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As the Chairman of British Water Ski Racing, it is my pleasure, along with your Captain of Team GB Darren Kirkland and the entire racing committee, to welcome you to the 2010 season.

Once again the National series will follow the established format. There are 7 races in the 2010 series, and we shall be travelling to the West country, the South East, with Hunstanton hosting round 3 & 4 in a weekend of races and Cardiff, Wales hosting one race. This year 6 results will count to the Championship titles.

Marnham makes a welcome return to our racing calendar this year with the River Trent Race, which is not part of the National series but a seriously exciting venue for spectators and competitors.

I am pleased we can look forward to a full programme of Europe Cup races this year, together with the European Championships to be held in Puerto Sherry Cadiz, Spain during August.

In conclusion I would like to wish everyone a very enjoyable, successful and safe year of Water Ski Racing in 2010.

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As well as the skier, there is a driver who controls the boat and pulls the skier, according to the skier’s ability, the water and the competitors around the boat. Then there is an observer, who is facing the rear of the boat enabling him to keep a close eye on the skier at all times, relaying hand signals to the driver through an intercom system.

The observer has to make sure that the skier is skiing to his or her maximum ability and ensuring they don’t take a fall and loose valuable time. The observer is also keeping a close eye on the competition and informing the driver of positions at all times.

Racing adopts a ‘wrapping’ style, where two ski handles are held behind the back with one hand and a third handle is held at arms length in front, with the other hand. Skiing in this way allows the skier to race for longer periods of time without excess strain on the back. A specific race ski is used to maintain better control in the water and travel at higher speeds.

**Racing calendar**

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**Senior Man**
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**Open Class**
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- The crew consists of a boat driver and one observer only
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- The minimum age for an observer is 16 years of age
- Either one or two skis may be used, although skis must be in serviceable condition and must be fluorescent flame orange
- The minimum length of a tow line is 21 metres, including handles. Maximum length of 75 metres including handles
- Either single or double handles may be used
- Life jackets or built-in buoyancy wet suit must be worn by the skier. All skiers must wear a top which is fluorescent in colour ensuring they are visible in the water
- Drivers and observers shall wear a life jacket in a easily visible colour. Life jackets must be equipped with collars and leg straps
- Skiers must wear crash helmets meeting the British Water Ski regulations
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Before the start of each race every team shall attend a briefing, this enables them to understand the circuit. All courses run in an anti-clockwise direction.

**Race distances:**
- **Main Race**
  - 50 minutes plus 1 lap
- **Support Race**
  - 35 minutes plus 1 lap
- **Brit Kids A**
  - 15 minutes plus 1 lap
- **Brit Kids B**
  - 25 minutes plus 1 lap

Races are to be conducted over a 5 km course where possible.

For a simultaneous mass start, a 3 minute signal shall be given by raising the National flag together with a green flag on a starting boat or dock in sight of the skiers and boat crew. The 30 second signal is given by lowering the green flag. Skiers may then enter the water from their boats which may then take up the slack in the ski line. The start will be signalled by the lowering of the National flag and skiers must not be in a skiing position until the start is signalled.

**Race control flags**

**Yellow - Caution**
The judges and safety boats will raise the yellow flag when the skier has fallen, when a skier is in the water or in any other case of interference after the National flag has started the race.

**Red - Stop the race**
All judge boats will carry a Red flag to stop the race on the instructions of the Chief judge.

At the completion of the race the red flag will indicate ‘return to the pit area’.

**Black - Disqualification**
The black flag is used to notify a competitor that he/she has been disqualified and must retire from the race. When shown it will be pointed at the offender and they must withdraw from the race immediately.

**Blue**
The blue flag is used to signal to all competitors that the leader of the race has begun his last lap.

**Chequered - Finish**
The chequered flag indicates the end of the race.

**Orange**
For use by observers when their skier is in the water.

**Blue/white**
To be used by observers when medical attention is required.
Team Under Pressure

Boat Number: 3

Boat: Bernico F1 TS and Bernico F1

Engine size and speed: 100 mph

Ski Club: Hunstanton Ski Club

Skier: Kim Joanna Lumley aged 27 is a netball development officer in Cambridgeshire. Kim has been skiing since she was 4 and started with family, friends and her Dad at Hunstanton Ski Club. Kim remembers feeling really proud of herself and everyone telling her how well she had done, she says she thought it was great! Kim is a 2 time World Champion and has been European Champion since 2002. Kim says sometimes the biggest races of your life aren’t the ones you remember most fondly- ski racing is Kim’s life and she loves every experience.

Driver: Tom Lumley aged 61 is a retired developer from Somersham in Cambridgeshire.

Observer: Robert Manchett aged 37 is from Wilburtion in Cambridgeshire and runs the family garage business. Robert has been observing since he was 16 and started when John Bowers and Steve Young asked him to observe for them Robert says they scared the life out of him!

The Under Pressure team have been World champions in 2005 and 2009, European Champions since 2002, Catalina winners 7 times and record holder for this race too. Bridge to Bridge winner, Diamond Race winners 8 times and British women’s and Men’s F1 Champions. When asked what they enjoyed most about ski racing they said the speed and living a crazy fun filled life with ski racing friends all over the world!

The team goals for 2010 are for Kim to get back out there and ski after a back injury.

UNDER PRESSURE WATER SKI RACING TEAM WISHES ALL TEAMS A GREAT SAFE SEASON x x x
Boat Number: 38
Boat: Cyclone 21ft inboard
Engine size and speed: BULLET 9.4LTR V8 and 100 mph
Ski Club: Weston Super Mare Ski Club
Skier: Cye Hayes is an engineer and designer from Weston Super Mare and has been skiing for 12 years. Cye says his best experience was taking part in the World Championships in 2009.
Driver: Robert Jenkins aged 30 from Weston Super Mare is a marine engineer. Robert has been driving boats for over 10 years and started through Weston Ski Club. His best racing experience was the Hardvick Europeans in Holland in 2006 and winning the Diamond race in 2006.
Observer: Kev Clarke aged 40 is from Bristol and is a plumber. Kev has been observing for 15 years and his best racing experience was the Europeans in Plymouth and also in Hardvick.

The driver and observer have been racing together for 4 years and this is the first year Cye joins them as the skier.

When asked what they enjoy most about Water Ski racing they all said the teams and the people. Their team goals for 2010 are to do well and hopefully get picked for the World Championships in 2011 in Australia.
Team Cyclone Racing

Boat Number: 8

Boat: Cyclone 21 ft inboard / cyclone 21 ft twin

Engine size and speed: 1000 hp inboard / 600 hp twin engines

Ski Club: Stone Water Sports Club

Skier: Billy Smith aged 17 is a student from Hornchurch. Billy has been skiing for 10 years and when asked how he started said ‘I have always social skied, then about 8 years ago my dad gave ski racing a go but wasn’t very good so me and my brother started’ Billy says his best racing experience was leading the 2nd race at the World championships in Belgium in 2009.

Driver: Martin McLaughlin has been driving for 25 years and is the owner of Cyclone Boat Company. Martin started ski racing when he skier in Formula 3

Observer: Roger Crook has been observing for 30 years and started racing in Whitstable Club in Kent.

This will be the first year as a team although Roger has been observing with Martin for 10 years.

Billy’s achievements are British Dauphin Champion, 3 times British Junior Champion, 3 times Karl Brooks Memorial Trophy, European Cup Eurokids Champion, European Cup Junior Champion. 3rd place podium position at the World Championships in Belgium 2009

Martin & Roger are looking to the future to build on Billy’s success in Juniors and hoping to be just as successful in Formula 1 in years to come.
Boat Number: 200

Boat: Cyclone Invader 21

Engine size and speed: 300hp and 80mph

Ski club: Lyme Regis Power Boat Club

Skier: Richard Kirk aged 34 is a test engineer from Newmarket. Richard started skiing when on holiday with his family in Torquay and he has been skiing for 20 years and ski racing for 11 years. Richard is 2 time and current British F2 Champion, Multiple F3 British & European Champion, Runner Up European F2 Champion and Worlds Team Member. Richard says there are far too many experiences to choose from but the Catalina race is definitely one to remember.

Driver: Bradley Cannings aged 36 is a managing director from Exeter has been driving for 12 years and started after he had been skiing and observing for 10 years and he decided it was the next best thing to do! His most memorable experience was the Catalina Ski race where 100 boats were on the start line racing off Long Beach, California.

Observer: Tim Mayers aged 40 is a electrical contractor from Lyme Regis and started his boating experiences back in the 70’s with his family. Tim has been observing for 20+ years. Tim says his best racing experience is when every race is a win as it never gets boring!

When asked what they enjoy about racing they said Good Friends, Competitive Racing and the ultimate test of man and machine, plus a few beers too! Their team goals for 2010 are defending their title from the youngsters! Winning a European Medal

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**Team Bubblin Hot**

**Boat number:** 76

**Boat:** Cyclone race 21 ft

**Engine and speed:**
Mercury 300xs and 85 mph

**Skier:** James Bartlett is an engineer in the South West. He has been skiing competitively for 3 years in F3 and this is his first year in F2. James got involved in ski racing through his dad, John Bartlett, who competed for 20 years as a driver.

**Driver:** Rod Hawkins aged 42 is an architect and builder from Bristol. Rod started ski racing in 1974 and has been driving race boats for over 20 years. Rod also skis in the seniors category and when asked what was his best racing experience he says ‘there are far too many to mention!’

**Observer:** Mark Bees aged 41 is a builder from Bristol. Mark has skied and owned boats since he was a young boy and says his best racing experiences with Robyn is when she shows absolute determination to finish a race and he is proud of her achievements.

The team’s aim is to get James through his first race without needing a tea break! But they’ll be packing some Rich Tea’s just in case.
Team On a Budget

**Boat Number:** 49

**Boat:** Cyclone 21ft

**Engine size and speed:** 300hp and 85mph

**Ski Club:** Hunstanton Ski Club

**Skier:**
Harvey Robinson aged 21 is a mechanic from Reach in Cambridgeshire. Harvey has been skiing for 7 years and he started when he entered a club race in Hunstanton in 2003. Harvey says his best experience was when he was picked for the British team in 2009.

**Driver:**
James Robinson aged 46 is an engineer from Reach in Cambridgeshire. James has been driving for 4 years and started in a club race.

**Observer:**
Kelly Turner aged 38 from Portishead in Somerset. Kelly has been driving and observing for many years.

They have been racing as a team for a year and their biggest achievement to date was to ski as part of the British team in Belgium in 2009.

Their objective this year is to do their best as a team.
**Team Rumpy Pumpy**

**Boat Number:** 47  
**Boat:** Bernico 21ft  
**Engine size and speed:** 300hp and 80mph  
**Ski Club:** Hunstanton Ski Club  
**Skier:** Adam Murfet aged 22 is a contract surveyor from Newmarket. Adam has been skiing for 5 years and started when he watched a couple of races at Hunstanton and thought he would give it a try. Adam says his best racing experience was when he won the Hunstanton National at formula 3.  
**Driver:** Martin Wiles aged 47 is a managing director of a road haulage and warehousing business in Peterborough. Martin has been driving competitively for 5 years and started after being involved in organising the World championships at Hunstanton in 2005. Martin’s best racing experiences was coming second in Geel in Belgium in the European Cup at formula 3 level.  
**Observer:** Wayne Murfet aged 28 is a managing director of a property development and construction company. Wayne is from Newmarket and this will be his first year observing after driving Adam in F3 for several years. Wayne has been involved in boating since he was 5 years old and has been racing for the last 5 years. Wayne says his best racing experience is finishing the race and having a beer!  

This will be the first year of racing as a team and they are all looking forward to the challenges formula 2 will throw at them. The things they enjoy most about racing are the great competition and a great camaraderie with everybody involved within the sport. The teams objectives for this year are to try and get the selectors eye for the GB team going to Cadiz for the European Championships and then build toward the World Championships in Australia in 2011.
Team Screamin Demon

**Boat number:** 6
**Boat:** Bernico F2 xtreme
**Engine size and speed:** Mercury 300

**Ski Club:** Stone Water Sports Club

**Skier:** Daryl Tyndall aged 18 is an electrician from Romford. Daryl started social skiing at the age of 11 and started racing when he was 12. Daryl has been skiing for 6 years and his best racing experience has been competing in F2 men’s.

**Driver:** Dave Richard aged 52 is a chippy, boat mechanic, body shop director/manager, camper and boat storage, maybe the odd car or two, generally will tinker with anything from Rainham. Dave started observing and then moved onto driving and has been involved in the sport for 16 years.

**Observer:** Peter Tyndall aged 48 is a managing director of an electrical contracting business and is from Romford. Peter has been observing for his son Daryl for 6 years.

The team have been racing for 6 years and when asked what they like about the sport they said ‘It’s a family sport and very sociable, we get to race in other countries and have made many friends overseas.’

The team’s goal for 2010 is to do well in F2.
Team No Limits/Wicked

Boat Number: 924 / 999

Boat: Bernico / Cyclone

Engine size and speed:  
Mercury 250s / Mercury 2.5 and 80 mph

Ski Club: Hunstanton Ski Club

Skier: Jack Lynch aged 21 is from Newmarket and started skiing 6 years ago when his step Dad tried to teach him. Jack has been racing for 2 years and says his best racing experience was the World Championships in 2009.

Driver: Greg Bassam aged 47 from Peterborough. Greg is the owner of GB Watersports (boat engine sales) and has been driving boats for 37 years. Greg started skiing at the age of 14 and then started driving when he was 20 and he has driven for lots of skiers over the years. Greg says his best racing experience is achieving a podium place in the 1995 World Championships with his daughter Hayley in the junior girls category and recently achieving a podium place in the Diamond Race with Jack in his first year of racing.

Observer: Alan Fielding aged 47 from Manea and is in Garden machinery sales. Alan has been observing for 20 years and started observing with Jan Norman in the 80’s and later with his son Matt. Alan says his best racing experience was winning the Diamond Race with Matt in F3.

Driver and skier have been racing together for 2 years and the observer is joining them this year to share his experience.

To date, Jack and Greg have achieved 3rd in European Championships in F3 and 2nd in F3 in the Diamond Race in 2008, Jack’s first year of racing and then 2nd in the National championships in F2 and 10th in the World Championships in 2009.

The team’s goals for 2010 are to win and get selected for the British Team again.
Team No 5

Boat number: 5
Boat: Cyclone 21
Engine size and speed: Mercury 300xs and 80mph +
Ski Club: Whitstable

Skier: Will Newland aged 18 is a architectural student in Cardiff and lives in Caterham Surrey. Will’s parents met on the racing circuit, so he was brought up around boats, water and skiing, so eventually it had to happen! Besides being thrown over the side of the boat with a pair of skis on at the age of about 3 or 4 his first time properly skiing was during the 1999 Worlds in Orepesa, Spain, where his Mum, Paula Newland, was competing for Great Britain. Will’s best result over the years, that actually counts for something was 2009 taking 2nd overall in Mens F3 in the British series, winning races in Bambinos was great, but he says he could never say that’s the best he has ever skied! His Best races tend to be the fast ones at Cardiff Bay, whether or not he does well, it’s always good fun, but he think the best experience is still to come, the Catalina Island race in Long Beach USA.

The crew are Ashley Cooper aged 40 and Nigel Newland aged 43.

2009 was the first year together as a team, competing in F3. It proved to work well so they are back for another go with twice the power!

Their achievements to date include 2nd place overall in the mens F3 in 2009 British Championships. When asked what they enjoy most about racing they said the competition and camaraderie between everyone... Most people on the circuit are willing to lend a hand and help each other out, even though everyone’s competing against each other. And nothing beats the adrenaline rush of racing!

Their goals for the 2010 season are to take F2 By Storm!
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Team Triple Eight

**Boat number:** 888  
**Boat:** Cyclone 21ft  
**Engine size and speed:** 3.4 litre and 80ish mph  
**Ski Club:** Stone Water Sports Club  
**Skier:** James Smith aged 20 is a paint mixer from Hornchurch. James started skiing when his old man who used to do it, realised that he wasn’t very good so James and his brother took over! James has been skiing for about 10 years and his best racing experience was skiing in the World Championships and the Europeans.  
**Driver:** Trevor Barnes aged 63 is a site surveyor from Hornchurch. Trevor started driving for his brother in law and then started racing when his son wanted to ski race and has been driving for 43 years. When asked what his best racing experience was he says driving for Jonathan Twigg in the Diamond race in Viersel and driving for Cliff Featherstone in the London Docks National.  
**Observer:** Simon Smith aged 45 is a furniture manufacturer and upholsterer from Hornchurch. Simon started skiing in F3 and observed in the support race and then stopped skiing. Simon now observes for his son and has been observing for 10 years.  
2010 is the first year racing together as a team.
Team Brooksy Racing

Boat Number: 370

Boat: Force F21

Engine size and speed: 300xs and 80 mph+

Ski club: Stone Water Sports Club

Skier: Kurt Brooks aged 19 is from Wickford in Essex. Kurt is a car detailer and started skiing socially with his family 11 years ago. Kurt has been racing for 3 years and his best racing experience was taking part in the 2009 World titles and the super fast Australian river races.

Driver: Del Estall aged 39 is a car transporter driver from Colchester in Essex. Del has been driving for 15 years and started racing in 1995 when he bought a Phantom 20 from Jim Cramphorn and he was hooked! Del’s best racing experience was taking part in the World Championships in Belgium, the best arena in the world, in 2009.

Observer: Martin Brooks aged 46 is a company director from Wickford in Essex. Martin started skiing with his family in 1976 and this will be his 3rd race season of driving and observing. Martin’s best race experience was driving and observing for his son’s at his home club in Stone.

Team Brooksy racing have been racing together for 2 years and have achieved British men’s F2 team members in 2009 and 3rd overall in the men’s championships.

When asked what they enjoy most about racing they say ‘the whole thing, skiing, travelling and enjoying the sport with friends.’ The team motto for this year is ‘in it to win it!’
Team Stand and Deliver

Boat Number: 121

Boat: Cyclone 21

Engine size and speed: 250hp Yamaha Vmax and 80mph

Ski Club: Penarth, South Wales

Skier: Paul LLewellyn aged 44 is a business executive from Bargoed in South Wales. Paul has been skiing for 35 years and now he thinks he has cracked it! Paul’s best racing experience is beating Steven Moore in Chasewater after he won the World F1 in 1989.

Driver: David Ellis aged 49 is a game designer from Penarth in South Wales. David has been driving for 20 years and started when he bought a plastic pig in 1986. He thinks all of Penarth club wanted a laugh so they encouraged him to race. David’s best racing experience was winning F1 in a F3 boat in Milford Haven in 1989 and coming 3rd in F3 in Giro de Lario in 1989.

Observer: Gary Rowsell aged 45 is a roofing system installer from Pontypridd in South Wales. Gary has been observing for 20 years and his best racing experience was coming 3rd in Giro de Lario in Italy in 1989 Gary says thanks to his driver Dave Ellis, he’s great!!

2010 will be the 2nd year of competing for the Stand and deliver team, although last year they raced in F3.

Their best achievements to date were winning in Brixham and Torquay last year and getting Dan win 2nd place overall. The low point was running out of fuel 1 minute 28 seconds before the end of the Weston Super Mare race when they were lying 2 place!

The team goals for 2010 are to achieve the team selection for the European Championships and a top 3 finish in F2. A place in the top 3 Juniors would be good too!
Boat Number: 81

Boat: Bernico 19ft

Engine size and speed: 150hp and 62mph

Ski Club: Lyme Regis Power Boat Club

Skier: Matt Fielding aged 22 from Chatteris in Cambridgeshire is an engineer when he is not on the water. Matt has been skiing for just over 8 years and learnt to ski in Mepal pits behind his Dad’s boat. Matt’s best racing experience was when he skied in Australia.

Driver: Damian Hopkins ‘The Boss’ is 33 years old and from Shepton Mallet in Somerset. Damian is a builder and has been driving competitively for 4 years. He learnt to drive and ski in Lyme Regis with the boat keys in one hand and a Stella in the other!

Observer: Mark Anderson (Frank) aged 47, although only looks 37, and will try his hand at anything to make a living! Mark has been observing for 3 years and he also started both driving and observing in Lyme Regis with Damo and a beer!

Team 81 are a new team for 2010 and they hope to achieve great things.
Team Four Play

Boat number: 143
Boat: Phantom 20
Engine size and speed: 150hp and 65mph
Ski club: Lyme Regis Power Boat Club

Skier: Ashley Murray aged 33 is a self-employed electrician from Paulton nr Bristol. Ashley started skiing in Lyme Regis when he was a boy and has owned boats and skied ever since. This is Ashley’s 3rd year racing competitively and he would like to achieve a podium finish in every race.

Driver: Alan Veater aged 40 is a construction manager from Radstock near Bath. Alan has been skiing and driving for many years. This will be his second season of driving competitively and he says the best bit about racing is the people, the camaraderie and the adrenalin rush at the beginning of every race.

Observer: Tim Clarke aged 48 is a senior manager from Weston Super Mare. This will be Tim’s first year of observing although he has been involved in the racing circuit for many years with his daughter Amy. Tim says his best racing experience was with his daughter when she raced in the Europeans last year. This will be the 2nd year the team have raced together and their goals are to achieve a podium finish overall.

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Boat Number: 111

Boat: Phantom 21ft

Engine size and speed: 150 hp and not quick enough!

Ski Club: Penarth

Skier: Martin Davies aged 65, lives in Chepstow in South Wales. Martin has been skiing for 43 years and started when he bought a ski boat with a Ford 110E engine, back in 1966.

Driver: David Llewellyn aged 70, lives in Bargoed in South Wales. David has been driving boats for 33 years and started when he met Martin.

Observer: Colin Harris aged 56, lives in Cardiff in South Wales. Colin has been ski racing for 37 years and started when Howard Smith’s father took him to Chasewater to see a national ski race.

Rebel Racing have been racing as a team for 37 years, on and off, and Colin also observed for Martin in the cross channel race in 1972.

The team enjoy the participation of national ski racing.
Team Jump N Jive

Boat Number: 35
Boat: Cyclone 21
Engine size and speed: 225h can do 80mph
Ski Club: Stone Water Sports Club
Skier: Russell Cox aged 45 from Chigwell in Essex says he is a ‘dodgy east End market trader’! Russell has been skiing for 36 years and began on the water when his dad took him to Thorpe Park for the day when he was 9 years old. Last year Russell skied in the formula 2 category and he enjoyed keeping up with the young guys but he has decided to be sensible and have a go at the seniors in 2010.

Driver: Robert Waite aged 55 from Pevensey in East Sussex is a not so dodgy car trader! Robert has been involved in the sport for 25 years and learnt to ski when his brother in law, Gary Clark and his dad Fred introduced him to the ski’s at Varne Boat Club in Kent. Robert’s says it is hard to choose his best experience as he loves and hates racing in Viersel and has some very fond memories of being part of the British Team with Julie and Gary Clark at the World championships in Belgium.

Observer: Martyn Robinson aged 42 has been observing for 10 years following the request to become a safety boat at a National race in Stone Water Sports Club 11 years ago. Martyn is a lorry driver when not on the water.

Jump and Jive have been racing together as a team for 4 years and enjoy the exhilaration of each race and the camaraderie of all of the competitors. The team’s goals for this year are to give up trying to prove they are still as good as the 20 somethings in formula 2 and win the seniors instead!

Jump N Jive is a new boat for the 2010 season and the team say watch out for them as there is no more flying around in the 19 foot cyclone and they are hoping they all get a better ride this year!
**Boat Number:** 7  
**Boat:** Cyclone Invader 21ft  
**Engine size an speed:** Mercury 2.5 280hp and 80 mph  
**Ski Club:** Weston Super mare Ski Club  
**Skier:** John Grimes aged 50 is a steel erector from Weston Super Mare. John was given a ski magazine when he was in hospital with a broken femur and it gave him the incentive to get back going again 21 years ago. John has been skiing for 21 yrs socially and 15 years competitively. John says his best racing experience was becoming formula 3 champion in 2005, Cardiff bay in 2009 when he won the race overall and winning 3 times formula 3 at Marham.  
**Driver:** Robert Jenkins aged 30 is a boat engineer from Weston Super Mare. Robert starting driving 10 years ago through Weston Ski club and says his best racing experience was the Hardwick Europeans in 2006 in Holland.  
**Observer:** Kelly Turner aged 38 is a HGV tipper driver from Portishead. Kelly has been observing and driving for 18 years and got involved in the sport by selling a boat in 1992. Kelly says his best racing experience was the Southern 80 in 2006 in Australia and the Belgium Worlds. John and Kelly have been racing together for 13 years.  
Their best achievements to date are formula 4 sports boat in 1994, river Marnham formula 3, Diamond race winner in 2003, 4th in the under 19 southern 80 in 2006 and many more.  
When asked what the team enjoy most about racing is the teams and people and the thousands of miles they travel and the opportunity to ski in 2 World Championships and 4 Europeans.
**Team Bubblin' Hot**

**Boat Number:** 76  
**Boat:** Cyclone 21ft  
**Engine size and speed:** 300xs and over 80mph  
**Ski club:** Lyme Regis Power Boat Club  
**Skier:** Rod Hawkins aged 42 is an architect and builder from Bristol. Rod learnt to ski in Lyme Regis with his family and has been racing for many years. Rod’s favourite venue to race in is Varne and his most memorable race is the Diamond race in Belgium.  
**Driver:** Damian Hopkins ‘The Boss’ is 33 years old and from Shepton Mallet in Somerset. Damian is a builder and has been driving competitively for 4 years. He learnt to drive and ski in Lyme Regis with the boat keys in one hand and a Stella in the other!  
**Observer:** James Bartlett is an engineer from Somerset. This is his first year observing, after driving for Rod last year. Rod drives for James in F2, so this is an opportunity to make Rod ski as hard as he makes James! Rod has raced since 1972, so has a lot of experience under his belt and the team would love to win this class in 2010.
Team H2O/Hammered

**Boat Number:** 200 / 2

**Boat:** Cyclone Invader 21

**Engine size and speed:**
300hp and 80mph

**Ski club:**
Weston Super Mare Ski Club

**Skier:** Steve Benny aged 47 is a Ford Business Manager from Weston Super Mare. Steve started skiing in Lyme Regis when he was 10 years old and has been skiing and driving for 37 years. Steve’s best racing experience is winning the Diamond race in Belgium and the European Championships.

**Driver:** Tim Mayers aged 40 is an electrical contractor from Lyme Regis and started his boating experiences back in the 70’s with his family. Tim has been observing for 20+ years. Tim says his best racing experience is when every race is a win as it never gets boring!

**Observer:** Bradley Cannings aged 36 is a managing director from Exeter has been driving for 12 years and started after he had been skiing and observing for 10 years and he decided it was the next best thing to do! His most memorable experience was the Catalina Ski race where 100 boats were on the start line racing off Long Beach, California.

The teams goals for 2010 are to win the European Championships again.

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Boat number: 370
Boat: Force F21
Engine size and speed: 300xs and 80mph +
Ski Club: Stone Water Sports Club
Skier: Scott Brooks aged 16 is a student from Wickford in Essex. Scott started skiing when he was only 5 years old; he got involved in the sport very young as a third generation skier. Scott has been skiing for 11 years and when asked what was his best racing experience he says it was the Stone national race in 2009.

Driver: Martin Brooks aged 46 is a company director from Wickford in Essex. Martin started skiing with his family in 1976 and this will be his 3rd race season of driving. Martin’s best race experience was driving for his son at his home club in Stone.

Observer: Nigel Jones aged 45 is a Hi-performance motor engineer from Blackwood. Nigel has been involved in the sport since 1976 and started social skiing with his family. Nigel’s best racing experience was skiing in the Catalina race in 1991.


The Brooksy Racing team say winning isn’t everything- wanting to is.
Team Kraze}

**Boat Number:** 197

**Boat make and model:** Cyclone 21

**Engine size and speed:** 2 x Mercury 225 and 95 mph

**Ski club:** Stone Water sports Club

**Skier:** Sam Clapson aged 16 is a student from Billericay in Essex. Sam started skiing with his family 10 years ago and his best racing experience was when he was chosen to ski in the World Championships for the GB team in 2009.

**Driver:** Little Dave aged 52 from Rainham in Essex. Dave is a jack of all trades and has been driving for 20 years, following an introduction to the racing scene at his club in Stone. Dave’s best racing experience was taking part in the Europeans in Holland in 2006.

**Observer:** Barrie Clapson aged 49 is a company director from Billericay in Essex and is Sam’s dad. Barrie started observing in club races in Stone and has been observing for 20 years. Barrie says his best racing experience was representing GB in the World Championships in 2009.

This is the first year as a team and they are setting themselves a goal of winning a British and European title.
Team Stand and Deliver

Boat Number: 121
Boat: Cyclone 21
Engine size and speed: 250hp Yamaha Vmax and 80mph
Ski Club: Penarth Ski Club Wales

Skier: Dan Ellis aged 15 is a school boy from Penarth in South Wales, he hates travelling in the boat but he’s no too shabby following behind though! Dan started skiing when his Dad bought a Marshan 21 as a form of corporal punishment, since then Dan has met more kids suffering the same abuse and he says he is now beginning to enjoy the pain! Dan has been racing for a year and when asked what was his best racing experience he says ‘Finishing my first race without a fall in Allhallows 09. Finishing Torquay 09 alive!’

Driver: David Ellis aged 49 is a game designer from Penarth in South Wales. David has been driving for 20 years and started when he bought a plastic pig in 1986. He thinks all of Penarth club wanted a laugh so they encouraged him to race. David’s best racing experience was winning F1 in a F3 boat in Milford Haven in 1989 and coming 3rd in F3 in Giro de Lario in 1989.

Observer: Gary Rowsell aged 45 is a roofing system installer from Pontypridd in South Wales. Gary has been observing for 20 years and his best racing experience was coming 3rd in Giro de Lario in Italy in 1989 Gary says thanks to his driver Dave Ellis, he’s great!!

2010 will be the 2nd year of competing for the Stand and deliver team, although last year they raced in F3. Their best achievements to date were winning in Brixham and Torquay last year and getting Dan win 2nd place overall. The low point was running out of fuel 1 minute 28 seconds before the end of the Weston Super Mare race when they were lying 2 place!

The team goals for 2010 are to achieve the team selection for the European Championships and a top 3 finish in F2. A place in the top 3 Juniors would be good too!
Boat Number: 18
Boat: Cyclone Invader
Engine size and speed: 2 x 2.5 efi and 95mph
Ski Club: Allhallows Yacht Club

Skier: Jake Frame aged 16 is a student from Rochester in Kent. Jake’s 1st race was as a Bambino at Hunstanton and had to have a helper in the water to hold Jake up on 2 skis at the start, the start boat had to collect the helper after the start! Jake has been skiing for 10 years and his best racing experience was winning Euro Kids in the Diamond Race.

Driver: Barry Frame aged 62 is a company director from High Halstow in Kent. Barry says he started driving ‘very slowly’ and has now been driving for 20 years. His best racing experience was coming 3rd in Long Beach World Championships in 2003.

Observer: Simon Faulkner aged 34 is a transport manager from Rochester in Kent. Simon started observing when he stopped skiing and has been involved in the sport for 16 years. Simon says his best racing experience was the World Championships in Lake Mead in 2001.

Team Hot Shot have been racing together for 16 years and have achieved Junior silver medal in 2009, 3 times winner of the Diamond race as Euro kids and they say they have lost some, won some and plenty to come.

When asked what they enjoy most about racing they said ‘winning, seriously though, the whole thing!’

The team goals for 2010 are to win as many junior titles as possible.
Team On a Budget

**Boat Number:** 49

**Boat:** Cyclone 21

**Engine size and speed:**
300hp and 85mph

**Ski Club:** Hunstanton Ski Club

**Skier:** Georgina Robinson aged 14 from Newmarket. Georgina started skiing with her family around over a year ago and her best racing experience was skiing her first race and not falling off.

**Driver:** James Robinson aged 46 is an engineer from Reach in Cambridgeshire and started driving in club races over 4 years ago.

**Observer:** Harvey Robinson aged 21 is a mechanic from Reach in Cambridgeshire and has been observing for 3 years.

This is the first year the team have taken part in the national ski race circuit and their goals are to just do their best.
Team Play Thing

Boat Number: 1
Boat: Bernico 21
Engine size and speed: 300hp and 75mph
Ski Club: Hunstanton Ski Club
Skier: Tom Smith aged 13 is a student from Holbeach in Lincolnshire. Tom learnt to ski behind a jet ski and when he was 7 years old. Tom’s best racing experience was winning the European Cup in Eguzon in France.

Driver: Thomas Malcolm Roffe aged 58 is a company director from Holbeach in Lincolnshire and is Tom’s granddad. He started with a Fletcher 12ft and 35hp boat a long time ago! Tom’s granddad says his best racing experience was driving for Tom when he won the European Cup.

Observer: Jeff Ling aged 56 is a small holder from Whaplode Drove and has been observing for 8 years. Jeff also agrees that the European Cup in Eguzon was his best racing experience.

The team have been racing together on and off for 4 years.

Their objective for 2010 is to do their best.
Team The Lions

Boat Number: 10

Boat: Seaquel

Engine size: 300

Ski Club:
Weston Super Mare Ski Club

Skier: Toby Duggan aged 14 is a student at Wellington School. Toby learnt to ski at Middlemoor Water Park when he was 7 years old. Toby says his best racing experience was the US Nationals in Las Vegas.

Driver: Steve Cox aged 48 is a water-ski instructor from Burnham on Sea. Steve has been skiing and driving since 1981 when he was teaching the navy in Gibraltar. Steve says his best experiences are seeing the children’s faces after winning a race but this is also his worst experience if they lose!

Observer: Steve Bird aged 40 is a builder from Burnham on Sea and has been observing for 20 years. Steve now finds it difficult to ski after he was run over by another boat. Steve’s best racing experience was touching 100mph in Las Vegas last year, he says ‘I only observed, but OMG!!!!’

The Lions have been racing as a team for 3 years and have achieved 4 British titles between Grace and Toby. The team enjoy racing as it is a family sport that really excites all of the children.

The team’s goals for 2010 are to use this year as a learning year and to build up to the World Championships in Australia in 2010.

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Team Irresistible

Boat Number: 63

Boat: Ring Powercraft 21c

Engine size and speed: Mercury 300xs and 80mph

Formula: Brit Kids A

Ski Club: Stone Water Sports Club

Skier: Samantha Clark aged 12 is a student at Uckfield Community Technology College. Samantha learnt to ski when she was only 4 and has been racing competitively for the last 3 years. Her parents taught her to ski and they are still her crew today! Samantha says the things she enjoys most is racing side by side against her friends in the British Nationals and European races in France, Belgium and Cardiff.

Driver: Gary Clark aged 47 is a property landlord. Gary started driving in Stone club and regional races before his first national in Allhallows in 1987. Gary has driven and observed in each formula of ski racing.

Observer: Julie Clark is an insurance company Customer Service Manager. Julie became Sam’s full time observer in 2008 after having been a skier herself she is uniquely placed to help and encourage Sam. Julie has been around ski racing for a long time, mostly as a skier herself but now rarely finds the time to ski. Julie achieved 5th place in the European Championships and 1st in the ladies formula 2.


Sam says, ‘I love travelling around the country and Europe in our camper with my family, seeing my friends every week and trying to improve my performances from week to week’.

The team goals for this year are to do their best in both British and European Championships.
Team Push On

**Boat Number:** 89

**Boat:** Phantom 20ft

**Engine size and speed:** 150hp and 65mph

**Ski club:** Lyme Regis Power Boat Club

**Skier:** Robyn Veater aged 12 from Radstock near Bath is a student at Writhlington Business and Enterprise School. Robyn learnt to ski with her parents when she was 8 in Lyme Regis and loved it ever since. This is Robyn’s 2nd season racing and would like to achieve more podium finishes this year. When asked Robyn said the things she likes most about racing are skiing with her friends, challenging herself and learning new tips and techniques at every race.

**Driver:** Alan Veater aged 40 is a construction manager from Radstock near Bath and is Robyn’s dad. Alan has been skiing and driving for many years. This will be his second season of driving competitively and he says the best bit about racing is driving for his daughter and watching her enjoy every minute of her races.

**Observer:** Mark Bees aged 41 is a builder from Bristol. Mark has skied and owned boats since he was a young boy and says his best racing experiences with Robyn is when she shows absolute determination to finish a race and he is proud of her achievements.

2010 is the second season for the Push On team. They came 4th overall in the 2009 bambinos category and their goals for 2010 are achieve more podium positions and ski well in the European Championships in Cadiz in Spain.
Team The Lions

Boat Number: 10
Boat: Seaquel
Engine size: 300
Ski Club: Weston Super Mare Ski Club

Skier: Grace Cox aged 11 is a student at Holy Trinity in Kidderminster. Grace learnt to ski on her Dad’s lake at Middlemoor Water park when she was only 5 years old. Grace says her best experience was winning the national championships.

Driver: Steve Cox aged 48 is a water-ski instructor from Burnham on Sea. Steve has been skiing and driving since 1981 when he was teaching the navy in Gibraltar. Steve says his best experiences are seeing the children’s faces after winning a race but this is also his worst experience if they lose!

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The team enjoy racing as it is a family sport that really excites all of the children.

The team’s goals for 2010 are to use this year as a learning year and to build up to the World Championships in Australia in 2011.
Team Triple Eight

**Boat Number:** 888

**Boat:** Cyclone 21

**Engine size and speed:** 3.41 and 80ish mph

**Ski Club:** Stone Water Sports Club

**Skier:** Nadia Jay Mersey aged 12 is a student at Stoke Newington School and lives in Islington in London. Nadia started skiing at her home club with her family when she was only 4 years old, her mum Julia taught her how to ski just as her Nan and Grandad taught her. Nadia says her best race was when she came 3rd in her first ever European race in Eguzon France, on her first race ski.

**Driver:** Simon Smith aged 45 is a furniture manufacturer and upholsterer from Hornchurch in Essex. Simon started skiing, observed when his children started skiing and then onto driving. I have been driving competitively for 6 years.

**Observer:** Simon Smith aged 20 from Hornchurch in Essex. Simon is a paint mixer and says he got dragged into the sport! Simon has been observing for 2 years and his best racing experience was observing for Sam Clapson in the Europeans in Eguzon in France.

The team have been racing together for a year and their goals for 2010 are to get a few podium positions.
Team Brooksy

**Boat number:** 370  
**Boat:** Force F21  
**Engine size and speed:** 300xs and 80mph +  
**Ski Club:** Stone Water Sports Club  
**Skier:** Lee Holland aged 10 is from Brentwood in Essex and started skiing with his family around 2 years ago. Lee’s best racing experience was coming 2nd in the bambino’s in the Stone national in 2009.  
**Driver:** Martin Brooks aged 46 is a company director from Wickford in Essex. Martin started skiing with his family in 1976 and this will be his 3rd race season of driving. Martin’s best race experience was driving for his son at his home club in Stone.  
**Observer:** Nigel Jones aged 45 is a Hi-performance motor engineer from Blackwood. Nigel has been involved in the sport since 1976 and started social skiing with his family. Nigel’s best racing experience was skiing in the Catalina race in 1991.
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