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JSCA Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2007

Present: Ray Douthwaite, Chair; Ashley Ford, Andy Hunt, Mike Cotter, G.M.
Regrets: Gail Owen, Jim Quinn, Chris Stairs, Stephen Chessor, David Loutit.

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes of April 7, 2007 Approved.

2. “Jericho Marks”

Lower leg was completely replaced. Boat is in good working order.

3. “Jericho Rescue” Hurricane

Repairs are completed to a large tear in aft starboard hypalon chamber as a result of snagging the boat on a bolt protruding from the floating dock piling harness. A survey of the dock shows many tires missing and loose cleats. Mike is meeting with Park Board staff to request repairs. A boarding device has been installed to meet new requirements. There are gel coat cracks apparent between the transom and the aft deck. This is similar to a problem which occurred on the VPD Marine Squad’s Hurricane 590 which was repaired on warranty. Mike will check with Inflatable Boat Services. Lights are all in working order and the GPS is now working.

4. “Albatross”

Horns have been replaced and were in use for the Jericho Classic Regatta this past weekend.

5. “Zodiac”

Boat is in good working order.

6. Other Business

VHF Radios

Jericho Rescue, Jericho Marks and Jericho Base radios have been repaired and are ready for pickup at ICOM. Four new submersible handheld radios have been purchased.

Windsure Windsurfing School Request

Windsure has purchased a Personal Water Craft for use as a rescue craft. The committee discussed the use of PWC’s as a rescue craft and noted they are a very effective method of filling this role. They are more economical and environmentally friendly than the rescue craft currently in use at the Jericho Sailing Centre and, they do not use propellers. The committee also discussed the prevailing cultural aversion to “jet skis” within the JSCA community. We all have a negative vision of noisy, two stroke versions being used irresponsibly. The newer, four stroke versions are much quieter and operated responsibly in the hands of a professional are worthy of consideration.

Motion:

“The committee recommends that the Board approve the use of a Personal Water Craft as a rescue craft by Windsure Windsurfing for a two month probationary period provided that it is operated in a professional manner at all times by qualified operators and that we reserve the right to have it immediately withdrawn from service.”

Carried

Rescue Log

The committee reviewed the Jericho Rescue log for the preceding months.

Swimming in Front of the Centre

With the good weather this past weekend swimmers have started to re-appear in the area between the pier and the groyne despite the presence of “Danger No Swimming Signs”. Jericho Rescue Team members and Staff will continue to point out the signage and inform swimmers of the Bylaw. If swimmers remain non-compliant we will work with the Vancouver Park Board’s Lifeguards.

Big Cat Beaches

The 42’ Ariel Sea did a test beach landing between ramps #2 & # 3 this past weekend to drop off passengers. Landing and launch were well controlled and noted by numerous members and staff.

7. Adjournment