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BHPA

1: Membership Renewals

Would CFI's please ensure that an Instructor Competence Report is returned with members Declaration of Support documents as requested. Failure to do this results in a delay in the renewal of the individual in questions membership.

CFI's also need to remember to **fully** complete their own Declaration of Support as their currency needs to meet the minimum requirement as set out by the FSC.

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2: Courses

Available Club Coach Course Dates

2015

17th - 18th October
7th - 8th November
5th - 6th December

2016

16th - 17th January
13th - 14th February
5th - 6th March

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3. Safety Advisory 04/2015

The following was issued on 21st April 2015 and is available to view fully on the BHPA website

Speed systems and risers.

The BHPA have had reports of two cases where the speed system has failed in flight. Both gliders (A Gin Carrera and a U-Turn Lightning) have suffered from one of the speed system pulleys coming away from the riser. The integrity of the riser itself is not affected.

Like many other models, both these wings use "skinny" risers which means there is relatively small area of stitching where the speed system pulleys are attached. This area is put under considerable stress when the speed bar is applied and requires regular checking.

A contributory factor is that the pulleys and stitching on many gliders is concealed beneath a neoprene sheath or cover. Both Gin and U-turn have taken steps to reinforce this area, but it is very likely that other models may also be liable to similar stresses and the BHPA strongly recommend that all pilots inspect their speed systems regularly; including peeling back any protective covers, carefully inspecting the stitching and checking the webbing tabs for wear.

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