6. It is the team's responsibility to look after their own equipment and property and not to leave things lying around.
7. To make sure that all equipment has the boat number on it.
8. It is the team's responsibility that the prop guard is on at all times whilst on land. (a washing up bowl & bungee is fine)

#### **TC 01.08 BAD BEHAVIOUR AT ANY TIME DURING THE WHOLE EVENT/VENUE**

Bad behaviour from any of the officials and team member's even friends at an event bringing the sport into disrepute may receive penalisation in the form of point deduction on the water or a financial fine on land (maximum £400) that will be donated to a charity decided by the event committee. The officials /teams concerned must pay any outstanding fines within 14 days and/or prior to the next event. This does not include the RYA specific penalties as per PB1 or 2 that will also be applied.

#### **TC 01 .09 PROTESTS AND PROTEST FEE**

The protest fee will be £100 and will adhere to the RYA 2015 PB1 or 2 rules.

#### **TC01.10 INSURANCES**

All Drivers and Co-Drivers are advised strongly to have their own personal race and boat insurance that will cover personal accident. Totally Sports Insurance will insure you for approx. £2 a week which will include pay-outs on broken ribs etc. – contact Karen Riley 0780 912065 and state Thundercats.

#### **TC01.11 PERSONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

##### **HELMETS:**

- a. Must be the correct size and fit appropriately, this is the responsibility of the crew wearing the helmet.
- b. A new helmet is strongly advised to be purchased each year due to the extreme use and sea water corrosion.
- c. Helmets must not be sprayed unless the manufacture of the helmet states that the helmet is suitable to do so.
- d. The efficiency and fit of a helmet is the sole responsibility of the wearer.
- e. Chin straps must be in good condition and operative and unable to be accidentally undone.
- f. The helmets must be devoid of dents or splits.
- g. Helmet visors or goggles must be in good condition and devoid of cracks. Eye protection must be worn at all times whilst on the water.
- h. If you have a flip front helmet where the face can be opened then you must at all times keep it closed. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from that heat.
- i. RYA British Championship - The helmet must be to the RYA ruling – which included EU standard.
- j. Competing in a UIM event then the helmet must comply with SNELL 2010 / FIA standards, EU standard is not compliant.



**BODY ARMOUR:**

- a. If you have no back support in your life jacket/ buoyancy aid then you have to wear suitable body armour underneath to give protection.

**PERSONAL CLOTHING:**

- a. It is mandatory to wear shoes and all limbs covered (ankle to wrist)
- b. It is strongly advised to wear gloves
- c. It is strongly advised to wear a wristband to attach your kill cord too. Do not wear your kill cord loosely around your wrist.

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**THUNDERCAT RACING HQ TEAM:**

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*The Team representative must sign a copy of this ThunderCat Racing appendix (3 pages) confirming that their team will abide by the above and the 2015 RYA / UIM Rules.*

On behalf of Team.....

Name:

Sign:

Date: