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Our season is just about to start again and your board has been working very hard to arrange our Grand Prix Series starting on August 8th at Mulwala, SRV Point Score Series starting on September 5th at Lake Charm with the Robinvale Classic in March.

The board of SRV has appointed Sue Maher as our new administration officer and on behalf of you all I welcome Sue to the role. Sue will continue to be based in Finley and can be contacted on admin@waterskiracing.com or 0488 569 936. Sue will also be continuing to coordinate our entries and fill the Raceday Secretary role.

At each race this year there have been changes brought in by SRA to cover the costs of running our sport. The boat sanction fee has risen to \$45 and also each competitor has now to pay an additional competitor levy of \$15 to compete at SRV events. Both of these will be collected on the Saturday prior to racing, please assist us by having the correct money. SRA has had a large increase in insurance cost after issues from last season; I commend them for leaving membership costs as per last season, aiming reducing overheads and costs to run our sport with these new fees to make it more of a user pay basis.

Our first Grand Prix will be at Lake Mulwala and is once again proudly sponsored by the Mulwala Ski Club, please support them at their wonderful venue including accommodation. There was an error in that the first entry form that had incorrect entry fees listed which was my fault. We have 8 classes over 4 events each day, U13 and 60 MPH, U17 and 70MPH, Open Women and Single Rig outboard, Open Men and Single Rig outboard.

U13 and U17 (at 31st Dec 2015) must use single rig outboards.

In open classes we have opened the normal F2 class to Single Rig Outboards to allow more teams to compete. Come along and enjoy some great racing at one of the best venues we race on.

September will see the start of our point score series, SRV has made some changes to the format and running order from last season in an effort to have as many teams racing as possible but also to shorten the event so we can finish earlier on a Sunday. The Notice to Crew booklet will be on our website within 7 days.

The main changes being that in

- U10 and U13 races competitors will all only be behind single rig outboards, this will have skiers on a more level playing field and make for safer racing.
- In the 2016/17 season single rig outboards will also apply to U16 racing.
- At the end of racing on a Sunday there will be 3 classes nominated to pack up which will be listed on the entry form so ample notice. Each team competing will

have to provide one able bodied person to help us pack up, with many hands making light work of it. If no one from the entered team assists then no points will be awarded to any of the team in that event, the event cannot be dropped for end of season awards, this may seem harsh but we do need helpers other than those who work all weekend for you in the sport.

We have been in discussion with Transport Safety Victoria and as part of risk management for our point scores and some changes will be made. All boats will need to comply with Victorian Maritime regulations, each boat will need to have

- One appropriate fire extinguisher, ie 2kg for boats with a holding capacity of 115 to 350L of fuel, over 350L 4.5kg,
- 1 working waterproof torch,
- 1 electric working bilge pump,
- 1 bucket and lanyard,
- 1 paddle.

At SRA scrutineering these will be checked. We will still have to apply for exemptions for life jackets, wet suits. Bow riding is not allowed but we will apply for an exemption but this will be to a maximum of 4 knots. Other changes you will be briefed on during briefing sessions at events.

Our Presentation night is now only a week away and I hope to see as many of you there as possible as we celebrate last year and our overall trophy winners plus Ray Lochhead becoming a life member of SRV.

Nominations are now on line for those who wish to join the board of SRV. We have 3 board members retiring who may or may not seek election. Close date is 20th July. If you have any questions please give myself or one of the board members a call.

Wishing you all safe racing for 2015/16

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