

**TRANZ Newsletter to all members
October 17 2009**

For those members that did not attend just an update on the Club meeting held Tuesday October 14 for rule changes and other business for the 2009/10 season

An unusually high turnout of 33 paid up members were present for the rule change meeting

1/ Rule Changes

A ballot was held for each rule change resulting in the following

1/ Appendix C propeller Guard

Paragraph 8 "The guard is to have

Add extra sentences " Rails may be welded inside or outside the guard ring. The vertical distance from the bottom edge of the skeg strap to the first guard rail must be 20mm maximum

(The diagram also to be amended as it shows the 120mm measurement for the second rail from bottom taken from the base of the skeg strap and not the bottom rail in conflict with the description)

This rule was approved by a vote of 31 for to 2 against. It just tidies up an ambiguity on the diagram and will not mean any variation to any current guards but does now allow fins to be welded either inside or outside the rear band.

2/ Rule 702 Points System

Change in line with current UIM rule 564.12 and South African points system for both surf cross and longhaul

This rule was approved by a vote of 31 to 2.

All TRANZ races will now use this scoring from this season rather than the 100 point down system used to date. Club races already held this season will be amended to the new system. The points from each heat and ½ final will determine the positions on the day. First place on the day will then only receive 20 points Second 17, third 15 etc not their cumulative day's points. In this way a surfcross day points will equal a long haul. All finishing boats after position 14 receive 1 point each. This should make the race series more competitive and brings it into line with other motorsports.

3/ Change of Yamaha head and reed specifications. **This was defeated by 19 votes to 14.** The specifications will therefore remain unchanged this year.

4/ New Rule 506.12

"Motors must comply with the dimensions as set out in appendix D."

Appendix D to be added at rear containing the TRANZ Yamaha and Tohatsu measuring sheets.

This is as we currently do but is not documented in the rule book.

This rule was approved by a vote of 32 to 1

5/Appendix E to be added containing

1/ NZ Powerboat Federation Code of Practice 1 (specifies procedures for competing in events run by other codes)

2/ NZPBF Code of Practice 2 (specifies procedures for international competitions)

Approved by 33 to 0

The amendments will appear on the rule book held on the web site shortly.

2/ Television and 2010 national series

Good news and bad news!!

The **good** news is that it was voted to again go to TV for the 2010 national series

The **bad** news is race fees for the series will be \$1800 per boat.

The members present voted to commit \$30,000 including gst for a series of programs for 2010. The extent of the programs will be dependent on securing sponsors. If anyone has sponsors in mind who may be interested in the sport and promotion on TV please contact Tony Vercauteren (tony@superdockets.co.nz).

The race fees for the nationals have now been set at \$1800 per boat. This provides entry to the 6 national surfcross rounds (Whangamata, Mt Maunganui, Waihi, Waipu Cove, Lyall Bay and Piha) plus free entry to the Waipu Cove Endurance race and King of the Cape. There is no reduction if you do not opt for the latter two races. There will be no other race or TV fees payable for the nationals except for the Cook Strait Crossing which is an extra \$300 to cover the safety boat requirements. These fees are significantly cheaper for the events than any other motorsport, marine or otherwise.

The 2010 national championship rankings will again be decided by the points from 5 of the surfcross races (drop worst) plus 1 (best) longhaul

Race fees are due prior to December 24 2009 and payment can be made by credit card if preferred. The club is also providing the facility to pay off the fees by a series of regular direct debits provided full payment is complete by May 31 2010. In this case the total fee payable will be \$2000 (i.e 8 monthly payments of \$250). Please contact treasurer Gary Morrison if you need to discuss any finance arrangements. gmorrison@icongroup.co.nz

3/Fundraising

In order to cover club costs fundraising is necessary. This will take the form of sausage sizzles, boat rides for the public on race day (always very popular), raffles plus a professional casino night and/or auction to be held during the racing season (probably February or March) replacing that previously scheduled for November. Details for this will follow later but we will require involvement from all members.

4/ Bill board

Through the generosity of Cam Vernon (from Black Pepper) the club is proposing to install a 6m by 3m approx billboard on the Vernon property bordering the southern motorway at Drury. This will promote the national series but will also provide valuable advertising for those who wish at a rate considerably cheaper than the \$18000 charged for an OGGI billboard. The advert will remain for 12 months.

It is proposed to carry out a tender process for this. There is also the possibility of a second billboard at a motorway location in Albany still to be confirmed. Please contact Kyle Burdett on 021528522 or Steve 021965246 for more information. Interested parties will need to submit tenders to steve@plumbquick.co.nz prior to November 6.

A suggested example of a billboard is below but the final images, design and logos will be decided with the successful tenderers.

5/ Harbour Swim

Auckland Saturday November 21

14 Boats are required as patrol boats for the Auckland harbour swim from Bayswater to Viaduct Harbour . The club receives funds for assisting with this but a bar tab is usually supplied after the event for those who attend. If you are available please email steve@plumbquick.co.nz

Paihia Saturday December 12

4 boats are required for the Paihia Swim. Accomodation and expenses will be paid by the promoter for those who want a weekend away.

6/ Email addresses and Club meetings

It is essential that all members are on the club email list. If you are not please email

sandraguy@xtra.co.nz to be included. Email will be the primary form of communication to members in lieu of club meetings which will only be held when required. The executive committee meets monthly so if anyone has any issues they should email them to Sandra and they will be brought to the next executive meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend an executive meeting if they request.

7/ Next event

The next event is Wellington Club day at Wanganui next Saturday October 24. As this is Labour weekend any Auckland racers keen to travel down should contact Chris Brown cbrown@chevron.com or 0274997639

A big turnout is expected as it is the Wellington Surf Lifesaving 100 year jubilee and support for the Wellington TRANZ branch would be warmly received. Chris may even oblige at the bar.

Following that is the Auckland club day at Pauanui Saturday November 7 with role call at 9am at the main Boat ramp

See you at the next event.

Regards
Steve

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