



**2014 APPENDIX TO THE UIM / RYA 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. 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 logo and website is to be shown on all team clothing, either left or right front breast approx. 7cm long. ThunderCat Racing embroidery logos are held at [www.swift-uk.com](http://www.swift-uk.com) and can be used by members with prior permission from HQ. If you wish to use your own branding company please contact HQ if you want the logo stating required logo format.
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')
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: £30

**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 area 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 and speak to James or Fiona.

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

1. **Website:** 2014 will see the launch of our 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 to 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 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  
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 Championship
2. Nationally: The RYA National Pro Stock P750 Champions – This is awarded to the team that gains the most points during the season recognising dedication by the Pilot/s, Co-Pilot/s, Team Manager, Sponsors and Crew.
3. Nationally: RYA National Champion P750 Pro Stock Pilot and Co-Pilot – These are individual trophies awarded for the maximum points collated individually during the season, showing dedication and commitment to the sport.

**TC 01.05-a DESIGNATED PILOT:**

1. Each Team can designate one additional pilot during the season as long as they are named on the event entry Form or details emailed to the [fiona@thunderuk.com](mailto:fiona@thunderuk.com) two weeks prior to the event, been present at Pilot's briefing and have a RYA licence.
2. Pilot substitutes cannot be used at the RYA National Championship Finals of the season unless for medical reasons and agreed by the OOD and Medical Officer unless notification given at the beginning of the season that the Pilot cannot attend the Finals then through Force Majeure circumstances this will be allowed.
3. An additional Pilot can only be used for a second event during the National championship series, only in extreme cases. Then 'force Majeure' maybe used by the event committee if the Pilot submits in writing, requesting dispensation as he/she is unable to race.
4. No Pilot can be changed during a heat, race or leg.

**TC01.05-b DESIGNATED CO-PILOTS:**

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

**TC01.05.c DESIGNATED TEAM MANAGER AND ENGINEER:**

1. A Team Manager per team must be appointed and their details sent into the Race Event Secretary prior to the season
2. The Team Engineer's details need to be registered prior to the start of the season with the Race Event Secretary.  
Race Event Secretary: [fiona@thunderuk.com](mailto:fiona@thunderuk.com)

**TC01.05.d DRIVERS REPRESENTATIVE: (Pilot & Co-Pilots Rep)**

The 2014 Drivers Representative is Marc Newton [pmlnewton@msn.com](mailto:pmlnewton@msn.com)

**TC 01.06 FORCE MAJEURE:**

Ruling of 'Force Majeure' where the OOD and Race 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 bulletin must be posted and 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 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 charity this would be decided by the event committee. The officials /teams concerned must pay any outstanding fines within 14 days and prior to the next event. This does not include the RYA specific penalties as per PB1/2 that will also be applied.

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

The protest fee will be £100 and will adhere to the RYA 2014 PB1/2 rules.

## **TC01.10 INSURANCES**

All Pilots and Co-Pilots are advised strongly to have their own personal race and boat insurance that will cover personal accident. Totally Sports Insurance will insure you for £2 a week which will include pay-outs on broke ribs etc. – contact Karen Riley 0780 912065 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 and easily detachable, eye protection must be worn at all times whilst on the water.
- h. The RYA recommends that full faced helmets are used offering full face protection.
- i. The helmet must be to the RYA / UIM standard

### **BODY ARMOUR:**

- a. It is strongly recommended that suitable body armour is worn underneath your buoyancy aid.

### **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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UIM: [www.uimpowerboating.com](http://www.uimpowerboating.com)

RYA Rules: <http://www.rya.org.uk/programmes/powerboatracing/Pages/PowerboatRacingRules.aspx>

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