



Dear All.

Please find below a notice which has been issued by the RYA this week after the outcome of the recent further Dover enquiry. Many have and are having thoughts about racing for 2012, this includes some ORDA members along with other clubs. We are aware, at the time trials in Coniston there will be an opportunity for discussions to be had about racing and what possible changes or improvements can be made for 2012. Obviously quite a lot of this will now be governed by the safety recommendations following the Dover enquiry, any changes that may be helpful will need to be approved by the RYA and presented at an ORC Meeting which will need to be accompanied by the specific document to enable changes to be formalised into the PB1 for 2012.

The ORDA AGM will also provides a platform where specific changes can be debated and submitted to the RYA for this approval, any ideas which come up between now and then would be welcomed as an agenda item for the AGM meeting.

If you would like your idea to be discussed, please e-mail.....  
[Shirley.simpkins@skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk](mailto:Shirley.simpkins@skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk) where it can be included within for debate.

Many Thanks  
Shirley – ORDA Secretary.

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### **SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT – TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OCR STYLE RACING**

Following recommendations by the coroner at the Dover Inquest last week (13-15 September 2011) for the RYA to conduct an in depth review of crew protection and side impact protection in OCR style boats the RYA has decided to temporarily suspend racing in OCR style open boats.

To clarify the position regarding the temporary suspension; in light of the coroners recommendations and following legal advice from the RYA barrister,

RYA CEO Sarah Treseder made the decision that head to head racing in OCR style classes would be suspended with immediate effect however time trials and "Top Gun" style racing could continue.

The RYA will continue to review the position and would stress that this temporary suspension applies only to OCR style open boats with a crew of two. Organisers of the UKFFORC race at Weymouth over the weekend of 17-18 September did make the decision to cancel the event and any clubs who still have races scheduled will be contacted by the RYA and updated concerning the current position.

The RYA remains confident that it will be possible to resolve this problem and to satisfy the expectations of the coroner and the authorities in general. The RYA will therefore prioritise all matters relating to safety and ensure that positive action is taken as quickly as possible to address this particular issue.

The RYA can confirm that a full safety review will be conducted for all classes in Offshore, Circuit and Jetsport disciplines and that recommendations arising from this review will be incorporated into the racing rules for 2012.

The RYA recognise the disappointment this temporary suspension will have within the sport but hope that all race organisers will appreciate the situation and work closely with the RYA in order to resolve the position as quickly as possible.

Statement Ends.