

# Club Bulletin 170

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### 1: Safety Notices - Gin Boomerang Sport & Yeti 08

*From Gin Gliders*

As written in the owner's manual, the competition models (Boomerang Sport and Boomerang) should be regularly checked, at least every 100 hours of flight or every year. Similarly for the Yeti: pilots have to check their wing after every 50 hours of flight or every year.

There are additional specific instructions regarding competition Boomerangs, please refer to the user manual:  
<http://www.gingliders.com/downloads/manual.php>  
<<http://www.gingliders.com/downloads/manual.php>>

We insist that pilots respect these inspection intervals as these gliders are very sensitive to any changes in the line's breaking strength and/or total line length. The aerodynamics, performance and safety of these models can be affected by changes outside the tolerances set out in the Maintenance Instructions:  
<http://www.gingliders.com/downloads/manual.php>  
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During inspections of Boomerang Sports with 100s of hours of use, we have found that some gliders have lines that have changed outside the tolerances we set for length. After 100 hours+, some middle lines using material "LIROS DC 120" can shrink. The changes occur mainly on the D and brake lines. This line shrinkage can be easily detected during the normal line length check as part of the required inspection after 100 hours or 1 year.

As a precaution, we have decided to offer replacement middle and upper line sets, free of charge, to all owners of Boomerang Sports and Yeti 08s that are fitted with LIROS DC 120 and DC 60.

For your info: We (UK Airsports) have checked a number of the gliders in question, including several very well used examples inc. Martin Sandwith's with well over 400 hours, his was fine but we have found one with lines that have shrunk (Joe Jordan's, again loads of hours). There are many gliders out there that have never been checked though and it's something that really should be done!

There has never been any case of a Yeti '08 lines being affected but Gin wants to change these lines anyway as they are of the same material.

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### 2: Courses

#### Coach Courses 2008

November 1-2 Avon HGPG  
Chris Jones [chris@hgpg.co.uk](mailto:chris@hgpg.co.uk) 07966 170014

November 15-16 Ulster HG PG  
Phil Baron [philBarron6@aol.com](mailto:philBarron6@aol.com) 0770 6033951

December 13-14 Southern Club  
John Lancaster [info@sghc.org.uk](mailto:info@sghc.org.uk) 0795 1500769

#### Coach Courses 2009

Bookings still available for Clubs to host a course:

January 10-11  
January 31-1st Feb  
February 14-15

#### Powered Paraglider Instructor Course

We are still collecting names for this new course which offers experienced paramotorists a route to become instructors who can operate their own schools. The exact format depends on who applies, but is expected to be five to nine days long non residential and based in the midlands or south of England. Candidates will need to hold a PPG Pilot rating (unrestricted) at least 100 hrs ppg time logged and a valid first aid certificate. Interest should be registered as soon as possible.

#### Instructor Course

The next instructor course is planned for 2009 from March 28 – 30. Details will be published as they become available.

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### 3: Sport & Leisure Aviation Show

The dates for the show are 29/30 November and the venue will once again be the NEC, Birmingham. See [www.theflyingshow.co.uk](http://www.theflyingshow.co.uk) for details and updates.

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