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## President's Corner

Doug Smock, IMPBA President

I have been appointed by action of the board of directors to complete the current term of IMPBA President. Fred Lumb, Jr. has resigned. We thank him for his service.

The transition has been seamless, as I am already conducting the business of the IMPBA with the advice and consent of the Executive Board that you elected to represent you.

For those of you that don't know me, I served as your National Records Director from 2009 to 2019, and I am currently two years into my fourth term as District 13 Director. I enjoy oval racing Fast Electrics, Large Scale Gas, and challenging myself running Fast Electric Monos at the Record Trials. I'm sure I would have Nitro boats in the fleet too if I didn't have adverse reactions to the fuel. That doesn't mean I can't pit for you, just holler and I'll be there when your heat is up.

I'm like everyone else at the pond, I enjoy the good people who are passionate about building and racing model powerboats. I truly enjoy seeing the young members grow into fierce competitors. Even more so when I see them working on their own boats! And of course, if you need something to get back in the race, and I have it, it's yours.

Racing! Yes, I like to win too, but that's the icing on the cake for me. My goals are always the same: Have fun; help where I can; try to stay out of trouble on the racecourse; and bring everything home in one piece. If I can do that, it was a great race no matter where I placed. We all accept that our boats can end up with a few band-aids, it's how we handle it that matters. OK. Enough about me.

Like everyone else these days, we are rebounding from COVID. Our membership numbers are very close to where we were pre-COVID. Some clubs and districts are doing better than others, and there are various reasons for that. We sometimes lose key members that keep things going, lose sites to development, and the list goes on, but we had a great year, and there are some good things in store for 2023 as you'll see in this newsletter.

Of course, we must continue to promote the organization and hobby. IMPBA Social Media Director, Brandon Atwell, is there to assist us with that. I spoke with him recently and he wants to hear more from us. Don't hesitate to contact him with information on your races, event pictures, and other announcements at [impbaphoto@gmail.com](mailto:impbaphoto@gmail.com). He does a great job, and like the Executive Board, he volunteers his time. His success depends on our support. Thanks again Brandon!

You'll find three ballots in the following pages. Please take a few minutes to cast your vote. Voting will be open from December 15th through January 15th.\* You are the IMPBA, and your voice matters.

Please feel free to contact me or your district director with any questions, concerns, or suggestions on how we can improve our organization.

Happy Holidays to all and best wishes in 2023. ♦



Contact Doug at [smockrc@aol.com](mailto:smockrc@aol.com)

\* You must have been a member in 2022 to be eligible for voting. Votes will be confirmed with the 2022 final current membership list.



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# EXPENSES • BALANCES • INCOME

## EXPENSES - Final period of Fiscal Year (July 1, 2021 through October 31, 2022)

CATEGORY	JUL 22	AUG 22	SEP 22	OCT 22
Federal 941 - Qtrly WTH tax	1,010.70			1,010.70
Federal 940 - Annual FUTA Tax				
Indiana Incorporation Fee - 2 yr.				
Ohio Corp fee - 5 yr.				
Ohio - Qtrly WTH Tax	90.00			90.00
City - Qtrly WTH Tax	122.52			122.52
ODJFS - Qtrly UC Tax (based on cap)	41.00			
BWC - Annual Tax	1.00			
Payroll - Net	1,350.55	1,350.55	1,350.55	1,350.55
PO Box Fee - Annual				
Carbonite Backup - Annual				
Phone	29.62	30.20	30.20	30.11
WiFi Connection				
Website / Securty / CarePan / Domain				
Conference Call Fees	245.67			
CPA/Professional Fees			85.00	
Postage/Stamps	10.65			1.68
Office supplies/toner/paper/env	43.09			
Printing - Roostertail		179.24		
Mailing - Roostertail		29.04		
Printing - Rule Books				
Mailing - Rule Books				
Other printing				
Other shipping				
Refunds (duplicates/overpays)				
PayPal / Bank Fees Net	80.66	52.11	34.38	9.54
Regatta /Trophies	3,123.94		248.45	
Wristbands/Life cards				
Miscellaneous				
Officers INSURANCE -1 yr				
Liability INSURANCE -1 yr.				
<b>MONTHLY TOTALS</b>	<b>\$6,149.40</b>	<b>\$1,641.14</b>	<b>\$1,748.58</b>	<b>\$2,615.10</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR** (final adjusted figure) . . . . . **\$37,954.39**

### OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STRUCTURE

The IMPBA organization is a 501(c)(4) non-profit corporation. Sources of income include: Memberships, Club Sanction Fees, Race & Record Trial Sanction Fees, and Newsletter Sponsor Fees. Other fees include printed Rule Book and printed Newsletter, however, costs for these items may exceed fees charged. Donations to the organization are accepted, but are not tax deductible as IMPBA is not a charitable organization. The Secretary & Treasurer ensure compliance with all Federal, State and Local laws regarding non-profit corporations. Year-end 990 Federal Informational Return is prepared by Vowells & Schaaf, LLP, CPAs. Compliance with By-Laws & Constitution of the IMPBA are ensured in that no two persons domiciled together may sign for any funds. Three officers hold signature rights on the bank accounts. The organization holds a Savings Account and Checking Accounts for normal business operations, and uses PayPal for processing of memberships and fees other than those received by check or money order. Fund transfers are routinely done. The bank accounts are currently no fee (with exception for non-sufficient fund, returned items, or foreign conversion). Transaction processing fees are based on a percentage of transaction plus a flat rate amount per transaction.

Petty cash will be paid by MasterCard and a detailed report is received by Treasurer monthly. No cash fund is kept at the office. All expenses require a valid receipt be on file.

## ACCOUNT BALANCES

Period ending OCTOBER 31, 2022

### Bank Accounts

CHECKING  
**\$47,733.81**

PAYPAL TRANSFER ACCOUNT  
**\$1,200.00**

SAVINGS  
(insurance account)  
**\$15,002.52**

### PayPal Merchant Account

PAYPAL SYSTEM BALANCE  
**\$187.30**

## INCOME BY CATEGORY\*

FY NOV. 1, 2021 to OCT. 31, 2022

SENIOR MEMBERSHIPS  
**\$38,280**

FAMILY/JUNIOR MEMBERSHIPS  
**\$2,230**

SINGLE-EVENT  
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**\$840**

CLUB REGISTRATIONS & SITES  
**\$1,690**

RACE/RECORD SANCTIONS  
**\$1,040**

RULE BOOK ORDERS  
**\$120**

ROOSTERTAIL PRINT VERSION  
**\$330**

ROOSTERTAIL ADVERTISING  
**\$675**

CONTRIBUTIONS  
**\$60**

INTEREST  
**\$3**

\* TOTAL before expenses: \$45,268



# Director Elections 2022

No new nominations were received and the incumbents agreed to serve for new 3-year terms to begin January 1, 2023.

**DISTRICT 3: Mark Grannis** has agreed to continue to serve.

**DISTRICT 7: Jim Nissen** has agreed to continue to serve.

**DISTRICT 11:** Vacant.

**DISTRICT 12: Scott Smith** has agreed to continue to serve.

**DISTRICT 14: Bradley Maglinger** has agreed to continue to serve.

The following positions will be up for election in 2023:



**District 1, 4, 6, 8, 13 / National Large Scale Gas / National Fast Electric**



for 3-year terms to begin Jan. 1, 2024.

**Nominations for positions up for election are due by JULY 31, 2023. Director voting is each October.**

A ballot will not be run for unopposed incumbent positions (*with the exception of office of President*).

For chart of positions open for next year see final page of the IMPBA Constitution.

Refer to Rule Book Section B - Constitution, Article V- Officers & Executive Board, and Article VI - Nominations.

\* The elected Director must represent a minimum of 15 primary IMPBA memberships. Members within an ineligible district may elect a Director; however, he will have no voting rights.

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# Silent Engine



*Dick Jones*

IMPBA Member #6099 L CD • Joined 1977

## **Richard "Dick" Jones January 23, 1945 – September 24, 2022**

Dick Jones of Cape Coral, Florida passed away on September 24, 2022.

He was a Past President of IMPBA from 2001 - 2002 while living in Iowa, and served as District 6 Director, and was later inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2011. Dick is remembered as being a top competitor who was always willing to share his technical expertise. He won several US-1 Championships and was the recipient of the William LeFeber Award in 2000. Many members have fond memories of Dick's game of "Simon Says" at races.

He remained an avid boater after retiring to Florida. ♦

Dick's youngest daughter, Melissa Jones Everett, wrote on the IW forum:

*"Your comments made us laugh...and cry...and then laugh again. Some of my earliest memories are of boat races and go-cart tracks with many of you. No matter how many times we played Simon Says, I still could never beat him. Boating was such a passion for him, but above that, he so enjoyed helping other boaters. His boating legacy will live on through all of you. And we will cherish each and every memory you all have shared.*

*– Much love from the family of Mayor "Moby Dick"*

# Silent Engine



*Grace Russell*

IMPBA Member #21077 J • Joined 2014

## **Grace Marie Russell January 7, 2010 – November 2, 2022**

Grace Marie Russell, age 12, beloved daughter of Melissa and John Russell, was born in Kennesaw, GA. Born weeks early, she came into this world with a tenacity for life. It came as no surprise that this tiny gal grew into an adventurous Texan who went nowhere without her cowgirl boots. When the family moved to Texas in 2021, Grace fell in love with her adopted hometown. She had a beautiful smile, infectious laugh, quick wit, and a strong sense of humor. Grace had a Texas-size heart as well as personality. She passed away peacefully with her parents by her side on November 2, 2022.

Grace spent the first ten years of her life in Panacea, Florida. She attended Medart Elementary School, later enrolled in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Home School program, and also attended Making Light Productions Performing Arts School.

Grace accomplished much in her twelve years. She was a member of Girl Scout Troop 178 for six years, and enjoyed every adventure and the friends she made. She passionately served her community in many ways - from being an altar server at church, to volunteering at animal shelters.

She had many hobbies including 4-H, Walking Club, archery, sewing, and photography of nature and animals, and flying. She also enjoyed attending RC boat races at the SOWEGA site with Mom, Dad and brother, John Jr. Grace is also survived by a sister, Tory. She will be sorrowfully missed by her extended family, and all who knew her. A funeral mass was held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. She was interred in Graford, TX. ♦

*A tribute with additional pictures appears in the D13 report.*

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# TRIAL RULES

in effect for **2022-23**

The following items were adopted by the Board as Trial Rules.

To fulfill the requirement to be before membership for a full year, voting will be in December 2023.

Proposals will be voted on individually, and will affect the final listings & number of classes.

**SEC. H – NITRO SPECIALIZED CLASSES / Article XI- Nitro International Regatta / Paragraph A (1).** (Page H-13)

*Additions/changes are indicated in red & highlighted.*

## Sport 20 Hydro as US-1 Class

Purpose: To elevate Sport 20 to a formal US-1 Class. The class has been allowed for IMPBA World Records for many years, and has had significant numbers of entries at previous US-1 Nitro Internats as a Specialty Class.

### XI - NITRO INTERNATIONAL REGATTA

#### A. US-1 Eligible Classes

The following 16 classes may enter the 1/16 mile SAW, 1/3 mile Oval, and multi-boat heat racing events at a US-1 format Nitro International Regatta to be eligible for the US-1 International Champion and Excellence of Performance Trophies per Section E-Procedures.

1. AB, CD, E and F Hydro and Mono; B, D, E and F Outboard Tunnel; 1/8 Scale Hydro; Sport 40; Sport 20; Multi-Engine Hydro.

Approved Feb. 15, 2022 Board Meeting.

## B Sport O/B Tunnel as US-1 Class

Purpose: To elevate Sport 20 to a formal US-1 Class. The class has been allowed for IMPBA World Records for many years, and has had significant numbers of entries at previous US-1 Nitro Internats as a Specialty Class.

### XI - NITRO INTERNATIONAL REGATTA

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The following 16 classes may enter the 1/16 mile SAW, 1/3 mile Oval, and multi-boat heat racing events at a US-1 format Nitro International Regatta to be eligible for the US-1 International Champion and Excellence of Performance Trophies per Section E-Procedures.

1. AB, CD, E and F Hydro and Mono; B, D, E and F Outboard Tunnel; B Sport O/B Tunnel; 1/8 Scale Hydro; Sport 40; Multi-Engine Hydro.

Approved Feb. 15, 2022 Board Meeting.

## A Hydro & B Hydro as separate US-1 Classes

Purpose: To separate the .12 Hydro (A) from the .21 Hydro (B) in US-1 competition. In previous years there were a significant number of Nitro entries, and A/B and C/D were combined to save time. Today with the speed and size of the .21 riggers, a .12 is not competitive when they are run together in a heat.

### XI - NITRO INTERNATIONAL REGATTA

#### A. US-1 Eligible Classes

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1. A, B, CD, E, F Hydro; AB, CD, E, F Mono; B, D, E, F Outboard Tunnel; 1/8 Scale Hydro; Sport 40; Multi-Engine Hydro.

Approved Feb. 15, 2022 Board Meeting.



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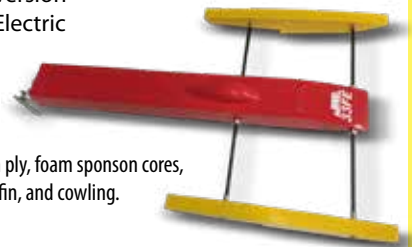
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# PROPOSAL #22-001

The following PROCEDURE SECTION Proposal is before the membership for vote. Ballot on page 16.

**A Board of Directors majority is recommending passage of this proposal.**

If passed, this rule change will become an official part of the Rule Book beginning with the 2023 season.

## ELIMINATE 300-MILE RADIUS RULE

### PURPOSE:

The proposed change to eliminate the 300-mile radius rule that restricts scheduling of other events the weekend prior to, and weekend(s) of a US-1 format event, will benefit the IMPBA and its membership by allowing District Directors to determine if they need to schedule around a US-1 Internats event, as they do for all other National stye events (there is no such restriction for those events).

Multiple power sources are offered and run at other events, and the impact on a National or Internats is minimal, however, restricting (up to) 3 weekends out of a District schedule can have a huge impact on that District's ability to offer events to the membership who were not planning to attend a large National or Internats event.

Our organization's mission is to promote the hobby and allow our members multiple opportunities to enjoy the hobby. Participants may choose to attend an event or not – limiting scheduling of other races does not “force” or “encourage” members to attend one or the other.

### Relevant Sections (Refer to pages E-2 & E-3 in IMPBA Rule Book):

*This proposal would strike the language in:*

*Section E, Article II (D) (6) and Section E, Article III (C) and change item D. to C. as shown on these pages.*

### SECTION E- IMPBA PROCEDURES

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#### II – SANCTIONED REGATTAS (RACES and RECORD TRIALS)

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##### **D. Restrictions**

1. All sanction requests and fees must be submitted to the IMPBA office to be included on the Master Schedule.
2. Sanctions will only be granted to clubs officially registered with IMPBA, who have paid the Club Registration fee and obtained an IMPBA insurance certificate covering the water for the calendar year the race is to be sanctioned in.
3. All Sanction requests require the approval of the District Director who has the responsibility of coordinating all activities in his or her district. Record Trials also require approval of the Records Director.
4. Contest Directors listed on sanction form must have successfully completed the CD test.
5. Sanctions will not be granted for events within such dates or distance of each other where the sanctioning officials have reason to believe that success of either event might be jeopardized.
6. **No IMPBA sanctions will be granted the weekend prior to, or the weekend of an International Regatta, within a 300-mile radius of the host site. Sanctions that do not offer any US - 1 classes will be exempt from the radius restriction.**

*continued next page .>>>*

**BOD reviewed at February 15, 2022 meeting.**

Originally submitted Dec. 28, 2021 by Doug Smock # #19887SCD.  
Supported by: Chris Rupley #19471 LCD; Adam Cook #21362 SCD;  
Chris Shepherd #21184 SCD; Norman Morton 17215 LCD;  
Julie Gilley #18513 FCD; Lamar Huff #19280 SCD



*NOTE: This proposal would strike the language as shown. Current paragraph D. becomes C. (The remaining paragraphs will then be designated D through J and are unchanged.)*

## **SECTION E- IMPBA PROCEDURES**

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### **III - ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL and NATIONAL REGATTAS**

#### **A. Definitions**

“International Regatta (Internats)” and “National Regatta (Nationals or Nats)” shall be defined as a premier sanctioned event which may be held annually for each power division (Nitro, LSG, FE) where an approved “Internats US-1” or “Nationals” championship format is followed. Depending upon format chosen and number of entries, these events will take from 3 to 8 days not including open water.

#### **B. Requirements**

An IMPBA International Regatta (Internats) or National Regatta (Nationals) will be awarded on a rotational basis between the various districts and held annually during June, July or August. Any deviation from the June - August time frame must be approved by the IMPBA Board of Directors.

1. An IMPBA International Regatta will consist of three events: 1/16 mile straightaway (SAW) trophy trials; 1/3 mile oval trophy trials; and multi-boat racing using one of the approved US-1 formats.
  - a. US-1 eligible classes are listed in each respective power section: Nitro, LSG, Fast Electric.
  - b. A minimum of 8 contestants per class must present a boat to run in all three events for that class to be considered US-1 eligible.
  - c. Optional special events may be run after completion of all US-1 events.
  - d. At the International Regatta, the winner of any class scheduled by the host club and approved by the Board will be awarded “US-1 International Champion”. Classes that do not make US-1 status may be run and awarded “National Champion”. Special events winners will be awarded First, Second, Third Place.
2. An IMPBA National Regatta will consist of multi-boat heat racing run using one of the approved Nationals formats.
  - a. Established IMPBA engine classifications will be offered for National Champion status.
  - b. Optional special events may be offered.
  - c. A minimum of 6 boats per class must be presented for racing.
  - d. The winners at an IMPBA National Regatta will be awarded “National Champion”. Special events winners will be awarded First, Second, Third Place.

#### **G. Restrictions**

~~No IMPBA sanctions will be granted the weekend prior to, or the weekend of an International Regatta, within a 300-mile radius of the host site of the International Regatta. Sanctions that do not offer any US - 1 classes will be exempt from the radius restriction.~~

#### **C. Applying and Acceptance**

Clubs will bid to hold Nationals or International Regatta events. Bids should be submitted to the National Nitro, LSG, or Fast Electric Director. The President will review and make recommendations to the District Directors. Bid approval requires a majority vote of the Executive Board.

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# PROPOSAL #22-002

The following CONSTITUTION SECTION Proposal is before the membership for vote. Ballot on page 16.

**The Board of Directors unanimously recommends passage of this proposal.**

If passed, this rule change will become an official part of the Rule Book beginning with the 2023 season.

## ESTABLISHING DISTRICT VOTE POWER

### PURPOSE:

It is hereby proposed that the section of the Constitution that explains how vote power is tallied be amended. Family (spouse) members are recognized for voting and toward club membership totals, so should be consistently counted. Furthermore, it is proposed to clearly state that Junior memberships do not have voting rights and do not count toward district membership totals.

### Relevant Sections (Refer to page B-2 in IMPBA 2022 Rule Book):

Language to be replaced in Article V, Section 3, paragraph D. Proposed changes are red & highlighted in yellow.

### SECTION B- IMPBA CONSTITUTION / V – OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD / SECTION 3

#### Current Language:

- D. The elected Director must represent a minimum of 15 primary IMPBA memberships (family and junior memberships do not count). Members within an ineligible district may elect a Director; however, he will have no voting rights until his district has the required number (15) of primary members. He will handle the passing on of proposed changes and the funneling of information of the district members the same as a full voting member. Voting rights of each District Director shall be based on the number of members in their district. District Directors with 15 to 100 members will have one vote; Directors with 101 to 200 members will have 2 votes. Directors with 201 to 300 members will have 3 votes. Their total votes will continue to increase by one with the addition of each 100 memberships in their district. The membership count will be based on total membership at year-end.

#### Proposed Language:

- D. The elected Director must represent a minimum of 15 **voting-eligible** IMPBA memberships **(Primary and Family memberships). Junior members have no voting rights and do not count toward Vote Power district tally.** Members within an ineligible district may elect a Director; however, he will have no **board** voting rights until his district has the required number (15) of **voting-eligible** members. He will handle the passing on of proposed changes and the funneling of information of the district members the same as a full voting member. Voting rights of each District Director shall be based on the number of **voting-eligible** members in their district **at year-end.** District Directors with 15 to 100 members will have one vote; Directors with 101 to 200 members will have 2 votes. Directors with 201 to 300 members will have 3 votes. Their total votes will continue to increase by one with the addition of each 100 memberships in their district.

**BOD reviewed at September 20, 2022 annual meeting.**

Originally submitted May 18, 2022 by Lynne Rupley #19471 F.

Supported by: Tom Kelly #13527 S CD; Doug Smock #19887 S CD;

Bradley Maglinger #17924 S CD; Matthew Schofield #20975 L CD;

Chris Rupley #19471 L CD



# PROPOSAL #22-003

The following CONSTITUTION SECTION Proposal is before the membership for vote. Ballot on page 16.

**The Board of Directors unanimously recommends passage of this proposal.**

If passed, this rule change will become an official part of the Rule Book beginning with the 2023 season.

## TREASURER APPOINTMENT AMENDMENT

### **PURPOSE:**

It is hereby proposed to amend the section of the Constitution that states how appointment of a treasurer is handled. It is proposed to update the rule to reflect the ability to choose a candidate from outside the current Executive board, past Directors or officers. This allows the board the ability to choose from many qualified persons, and eliminates the issue of having a board member doing "double duty". The treasurer is a non-voting board position.

**Relevant Sections** (Refer to page B-3 in IMPBA 2022 Rule Book):

Language to be replaced in Article V, Section 5, paragraph B. Proposed changes are red & highlighted in yellow.

### **SECTION B- IMPBA CONSTITUTION / V – OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD / SECTION 5**

#### **Current Language:**

- B.** The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Board from within, or a past elected Director or officer.

#### **Proposed Language:**

- B.** The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Board from within, or a past elected Director or officer. **If no one can be found within the Executive Board, or a past Director or officer, then the Board may appoint a qualified person from the general membership.**

**BOD reviewed October 2022 via email.**

Originally submitted Oct. 6, 2022 by Doug Smock #19887 S CD  
Supported by: Lance Ledet #21154 S CD; Mike Ball #19339 S CD;  
Nick Hartdegen #14917 S CD; Bradley Maglinger #17924 S CD;  
Mike Betke #8700 S CD;



# BALLOT

## #22-001 / #22-002 / #22-003

Full text of proposals on pages 10 - 13.

PLEASE PRINT

Member name \_\_\_\_\_ IMPBA# \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse name \_\_\_\_\_ IMPBA# \_\_\_\_\_

**Votes must be RECEIVED by January 15, 2023.\***

**No grace period for Postmark.**

\* **ELIGIBILITY:** Senior Members and Spouses registered under their account may vote for proposals. *Junior members are not eligible to vote. You must have been a member in 2022 to be eligible for voting. Votes will be confirmed with the 2022 final current membership list.*

### PROPOSAL #22-001: ELIMINATE 300-MILE RADIUS RULE

**A Board majority is recommending passage of this proposal.**

Senior Member:

- FOR**
- AGAINST**
- Abstain

Registered Spouse

- FOR**
- AGAINST**
- Abstain

Mail this ballot, or email your vote to your District Director. Contact information is on the IMPBA website and back pages of this issue.

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- **Ballot #**
- **Your Full Name**
- **IMPBA #.**

### PROPOSAL #22-002: ESTABLISHING VOTE POWER

**The Board unanimously recommends passage of this proposal.**

Senior Member:

- FOR**
- AGAINST**
- Abstain

Registered Spouse

- FOR**
- AGAINST**
- Abstain

**Vote online at:**  
**IMPBA.net/Vote**

If approved, these rule changes become effective for the 2023 season.

### PROPOSAL #22-003: TREASURER APPOINTMENT

**The Board unanimously recommends passage of this proposal.**

Senior Member:

- FOR**
- AGAINST**
- Abstain

Registered Spouse

- FOR**
- AGAINST**
- Abstain



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## RECENT BOARD ACTIONS

### Hall of Fame Inductee

Ernie LaFleur #12769 S of District 7, was inducted into the Hall of Fame for 2022.  
His bio ran in the August issue. Join us in congratulating Ernie!

*BOD Executive Session, August 3, 2022*

### LSG Section Reorganization

LSG section was reorganized by the LSG Director and Tech Chair for easier reference of stock engine rules, and to eliminate redundant language. No rule changes were made.

Board unanimously supported the draft for IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION.

*BOD Annual Meeting, Sep. 20, 2022.*

### Constitution sub-committee formed

Sub-committee formed to review current practices and draft language for board review as to Past Presidents (voting rights and non-voting board members), and appointment of Vice President (non-voting).  
Final wording will be voted on by membership.

*BOD Annual Meeting, Sep. 20, 2022.*

### Constitution District Vote Power Amendment

Proposal for an amendment of tallying of membership at year-end  
to consistently count family (spouse) memberships.

**This item is a ballot for MEMBERSHIP VOTE. Board unanimously supports proposal.**

*BOD Annual Meeting, Sep. 20, 2022.*

### Constitution Treasurer Appointment Amendment

Proposal for an amendment of the process for appointing Treasurer.

**This item is a ballot for MEMBERSHIP VOTE. Board unanimously supports proposal.**

*BOD email vote, October 18, 2022.*

### Jersey Skiff Rule Clarification

Wording and measurement clarification for IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION.

Approved by unanimous consent.

*BOD email vote, October 18, 2022.*

### Gas Nationals Bid Approved

Huntsville Model Boating Association to hold Gas Nationals on June 1-3, 2023.

Bid was approved by unanimous consent.

*BOD email vote, October 31, 2022*

### Constitution Vacancy Clause

Wording to clarify all elected positions as eligible to fill vacancy.

Approved by a majority board vote for IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION.

16 YES: D1=2; D2=2; D3=1; D4=1; D5=1; D6=1; D7=0; D13=1; D14=2; Nitro=1; LSG=1; FE=1;

PP/VP=1; PP=1. 0 NO. D12 did not submit a vote.

*BOD email vote, November 30, 2022*

### President Appointment

D13 Director Doug Smock was appointed to fill vacancy of office of president.

Approved by a majority vote of board per Constitution.

*BOD Executive Session, December 7, 2022*

### Nitro Nationals Bid Approved

Cincinnati Model Boat Club to hold Nitro Nationals on July 13-15, 2023.

Bid was approved by unanimous consent.

*BOD meeting, December 7, 2022*

## District 1

### Moraine Model Mariners

Portersville, PA

Pleasant Valley Lake at Moraine State Park

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### Southern Tier New York Model Boat Club

Caton, NY (near Pine City)

Skip's Country Pond

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Dayton, OH

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Pond in Medway, OH

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### Saginaw Bay R/C Boat Club

Saginaw, MI

Pond located at Saginaw Field & Stream

Conservation Club

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*President:* Charles Dukes

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### Southern Ontario Model Boat Club

Tilbury, Ontario

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*President:* Tony Jacuzzi

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### Transom Twisters Model Boat Club

Burton, MI

Events held at Kelly Lake in Burton, MI

*President:* Mark Zachow

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## District 3

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### Brandon Model Boaters

Dover, FL

*President:*

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Jacksonville, FL

Events held in Georgia (D13)

*President:*

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### **Marquette R/C Boat Club**

Oak Forest, IL

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Pond at Midlothian Reservoir

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## District 5

### **Huntsville Model Boat Association**

Huntsville, AL

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## District 6

### **Twin Cities Model Boat Club**

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Nicols Pond

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Chesapeake, VA

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## D14 Club Info

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Ft. Wayne, IN

Event site: Celina, OH

Established in 1977

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One of the oldest clubs in the IMPBA

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### Prop Walkers Model Boat Club

Madison, IN

Established in 1994

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### River City Racing Club

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Established in 1980

Deaconess Sport Park Lake in Evansville, IN

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## Summary

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clubs have submitted the correct application (on a Club Registration and Insurance Application form), and have been issued an insurance certificate. Since rates or coverages may vary from time to time, up to date insurance information may be obtained from the IMPBA office.

## Membership Coverage

All members in good standing will be covered at “sponsored, scheduled, and supervised activities.” This means the coverage is good at sanctioned and club races, and open water practice sessions as long as you are following the safety procedures outlined through the IMPBA, and such events take place on an IMPBA insured body of water only. IMPBA’s policy is considered a primary policy and would cover the

costs of property damages or injuries to third parties caused by IMPBA event participants that may occur on an IMPBA insured body of water. It would also cover the cost of your legal defense and settlement or award should you be successfully sued - up to the policy limits. A deductible applies per claim. For current coverage and deductible information contact the IMPBA office.

## Non-Member Coverage

The insurance does not cover any person who is not a paid member of IMPBA regardless of what other club or organization he may belong to. Paid members of other boating organizations may pay a

single-event fee of \$15 for membership dues **during that event only**. The single-event application and payment must be completed online and can be found at [www.IMPBA.net](http://www.IMPBA.net).

**Therefore, no person may operate or assist in the operation of a model power boat, or enter the pit area, or operate a retrieve boat at any IMPBA sanctioned event on an IMPBA insured pond, and be covered by this insurance, unless he is a paid member of IMPBA.**

## Insured Sites

- No club may apply for insurance for a body of water presently or previously insured by another IMPBA Registered Club without the permission of that club.
- All Clubs applying for insurance on a body of water should submit a club application and a signed letter from the pond owner, on letterhead, giving their authorization for your particular club to conduct Model R/C Boat activities at that particular site.
- Permanent and temporary structures, such as drivers’ stands/scaffolding or bleachers, are not covered by IMPBA insurance.

## Safety

- It is not the intent of IMPBA to issue insurance to any organization that does not comply with and foster IMPBA Safety Rules and Regulations
- Adequate provision shall be made for the safety of the contestants and spectators.
- **“NO SWIMMING” signs** should be posted in conspicuous places on all sides of the pond.

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# Living Out A Dream

## From RC Racer to Boat Racer



Rob Betke at Rocky Fork. Photo credit: Keith Koether

**By Mike Betke,  
IMPBA Nitro Director (and proud Dad)**

My son, Rob Betke, was given the opportunity this year to drive an E-350 hydroplane. This hydroplane is approximately 20 feet long with a 350 cubic inch engine in it. Speeds capable of 110 – 115 mph. It started a year ago when Mark Weber, ex unlimited and multiple-inboard hydroplane national champion driver (wannabe RC boat racer), called me and asked if Rob would be interested in learning to drive the boat and race it.

I had met Mark a couple of years ago when he started coming to the local RC races. Apparently, he had been watching Rob race his RC stuff the last couple of years, and he said he had a gut feeling he would make a good driver as he had such a good feel for driving the RC hydroplanes. Anyone that has seen Rob drive RC, can probably understand this as he is tough to beat. Also, our friend Teddy Dudley, who had raced multiple types of inboard hydroplanes in the past, had been telling him for some time that Rob had what it took to be a good hydroplane driver. That being said, I told Mark that this phone call is something Rob could only have dreamed of and that he would probably jump at the opportunity. Next was a call to Rob, and after that we were off on our new adventure in boat racing.

First step was making sure Rob could fit in the hull, since he is a pretty big guy. Second step was telling Mom that he was going to be racing a real hydroplane. My wife Monica had always been opposed to the idea of Rob or I driving a real boat due to the amount of accidents witnessed over the years as spectators at boat races. But, both of these things happened at the same time as I tricked Mom into going to the boat shop just before Christmas last year, and when we walked in, Rob was sitting in the cockpit and Rob's girlfriend Emma announced, "He fits". Mom let Mark know that he was #1, and then came to the realization that this was going to happen.



Rob Betke and Mark Weber

Mark did a great job of explaining to her the safety of the new hulls and how the risk of serious injuries is so much lower in the newer boats. That took a lot of the worry away for her. I had taken her to the local pub prior to going to the boat shop in anticipation of the news, so that might possibly have helped too.

As far as fitting in the boat, I want to give Rob a lot of credit. He understood that what he was getting ready to do was going to require being in athletic condition. He started working out a lot and watching his diet and anybody that

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# Dream >>> continued

saw him this year, saw a trimmed down and conditioned man who was ready to take on his new challenge.

Next step was getting the boat ready. Mark and Rob put in a lot of hours at the shop preparing the boat and getting it set up for him to drive. I helped as my schedule allowed, but the two of them put the majority of the time in getting it ready for the first test session.



*Mark, Rob, Matt, and Mike in the shop*

Our first test session at Caesars Creek did not go as planned, but Rob got to take his first drive even though the boat was not handling or running the best. We learned some things from that, made adjustments, and Mark arranged another test session in northern Michigan. That session was impressive, and Rob ran the course multiple times. After his first run, he was running the course at full throttle for the entire run. Mark was talking to him on the radio — giving him pointers on how to enter and exit the turns to get max speed out of the boat. These two just gel when it comes to this. I took my dad, Jerry, along, and to see the smile on his face as his grandson tooled that boat around the course was priceless. This is something he talked about doing his whole life and was getting to watch his grandson live out a dream of his. Needless to say, after that test session, Rob was ready to race.

Our first race was at Rocky Fork in Hillsboro, OH. His first heat as a rookie, he was regulated to start on the outside

and get his seat time in. A couple of boats quit, so Rob placed second in the heat and got his first experience of driving with other boats. The second heat was a head turner. Due to some boats not making the heat he was allowed to start with the pack. Rob hit the start perfectly at full speed in lane 2 and took the lead. His second heat ever and he led the first lap and raced deck-to-deck with the boat in lane 1. He could not hold off the other boat for the whole race and finished second again, but he made enough of an impression on the officials that they lifted his restrictions for day two.

Day two also had it's moments. Mark and Rob's strategy on the radio paid off and Rob was in lane 1 for the start. He hit the start good, but the motor started to lay down and he could not hold off the pack. Overall, the first race would be considered a success as he was able to race side-by-side with others and was also able to win "the race before the race" and get lane 1 for the start in the final.

Our second race was in Owensboro KY. We put the backup motor in the boat for this race, which was not new, but the best we had. Once again, Rob and Mark communicated and strategized to be on the inside lane at the start for 3 out of the 4 races that weekend. Unfortunately, the power was down on the boat again, and he could not hold off the winner, so he finished second again. It was fun to hear from our R/C boating friends that weekend as they watched online from the race in Celina, OH, as "Baby Betke" had the inside lane for the start — we appreciated their support.

For those that don't know, Mike Schindler and Brad Maglinger had nicknamed Rob, "Baby Betke" quite some time ago. Brad was at the race in Owensboro, and we talked the announcers into calling the race with Rob as "Baby Betke". It was a good laugh and referenced at the Trophy

presentation as well, but I let them know they can reference him as just "Rob" going forward. Overall, this race was considered a success as he was able to put himself in a position to win every time. If the boat had the speed, I am sure Rob would have contended for the victory.

Given the performance issues with the boat, the season came to an end after Owensboro. It was one of the best experiences of our lives. Monica has dubbed it "the best summer ever". Not only the excitement of getting to watch our son live out a dream and perform like we know he is capable of, but everything else involved. Our son in law Matt, daughter Haley, and Rob's girlfriend Emma were on the pit crew. Matt was responsible to get Rob buckled in, and Haley and Emma helped out with getting the boat in and out of the water among other duties. The friendship developed with Mark and Lori Weber is something that will last a lifetime, regardless if we ever race a boat together again. It is funny how you meet people at different stages in life and have so much in common.



*The Race Team*

I would like to personally thank Mark Weber for the opportunity he has given my son. The friendship and bond they have developed is something special as well. I'm not sure what the future holds for boat racing, but I have a feeling that we have not seen the last of these two racing a boat together—and given the right hull winning some races. ♦



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## National Records Director

**Ron Drake**

**ELEVEN new records** have been set since the last newsletter report. Participants at the CMB Oval Record Trials in Harrison, OH, and the Huntsville Turkey Day Trials set the pond on fire!

Unfortunately, the "Need For Speed" record trials in Flint had to be cancelled after multiple attempts to reschedule.

The trials scheduled for Dover, FL on the 10th & 11th were also cancelled due to a weed issue on the lake.

Updated record forms will be posted on the website, so be sure to download those for the 2023 season!

Until next time. Happy Boating, and Stay Safe! ♦



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### October 22 & 23, 2022 ► HARRISON, OH

1/3 OVAL	Class	Time/Sec	MPH
Jeff Preusse	A Mono	30.211	39.720
Mike/Jerry Betke	Sport 20	22.476	53.390
Rob Betke	Sport 40	19.631	61.127

1/4 OVAL	Class	Time/Sec	MPH
David Preusse	F Hydro	15.404	58.426
David Preusse	Twin Hydro	14.948	60.208
Mike/Jerry Betke	Sport 20	19.525	46.094
Noah Unger	LSG36 Catamaran	19.674	45.745
Mike Yount	N Catamaran	79.659	11.298
Mike Yount	P Catamaran	26.158	34.406

### November 25 & 26, 2022 ► HUNTSVILLE, AL

1/16 SAW	Class	Time/Sec	MPH
Jimmy Johnson	B Sport O/B Tunnel	3.291	68.368
Jim Johnson	P O/B Tunnel	2.755	81.669



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## National LSG Director

Lance Ledet

As most have heard by now, we have announced the **2023 IMPBA Gas Nats will be held in Huntsville, Alabama, and hosted by the Huntsville Model Boat Association.** Thanks to the club for offering to hold this event. Mark your calendars for June 1 to 4, 2023, and watch for entry information on the forums. Tentative schedule will be racing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with Sunday available in the event of inclement weather delays. A banquet will be held Friday night. This is sure to be a great time with plenty of top competitors battling for the title of National Champion.

We will also award the IMPBA LSG President's Cup for best single performance of 2 boats in heat racing, the Johnny Ber Sportsman Award, Classic Thunderboat Concours, Gas Scale Concours, and some great raffle prizes!

In other news, myself and National Tech Chair, Rick Grim, worked on a reorganization of the LSG Rule Book section. No rules were changed, but we consolidated the Super Sport Engine Rules all in one place with the other LSG engine classification rules, removed redundant language, and included a tech inspection sheet that is used by the record trial CDs as an appendix to the section.

There was also a recent technical clarification made to the Jersey Skiff rules. The wording and description should clear up any confusion about where measurements are to be taken.

Thanks to everyone who worked on these issues in order to keep improving the rule book -- it's always a work in progress.

Happy Holidays and Wishing You A Great 2023! ♦

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## Nitro Director

Mike Betke

Well, here we are coming up on the end of another year. This year for me was one of the most fun years of boating that I can remember in a long time for multiple reasons. From running gas boats for the first time, watching and helping my son, Rob, race real hydroplanes, and then setting a couple of more records at the end of the year, it has been a great year.

It all started about a year ago when Mark Weber called and asked me if my son Rob would be interested in driving a 5-liter hydroplane. I told him of course, as he had always dreamed of doing that. I hope you read my article earlier in the newsletter about this adventure.

Not too long after that, Mark, Teddy Dudley, and I were at a Christmas party and decided we would do a road trip from Michigan to New Orleans for the Gas Nats. Since I did not have a gas boat to my name, I had to get going on getting some boats built. I got some boats together and we made the trek down to New Orleans. Somehow we managed to pack 10 gas boats and gear into a pick up and 5 x 8 trailer. That was an engineering marvel to say the least and we took pictures to make sure we could get it packed back up when we left. The race at VooDoo was as good as I had always heard they are. The competition at the Gas Nats

was top notch and the VooDoo club puts on a great and organized event. I was really impressed with the site and the hospitality of the club is great. We did OK in competition. The highlight for me was driving in the twin class and winning 2 heats against the Challenger guys and making it to the final heat. They seem to be the guys to beat in that class and we managed to stay in front a couple of heats. Racing aside, the laughs had by the 3 of us on the trip and the new friends made along the way was the best part. We had such a good time, I think we're going to do it again next year.

Another highlight for me this year was doing a joint project with my dad, Jerry. I mentioned to him that I wanted to build a Sport 20 to take down the oval records with. He offered to build it for me, so we designed, and he built the boat. I rigged it and got it running just prior to the Cincinnati time trials. After a few dial in runs, I ended up lowering



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both the 1/3 and 1/4 mile oval records. It was good to see that with over 50 years of model boating under his belt, my dad at 80 years of age could build a record setting boat. He was excited to say the least when I called him and told him that we set the records.

### 2022 Nitro Nationals:

The Huntsville Model Boat Club hosted the International Regatta again this year. As usual they did a great job and US-1 titles were awarded. Congratulations to all of the winners. I would like to thank the Huntsville club for once again putting on a national event for IMPBA. They have hosted more nationals than any club I could think of, and if it were not for them there would have been multiple years where we did not have a Nationals. They continue to step up when we need somebody to put on a major event and get the job done.

### 2023 Nitro Nationals:

The Cincinnati Model Boat Club has put in a bid to host the **Nitro Nats on July 13 – 15**. More information can be found on the calendar pages at the back of this book and on the IMPBA.net event calendar pages.

Everyone have a safe and happy Holiday Season! ♦



The Betke Sport 20



## D1 Is On The Move for 2023!

In 2021, we had 104 members and increased that number to 116 for 2022. I have a strong feeling that 2023 will be even better.

The Northern Lights Club, up in Canada, held their very successful **Can-Am** race this past August. Be sure to read the in depth article submitted by Terry Keeley. Mark Aug 26 & 27, 2023 on your calendars for their next Can-Am event located between Toronto and Niagara Falls, on the shore of Lake Ontario, in the town of Stoney Creek. This race has become one of the premier events in the IMPBA racing circuit.

Pete Forcier and his Southern Tier NY crew located close to Corning, NY, are set for another year of hosting their one-day races as part of their very own New York State Championship Series. These are great little races to fine tune your skills.

Craig Mapstone of Canandaigua, NY, has announced that he will be hosting sanctioned fast electric races at his private pond located on his property. This is great news for the FE guys. A huge thank you to Craig for stepping up and making this happen. Get those batteries ready!

I recently spoke with Ken Caliarri of Penfeld, PA. He is currently forming a new club and owns a private pond. A few D1 boys went to check it out this past summer and the feedback I received was very positive. I was told this site would be ideal for holding races. A beautiful large weed-free pond with camping on site with hotels and restaurants just down the road. Ken plans to hold 3 sanctioned (full weekend) races for 2023. Keep an eye out for further info as we get closer to the race season.

I've been in contact with Tim O'Connor who has been working hard to resurrect the old Niagara Region Model Boat Club. He is in negotiations to secure a site at Delaware Park in Buffalo, NY. If all goes well, it would be a great boost for our district.

With the holiday season upon us, I personally would like to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2023 is looking good for D1! ♦

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Matt Smith of Portsmouth, New Hampshire fueling up at the Can-Am.



Matt's wife, Casey Smith, says, "Show me the money!" after she won the 50/50 draw at the Can-Am.

Long time IMPBA member, Terry Keeley, with one of his self-designed and handmade carbon fiber outriggers. His boats are a thing of beauty.



FAR RIGHT: Matt Schofield and Tom Baffer, Jr., are ready to rumble.





Yep, that's me at the Can-Am, taking home some of their bling-bling trophies.



Northern Lights club held several club BBQ/Fun Runs this season, which were a great success.



After taking a few years off, NLMBC member, Ray Schrauwen, is back and ready to do some FE racing. Welcome back Ray.



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# NORTHERN LIGHTS MODEL BOAT CLUB CAN-AM AUGUST 27 & 28, 2022

*By Terry Keeley*

With the border issues cleared up and our numbers recovering after the pandemic, our event for 2022 was well attended. I'm very proud of all our NLMBC members, family, and friends that worked tirelessly to host another great event for our guests. We're planning for **August 26 & 27th next year** so mark your calendars! ♦



*This year's "Can-Am Challenge" was won by Team USA making the series tied at four a piece.*

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**CAN-AM** pics >>>



The "Bent Crank" award went to Todd Fleury for having an overall rough weekend.



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more **CAN-AM** >>>



Dan palmer won the Thunderboat Concours with his beautiful "Past Time".



The "Sportsmanship award in memory of Andrew Lane" went to NLMBC club member Paul Hendrickson who is always there to help anyone that needs it and is a huge asset to our club.



Todd Fleury won the 1/8th Scale Concours with his beautiful "Miss Bardahl"



"Rookie of the year" was awarded to twelve-year-old Jelani Woolridge, with Father Gavin tuning they will be a force to be reckoned with for years to come.



Daniel Paquet of Quebec City had to kiss "The Little Beaver" for the furthest travelled.





## Happy Holidays to All in D2!

First off, I wish everyone a joyous and happy upcoming holiday season. It's a great time of the year for me to enjoy family and friends.

There are several items to vote on that the board has been working on this year. Please take the time to read them over and let us know through your vote! You can read the proposals in the this newsletter and mail-in your vote, email your vote, or even simpler is to vote online. Go to the website and look for the "Vote" page on the menu bars.

I am working on the schedule for 2023, but there are a few changes from last year as the Nitro Nats was just recently finalized at this time. The Dayton RC Boat Club which has their pond in Medway, OH, and the Southern Ontario Model Boat Club in Tilbury, ON, have expressed interest in getting back on the schedule, so I'm looking forward to a full year of events for the members.

See you all soon at the pond! ♦



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## Congratulations!



Chris Capaldi drove away with both the Sport 40 Hydroplane and the Scale Unlimited Series First Place trophies. Congrats to Chris.



## Celina Summer Challenge

pics >>> *Courtesy of Chris Rupley*



*Dan Kramer, Charles Dukes, and "Racin' Ralph" Barthel*



*Sunrise over Eastview Park Pond in Celina, OH*



*D2 Director Tom Kelly*



*Garl Clement & granddaughter Maria Lowery*



*Mario Johnston doing some shore retrieval*



*Brian Schymik and Steve Peterson*



*Scott Whitcraft and Dave Grote are ready for retrieve boat duty.*



*FE Director Mike Ball*

For lots of great pics of the "Celina Summer Challenge" taken by Mario Johnston, visit [IMPBA facebook page](#).



## COMING UP: Nitro Winter Championships

2022 is just about done, but we are always running here in District III. One would think living in Florida would be perfect for our hobby — and it does come very close. There is one flaw... there is no defined building season. In D III, we suffer from having to stop running boats to build our new boats. It is a minor circumstance, yet it still is a challenge, or at least it is for me.

The First Coast Model Boaters in Jacksonville and the Tampa Bay Model Boat Association are both working on making improvements to their ponds. I'm looking forward to visiting their ponds this winter, or early next spring.

Brandon Model Boaters did not hold their fall "Time Trials" this season, but they will be back at it for 2023. You don't have to have a record boat to come on out to the pond and hone your driving skills on the oval. I encourage every boater to attend and learn how to make your heat racing boat get around the course faster. Racing against the clock will teach you more than you can imagine.

2023 will start off quickly with the **"Nitro Winter Championships"** hosted by the Brandon Model Boaters in Dover, FL, with open water scheduled for Thursday, January 19th (after pond set up), preliminary racing on Friday the 20th and Saturday the 21st, and "Championship Sunday" slated for the 22nd!

This event offers the most competitive heat racing across all the Nitro classes. When you are the top qualifier, your challenge is just beginning. There are two more heats full of proven racers wanting that win too— for a win here is well-recognized and well-rewarded! Find this race listing on RCRacingEvents and IW for more details and "giveaway surprises", or contact me.

See you at the pond! ♦



### ATTENTION 1/8th SCALE UNLIMITED BOATERS!

#### Register Your Scale Boats for 2023

I want to thank Rick Bellinger for taking on the role of D3's 1/8 Scale Director. Any 1/8 Scale is to be registered to compete in 2023. Contact Rick to get his well-designed registration form. You can find his contact information under D3 Officers on the IMPBA website.



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## **BREAKING**

# **NEWS**

BY ALAN ARCHER

### **RIPTIDE CLUB TO COMBINE RACES FOR 2023**

There will be a change to the Riptide R/C Boat Club schedule this coming season. The club plans to combine the former Ken Stang Memorial Regatta and the Thunderboat Shootout into a single race weekend running over two and a half days.

#### **The Ken Stang Shootout**

**July 21 - 23, 2023**

Friday, July 21 - Round 1 of racing begins at 1 p.m.

Saturday, July 22 - Racing starts at 8:30. 3 Rounds to be run.

Sunday, July 23 - 1 Round of racing, plus consis and Finals.

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We hope to have a pit party cookout on Friday after round 1.

Stay tuned for details and entries on [RCRacingEvents.com](http://RCRacingEvents.com).



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## A Fantastic Fall in D5

### Turkey Day Time Trials and Voodoo World Championships

The Huntsville MBA held their annual **TURKEY DAY TIME TRIALS** on November 25th & 26th, and a couple more records were set. Great news as well — they will be hosting **THE IMPBA GAS NATIONALS** next year in June! Stay tuned to the websites, social media, and Roostertail for all info about this great event. We are very grateful that HMBA stepped up to put on this prestigious event.

The Voodoo MBC put on their 14th annual, **VOODOO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**, November 18th through the 20th. The race was heavily attended, and even the entry sign-ups sold out in record time! Members of both organizations came to participate, and show that the hobby is alive and well. Attendees came from as far as Alaska, Canada, California, and all points in between. The weather this year wasn't the best — cold temps and rain at times kept everyone bundled up— but that did not deter from some fantastic racing. Only at VMBC, with their covered drivers stand and pit area, could a race be run in that fashion.

The HOF plaque was presented to Ernie LaFleur of Texas at the drivers meeting, and it was really fun to see the outpouring of support for his terrific, long-running career. In addition, the Nitro racers also showed up in force, and some of the speeds that were run in open-water testing by some of them hadn't been seen on Voodoo pond. I personally witnessed a 98 mph rip (confirmed with telemetry).



The weather put a slight damper on the Saturday night Cornhole Games festivities, but it did not deter from the catered food brought in from everyone's favorite restaurant, Frenier's Landing!

Sunday dawned as a much better day for racing which included both the Nitro and Gas Twin Riggers. Holy Cow, they are fast! A new tradition looks to have garnered some fun, and bragging rights this year, called "King of Da Swamp". The top Nitro Twin finishers going head-to-head with the top Gas Twin Riggers. There were cheerleaders for both power sources, and after the smoke cleared, it was Nitro that reigned supreme. Buckshot Shackelford with his "Blazer Marine" Nitro Twin, was the VMBC King of Da Swamp winner. Also worth mentioning, he did it with a missing rear sponson that had come off in a previous heat. What a blast, and quite a concept. I can say this... it was anybody's race, and it seems the gas boats are running "heat trim" speeds right there with the nitro rigs.

VMBC, their officers, members, and everyone else that helped out, pulled off yet another stellar event! Congrats to all the winners, and see everyone next year. ♦

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# 2022 VOODOO WORLD CHAMPS

pics >>>

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## "King of Da Swamp" pics

>>> Courtesy of Mario Johnston



After the smoke cleared, it was Nitro that reigned supreme in the Nitro Twin vs. Gas Twin challenge. Buckshot Shackelford with his "Blazer Marine" Nitro Twin, was the VMBC "King of Da Swamp" winner.



## Turkey Trials 2022

*Story and Pics by Kim (K2G) Grim*

Another Turkey Trials is complete. Fortunately, Mother Nature was better to us than predicted and even though it was cold and breezy at times, we were able to run both days — daylight until dark — which was totally unexpected.

Well, Johnson & Johnson struck again! Jimmy set his B Sport Tunnel straightaway record of 68.368 mph by 8:00 am on Friday morning. Dad Johnson set his new P tunnel record of 81.669 by mid-afternoon Friday on just his third set of SAW passes.



Jimmy Johnson set a new B Sport Tunnel record, and Jim Johnson set a new P Tunnel record.

Those were the only two records set, but it wasn't for lack of trying. So many runs were so very, very close.

While the smaller boats were waiting for winds to die down, Mr. Pat Gill would toss out his F Hydro and ultimately earned himself a 105 mph patch. ♦

***Well Done Gentlemen!***

*Pat Gill receives his 105 mph patch from Rick Grim.*







## D12 Happenings

### Wilmington Area Model Boaters (WAMB)

- Had a successful club series and will have an awards/fun run/sprint race and cookout on Saturday, December 10th.
- Several members traveled to Charleston for the Fall Nats and did well.

### Old Dominion Model Boat Association (ODMBA)

- The club is having a resurgence and is planning to host a District race in 2023

### Delmarva Model Boat Club (DMBC)

- The club held two district races in September and October. The September race had good attendance and the October race was reduced to a one-day race due to the low number of entries.
- The club president Daniel “Pop” Weimer and a couple of other members attended the Milford Riverwalk Festival at the request of the festival’s organizers and put on a demonstration as well as a display tent. ♦



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*Delmarva MBC members hosted a display tent and put on a demonstration at the Milford Riverwalk Festival*



## 2023 DXIII RACE SCHEDULE

### RRF SpeedWeek 2023

February 4th - 12th  
Valdosta, GA

### SOWEGA Grand Prix I

February 25th & 26th  
Sycamore, GA

### Atlanta Spring Nationals

April 22nd & 23rd  
Atlanta, GA

### World Tunnel / Open Challenge

May 19th - 21st  
Sycamore, GA

### FCMB Grand Prix

#### 25th Year 3-Day Celeb-race-tion

June 9th - 11th  
Sycamore, GA

### AMB Grand Prix

July 15th & 16th  
Atlanta, GA

### FCMB Grand Prix II

September 9th & 10th  
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Jacksonville, FL or Sycamore, GA

### CMB Fall Nationals

October 6th - 8th  
Charleston SC

### SOWEGA Grand Prix II

November 4th & 5th  
Sycamore, GA



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## ... And What A Season It Was!

Hey Gang! Another awesome D13 racing season is now behind us, and what a season it was. All the races were well-attended, and the weather cooperated at every one of them! We wrapped up the year with the CMB Fall Nationals and the last Grand Prix hosted by the SOWEGA Model Boaters in the cotton field at Gilly Farms. As usual, we had the annual District meeting after the racing on Saturday. There are only two changes to the GP Series for 2023:

- Open Hydro has been split in two. Multi-Engine Open Hydro, and Single-Engine Open Hydro. Multi-Engine Open Hydro is out for a one-year trial. Yes, all fuel sources are welcome.
- D Monos are invited to run with the Q Monos for a one-year trial. Like Q/D Hydro there will be no rules attached to Q/D Mono.
- The gentlemen's agreement still stands in Scale and Sport 40. We have made this work well, let's keep it up.

Congratulations to SOWEGA's Racers of the Year, Eric Rodden and everyone's favorite pitman, Smock Racing's Ed Hight. This is a cool award you get just for doing what you do.

*Continues >>>*



Eric Rodden



Ed Hight - photo courtesy JJ SPorts Photos

**SOWEGA Grand Prix** pics >>> *by JJ SPorts Photos*



*Aidan O'Brien and Ethan Rogers take the traditional dunk after their hot finishes.*



*Liam and Aidan enjoy their first race!*

Congratulations also to Aidan O'Brien and Ethan Rogers for their first podium finishes. We love to see the young racers grow into fierce competitors.

The SOWEGA club honored Kem and Julie Gilley with a plaque to show their appreciation for all this couple has done for the club and also for the district. Their property has gone through quite a transformation the last few years, and we can't thank them enough!

2023 is the last year for the CMB in their current location. CMB President Sean Anderson has been proactive in securing a new site and is trying to get things nailed down. Thanks, and good luck Sean!

The FCMB have secured a pond in Jacksonville, FL, and are currently working on getting the site race ready. Well done guys, and let us know if we can do anything to help.

The D13 Grand Prix Series has been running for twenty-five years next year. To celebrate (yeah I know), the June Grand Prix will be a three day event. If you have ideas on something you can do to help make it special, reach out to Adam Cook and Julie Gilley.

Many thanks to our clubs' leadership, members, and racers that travel from all over to make District 13 what it is. And a special shout out to District Secretary Wendy Morton, and Grand Prix Director Julie Gilley. We love you ladies!

Enjoy the Holidays with your family and friends, and I'll see you at the pond in February. ♦



*Kem and Julie Gilley were honored by the SOWEGA members.*



*New dock and launch area*

**GP Scenes** pics

>>> by JJ Sports Photos



*Melissa & John, and Grace Russell at SOWEGA pond.*


**In Memory Of**  
*Grace Russell*  
**January 10, 2010 - November 2, 2022**

*By Julie Gilley*

**T**here are people, young and old, that come into our lives and change us forever. Grace Russell was definitely one of those people. She had the kindest soul, and was always thinking of others. She never met a stranger, and kept us always laughing.

Many adjectives come to mind describing our sweet Grace, but only one is befitting...Unique. She was a bright light in this dark world. As George Strait would say, "She will leave you with a smile."

Grace excelled in many ways: English classes with her Ma Ma; flying airplanes with her father and brother; voraciously reading; and some would say, a true animal patron saint. Our sweet Grace has received her wings and is flying with the Angels.

We will miss you Grace, but you will hold our hearts forever! 



*Thoughts and Prayers to the Russell Family.*



## This Year Flew By...

*... like Martin Truex Jr's fast pass of 136 MPH in his F Hydro!*

How awesome is it to be part of a community that shares the same common interest such as model boats. As I sit back and think about the 2022 season, after attending 11 events myself, the best part of it all are the people. I am a true believer if you surround yourself with GREAT people, GREAT things will happen. D14 has had very many successes this year, and it starts and ends with the people. So, I personally want to say thank you to all the D14 members and all the IMPBA members.

As the 2022 season ends the preparation for the 2023 season has already begun with some new building/repair of boats across the country. Keep those builds coming along and challenge yourself with something new in your building process, whether it is a different technique, or when your building a radiobox blocks, maybe put an angle on it to dress it up? I have learned from so many across the globe just by listening, asking, and making myself do it on my building processes, and so can you.

Safety this year in D14 we felt was at a very high level. We revisited safety rules as a district, and we still are making strides to better this across our ponds to help protect the partnerships we have with the landowners and to protect everyone to the best of our ability. With the speeds we are achieving today, sit back and look at the next site you race at and ask yourself, are we keeping all spectators back 25 feet from the shoreline? Do I have a Safety Officer in place?

D14 would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Change those fuel lines out, double check your batteries, and make sure you put the boat away clean so that when you pull it out at the beginning of the year

you are ahead of the game. Good luck on any winter builds and make sure you challenge yourself to reach out to a friend and introduce them to the hobby. See you at the pond!!

Checkout [www.TKDSSports.com](http://www.TKDSSports.com) for the Live stream service that was used at the Kohlmeyer Classic in Evansville, IN. Make sure you reach out to them and get them setup for your race! ♦



[bradmaglinger@hotmail.com](mailto:bradmaglinger@hotmail.com)



*New D14 member, Austin Schaeffer, making his mark for sure.  
Pic courtesy of Mario Johnston.*



*Montana Man himself, Al Hobbs, in the flesh visiting D14.  
Pic courtesy of Mario Johnston.*

**D14** pics >>>

*Courtesy of Mario Johnston*



*Chris Jenkins figured out that if he listens to his wife, Krista, she will get him to Victory Lane more often!*



*Gavin Lewis D14 Sport Hydro Winner. Gavin also won Sport 40.*



*Carson Johnson is blessed as a new "water baby" by dad, Aaron.*



*Alex Norris, Carson Johnson, and Brogan Winger.*



*Matt Ellet took home the Sport 20 and 1/6 Scale trophies. Wes Ellet, on right, placed Second in 1/6 Scale High Points.*

more D14 pics >>>

*Courtesy of Mario Johnston*



*Sport 20 Champion, Harold Graff.*



*Kaleb Norris, D14 RTR Champion.*



*Brandon White, on left, and Alan Elzer, out where the Thunderboats go to die. Thanks for doing the most thankless job!*



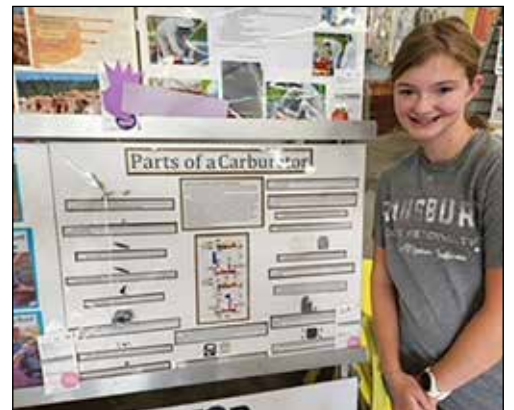
*Curtis Maglinger, Kyle Jacobs, and Mark Grim.*



*Gas Mono Champ, Jeff Austin, Phil Thomas, and Donnie Brown.*



*Levi Graff, 2nd in D14 RTR series points.*



*D14 Junior member Cora Winger with her display at the 4-H fair in July 2022. Reserve Champion. Way to go, Cora! Pic courtesy of Ryan Winger.*

# RACES & RECORD TRIALS 2023 PREVIEW

Watch for new listings on  
<https://impba.net/races-events/list/>

Photo by Greg Evans

**YOU ARE ADVISED that these events may be cancelled due to circumstances beyond the control of this association.**

*Clubs may not have notified the office of additions or cancellations in time for publication. If you plan to travel a long distance, it is recommended that you contact the race sponsor prior to your departure to ensure this event will take place.*

*All raffle/drawing prizes are the responsibility of the conducting Club. IMPBA does not guarantee, nor is it responsible for fulfillment of raffle or drawing prizes.*

## COMING UP FOR 2023:

JANUARY  
**20 to 22**  
DOVER, FL

Brandon  
Model Boaters

### **“2023 Nitro Winter Championships”**.....#23-003 RT

TIME: 8 AM

Controlled open water January 19th beginning at Noon  
Dover District Park Lake, 2320 Gallagher Rd., Dover, FL 33527  
(GPS Coordinates front gate: N27 59 15.56 W82 14 9.93)

CLASSES: **Entry details and listings on RCRacingEvents.com. Must register by Jan. 2, 2023.**

**300 Boat limit. This three-day event is a quick seller, so make your plans now!** 5 boats to make a class. 3 qualifying rounds per class – Top 6 Boats go to Championship Rounds – 2 Championship Rounds Per Class. Awards for 1st through 3rd Place. Alternate frequency required.

IMPBA sanctioned six-buoy course. 50 point deduction for cut buoy.

IMPBA membership must be current for 2023. Paid members of other organizations must pay Single-Event fee online at IMPBA.net prior to the race. All easy up canopies must be staked down. Please indicate if handicap space is required. Nearby hotels available. No pets -except dogs on a max 6 ft. lead.

CD: Mark Grannis (239) 289-1159 email: marktgr17@gmail.com  
Assistant CD: Ron Drake (813) 523-7073 email: ronracewon98@aol.com

FEBRUARY  
**4 to 12**  
VALDOSTA, GA

Really, Really Fast  
RC Boat Club

### **“SpeedWeek 2023”**.....#23-002 RT

Timed event for 1/16 mile SAW and 1/3 mile Oval.

TIME: Event starts when timing system is operational.

Blue Lake. The pond is on the SW corner of Exit 13 off I-75 in Valdosta, GA off Old Clyattville Road.

CLASSES: All IMPBA Nitro, FE and Gas classes. **Pre-registration is not required, but email Glenn and let him know you’ll be there!**

If we have a limited amount of smooth water, running priority will be given to the boats that are close to a record.

CD: Glenn Quarles (210) 392-2271  
email: glennanddonna@gmail.com



FEBRUARY  
**25 & 26**  
SYCAMORE, GA

SOWEGA  
Model Boaters

**“SOWEGA Grand Prix I”** ..... #23-004 R

**TIME: 7:30 AM Driver Meeting**

Open water Feb. 24 beginning 9 AM  
SOWEGA Pond, 1966 Robert Davis Road, Sycamore, GA 31790

**Pre-registration required by Feb. 20 on RCRacingEvents.com.**

**Grand Prix races have a 200 boat limit so enter early!** 3 boats to make a class / 4 boats to be jacket eligible. 3 rounds weather permitting.

All registration fees to be paid via PayPal. Cards checked before you launch a boat, this includes open water. ALL IMPBA MEMBERSHIPS MUST BE PAID THROUGH IMPBA WEBSITE BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE POND!!!! Other organization members wishing to attend must pay the IMPBA Single-Event Fee ONLINE (www.IMPBA.net) prior to the event.

Contact us regarding availability of camping and campers hook-ups. Must be reserved in advance.

Visit [sowegamodelboaters.com](http://sowegamodelboaters.com) for more info regarding eligibility requirements for a class to qualify for series championship jackets.

CD: Julie Gilley (229) 392-4936 email: [jgilley48@gmail.com](mailto:jgilley48@gmail.com)  
Assistant CD: Norman Morton (404) 761-3775

MAY  
**19 to 21**  
SYCAMORE, GA

SOWEGA  
Model Boaters

**“World Tunnel Championships/Open Challenge”** ..... #23-005 R

**TIME: 9 AM**

Open water beginning May 18 at 9 AM  
SOWEGA Pond, 1966 Robert Davis Road, Sycamore, GA 31790

**Pre-registration required by May 10 on RCRacingEvents.com.**

4 boats to make a class. **250 boat limit so enter early!**

All registration fees to be paid, cards checked, and wristbands on before you launch a boat -- this includes open water. ALL IMPBA MEMBERSHIPS MUST BE PAID THROUGH IMPBA WEBSITE BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE POND!!!! Other organization members wishing to attend must pay the IMPBA Single-Event Fee online (www.IMPBA.net) prior to the event.

Raffle Prizes! Details regarding special events to be announced.

Contact us regarding availability of camping and campers hook-ups.

Visit [sowegamodelboaters.com](http://sowegamodelboaters.com) for more info.

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MAY  
**20 & 21**  
FLINT, MI

F.A.S.T.  
(Flint Associated  
Speed Team)

**“Need For Speed at Thread Lake”** ..... #23-009 RT

**Timed event for 1/16 mile SAW, 1/3 mile Oval. TIME: 8:30 AM until dusk**

Thread Lake, Flint MI 48503. North end of Orville St., adjacent to UAW Fwy.

**BACKUP DATE: May 27 & 28.**

*An announcement will be made by 6 PM Thursday, Sep. 29 if using backup date due to weather.*

CLASSES: All IMPBA legal classes. Pre-registration is not required. \$25 flat fee to enter, come anytime and run as often as time permits until dusk.

CD: Terry Keeley (905) 819-4571 email: [tkee@rogers.com](mailto:tkee@rogers.com)  
Assistant CD: Mike Nowicki (810) 367-6604 email: [mnowicki62@gmail.com](mailto:mnowicki62@gmail.com)

JUNE  
**1 to 4**  
HUNTSVILLE, AL  
Huntsville  
Model Boating  
Association



## “2023 IMPBA GAS NATIONALS” .....#23-001 R

**TIME: 7:30 AM Drivers meeting.**

Controlled Open Water: May 30 & 31

Brahan Spring Park South Lake - next to Natatorium (indoor pool), 2111 Drake Ave.,  
Huntsville, AL 35805

**This event fills up fast! Watch for announcement of registration opening date and entry details.**

6 boats required to make a class.

Tentative Schedule:

Racing Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

Sunday to be used in event of inclement weather delays.

Banquet Friday night

We will also award the IMPBA LSG President's Cup for best single performance of 2 boats in heat racing, the Johnny Ber Sportsman Award, Classic Thunderboat Concours, and Gas Scale Concours, and some Great Raffle Prizes!

Other organization members wishing to attend must pay the IMPBA Single-Event Fee ONLINE ([www.IMPBA.net](http://www.IMPBA.net)) at least one week prior to the event.

CD: Rick Grim (256) 656-0859 email: [uavpilot@bellsouth.net](mailto:uavpilot@bellsouth.net)

Assistant CD: Mark Grim (714) 615-9974 email: [mgrim@mindspring.com](mailto:mgrim@mindspring.com)



JUNE  
**9 to 11**  
SYCAMORE, GA

First Coast  
Model Boaters

## “D13 Grand Prix 25th Anniversary Celeb-race-tion” .....#23-012 R

**TIME: 8 AM Driver Meeting**

Open water Thursday, June 8

SOWEGA Pond, 1966 Robert Davis Road, Sycamore, GA 31790

Listings and entry details on [RCRacingEvents.com](http://RCRacingEvents.com). **Pre-registration required by June 8. There is a 200 boat limit for GP races so enter early!** Minimum of 3 boats to make a class / 4 boats to make a jacket class.

Raffle, trophies, food, and giveaways throughout the race!

All registration fees to be paid, cards checked, and wristbands on before you launch a boat -- this includes open water. ALL IMPBA MEMBERSHIPS MUST BE PAID THROUGH IMPBA WEBSITE BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE POND!!!! Other organization members wishing to attend must pay the IMPBA Single-Event Fee online ([IMPBA.net/memberships-applications](http://IMPBA.net/memberships-applications)) prior to the event.

CD: Adam Cook (904) 383-0122 email: [FCMB904@gmail.com](mailto:FCMB904@gmail.com)

Assistant CD: Daniel Hall (904) 707-7413

JULY  
**13 to 15**  
HARRISON, OH

Cincinnati  
Model Boat Club



## “2023 IMPBA NITRO NATIONALS” .....#23-011 R

**TIME: 8 AM - 6 PM**

Open water: July 12 after setup is complete  
Smith Tract, 6040 Kilby Road., Harrison, OH 45030  
Lake entrance: 6471 Dryfork Road, Cleves, OH 45002 (other side of lake)

**Pre-registration is required on RCRacingEvents.com by June 26, 2023.** Event will be run National Regatta Format 1 – Shootout. **250 boat limit.** 6 boats to make a class.

A, B, D, E, F, and Multi-Engine Hydro; B, D, E, F Mono; B, D, E/F OB Tunnel; B Sport OB Tunnel; Sport 20; Sport 40; 1/8 Scale. (E and F Outboard will run combined). CD reserves the right to limit entries to respect time constraints.

Tentative schedule:

Racing Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.  
Sunday, July 16 will be reserved as a make-up day in case of inclement weather.  
Banquet & Raffle on Friday night - information to come.

IMPBA Nitro President’s Cup for best single performance of 2 boats in heat racing, and the William LeFeber Sportsman Award. Great Raffle Prizes! Hotel, food, and other information will be available at registration.

CD: Mike Betke (248) 388-8099 email: betkehydro@gmail.com  
Assistant CD: Brian Blazer (513) 262-4931 email blazermarine@gmail.com

JULY  
**21 to 23**  
ST. ANNE, IL

Riptide R/C  
Boat Club

## “Ken Stang Shootout” .....#23-007 R

**TIME: 1 PM Friday - First Round**

Open water Friday  
St. Anne Village Pond, 220 N. Second Ave., St. Anne, IL 60964

**Listings and entry details on RCRacingEvents.com. Pre-registration encouraged by July 20.**

**We are combing the Ken Stang Memorial Regatta and the Thunderboat Shootout races into one 2 1/2 day event this year.** It will begin with 1 round run on Friday afternoon, 3 rounds on Saturday, and 1 round plus Consi & Finals on Sunday.

1/8 Scale Kenny Stang Traveling Trophy, SS Mono Traveling Trophy, Thunderboat 10-Lap Final Traveling Trophy plus motor will be awarded at this race. Food on site.

3 boats to make a class. Open Offshore is any IMPBA legal boat - no cowl or numbers required.

CD: Dan Pralle (815) 592-2300 email: danpralle@gmail.com  
Assistant CD: Duke Mordja

AUGUST  
**26 & 27**  
STONEY CREEK, ON

Northern Lights  
Model Boat Club

## “The CAN-AM” .....#23-008 R

**TIME: 9 AM - 6 PM**

Open water Friday, Noon until 5 PM  
Fifty Point Conservation Area, 1479 Baseline Road, Stoney Creek (Winona), ON L8E 3L8

**Pre-registration required at www.RCRacingEvents.com by August 26 at 5 pm**

All IMPBA legal classes.

5 boats to make a class. Shootout format. Top six in the final round. "Oneida Cup" awarded for a racer running highest points in two classes. **Kids under 17 run FREE** – Novice Trophy. Huge raffle and 50/50 drawings!

**Note:** FE P Limited Motors = Inrunner design, single 37mm x 60mm (max) includes bearing protrusions.

CD: Terry Keeley (905) 819-4571 email: tkee@rogers.com  
Assistant CD: Randy Rapedius (289) 396-3465 email: randy\_rap@cogeco.ca

SEPTEMBER

**23 & 24**

FLINT, MI

F.A.S.T.  
(Flint Associated  
Speed Team)

**“Need For Speed at Thread Lake”** ..... #23-010 RT

Timed event for 1/16 mile SAW, 1/3 mile Oval. **TIME: 8:30 AM until dusk**  
Thread Lake, Flint MI 48503. North end of Orville St., adjacent to UAW Fwy.

**BACKUP DATE: September 30 & October 1.**

*An announcement will be made by 6 PM Thursday, Sep. 21 if using backup date due to weather.*

CLASSES: All IMPBA legal classes. Pre-registration is not required. \$25 flat fee to enter, come anytime and run as often as time permits until dusk.

CD: Terry Keeley (905) 819-4571 email: tkee@rogers.com

Assistant CD: Mike Nowicki (810) 367-6604 email: mnowicki62@gmail.com

NOVEMBER

**4 & 5**

SYCAMORE, GA

SOWEGA  
Model Boaters

**“SOWEGA Grand Prix II”** ..... #23-006 R

**TIME: 9 AM**

Open water November 3 beginning 9 AM

SOWEGA Pond, 1966 Robert Davis Road, Sycamore, GA 31790

**Class listings and entry details on RCRacing Events.com. 200 boat limit at Grand Prix races. Pre-registration required by Oct. 23.** 3 boats to make a class / 4 boats to make a jacket class.

ALL IMPBA MEMBERSHIPS & SINGLE-EVENT FEES MUST BE PAID THROUGH IMPBA WEBSITE BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE POND!!!! All registration fees to be paid, cards checked, and wristbands on before you launch a boat -- this includes open water.

**Raffle prizes!**

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Assistant CD: Norman Morton 404-761-3775



Watch for updates & new listings on <https://impba.net/races-events/list/>



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Fill out on computer or PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY and mail with payment by check or money order (US funds only) payable to: IMPBA  
If signing up a Junior member without a parent, -- application must include the minor's birthdate and have Parent or Guardian signature.\*

New Member  Renewing Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_ IMPBA # \_\_\_\_\_ District # (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
\* Required for Minor applicants

Address \_\_\_\_\_ SUITE / APT # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**Racing Interests:**  Nitro Powered  Fast Electric  Gasoline Powered  Electric Scale/Steam  RTR

### Everyone MUST read and complete below — Applications without completed waiver\* will be returned.

#### Safety Regulations Compliance

I agree to comply with all IMPBA Safety and Racing Regulations both current and future for all applicable model operations. I understand that my failure to comply with the Safety Regulations will result in failure of liability coverage for any damages or claims so caused. I further understand that written notice must be provided within ten business days of the occurrence of any incident.

#### Waiver and Release of Liability Statement

I am aware that modeling may present hazards to participants and spectators. I exempt, waive, and relieve the International Model Powerboat Association (IMPBA), its President, Secretary, elected and appointed personnel and their assistants from all current or future liability for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death. I understand that this waiver does not affect my liability insurance coverage. I understand that this waiver means that if I am involved in any claim I will not sue IMPBA.

This waiver shall be in force at all times I am a member of IMPBA.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant \*\*       \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \*\*       \_\_\_\_\_ Parent or Legal Guardian of Minor applicant \*

\*\* \* By checking the box by my name, I certify that I have read the Safety Regulations Compliance and Waiver and Release of Liability Statement and accept the terms. Typed names will hold the same legal weight as written signatures.

### SENIOR MEMBERSHIP

For anyone 18 years and older per year.

For insurance coverage.

### FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Spouse and/or children under 18 years living in same household as the Senior Member.

\$10 each per year —

For insurance coverage.

### JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

Under 18 years not joining with a parent — \$10 per year.

For insurance coverage.

**EARLY RENEW - Current IMPBA Members ONLY if paid by DECEMBER 31** .....  \$50  
**NEW MEMBERS & Renewals paid January 1 through August 31** .....  \$60  
**LATE SEASON begins Sept. 1— New & Renew for remainder of season (4 mos.)**...  \$30

_____ Spouse Name _____ Birthdate _____	Spouse..... <input type="checkbox"/> \$10
_____ Child Name _____ Son or Daughter _____ Birthdate REQUIRED _____	Child..... <input type="checkbox"/> \$10
_____ Child Name _____ Son or Daughter _____ Birthdate REQUIRED _____	Child..... <input type="checkbox"/> \$10

Birthdate is REQUIRED on the member information section. Application must include the Parent or Legal Guardian signature in waiver box to be processed. Junior.....  \$10

**RULE BOOK sections are available for view/download on [www.impba.net](http://www.impba.net) at NO COST.**  
 Printed Rule Book (3-hole punched pages) \$15 EACH Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ Rule Book(s) ...  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ROOSTERTAIL Newsletter issues for view/download on [www.impba.net](http://www.impba.net) at NO COST**  
 Printed Roostertail, B/W, 1st Class Post in US @ \$30 Roostertail .....  \$30

**Expiration of Membership is December 31. TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
 \* NO REFUNDS except duplicate or overpayments \*

FOR OFFICE USE

Master

Current

Club # / PP# : \_\_\_\_\_

card mailed date: \_\_\_\_\_

Q# : \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with check or money order (US funds only) payable to IMPBA to:  
**IMPBA, PO Box 140571, Toledo, OH 43614**  
 \* Allow 10 days for check processing \* \* Send Money Order for immediate processing \*

**This page intentionally left blank.  
Cut along dotted line to use the mail-in membership  
form on preceding page.**

**Additional forms and helpful information your club  
may need can be found on the IMPBA website:**

**[impba.net/forms-boater-information/](http://impba.net/forms-boater-information/)**





# International Model Power Boat Association

P.O. Box 140571, Toledo, OH 43614

Email: secretary@impba.net



## IMPBA CLUB REGISTRATION & INSURANCE APPLICATION

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Club President \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ IMPBA# \_\_\_\_\_

President Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

President E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ (will be listed on the IMPBA website)

Club Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ IMPBA# \_\_\_\_\_

Sec. Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Club website or facebook URL: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO REGISTER THE CLUB:**  
You must have  
**5 CURRENT VOTING MEMBERS**  
**RENEWED WITH IMPBA**  
**for the year you are applying for. \***  
Junior members do not count toward 5

1. Club President above is current at time of application along with the following members:

2. Name & IMPBA # \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name & IMPBA # \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name & IMPBA # \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name & IMPBA # \_\_\_\_\_

### Information for CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE - The Club will be emailed a PDF copy of the COI.

Name of Water to be Insured \_\_\_\_\_

Address or Location \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ For insurance be as accurate as possible!

Name of Property Owner (person or government) - The insurance company will mail an original certificate to the address provided below. A PDF (preferred method) will be sent if you provide an email address.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address of property owner: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above named Pond or Lake meets the IMPBA requirements for an approved site including:

- A. The site is closed to public swimming or wading while IMPBA boats are operating.
- B. The site is posted with "NO SWIMMING" signs.
- C. The site is closed to all publicly-operated watercraft while IMPBA boats are operating.

I certify that I have read the list of IMPBA Safety Regulations and state that our club will abide by them.

Signature of Club President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of District Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT! YOUR CLUB IS NOT REGISTERED UNTIL APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR. IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE, THE OFFICE WILL EMAIL THE DIRECTOR TO VERIFY YOU HAVE CONTACTED HIM/HER.**

**EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT \***  
Before January 1 .... **\$40**

Club Registration Fee **\$50.00** which includes 1 site..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Site Fee **\$10** (Use separate form for each site) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check or money order (US Funds) payable to IMPBA **TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

SEND A PAYPAL INVOICE TO: \_\_\_\_\_ email

OFFICE USE

CK/MO # \_\_\_\_\_

PP Invoice # \_\_\_\_\_

Q Entered \_\_\_\_\_

# IMPBA RACE SANCTION APPLICATION

District \_\_\_\_\_

Use a separate sanction form for each race or record trial. Save and send as an attachment to: [secretary@impba.net](mailto:secretary@impba.net)

Fees must be in **US funds payable to IMPBA.**

Mail a check or money order to: IMPBA, PO Box 140571, Toledo, OH 43614

Event Date \_\_\_\_\_

Event:  Race \$20  Record Trial \$20 + \$100 deposit

*For Office Use Only*

Sanction # \_\_\_\_\_

District Director Approval Date \_\_\_\_\_

Record Director Approval Date \_\_\_\_\_

## RACE SANCTION

List all CLASSES below, or :  listed on attached flyer  listed on race entry site \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List ALL rule deviations you are advertising:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## RECORD TRIAL SANCTION

Check all that apply:  1/16 mile Straightaway  1/3 mile Oval  1/4 mile Oval

- Record Trial Sanctions must be published prior to date of event. (*Rules SECTION E -PROCEDURES*)
- Lake survey, as outlined in Rule Book Section K-Technical Standards, must be on file with IMPBA OFFICE and/or RECORDS DIRECTOR .
- **Please check the date with appropriate District Director and the Records Director before submitting a sanction request** to ensure the timing equipment will be available. Office will verify DD and RD approval.
- **Submit a \$100.00 deposit on the timing equipment if shipping of equipment is required.** The equipment is to be shipped back to IMPBA Depot that it came from, the first working day after the Trial. The deposit will be returned, minus shipping charges.

**By typing name, title, and date, you acknowledge that the equipment must be sent back to the issuing Depot the first working day after event.** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE FILL OUT THIS SECTION FOR ALL SANCTION REQUESTS

Sponsoring Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Location (Name and Address- *be as specific as possible*): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of boats to make a class: \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-registration required? Yes  No  Registration Deadline \_\_\_\_\_

Race Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Open Water Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Contest Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ IMPBA# \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant CD (*if any*) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ IMPBA# \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information (Example: Raffle? Food on site provided or for purchase? Special Trophies awarded?): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Send PayPal Invoice to email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# REMEMBER: SAFE BOATING IS NO ACCIDENT!

It's up to all of us to stay safe, so if you see something... say something!

## GENERAL

All IMPBA members and /or contestants are responsible to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the concept of good sportsmanship: to wit, a person who plays fair and conducts him/herself in an acceptable fashion while participating in IMPBA events.

The use of alcohol or illegal substance and/or abuse of prescription drugs while participating in an IMPBA race or sanctioned event is considered unacceptable conduct and is a Code of Conduct violation.

IMPBA reserves the right to deny membership to any individual who has, at any time, demonstrated unsafe boating practices, been suspended, or banned from another boating organization for any amount of time, or for any reason.

Adequate provisions shall be made for the safety of the contestants and spectators.

Club Safety Officers should inspect the pond area prior to Open Water, or start of events to ensure IMPBA rules are in effect and adequate protections are in place. A first-aid kit should be maintained by the officer.

Boats not considered safe may be denied running privileges. Additionally, boats that show erratic behavior indicating possible control problems may be ordered off the course and given points for "Did Not Finish." The driver must demonstrate the problem has been repaired before he/she may continue in the next heat.

Frequency flags/tags and impound procedures will be used on transmitters. A radio may only be turned on when the correct frequency flag/tag is available. 2.4 Ghz frequency transmitters are exempt from these rules.

## SITE SAFETY

"NO SWIMMING" signs MUST be posted on all sides of pond.  
No person shall be permitted in the water without express permission of the Contest Director.

No model boats may run while the retrieve boat is working or any full-size boat is in operation.

Persons under 16 must wear U.S.C.G. approved personal flotation device while operating the retrieve boat. PFD should be available for each person in the boat.

Safety Netting should be placed on all sides of the pond exposed directly to spectators and contestants. Any area not covered by netting MUST be kept free of all people and animals during the event using signs, ropes, or barriers.

Caution tape, signs, barriers, fencing and/or netting shall be used to keep spectators out of the water and a minimum of 25 feet from the shoreline, and signs posted: "No Spectators Beyond This Point"

**Race officials, contestants, and assistants (PAID IMPBA only) are the only persons allowed in the restricted pit/engine test area (Neon safety wristbands should be issued to all to easily identify).**

An effort should be made to protect boaters in the pit area by using netting, or a raised launch area.

Tent & canopy, or similar, must have in-ground anchor.

Fire extinguishers MUST be in the pit/engine test area.

No smoking in pit/engine test area.

Host club should provide depository for disposal of racers' contaminated fuel

Drivers stands/steps should have reasonably slip-resistant surface and hand-rails on all sides.

## SAFE OPERATION

Whenever running a boat, whether during a race or practicing, there must be a spotter for each driver to watch for unsafe conditions.

When in the pit/engine test/launch areas shoes MUST be worn. Sandals or open-toe shoes are NOT acceptable.

Boaters should test their radio operation before starting an engine.

Always WALK TO THE LAUNCH SITE.

Once a boat passes the entrance buoy, there will be NO RE-LAUNCH.

Never bring a boat to the pit area straight in — ALWAYS RUN PARALLEL TO SHORE while slowing it down.

**This review is NOT an all inclusive list of Safety Rules. Additional rules apply.**



**Please review the entire Safety section of the IMPBA Rule Book!**



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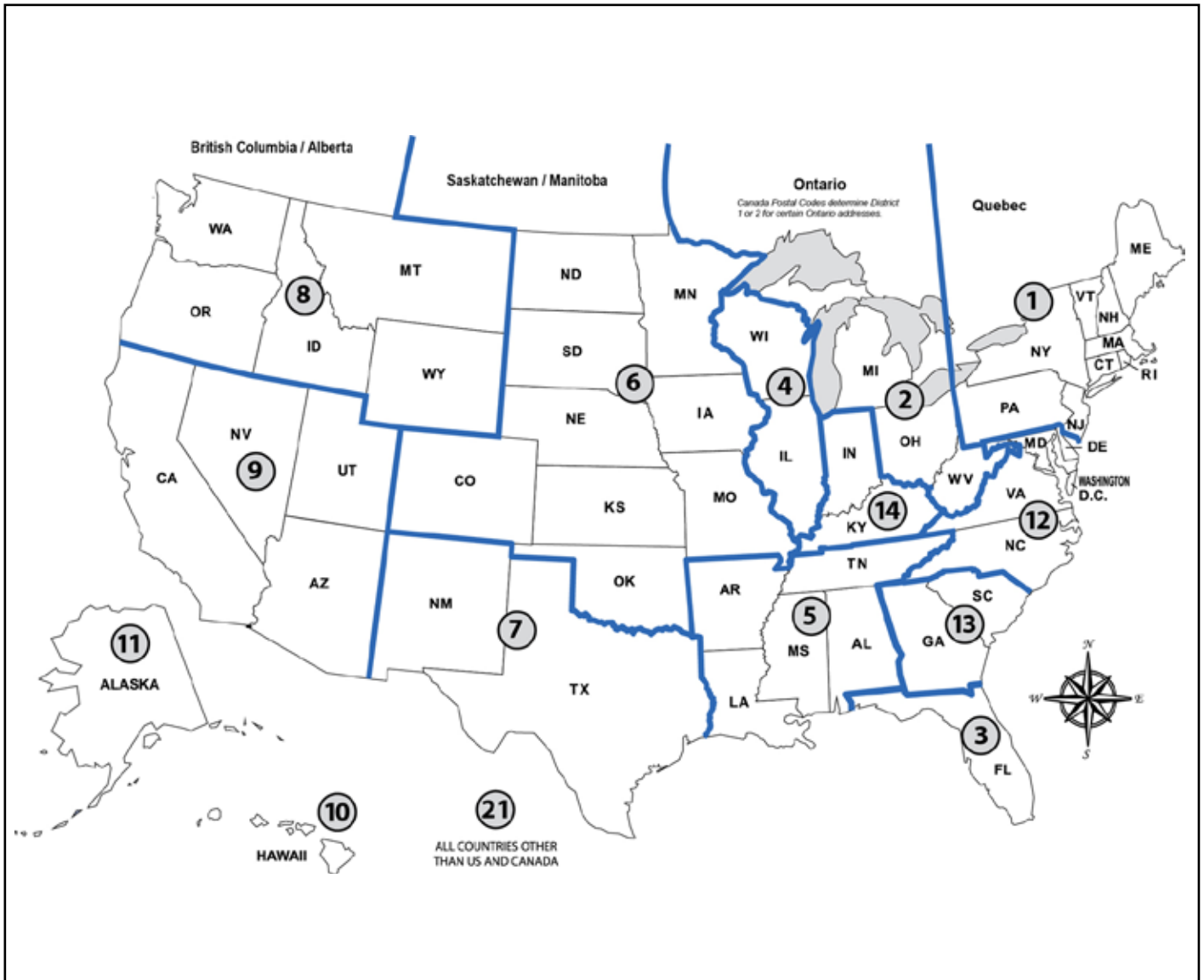
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