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Safety Recommendation:

The BHPA should consider circulating a notice and/or conducting an educational campaign to stress to its members the importance of ensuring that all equipment is operated within the limitations laid down by the manufacturer.

Response:

April 2017

On 25 April 2017 the BHPA responded to the AAIU advising as follows:

“In the May 2016 edition of the BHPA members’ magazine “Skywings”, we published a detailed article on the dangers of flying paramotors with small wings (and therefore high wing loading) combined with high powered motors. The article highlights the dangers of using such a combination and particularly at low level where time to recover an unstable situation will not be available.

We also have SAFETY NOTICE 031 [11/2008], which can be found on the BHPA web site at the following link;

http://www.bhpa.co.uk/documents/safety/safety_notice/

While this safety notice was published in 2008 it is frequently referred to in other reports and on our training courses.

The BHPA endeavours to provide an ongoing safety programme through the publication of safety related articles and also through direct education via our coaching courses’.

AAIU Comment:

The AAIU considers this Safety Recommendation ‘Implemented, Closed’