

# Time to pick up the gongs



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IT WAS that time of year again. Powerboat racing's crème de la crème gathered at the De Vere Hotel in Bournemouth for the RYA Powerboat Racing Ceremony.

With more than 200 people, many of them familiar faces, it's like one big family party and a real testament to the skills of the powerboat racing champions as many of them return year after year.

In 2010 UK powerboat racers secured 58 national champions, seven world titles, 24 national records and 12 new world records.

More than 40 presentations were made throughout the evening, including some very special awards.

Among the champions were Mark Williams, World Formula 4 Champion, Jordan Muckles, three times World Formula Future Champion in parallel slalom, Manoeuvring and Class 4, James Bushell, World IJSBA Pro-Am Runabout Stock Champion who also received three British Jet Sport

Titles in Runabout GP, Runabout Stock 4-Stroke and Runabout Limited.

Sarah Treseder the RYA Chief Executive joined John Puddifoot and me on stage to make the presentations. It was refreshing to see the head of the RYA genuinely interested and excited about the powerboating fraternity. We are very much the minority in RYA world but Sarah is destined to change that!

On behalf of the UK Offshore Boating Association the RYA Awarded John Iddon the UKOBA Sword of Honour and Lifetime achievement Award – extremely well deserved.

Circuit Racing's Julian Codling who picked up awards for National Circuit Outboard Champion, Outboard Sprint O:250 Champion as well as a staggering world and national O250 Record at 112.27mph, was also awarded the BJ Noone Award.

Burt Noone Junior lost his life taking part in an OSY National Championship in 1995. So that something positive could come out of his death his parents decided to award a trophy in memory of



Julian Codling - superstar of the 2010 RYA awards

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their son. The award is very special and is presented when a racer has achieved something extraordinary.

Round Britain 2012 were awarded the Offshore Sponsors Trophy for their help with the offshore marathon series and for sponsoring

the fantastic 2010 British Powerboat Festival. With out their support the event may not have gone ahead.

Chief Scrutineer and Measurer Rob Beakhust was awarded the Tony Needell Award for outstanding service to the sport. Years of

dedication and hard work made Rob a truly worthy recipient.

There were so many other deserving recipients that I can't possibly tell you about them all. But it shows what a strong powerboating nation we are.

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