

Safety Report 2015/16

My Sincere Apologies for my nonattendance tonight, however due to work commitments I cannot attend.

In the past 12 months SRV has come a long way in updating Safety Procedures and Equipment. While we still have work to do, we now have a good platform in place for continuous improvement for future seasons. The paramedic crew SRV have in place have been keen to help in fine tuning how we respond to incidents, as well as running CPR Training Sessions to help fulfil membership requirements for crews whom are renewing memberships.

Last season we recommissioned the rescue boat, the crane was reinstalled and it has a Back Board setup and can now be used as a backup unit, should we have more than 1 serious incident in a race at one time.

The past season has seen New Rules introduced aimed at improving safety. These have covered the equipment we use etc. We have seen SRA deliver some information sessions for competitors, revising expectations for the equipment we use and how Driver/Observer and Skiers need to perform during an event.

I feel we still lack in participants help in regard to the running of events and unless we get more involvement in the running of mainly Point score's then we will have to seriously have to look at reductions in the number of races we will run next season as without help the current workload is not sustainable. No doubt you will have plenty to say if it is your event that gets cut! There are quite a few teams that do a lot more than is expected, however there are a lot whom avoid helping in many ways and these teams need to step up and do their bit.

Drivers and Observers need to understand whilst we may lack in judge numbers, that not wanting to protest against another competitor needs to change. Even if your protest is not successful, it will go on file and be able to be brought up at a later date. We will be able to achieve more if these incidents are documented more often.

We have a few idea's being discussed at Board Level in regard to 'Start Area' as well as Racing to and around the first turn buoy.

On a good note the attendance by ambulance's last season was reduced dramatically compared to the previous season. This could be due to several reasons – Weather Conditions, - Drivers & Observers doing a great job in looking after their skiers etc.

GOALS THIS SEASON –

To increase competitor involvement in Running Point Scores.

Keeping Ambulance attendance to the current low level.

Continued development of Safety Systems and the way we respond to incidents.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a Safe and Successful forthcoming season.

Should you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact either myself or any other board member for help.

Regards

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