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BHPA

1: Instructor Competence Report Form

CFIs are reminded that each year they must complete a formal 'Instructor Competence Assessment' for each of their Instructors. The 'Instructor Competence Report' form details the areas to be assessed, and the accompanying 'Instructor Objective Skills Levels' form gives details of the scoring method to be used. You can download the combined form from this page of the BHPA website: <http://www.bhpa.co.uk/members/schools/index.php>

When the Instructor's annual renewal date is reached, a copy of the completed 'Instructor Competence Report' must accompany the Membership Renewal form and Declaration of Support. The licence cannot be renewed without it. The CFI should keep a file copy of the 'Instructor Competence Report'.

Given that the season is upon us and there have already been spells of good training weather, do not miss the opportunity to complete these assessments so that they are in the file ready for your Instructor's next renewal date.

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2: CFIs Please Note

Licences which incur an insurance supplement have to run concurrent with membership so you need to give this some thought before sending the registration application form to the office. Ideally when registering TIs or Dual Pilots, this should be done when membership is renewed. However, if the member needs a licence some months before his/her renewal is due, then membership will have to be brought forward.

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3: Map Locations on BHPA Web Site

We can now locate all clubs and schools on the respective maps on the BHPA web site. This is currently done by the postcode of the correspondence address for the club or school. If you wish to locate your marker more accurately to your operating area, please send us the relevant latitude and longitude in decimal format†. You can either email these to us, or enter them on your club/school's next membership renewal notice.

† Decimal values up to 6 decimal places. We need these as we are using Google Maps to generate these maps. There is a tool for conversion from Degrees, Minutes and Seconds at: <http://www.fcc.gov/mb/audio/bickel/DDMMSS-decimal.html>

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4: Hang Gliding Competition Primer

For any pilots who may be thinking about entering competitions (or those who already have and feel a bit at sea), BOS regular Mark Stewart will be available the week before the Mid-Wales round of the BOS to go through some of the things that seem to cause consternation among newcomers. Topics for discussion will include the use of GPS, preparation and tactics, and any other subjects pilots bring up. Mark will visit sites likely to be used in the comp and, weather permitting, fly them too. The format will be informal and flexible.

The primer is open to any hang glider pilot with even half an interest in competition/XC flying. Dates will be Monday June 21st - to Friday June 25th (BOS Final starts Saturday 26th). The venue will probably be the BOS Final base at Lydbury North but this can be varied to suit pilots. Mark's support and advice is free (apart from evening beer). Contact him at flyingvet@mac.com.

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5: Courses

Club Coach Course

The dates for forthcoming courses are:

2010
October 23/24
November 20/21
December 11/12

2011
January 22/23
February 12/13
March 12/13

EPPS Course

A provisional date for the next BHPA Emergency Parachute Systems Training Course has been set for Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st October 2010.

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