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2023 Executive Board

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Officers contact info on final pages.

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President's Corner

Doug Smock, IMPBA President

We currently have 39 clubs at 49 pond locations. Three new clubs joined for 2023: Stoney Pond FE MBC in Canandaigua, NY (D1); Valley RC BC in Penfield, PA (D1); and Carolina RC Water Burners in Charlotte, NC.(D12).

47 events have been sanctioned to date (with one or two outstanding possibilities), and both the Gas and Nitro Nationals have been held. Check out the reports for results and special awards presented at those two events. Many thanks and congratulations to LSG Director Lance Ledet, Nitro Director Mike Betke, the Huntsville MBA, Cincinnati MBC, and everyone that worked behind the scenes to make them happen! By all accounts they were great events.

As of early August, we have 986 members, 124 new members have joined this year, 8 junior members have now become senior members, and we generally get some Late Season sign ups.

Unfortunately, we lost Pat Mulvany of D3, Dave Swisher of D14, Larry Maglinger of D14, and Louis Bentley formerly of D13. They will be missed.

We have one ballot for a newly nominated Director in D4. If you live in that district, be sure to cast your vote of support online, or by mail. The other remaining positions have incumbents willing to stay on, so in the interest of eliminating busywork, no ballot will run for those.

The Board of Directors has been very busy this year. Please take a minute to check out Recent Board Actions. Also, you will find seven (7) Proposals in this issue for your review (The ballots will be online and in the December newsletter for your vote). Please take a few minutes to read them over and be prepared to vote in December. Your BOD works hard, and we all feel accomplished when the membership is engaged.

“While 98% of the people competing want to follow the rules, win fairly, and take pride in their actions, there seems to be a few that make winning at all costs all that matters.” — Al Hobbs #19396 S

It doesn't hurt to be reminded why we do this. We are a group that has a passion for building and racing model powerboats. What is more important than winning? My best guess is EVERYTHING. I enjoy winning as much as the next guy, but always strive to keep things in perspective. Al Hobbs submitted an article that is spot on. You'll find it on page 7. Please check it out. Thanks All! ♦

“
Until next time,
try to stay cool, and
I'll see you
at the pond.
”



Contact Doug at smockrc@aol.com



Director Elections Notice 2023



For 3-year terms
to begin January 1, 2024:

**A Nomination was received for
District 4 Director
See Ballot on page 44.**

**D4 members may cast their ballot to
show their support by mail, or online
beginning Sept. 15.**

Deadline: October 31, 2023

A ballot will not be run for the following
unopposed incumbents who have agreed to
stay on in their positions for the next term:

D1 Randy Rapedius

D6 David Petrich

*D8 (remains vacant)**

D13 Doug Smock

National LSG Lance Ledet

National FE Mike Ball

* The elected Director must represent a
minimum of 15 voting eligible
IMPBA members..

Members within an ineligible district
may elect a Director; however,
he/she will have no voting rights.

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.

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EXPENSES - Second period of Fiscal Year (Mar. 1, 2023 through Jun. 30, 2023)

CATEGORY	MAR 23	APR 23	MAY 23	JUN 23
Federal 941 - Qtrly WTH tax		1010.70		
Federal 940 - Annual FUTA Tax				
Indiana Incorporation Fee - 2 yr.				
Ohio Corp fee - 5 yr.				
Ohio - Qtrly WTH Tax		90.00		
City - Qtrly WTH Tax		122.52		
ODJFS - Qtrly UC Tax (based on cap)		49.00		
BWC - Annual Tax				126.34
Payroll - Net	1,350.55	1,350.55	1,350.55	1,350.55
PO Box Fee - Annual				
Carbonite Backup - Annual		90.50		
Phone	30.01	30.01	29.77	34.79
Internet				
Software-annual plans			564.07	
Website / Security / CarePan / Domain				
Conference Call Fees				
CPA/Professional Fees	310.00			
Postage/Stamps	77.50		33.98	63.00
Office supplies/toner/paper/env				
Printing - Roostertail		165.01		
Mailing - Roostertail		16.20		
Printing - Rule Books				64.69
Mailing - Rule Books				
Other printing				
Other shipping				
Refunds (duplicates/overpays)				
PayPal / Bank Fees Net	111.73	178.60	117.27	77.11
Regatta /Trophies			221.07	180.44
Wristbands/Life cards				
Miscellaneous				
Officers INSURANCE -1 yr				
Liability INSURANCE -1 yr.				
MONTHLY TOTALS	\$1,879.79	\$3,103.09	\$2,316.71	\$1,896.92

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 JUNE 30, 2023

Bank Accounts

CHECKING
\$63,878.71

PAYPAL TRANSFER ACCOUNT
\$250.00

SAVINGS
(insurance account)
\$15,001.00

PayPal Merchant Account

PAYPAL SYSTEM BALANCE
\$755.75

**FISCAL YEAR
INCOME BY CATEGORY***

(FY NOV. 1, 2022 to JUN. 30, 2023*)

SENIOR MEMBERSHIPS
\$36,340

FAMILY/JUNIOR
MEMBERSHIPS
\$2,230

SINGLE-EVENT
OTHER ORGANIZATION FEES
\$255

CLUB REGISTRATIONS
& ADDITIONAL SITES
\$1,780

RACE/RECORD SANCTIONS
\$940

ROOSTERTAIL PRINT VERSION
\$90

ROOSTERTAIL ADVERTISING
\$600

CONTRIBUTIONS
\$100

INTEREST
\$2

* TOTAL to-date, before expenses

FE Rules - Classes & Laps

Housekeeping issue. Update of Sec. G, Article II-Heat Racing. Removed obsolete classes L & O, and standard laps applied. Missed update when lithium batteries were allowed by membership in 2009..

This item was updated for IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION. Approved unanimously by the voting board.

BOD email vote, May 5, 2023

Organizational Chart Update

Chart clarified by removing Vice President from Non-Voting listing, and updating non-board advisor listings.

This item was updated for IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION. Approved unanimously by the voting board.

BOD email vote, May 11, 2023

Hull Classification Committee

Section K - Technical Standards, Article III -Hull Classifications, rule E. Clarification of current language. Fee was removed, and committee members & duties more clearly defined.

This item was updated for IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION. Approved unanimously by the voting board.

BOD email vote, May 16, 2023

Constitution Annual Meeting Language

Section B - Constitution, Article VII- Meetings, rule A. References to "at the International Regatta" removed and language updated to "...one formal meeting annually during June or July". Time frame deviation may be approved by majority of the board. Also corrected in Section D- Hall of Fame language.

This item was updated for IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION. Approved unanimously by the voting board.

BOD email vote, May 20, 2023

Constitution: Article VIII -Amendments

Section B - Constitution, Article VIII. Remove redundant language in rule B that is already present in subsections (1) and (2). Clarify that ALL proposals are reviewed by the BOD, and add "and technical corrections" after

"clarifications". Underline "not changing the intent of a rule".

**** The full text of this proposal appears in this edition.****

This item was reviewed and approved for MEMBERSHIP BALLOT in December.

A Board Majority is RECOMMENDING this change to membership.

MOTION by LSG Dir. Lance Ledet. SECOND by D1 Randy Rapedius.

18 YES: D1=2, D2=2, D4=1, D5=1, D6=1, D7=1, D12=2, D13=1, D14=2, Nitro=1, Gas=1, FE=1, PPMS=1, PPCR=1; **1 NO:** D3=1

BOD email vote, May 30, 2023

Scale Owners Driver Proposal

Proposed to eliminate the rules stating that only registered owner can race or run his scale boat for records from all sections (Nitro, LSG, and FE)

**** The full text of this proposal appears in this edition.****

This item was reviewed and approved for MEMBERSHIP BALLOT in December.

The Board is UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDING this change to membership.

BOD email vote, June 10, 2023

LSG Crackerbox Clarification

Article V-Specialty Classes. Drawings added to rule to clarify legal and illegal style crackerbox hulls. Reference to "see FIGURE- Crackerbox Hull" in rule F(2)(a).

This item was approved for IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION. Approved unanimously by the voting board.

Annual Meeting, July 25, 2023

Safety Netting Update

Section S- Safety, Article I- Preface & Article IV- Event Site Safety Rules updated regarding safety netting.

This item was approved for IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION. Approved unanimously by the voting board.

Annual Meeting, July 25, 2023

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Constitution: Past President & Vice President & Nominations

Subcommittee draft was presented to BOD. Proposal addresses how Vice President is appointed, Past President status, defines terms and election eligibility of interim Presidents, and future eligibility of those who resign or are removed from offices.

**** The full text of this proposal appears in this edition.****

This item was reviewed and approved for MEMBERSHIP BALLOT in December.

The Board is UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDING this change to membership.

Annual Meeting, July 25, 2023

FE Scale Unlimited Hydro Rewrite

Proposed to reference common language in Nitro section and only list power & boat specifications. Eliminate brushed motor list and specify motor size of 41 mm x 108 mm

**** The full text of this proposal appears in this edition.****

This item was reviewed and approved for MEMBERSHIP BALLOT in December.

The Board is UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDING this change to membership.

Annual Meeting, July 25, 2023

2023 Hall Of Fame Inductees

The Board of Directors approved two of this year's nominees for induction into the Hall of Fame. **Announcement will run in the December issue of the newsletter after presentations are made.**

Annual Meeting, July 25, 2023

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Supporting THE HOBBY

By Al Hobbs

It has been my good fortune to have run model boats for more than 50 years. Over that time, I was able to race in twelve different countries on three different continents.

After all these years running model boats, I know that I am not a great driver. I am not a great modeler, or an engine guru — **but, I have become expert in having a good time.** I can't think of anything I'd rather do than run my model boats.

What I've found over the years, is that model boaters are pretty much the same around the world. They like the camaraderie. They like the challenge of making a model boat perform. They like the competition.

In almost every instance, I've seen nothing but fair competition, respect for each other, and respect for the people hosting the event. But, that is not *always* the case.

While 98% of the people competing want to follow the rules, win fairly, and take pride in their actions, there seems to be a few that make winning at all costs all that matters. Some are mostly concerned with making money off the hobby. Some are mostly concerned with getting personal recognition.

We've been there when somebody goes off on a CD call or on a judge. The result is that fewer people are willing to help on the judge's stand. We've been there when one boater goes off on another over a racing incident. The result is that someone stops going to races. We've been there when someone has been caught cheating.

In 2006, I was at the World Championships in Norway. There was a discrepancy over the frequency two boaters were using. The rule there was that if two boaters in the hot pits were on the same frequency, neither could run in that heat. One boater took offence and flipped off the CD — not

only was he DQ'd from that heat—he was DQ'd for the rest of the 2 week long event. I asked the CD if he thought the punishment was too severe. He told me that model boating is a gentlemen's sport. If you weren't a gentleman, you should not be allowed to compete.

That comment has stuck with me these past 17 years.

If we are to support our hobby, if we are to keep model boating fun for everyone, if we are to help it grow, we need to look in the mirror. The simple behavior of respect for others is all it takes.

If you do not win a race, you did not lose your home, your vehicle, or even your dinner. If your boat is dead in the water and gets run over—that happens—it is part of racing. If you hit a dead boat, remember that it happens to everyone at one time or another. It is racing. I know my boats have been hit, and I have hit others. While I feel bad about it, we have to accept that chance if we want to race.

If we are called for a jump start, we have to accept that was the call. It does not help to question the judge's intelligence. I know of instances where one boater actually stabbed another over a racing incident. I know of instances where one boater was threatened with a weapon over a racing incident. I've been challenged to a fist fight because one boater did not like being called for a buoy infraction.

For our hobby to survive and grow, we need to treat each other like the friends we are. If you cannot do that, you are hurting the hobby and everyone that enjoys it.

So take that look in the mirror and honestly ask yourself, are you the boater who makes others uncomfortable, or the one who makes the day enjoyable for everyone? ♦

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If we are to support our hobby, and if we are to keep model boating fun for everyone, we need to practice simple respect for others.
”



Al Hobbs #6549 S, is a lifelong RC boater who originally joined IMPBA in the mid 70s. He currently resides in Cascade, Montana (D8). At the 2019 IMPBA Nitro Internats, Al was the recipient of the William E. LeFeber Award for sportsmanship and contributions to model boating.

Silent Engine



Dave Swisher

IMPBA Member #20454 S • Joined 2009

David J. Swisher
May 27, 1970 – April 17, 2023

Dave Swisher, 52, of Marysville, Indiana, passed away on Monday, April 17, 2023. David was a proud member of the IMPBA. He was known for his love of building and racing model boats. He also enjoyed building and collecting model trains and remote control cars. He had a passion for tending his aquariums. He cherished his beloved dog, KC, and his bunny, Evo.

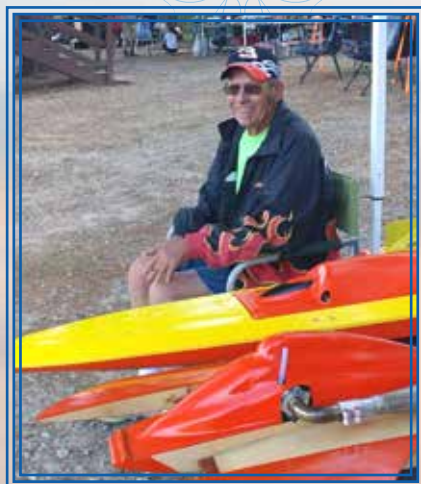
David was born in Bronxville, NY. He is survived by his wife, Monica Swisher; sister, Brenda Swisher; daughters, Brittany and Kaleigh; three grandchildren, and nephews and nieces.

A memorial service was held, and David was cremated in honor of his wishes.

He will be deeply missed by family, and many friends. ♦



Silent Engine



Pat Mulvany

IMPBA Member #8200 S CD • Joined 1982

Patrick C. Mulvany
August 29, 1953 – April 12, 2023

Pat Mulvany, age 70, of Ocoee, Florida, passed away this April. He was preceded in death by his wife, Roberta "Birdie" Mulvay, who passed away in January of this year.

Pat was a long-time IMPBA member who joined in 1982 and attended races in Florida, South Carolina, and Georgia. He attended many Grand Prix events in Georgia, and Birdie even joined in 2005 to attend with Pat and help out at events.

May he rest in peace. ♦

"For death is no more than a turning of us over from time to eternity."

—William Penn

Silent Engine



Larry Maglinger

IMPBA Member #9237 S • Joined 1984

Larry Maglinger
December 13, 1949 – April 24, 2023

Larry Maglinger, 73, of Owensboro, Kentucky, passed away this April. Larry was a family man, entrepreneur, civic leader, and a born performer. He thoroughly enjoyed the time he spent entertaining people. At 15, he started as a drummer for The Mags, a popular area group. At 17, he started a recording company, creating records for area artists. He founded Custom Audio-Video in 1976.

Larry chaired the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce, and was active in many committees and clubs. He was city commissioner in 2018, and was Mayor Pro Tem through a second term. He was known for his natural ability to relate to people from all walks of life.

Larry also enjoyed recreational boating, hydroplanes, and radio control model racing with the family. He was well-known for his "Miss Circus Circus" canards, and attended races all over the country. He was the first River City Racing club member to bring an 1/8 scale to southern Indiana. Larry was the National Scale Director for IMPBA in the early 90s.

Left to honor his racing memory are his sons, Curtis Maglinger, Bradley Maglinger, and his granddaughter, Brooklyn Maglinger.

Our condolences to Larry's family, and his friends in D14. ♦

Silent Engine



Louis Bentley

IMPBA Member #18316 S • Joined 1999

Louis Bentley
April 14, 1957 – June 25, 2023

Louis Bentley, age 66, of New Haven, Connecticut (formerly of Georgia), passed away on June 25.

Louis was a member of the Atlanta Model Boaters for more than 20 years, and a racer in District 13. He was a friendly, but quiet man until you got to know him, and he would help anyone who would listen. He loved the kids —no matter who they belonged to.

Louis will be missed by his family, friends, and his RC boating family.

A Celebration of Life service was held this July at Calvary Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Georgia. ♦

Memories shared will live forever in our hearts.



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New JAE 21GT Nitro Available Now

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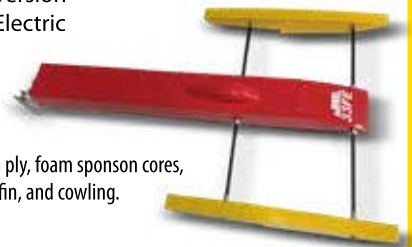
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The following items were adopted by the Board as Trial Rules.

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 #23-002

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 #23-003

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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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 #23-004

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.

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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. 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.



The following CONSTITUTION SECTION Proposal will go before the membership for vote in December.

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

If passed, this rule change will become an official part of the Rule Book beginning with the 2024 season.

AMENDMENTS PROCESS

PURPOSE:

The Board currently has the authority to make "clarifications not changing the intent of a rule" that are in the best interest of both the organization and membership. This proposed change would clearly state that "technical corrections" also fall into this category and may be handled directly by the BOD. It is prohibitive to have to wait a full season for a membership vote to correct what is often an error, or poor wording in the original rule.

The BOD recommends membership approve this amendment to the Constitution so that it is clear in the future that these types of rule book updates may be made during the season with BOD approval. The path for proposals in certain categories as listed in the remainder of Section 1 remains unchanged (the 4 options, items required to automatically go to membership vote, types of items decided by the board).

Relevant Sections (Refer to pages B-4 & B-5 in the 2023 IMPBA Rule Book):

Section B, Article VIII, Section 1, rule B. It is proposed to remove redundant language that already appears in subsections 1 and 2 under B. New language highlighted. B(1) and B(2) will remain unchanged.

SECTION B- CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE VIII -A MENDMENTS

The IMPBA Official Rule Book shall be amended in the following manner:

- A. Proposed amendments must be submitted to a District Director, National Director, President, or any Voting Executive Board member, in writing and signed and dated by the author and 5 IMPBA current members. It must be received 30 days prior to a Board Meeting for consideration.
- ~~B. All rule proposals regarding the Constitution, By-Laws, Procedures, General Rules of Competition, Contest & Racing Rules, Technical Standards, and those pertaining to Classes (except those that affect safety or financial solvency of the organization, or clarifications not changing the intent of a rule), will be reviewed during any regular or special meeting of the Executive Board. The board will evaluate and approve or disapprove or amend all proposals. (Guideline: Does it benefit the IMPBA, and does it benefit the membership? It must benefit both)~~

It is proposed to change B. to read:

- B. All rule proposals will be reviewed during any regular or special meeting of the Executive Board. The board will evaluate and approve, disapprove or amend all proposals. Proposed amendments that affect safety, financial solvency of the organization, or clarifications and technical corrections not changing the intent of a rule, may be reviewed and immediately implemented by the board. **(Guideline: Does it benefit the IMPBA, and does it benefit the membership? It must benefit both)**

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(subparagraphs 1 and 2 which follow on page B-5 of the current book will remain unchanged)



BOD reviewed May 2023 via email.

Originally submitted March 2023 by Doug Smock #9887 S CD.

Supported by: John Finch #4142 L CD ; Lance Ledet #21154 S CD;

Don Ferrette #17064 S CD; Rick Grim #20738 S CD;

Mike Betke #8700 S CD; Mike Ball #19339 S CD.



The following RULE CHANGE Proposal will go before the membership for vote in December. **The Board of Directors is unanimously recommending passage of this proposal.** If passed, this rule change will become an official part of the Rule Book beginning with the 2024 season.

REGISTERED OWNER SCALE RACING RULE

PURPOSE:

Proposed to **delete** references to "only registered owners" from Nitro, Gas, and FE Scale rules. Awards & points go to the racer, not with the boat, and the rule does not apply in any other class. If a member has multiple Scale boats, and wants to allow another racer to pilot one of them, he should be able to do so within the rules. It can help fill the class and put another driver on the stand. If a club/district wants to continue to use the rule, they may do so by posting it on their race listing.

Relevant Sections:

Refer to 2023 IMPBA Rule Book pages noted below for each section. **It is proposed to delete the language shown struckthrough.**

Sec.H - NITRO SPECIALIZED CLASSES (pages H-4 & H-5)

II - SCALE UNLIMITED RULES

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F. Racing Rules

- 1. Normal IMPBA driving rules will be followed.
- 2. ~~Only the registered owner can race his unlimited.~~

G. Records

- 1. Records shall be established in the Scale Unlimited class as listed in the "Records" section of Rules of Competition.
- 2. Only boats properly registered will be eligible to establish records.
- 3. ~~Only the registered owner can attempt to set a record with the registered Scale Unlimited.~~

Sec.I - LARGE SCALE GAS (Page I-14)

VI - GAS SCALE UNLIMITED

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E. Racing Rules

- 1. Normal IMPBA driving rules will be followed.
- 2. ~~Only the registered owner can race his gas unlimited hydroplane.~~

F. Records

- 1. Records shall be established in the Scale Unlimited class as listed in the "Records" section of Rules of Competition.
- 2. Only boats properly registered will be eligible to establish records.
- 3. ~~Only the registered owner can attempt to set a record with the registered Scale Unlimited.~~

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REGISTERED OWNER SCALE RACING RULE >>> *continued*

Refer to 2023 IMPBA Rule Book pages noted below for section. **It is proposed to delete the language shown struckthrough.**

Sec.J - FAST ELECTRIC (Page J-6 & J-7)

II - FAST ELECTRIC CLASSES

E. Scale FE Unlimited Hydro

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5. Racing Rules

- a. Normal IMPBA driving rules will be followed.
- ~~b. Only the registered owner may race his unlimited.~~

6. Records

- a. Only boats properly registered will be eligible to establish records.
- ~~b. Only the registered owner can attempt to set a record with the registered Scale Unlimited.~~





The following CONSTITUTION Proposal will go before the membership for vote in December. **The Board of Directors is unanimously recommending passage of this proposal.**
If passed, this rule change will become an official part of the Rule Book beginning with the 2024 season.

CONSTITUTION: Past President /Vice President /Nominations

PURPOSE:

To address how Vice President is appointed, Past President status, defines terms and election eligibility of interim Presidents, and future eligibility of those who resign or are removed from offices.

Relevant Sections:

(Sec. B- Constitution, pages B-2, B-3, B-4.) The following sections have proposed changes. **It is proposed to delete any language shown struckthrough, and insert the highlighted language.**

SEC. B - CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1

The Executive Board shall be made up of the President, District Directors, National Fast Electric Director, National Large Scale Gasoline Director, National Nitro Director, and Past Presidents effective with the President in office as of January 1, 1974.

- A. The office of President shall be limited to two (2) terms for any one person.
 - 1. A person serving in an elected director position who fills a presidential vacancy per the Bylaws is considered to have served a full term if more than one-half of the term left vacant is served. This interim President is eligible for Past President appointment and life member status, and may then only run for a second term.
 - a. An interim President who serves less than one-half of the term left vacant, shall not be eligible for Past President status or life membership, and may run for two elected terms.
- B. Each member of the Executive Board shall have equal voting rights provided requirements of Constitution, Article V, Section 3, and Paragraph D are complying.
- ~~C. Appointments of Past Presidents to the Executive Board shall be for life with voting rights limited to the one or two following terms of office:

 - 1. Past President who served as President for one term votes for 3 years, a Past President who served for two terms votes for 6 years.~~
 - C. Appointments of Past Presidents to the Executive Board are offered for life with voting rights limited to the three (3) years sequentially following their full term as President. Any Past President can terminate their Executive Board participation upon notice of such intent with no pathway of return to the Board as Past President.
 - 1. A President who resigns or is removed from office is not eligible for Past President appointment or life membership status no matter the length of his service.

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BOD reviewed at July 2023 Annual Meeting
Submitted May 2023 by Lance Ledet #21154 S CD & Mark Grannis #10477 S CD.
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CONSTITUTION: Past President / Vice President / Nominations

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(Sec. B- Constitution, pages B-3, B-4.) The following sections have proposed changes. **It is proposed to delete any language shown struckthrough, and insert the highlighted language.**

SEC. B - CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD

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SECTION 5

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- ~~C. The immediate Past President will move to the Vice President Position and will only serve in Vice President capacity until a new President is elected.~~
- C. The current President will select any voting board member to be Vice President during thier term. This selection will be presented to the Executive Board for a vote of approval.

SEC. B - CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE VI - NOMINATIONS

SECTION 1

Nominations of any elected officer shall be accompanied by a petition signed by five (5) members in good standing and a declaration of acceptance by the nominee. Write-in votes will not be allowed unless there are no official nominees received by the IMPBA Office. If write-in votes are to be used they will be counted and totaled in the same manner as for an official nominee provided the write-in candidate meets the eligibility requirements for the President. See Article V, Section 3-A of the Constitution. **A nomination for any position of a member who has previously resigned or been removed from any position, must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire Board of Directors in order to be placed on the ballot for said position.**

The secretary shall receive nominations for all elected officers no later than July 31 each year.





The following RULE CHANGE Proposal will go before the membership for vote in December. **The Board of Directors is unanimously recommending passage of this proposal.** If passed, this rule change will become an official part of the Rule Book beginning with the 2024 season.

FE Scale Rules Revise

PURPOSE:

To remove the items regarding Scale Unlimited that are common to all 1/8 Scale, and instead reference Sec. H -Nitro Specialized Classes, Article II, in order to have the main rules listed in one place.

For the purposes of FE power rules, the proposal will eliminate the motor list defining specific manufacturers and motor models or series. Motor list is replaced with "not to exceed" motor definitions defining outside diameter limit and overall motor length. This should increase the commercially available motor options.

Relevant Sections:

Sec. J- Fast Electric, Article II - Fast Electric Classes, subsection E. (pages J-5 to J-7)

Rules E(1) thru E(6) will be replaced with the following:

Sec.J - FAST ELECTRIC

E.S cale FE Unlimited Hydro

1. General

FE Scale Unlimited Hydro shall comply with the rules listed in area II - Scale Unlimited Rules, (A thru G) of IMPBA Section H -Nitro Special Classes. The following exceptions listed in this section will replace and/or take precedence for FE Scale Unlimited Hydro competition.

2. Power and Boat Specifications

- a. The motor, controller, and batteries (power system) shall be concealed with a fake engine or cowling as per the prototype.
- b. Motor must be an inrunner type. Outrunners are prohibited.
- c. Battery voltage shall span the S/T voltage specification.
- d. Only one motor shall be used. Multiple motors are prohibited.
- e. Motor outside diameter shall not exceed 41.00mm. Measurement shall be taken without the cooling ring assembled or in an area the motor outside diameter is exposed.
- f. Motor length shall not exceed 108.00mm. Measurement shall be taken from the forward-facing mounting surface to the furthest point of the motor end bell. Motor leads and rotor shaft protrusions shall not be included.



BOD reviewed at July 2023 Annual Meeting

Submitted April 2023 by Michael Ball #19339 S CD. Supported by:

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The IMPBA **GAS NATS 2023**

Huntsville Model Boat Association hosted the **IMPBA Gas Nationals June 1 through 3**, with two days of open water on May 30 and 31, at Brahan Spring Park in Huntsville (Rocket City), AL. It was the club's 12th time hosting a National event, and their second hosting of the Gas Nationals. The racers certainly appreciated the wonderful venue, and the hospitality of the City of Huntsville who generously sponsored the trophies this year. The site features a large covered concrete driver's stand, concrete hot pits, plenty of area for canopies, and a nearby RV center and hotels.

*Many Thanks
to our hosts*

Racers from all over the country competed for National Champion status in 17 classes, and the competition was fierce. The race banquet and raffle was held at the Bullet and Barrel on Friday. All classes competed each day, beginning Thursday morning, and racing concluded Saturday afternoon.

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Race results and Special Awards handed out, as well as some pics of the event are on the following pages.

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Richard Lind
Phil Thomas
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Wendell Barrow

27 MONO

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Brent Byers
Kain Oddo
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Leighton Henry
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Jesse Carlton
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Humberto Arencibia
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Randy Hicks
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Brent Byers
Roy Wilson
David Hall

36 MONO

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Rolando Ruiz
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Humberto Arencibia
Adam Grim
David Willett

36 CATAMARAN

Richard Lind
Rolando Ruiz
Lance Ledet
Russel Groft
Raul Rodriguez III
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36 SPORT HYDRO

Brent Byers
Chris Rupley
Terry Rogers
Dan Pralle
Randy Hicks
David Willett

36 OUTRIGGER

Adam Grim
Randy Hicks
Mark Bullard
Bob Londress
Johnny Adams (tie for 5th)
Russel Groft (tie for 5th)

TWIN OUTRIGGER

Randy Hicks
Adam Grim
Johnny Adams
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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.

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.

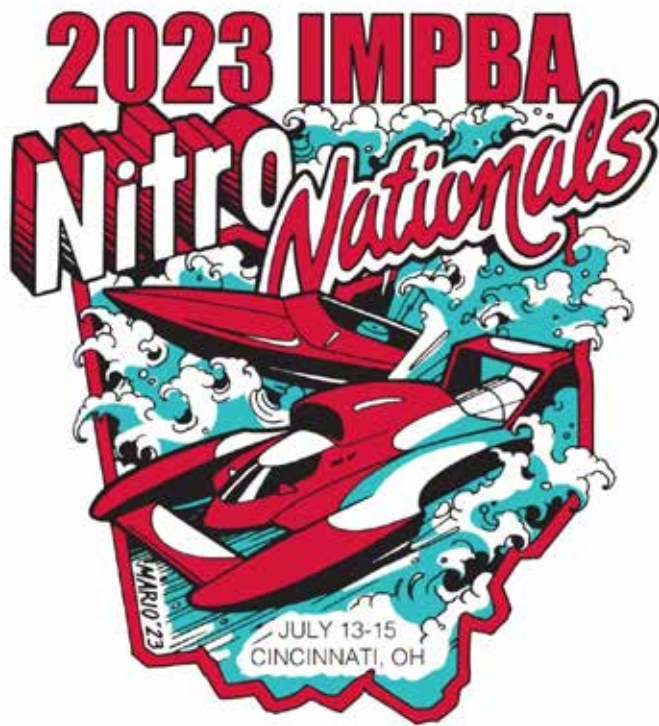
Insured Sites

- 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.

REMEMBER: SAFE BOATING IS NO ACCIDENT!



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***Story compiled from International Waters' posts
(National Nitro Director Mike Betke & others)***

The Cincinnati Model Boat Club welcomed the Nitro community July 13 through 15 for a fantastic event with intense competition in Harrison, OH. The race site and the club members of CMBC are top of the class! Additionally, it was another great example of how strong our IMPBA membership is. There were countless individuals that stepped up to make this event a success, from members that agreed to share the CD'ing duties, to many others simply volunteering throughout the event! Thanks to everyone for their efforts, it didn't go unnoticed by the members who got to come play!

The CMBC created an atmosphere that was welcoming for all participants and spectators. Most of the top Nitro racers in the organization were present. Race conditions were perfect throughout the event and the racing was hard, fast, and clean — you had to earn it to win it! We also counted several Hall of Fame members among the participants.

Putting this event together for 2023 was a challenge, but the team effort made it a reality. Mike managed the entries and kept track of volunteers, and assigned duties to all from his home base in Michigan. Everyone who volunteered to referee, pit boss, and run the retrieve boat were assigned classes to cover, and it moved the race along very smoothly. Mario Johnston and Brian Blazer were boots on the ground in Cincinnati. The club built a new CD tower just for the event. Mario's awesome logo design was the basis for the trophies and T-shirts. Monica Betke was lead in organizing the banquet with the help of Mark and Lori Weber.

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Top six in points advanced to final round. Cumulative points for all 5 rounds determined the National Champions.

<p><u>A HYDRO</u> Tyler Garrard</p> <p><u>B SPORT TUNNEL</u> Jeff Preusse</p> <p><u>B MONO</u> Tyler Garrard</p> <p><u>B TUNNEL</u> David Hall</p> <p><u>SPORT 20</u> Bert Dygert</p>	<p><u>B HYDRO</u> Rod Hendricks</p> <p><u>D MONO</u> Tyler Garrard</p> <p><u>D TUNNEL</u> Steve Zelik</p> <p><u>SPORT 40</u> Brad Maglinger</p> <p><u>D HYDRO</u> Tom Baffer</p>	<p><u>E HYDRO</u> Brian Spitzer</p> <p><u>E/F MONO</u> Charles Dukes</p> <p><u>F HYDRO</u> Mike Ball</p> <p><u>1/8 SCALE</u> Mike Betke</p> <p><u>MULTI-ENGINE HYDRO</u> David Preusse</p>
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2023 SPECIAL AWARDS



President's Cup Nitro

Awarded for the best performance in two classes

Tyler Garrard

William E. LeFeber Award

Awarded to the member present who shows outstanding sportsmanship and service to the organization

Mike Betke



>>> continued

A huge thank you to the following people (in alphabetical order):

Jerry Betke for wrenching Mike's boats so he could keep up with the score keeping, Brian Blazer, Teddy Dudley, Bert Dygert, Bruce Jacobs, Mario Johnston, Tom Kelly, Chris Rupley (Juice), Mike Schindler, Mark Scott, Mark Weber, plus all the numerous people that got in the CD tower to help turn judge.

The pictures are worth a thousand words, and there seems to be a lot of smiles on faces, so that says it all. Additional thanks to Mario for always sharing your awesome photos with us.

Oh yeah! As a special treat, Mr. Jeff Ayler (H1 Unlimiteds series official announcer) called the color commentary on the final heat in scale. How cool was that? Check out the video on Facebook. ♦

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Nitro Nationals pics

>>> courtesy of MARIO JOHNSTON PHOTO



An incredibly exciting round 4 of the Sport 40 class at the 2023 IMPBA Nitro Nationals this past weekend. Brad Maglinger keeps it neat while fending off Chris Capaldi and Brian Blazer.



Some CLOSE racing between Bert Dygert and Brad Maglinger in Sport 20 at the 2023 IMPBA Nitro Nationals



As Seen At The Nitro Nationals



President's Cup winner Tyler Garrard



Drivers had a fun surprise when H1 Unlimited's announcer, Jeff Ayler, took the mic to call the final heat of 1/8 Scale.





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National Records Director

Ron Drake

There have been no new records set since the February time trial in Valdosta. The April trials in Huntsville, AL, were cancelled, and the "Need For Speed at Thread Lake" record trials held in Flint, MI, in May did not produce any new records.

Not much to report this edition as it seems that some boats are not really suited for time trials in the hot summer months. We are looking forward to the fall events coming up. The F.A.S.T. club will host another "Need For Speed" trials on **September 23 & 24 in Flint, MI**, and Cincinnati MBC will host a trials on **October 21 & 22 in Harrison, OH**. HMBA will hold their annual Turkey Day trials on **November 26 & 27 in Huntsville, AL**, and we are excited to see some action there as they usually set some records and very fast boats show up to their event.

I wish everyone a great and safe summer of boating. ♦



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LSG Director

Lance Ledet

Another year with a great Gas Nationals! Thanks to Huntsville Model Boat Association for putting on a great race and doing a fantastic job. Turnout was a little less than in past years, but never the less, the racing was very competitive. We had racers from all over the country, including a group from Canada D1. D3 came in force and took home several trophies, including Richard Lind who defended his title as the Super Boat Offshore champion. Brent Byers from Texas took home the President's Cup which is awarded for the highest score of two classes combined at a Nationals. Scores for all the classes and some pics are on pages 23 through 27.

The Friday evening banquet at Bullet and Barrel was a treat, with good food and some fantastic raffle prizes.

In addition to the host club, I would also like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to help in putting on this race, and of course, all the racers — this event can't happen without all of you.

As of now, there are no firm plans for the Gas Nats for 2024, but I am working to try to make it happen. It is getting harder to find a club that has a both a facility and membership to host a race of this size. If you think your club would be interested in hosting, or if you have a site suitable and just need help, please reach out!

The Gas boaters are always a great group of appreciative racers to host an event for. ♦



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PICS courtesy of Lance Ledet



Nitro Director NEWS

Mike Betke

Summer is in full swing and a lot has changed for me since the last newsletter. In April, I had the opportunity to buy the E350 hull that Rob drove last year, and we decided to get into racing full-size hydros. This, along with putting on the Nitro Nats, has kept me very busy so far this summer. That being said, here is the latest news from the world of Nitro.

2023 Nitro Nats: The Cincinnati Model Boat Club successfully put on the Nitro Nats in July. I was the CD for the event as well. From all the positive comments I received, everybody seemed to enjoy the event. We were very fortunate with the weather, and the water conditions were excellent the entire 3 days of racing.

I was very humbled to have been voted the William E. LeFeber Award for my efforts in organizing the event. I did the organizing, but if it were not for the rest of the team of people involved, the race would not have gone off as well as it did. Brian Blazer, Mario Johnston, and Mark Scott from the Cincinnati club did all of the work around the site



Rob Betke heads to the finish line in the final Pro Lite heat at the 2023 Madison Regatta.

to make sure everything was ready for the race. I can't thank them enough. There were numerous others that helped in the CD tower and boat retrieval. I would like to thank everybody that showed up and participated. It sure seemed like everyone had a good time. Race results and pics are in this issue.

2024 Nitro Nats: It is never too soon to start planning. Any clubs out there that are interested in putting on the Nationals next year, please get back to me with your bid for the event. We do not have any bids submitted yet. ♦



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D1 Members Winning Big This Season

The 2023 boating season is in full swing up here in District 1 land. The Southern Tier NY club have been successfully holding their one-day races and have a loyal following. The Stony Pond FE Model Boat Club crew in Canandaigua, NY are holding weekly test & tune sessions. The new Valley RC Boat Club in Penfield, PA was hoping to hold a race in September, however, it doesn't look like it will be happening this year. Pond owner, Ken Caliarì, is looking for some help getting his site race ready. If anyone in that area can assist, give him a shout at kencaliari11@gmail.com.

The Northern Lights club has over 45 members, and is all set to host their popular **CAN-AM race on Aug. 26 & 27**. NLMBC has also been hosting Open House Test & Tune sessions with free BBQ. These events have drawn in a few new boaters.

Although there have not been many sanctioned races within D1, it doesn't mean the district racers haven't been active. Many of us travel to the big races and do well — check out the pics of a few of the trophies collected by our members. ♦

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Southern Tier NY MBC has been hosting the **New York State Championship Series** for many years. This year there are 6 one-day races. Three are yet to run with one in August, and 2 in September. Details can be found on the Events Calendar pages in this issue & on the IMPBA.net calendar.

D1 Racers @ Gas & Nitro Nats



David Willett was recognized at the 2023 Gas Nats for his outstanding sportsmanship & contributions to RC boating. D1 is proud of you, David.



Tommy (Full Throttle) Baffer placed 1st at the Nitro Nats in Cincinnati, OH, with his D Hydro

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D1 @ Gas Nats

Daniel Kalte was National Champion in 27 Mono.

Randy Rapedius was National Champion in Crackerbox and 27 Cat. He also placed 2nd in 27 Sport Hydro.

Gavin Woolridge placed 3rd in Offshore.



D1 @ Nitro Nats

Brian Blazer of Cincinnati MBC presents awards to the class winners.

Above left: Tim Kish of the NLMBC placed a solid 3rd at the Nitro Nats with his Twin Roadrunner.

Above right: Terry Keeley took a 2nd in D Hydro with his custom-built carbon fiber outrigger.

At right: Ron Manucci placed 2nd in F Mono.



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Busy Season in D2

The first sanction event of the year was the "Need For Speed" record trials in Flint, and the first sanctioned heat race was the "Saginaw Bay Classic" both held the third weekend of May. The 56th Annual Mini Gold Cup was held in Burton, MI on June 4, hosted by the Oakland-Wolverines MBC.

The Motor City Model Boat Club held their annual "Power Stroke Classic" on June 17, the Saturday of Father's Day. It was great to see our friends from Canada back for the event this year - including Mr. Tony Jacuzzi. There were several Father/Son boaters present. The township promoted the race on their Facebook page, and several members of the community come out to check out the action.

The weather was picture perfect, and the gals all did a great job feeding the participants those great dogs with Packo's sauce!

As usual, the Scale boats had some fierce competitive heats for their D2 Points Series. There was a great battle in B Hydro between Hall of Fame racer, Steve Ball, and his son, Mike Ball. Mike had the lead, but left an opening on lap four that Steve promptly took advantage of to slide into lane one for the win. What a great heat between two awesome drivers!

The Nitro Nationals were held in D2 this year, coordinated by Mike Betke, with many volunteers, and hosted by the Cincinnati Model Boaters.

We have a busy fall schedule, and hope to see you at the pond. ♦



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FATHER & SON RACERS

Kneeling: Ernie Testani with grandson, Noah; Mario Johnston and son, Warrick Johnston; Chris Capaldi and son, Andrew Capaldi; Back row: Gino Testani, son of Ernie and father of Noah; Dave Murany and father, Doug Murany; Mike Ball and father, Steve Ball; Dean Notter and son, Austin Notter.

Photo courtesy of Mario Johnston Photo

District 2: Fall SCHEDULE

August 6
HydroFest 2023
Transit Twisters MBC
Burton, MI
CANCELLED

August 19 & 20
Celina Summer Challenge
D2/D14 Series Points Race
Driftwood RC Model Boat Club
Celina, OH

September 17
District II Challenge
Oakland-Wolverine Model Boat Club
Rochester Hills, MI

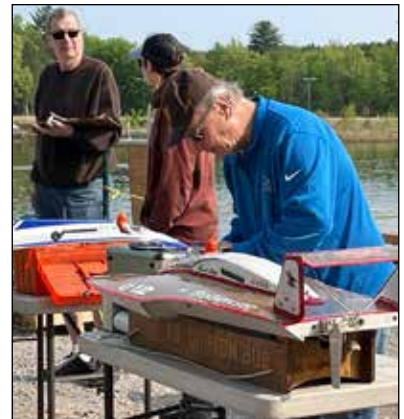
September 23 & 24
(Backup date Sep. 30 & Oct. 1)
Need For Speed
Time Trials
Flint Associated Speed Team
Flint, MI

October 21 & 22
CMBC Oval
Record Trials
Cincinnati Model Boat Club
Harrison/Cleves, OH



Saginaw Bay Classic pics

>>> *Courtesy of Lynne Rupley & Alyse Notter*



Power Stroke Classic pics

>>> Courtesy of Mario Johnston Photo



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WE DID A THING!!!

Mario and Warrick Johnston went to the **2023 Dennis Holt Memorial Mini Regatta** sponsored by Craig Toyota in Madison, IN.

Warrick raced his first ever gas class race with the adults — 5 boats, 3 heats—and the kid brought home a **2nd PLACE FINISH!!!**

Mario managed to salvage a decent 3rd place podium with the new Blazer Marine Whiplash test mule in Sport 40! Not a bad day at the races!!!



Warrick Johnston, and CMBC President, Mario Johnston



D4 NEWS

Dave Halverson - Director

D4 Director Election

Keith Ray #20854 S CD has accepted the nomination from members of D4. Online voting will be open September 15 through October 31. You may also mail in the ballot below, or email the secretary. While Keith is running unopposed, your vote is a great way to show your support. ♦



My name is Keith Ray, and I am running for District 4 Director. I have been in the RC boat community for about 12 years. In that time, I have gained a lot of knowledge about RC boating. With that said, I have a long way to go to be even close to some who have been doing this for a lot longer than I have, and I will depend on others around me to help me to make the district better. In my opinion, communication is one of the most important aspects of being a District Director. I will keep everyone informed and up to date on changes within the IMPBA, and the Clubs within the District.

District 4: Fall SCHEDULE

August 13
Chicago Challenge
Oak Forest, IL

August 26 & 27
Super Sport Mono Throwdown
Somers, WI

September 30 & October 1
Midwest Scale Championships
Johnston City, IL

October 14 & 15
Fall Shootout
Somers, WI



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BALLOT

#23-001: District 4 Director

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ONLY MEMBERS WHO RESIDE IN DISTRICT 4 are eligible to vote for their Director.
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BALLOT #23-001: District 4 Director
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Senior Member vote:

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- IMPBA #



Dog Days Of Summer Are Here in D5!

Hi everyone! The dog days of summer are definitely in full swing down here in the South. It's been a scorcher here lately— but that's not the only thing being scorched — D5 racers have been burning up race courses as well!

A well-represented sector of D5 members visited D13 for the AMB Spring Nationals this past April, including myself. They changed up their format a bit this year, and in my opinion, and in speaking with many, it was embraced with open arms. The weather was great, and the racing was top shelf. There were many from VMBC and the HMBA that made the trek. It was really great to have open water days leading up to the event, as their "run times" have changed recently. Great job AMB, and thanks for the hospitality. Well done!

D5 Huntsville Model Boat Association also hosted the IMPBA Gas Nationals. I could not make it due to health issues as of late, but word on the street was that it was great! Huge thanks to HMBA for taking on such a huge responsibility of continuing this great event.

We have some killer events upcoming in D5 this fall, so get signed up. Don't miss out on these. For more info, please check the VMBC facebook page, and the HMBA Facebook page.

Sorry, I have been a bit absent as of late, but am continuing to improve and hope to be at a race course near you soon! Hope to see as many of you guys that I can in the upcoming months... just remember to have fun! ♦

District 5: Fall SCHEDULE

November 17 - 19
15th Annual Voodoo World Championships
 Voodoo MBC
 Reserve, LA

November 26 & 27
Turkey Day Time Trials
 Huntsville Model Boat Association
 Huntsville, AL



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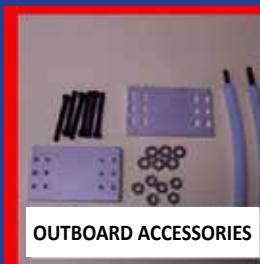
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D12 Is Keeping It Local This Summer

With the exception of the district race that was held at the end of April this year, most of the action has been at the local level with club races. The RC Model Boaters of Baltimore co-hosted the race at the Delmarva Model Boat Club site. Registration numbers were low, but the racers made the best of a rained-out Friday test day, and were able to get through three rounds of racing on Saturday. With the threat of bad weather forecast for Sunday, it was decided to call it at three rounds.

At the local level, both ODMBA (Old Dominion Model Boat Association) and the WAMB (Wilmington Area Model Boaters) have seen success with their club races. The district also had several members that attended the IMPBA Gas Nationals in Huntsville in early June.

Things will likely be relatively quiet in the district during the summer months with the heat and humidity. Once things begin to cool down in early September, we will likely be back at it with our **second district race at the Delmarva Model Boat Club Pond in Queenstown Maryland once again presented by the RC Model Boaters of Baltimore on September 16th &17th**. Watch for details & entry information for the "Tim Lesniewski Memorial Gold Cup" race to come on RCRacingEvents.com. ♦



Getting ready to run at the Joseph Sparr Memorial Race in Queenstown, MD.



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D13 Hot Summer and Hot Racing

Hey Gang! The World Tunnel Championship, Atlanta Spring Nationals, 25th Anniversary celebration of the Grand Prix series race, and Atlanta Grand Prix races are all in the books!

Entries for the Tunnel Championship have been falling off the last couple of years, and LSG classes have been offered to fill in the gaps. The race organizers have decided that this was the last year for the "Tunnel Championship". Not to worry though, the SOWEGA club will still be hosting a race around the same time in May of 2024. Tunnel classes will still be offered but they won't take top billing. Get ready for "Full Throttle in SOWEGA"! Stay tuned to RCRacingEvents for the new line up!

The Spring Nats, Grand Prix Anniversary race, and the Atlanta GP were all well attended. The weather and competition were HOT, but mother nature blessed us with dry conditions!

We had some spare time before dinner on Saturday at the Anniversary race, so Grand Prix Director, Julie Gilley, made her way through the pits and asked everyone if they wanted to call out another racer for a grudge match. Two contestants race the mill and 3 laps for bragging rights. That was a great idea and too much fun — everyone had a blast! The highlight for me was 12-year-old Gavin Crowther calling out his dad Jerry in 23-30 Cat. Gavin is a force to be reckoned with, and dad ended up cutting the course to catch up. Then of course Gavin had to reciprocate. Good fun!

Next up is the FCMB September GP race in SOWEGA. Right now, the race is sitting at 61 contestants and 226 boats. Many thanks D13 members and those from surrounding districts that have put us on their race schedules and become part of the D13 family!

We'll finish up the year with the CMB Fall Nationals, and the November GP in SOWEGA. I spoke with CMB President Sean Anderson this week. The new site they were working on fell through due to the potential for noise complaints. The club is speaking with a property owner that has two ponds near Hollywood, SC — still part of the Charleston Metropolitan area. Let's wish them luck!

D13 lost a long-time member recently. Mr. Louis Bentley, age 66, passed on June 25, 2023. Louis was a member of the Atlanta Model Boaters for more than 20 years, and a friendly face in District 13 who would help anyone who was willing to listen. He will be missed.

Stay safe and cool and I'll see you at the pond!



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District 13: Fall SCHEDULE

FCMB Grand Prix II

September 9 & 10
Sycamore, GA

CMB Fall Nationals

October 6 - 8
Charleston SC

SOWEGA Grand Prix II

November 4 & 5
Sycamore, GA



Buckshot Shackelford received the "Drive It 'Til It Stops" award.

25th GP Celeb-race-tion pics >>> *by JJ Sports Photos*



Jack shows off some true launch style!

Mike Wheeler 1st podium finish and "Water Baby" initiation!

World Tunnel pics >>> by JJ Sports Photos

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The Night Racing crew above, and below, some night racing action under the lights, and some night-time pit work.





"Don't Touch the Needle!"

D-14 has completed two of the six District Points Series Races with four remaining. We first started at Little Thunder on Arrowhead Lake in Johnston City, IL, hosted by the St. Louis Thunderboaters, with great competition and great people. Then we ventured over to Madison, IN, for the Dennis Holt Memorial hosted by PropWalkers MBC with great success, and a lot of smiling faces. By the time you are reading this we will have completed the Huber Wine Run in Starlight, IN, which will be the third Points race in the D14 Series — it is always a favorite for a lot members. All three of these races I mention give a lot of exposure to our hobby because of the foot traffic around each of these sites.



The 2023 Celina Summer Challenge in Celina, OH, will be hosted by the Driftwood R/C Model Boat Club on August 20th and 21st. If you haven't signed up, better get your entries in because the competition is always stacked in Celina. Indy Masters on September 8th, 9th, and 10th in Pendleton, IN, is a highly-anticipated race this year, not only for the points series, but it is one of the first races back in Indianapolis in over 20 years. Finishing out the points series will be in Evansville, IN, with the Kohlmeyer Fall Classic on September 23 and 24th. You can register for this race at www.rivercityracingclub.com

D14 represented at both the Gas and Nitro Nationals in high fashion, and brought back plenty of hardware. Thank you to all that were involved in putting on those National Events. ♦



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District 14: Fall SCHEDULE

August 5

Wine Run

Huber Winery in Starlight, IN
D14 Points Series Race

August 19 & 20

Celina Summer Challenge

Celina, OH
D14 Points Series Race

September 8 to 10

Indy Masters

Pendleton, IN
D14 Points Series Race

September 23 & 24

Kohlmeyer Fall Classic

Evansville, IN
D14 Points Series Race

D14 @ 2023 Gas Nats

Bruce Jacobs

3rd Gas Tunnel

Josh Carlton

3rd Thunderboat

Josh Carlton

4th 27 Cat

Milo Carlton

5th 27 Cat

Jesse Carlton

5th 27 Rigger

Rick Baker

5th Crackerbox

Josh Carlton

6th Jersey Skiff

Rick Baker

6th 36 Cat

D14 @ 2023 Nitro Nats

Brian Spitzer

National Champion E Hydro

Bradley Maglinger

National Champion Sport 40

Harold Graff

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2nd in Sport 20

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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.

PREVIOUSLY HELD for 2023:

January 20 - 22	2 023 Nitro Winter Championships"	#23-003 RT
	DOVER, FL - hosted by Brandon Model Boaters	
February 4 - 12	S peedWeek 2023" Record Trials (1/16 mile SAW, 1/3 mile Oval)	#23-002 RT
	VALDOSTA, GA - hosted by Really, Really Fast RC Boat Club	
February 25 & 26	G rand Prix I"	#23-004 R
	SYCAMORE, GA - hosted by SOWEGA Model Boaters	
April 1 & 2	2 023 Mike Cantavespri Memorial Shootout"	#23-028 R
	RESERVE, LA - hosted by Voodoo Model Boat Club	
April 21 - 23	2 023 IMPBA Atlanta Spring Nationals"	#23-014 R
	ATLANTA, GA - hosted by Atlanta Model Boaters	
April 24 & 25 (CANCELLED)	I MPBA Record Trials"	#23-034 RT
	HUNTSVILLE, AL - hosted by Huntsville Model Boating Association	
April 29 & 30	J oseph Sparr Memorial Race"	#23-045 R
	QUEENSTOWN, MD - hosted by RC Model Boaters of Baltimore/Delmarva MBC	
May 6 & 7	9 th Annual Little Thunder on Arrowhead Lake"	#23-029 R
	JOHNSTON CITY, IL - hosted by St. Louis Thunderboaters	
May 13	N Y State Championship Series - Race #1"	#23-016 R
	PINE CITY (CATON), NY - hosted by S. Tier NY RC Model Boaters	
May 19 - 21	W orld Tunnel Championships/Open Challenge"	#23-005 R
	SYCAMORE, GA - hosted by SOWEGA Model Boaters	
May 20 & 21	N eed For Speed at Thread Lake"	#23-009 RT
	FLINT, MI - hosted by F.A.S.T. (Flint Associated Speed Team)	
May 20 & 21	S pring Shootout"	#23-031 R
	EVANSVILLE, IN - hosted by River City Racing Club	
May 21	S aginaw Bay Classic"	#23-024 R
	SAGINAW, MI - hosted by Saginaw Bay R/C Boat Club	
June 1 - 4	2 023 IMPBA GAS NATIONALS"	#23-001 R
	HUNTSVILLE, AL - hosted by Huntsville Model Boating Association	
June 4	5 6th Annual Mini Gold Cup"	#23-041 R
	BURTON, MI - hosted by Oakland-Wolverine Model Boat Club	
June 9 - 11	D 13 GP 25th Anniversary Celeb-race-tion"	#23-012 R
	SYCAMORE, GA - hosted by First Coast Model Boaters	
June 10	N Y State Championship Series - Race #2"	#23-017 R
	PINE CITY (CATON), NY - hosted by S. Tier NY RC Model Boaters	
June 10 & 11	D ennis Holt Memorial Mini-Regatta"	#23-027 R
	MADISON, IN - hosted by Prop Walkers Model Boat Club	
June 17	P ower Stroke Classic"	#23-013 R
	CARLETON, MI - hosted by Motor City Model Boat Club	

June 17 & 18	Little Thunder"	#23-032 R
	EVANSVILLE, IN - hosted by River City Racing Club	
July 8 & 9	Thunderboat Throwdown"	#23-037 R
	SOMERS, WI - hosted by Badger Model Boat Club	
July 13 - 15	2023 IMPBA NITRO NATIONALS"	#23-011 R
	HARRISON, OH - hosted by Cincinnati Model Boat Club	
July 15	NY State Championship Series - Race #3"	#23-018 R
	PINE CITY (CATON), NY - hosted by S. Tier NY RC Model Boaters	
July 15 & 16	2023 AMB Grand Prix 2"	#23-015 R
	ATLANTA, GA - hosted by Atlanta Model Boaters	
July 21 - 23	Ken Stang Shootout"	#23-007 R
	ST. ANNE, IL - hosted by Riptide R/C Boat Club	

COMING UP FOR 2023:

AUGUST

5

STARLIGHT, IN

Southern Indiana
PropNuts

"Wine Run" #23-040 R

TIME: 9 AM

Huber Pond at Huber Orchard and Winery, 19816 Huber Rd., Starlight /Borden, IN 47106
Open water August 4th after 5 PM.

CLASSES: RTR; Sport 20; Sport 40; B Sport Tunnel; 1/8 Scale; Gas Mono; Gas Sport Hydro;
Classic Thunderboat; Gas Cat; 1/6 Gas Scale; SS Mono.

3 boats to make a class /5 boats to make a trophy class. **Pre-registration required - cash only.**
Food and snacks available on site.

CD: Gary Cook (502) 773-6505 email: garyandcindy93@gmail.com

Assistant CD: Sam Hagan (502) 544-6966 email: samhaganjr@gmail.com

AUGUST

6

BURTON, MI

Transom Twisters
Model Boat Club

"HydroFest 2023" CANCELLED #23-023 R

TIME: 8 AM

Kelly Lake Park, 1130 Munson Street, Burton, MI 48509-1814

NITRO CLASSES: 1/8 Scale; Sport 40; A Hydro; B Hydro, D Hydro; Sport 20.

GAS CLASSES: Classic Thunderboat; LSG 27 Mono; LSG 27 Cat; Sport Hydro.

Pre-registration required. 3 boats to make a class. Watch for information and listing on
RCRacingEvents.com

CD: Tom Kelly (586) 566-0639 email: theeonque@comcast.net

Assistant CD: Mark Baetens (586) 945-0467 email: markatark@hotmail.com

AUGUST

12

PINE CITY, NY

Southern Tier NY
RC Model Boaters

"NY State Championship Series - Race #4" #23-019 R

TIME: 9 AM / 8:45 Driver Meeting

Open water Friday Noon to 6 p.m.

Skip's Country Pond, 11755 East Hill Road, Pine City, NY 14871 (3 miles from Caton).

CLASSES: All IMPBA classes. Race committee reserves the right to combine. 3 boats to make
a class. Single-day races will be 3 rounds. **Flyer on IMPBA.net for additional details.**

Pre-registration is appreciated. Season champions awarded embroidered 2023 shirt based
on scores earned from 6 eligible races.

Email entries to pkforcier@juno.com (include name/address/phone/email/classes), or call
607-738-4631, or mail to: Forcier, 793 Chamber Rd., Horseheads, NY 14845

with check payable to: Kathy Forcier.

Large roomy course with protected smooth water. Covered elevated driver's stand & covered pit
tables. Free camping – MUST be requested in advance – contact Pete! Lots of motels in area.

CD: Pete Forcier (607) 738-4631 email: pkforcier@juno.com

Assistant CD: Sue Rodas (585) 594-4844

**AUGUST
13**
OAK FOREST, IL
Marquette RC
Boat Club

“Chicago Challenge”#23-036 R

TIME: 8:45 AM.

Cook County Forest Preserve-Midlothian Reservoir, 16th & Cicero Avenue, Oak Forest, IL 60452
All IMPBA classes will be offered. Flyer available on MPBA.net. **Pre-registration required by August 8 on RCRacingEvents.com.**

3 boats to make a class – classes may be combined to accommodate racers.

Audio clock. No re-launch. 1/4-mile oval with 35 ft. radius turn. 3 rounds of racing – time and weather permitting. Food available for a donation. 50/50 Raffle and Boat/Parts Raffle!!

CD: Joe Lauletta (708) 220-3311 email: zorochili@aol.com

Assistant CD: Jeff Benuzzi (630) 605-7437 email: wd9gvu@aol.com

For more information contact: Jim Kapanowski (708) 651-1969

**AUGUST
19 & 20**
CELINA, OH
Driftwood R/C
Model Boat Club

“Celina Summer Challenge”#23-022 R

TIME: 8 AM Driver Meeting

Open Water Friday, August 18 from 1 PM - 5 PM

Eastview Park Pond, SR 29, 2001 E. Livingston St., Celina, OH 45822

Pre-registration is closed. See flyer on IMPBA.net for more details & FE rules sheet or email Driftwoodmbc@gmail.com for complete rules.

CLASSES: B Tunnel; B Mono; B Hydro; B Sport Tunnel; Sport 20; D Mono; D Hydro; Sport 40; 1/8 Scale; RTR; OPEN Rigger, Tunnel, Gas Sport Hydro, Gas Mono, & Gas Cat; Thunderboat; Jersey Skiff; Gas Scale; SS Gas Mono; FE Scale; P Ltd. and Q Ltd. offering Tunnel, Sport Hydro, & Mono.

RTR– District 14 rules. Series Points D2/D14 - District Rules apply. P limited & Q limited rules.

5 boats to make a trophy class. 3 boats to make a racing class. **150 boat limit**/classes may be combined. Shootout format. Top 6 boats to the 4th round with points carrying over.

On-site camping permitted (no hookups). Several motels nearby. Raffle and food available.

CD: Dan Kramer (419) 692-1136 email: dkramer@wcoil.com

Assistant CD: Garry Geiselman (260) 437-0143 email: Driftwoodmbc@gmail.com

**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 25 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



The 2023 Challenge is on!

2022 "Can-Am Challenge" was won by Team USA. This makes the series tied at four team USA to four team Canada.

AUGUST
26 & 27
SOMERS, WI

Badger
Model Boat Club

“Super Sport Mono Throwdown” #23-038 R

TIME: 8:30 AM / Driver Meeting 8:15 AM

Open water Friday, August 25 from Noon to 5 PM.
Badger Pond, 11th Place, Somers, WI 53177.

On Google Map, search “Badger Model Boat Club Pond”. We have pinned the location.

CLASSES: All IMPB classes offered. Flyer on IMPBA.net. **Online registration required on RCRacingEvents.com by August 25th.** Call Dave or Mike with registration questions.

3 boats to make a class. Four rounds of racing, 8 laps per heat. Shootout format for classes of seven or more boats. 5th round shootout for classes with more than 4 boats. **SuperSport Mono class will run 5 rounds and a 12-lap finale for top 6 boats – winner awarded a brand NEW Zenoah 260PUM motor** (no carb)!

Custom Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals for classes with 5 or more boats. (Gold only for 4 or less) 50/50 Raffle – winner must be present during drawing. Camping allowed – no hookup.

In Kenosha County at intersection of I-94 & Co Hwy E Exit I-94 at Hwy E, go east 1/4 mile to E. Frontage Rd. Turn north on Frontage Rd. and go 500 ft. to 11th Place. Pond entrance is 300 ft. west of E. Frontage Rd.

CD: Cathy Preusse (847) 533-4694 email: catpreusse@gmail.com

Assistant CD: Dave Halverson (847) 613-8745 email: davidh144@yahoo.com

General questions? Mike Mischnick (224) 522-0230 email: mike7130@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER
8 to 10
PENDLETON, IN

Indy Model
Boat Club

“Indy Masters” #23-025 R

TIME: 8 AM

Open water Sep. 7th 8 AM 'till dusk
Mystic Waters Campground, 5435 W. SR 38, Pendleton, IN 46064

Class listings and entry on **RaceDayOnline.com.** (<https://app.eventconnect.io/racedayonline>)
Pre-registration for this event has closed.

Indy Masters Green Jacket awarded for First Place in class!

Mystic Waters Family Campground offers a "Stay and Race" opportunity with cabins available for rent as well as a variety of RV and tent camping sites for an easy transition between racing and relaxing. For those wanting to stay off property there are hotels within 10 miles of the site and reservations can be made through the event portal.

250 boat maximum. 3 boats for series/ 6 boat all others.

CLASSES: A, B, D, E, F Hydro; Multi-Engine Hydro; B Sport OB Tunnel; Sport 20; Sport 40; 1/8 Scale; Multi-Engine; Unlimited; 1/6 Gas Scale; Classic Thunderboat; Gas Sport Hydro; Gas Mono; Gas Cat; Open FE; Open Nitro Mono; RTR. *Series classes are: RTR, B Sport Tunnel, Sport 20, Sport 40, 1/8 Scale, 1/6 Scale Gas, Thunderboat, Gas Sport Hydro, Gas Mono, and Gas Cat.*

CD: Bruce Jacobs (317) 727-8769

email: bjacobs74@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER
9
PINE CITY, NY

Southern Tier NY
RC Model Boaters

“NY State Championship Series - Race #5” #23-020 R

TIME: 9 AM / 8:45 Driver Meeting

Open water Friday Noon to 6 p.m.
Skip's Country Pond, 11755 East Hill Road, Pine City, NY 14871 (3 miles from Caton).

CLASSES: All IMPBA classes. Race committee reserves the right to combine. 3 boats to make a class. Single-day races will be 3 rounds. **Flyer on IMPBA.net for additional details. Pre-registration is appreciated.** *Season champions awarded embroidered 2023 shirt based on scores earned from 6 eligible races.*

Email entries to pkforcier@juno.com (include name/address/phone/email/classes), or call 607-738-4631, or mail to: Forcier, 793 Chamber Rd., Horseheads, NY 14845 with check payable to: Kathy Forcier.

Large roomy course with protected smooth water. Covered elevated driver's stand & covered pit tables. Free camping – MUST be requested in advance – contact Pete! Lots of motels in area.

CD: Pete Forcier (607) 738-4631 email: pkforcier@juno.com

Assistant CD: Sue Rodas (585) 594-4844

SEPTEMBER
9 & 10
SYCAMORE, GA

First Coast
Model Boaters

“FCMB Grand Prix” #23-044 R

TIME: 9 AM / 8:45 Driver Meeting

Open water Friday, September 8

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

Listings and entry details on RCRacingEvents.com. **Pre-registration required by September 4.** There is a **200 boat limit for GP races** so enter early! 3 boats to make a class.

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 the 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) prior to the event.

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

Assistant CD: Daniel Hall (904) 707-7413

SEPTEMBER
16 & 17
QUEENSTOWN, MD

RC Model Boaters of
Baltimore/Delmarva

“Tim Lesniewski Memorial Gold Cup” #23-048 R

TIME: 8:30 AM

Open water Friday from Noon to 5 pm.

219 Cherry Lane, Queenstown, MD 21658

(US-301, between mile markers 86 & 87)

Listings and registration on RCRacingEvents.com. Pre-registration required. Club will combine classes at their discretion. 4 boats to make a class. 4 rounds of racing. 50/50 Raffle!

Racers should familiarize themselves with D12 rules. District rules can be found at capitolrcmodelboats.com. Standard heat racing for scale classes. Audio clock.

Pets allowed on lease. No pets in race area. Onsite camping allowed in designated areas – no hookups. Campers must remove all trash. Nearby hotels. No smoking or vaping in pit area, fire extinguishers mandatory in cold pits or trailers. Engines started only in hot pits.

CD: Charles Jones (443) 617-8026 email: cjones930@verizon.net

SEPTEMBER
17
ROCHESTER HILLS, MI

Oakland-Wolverine
Model Boat Club

“District II Challenge” #23-042 R

TIME: 9 AM

(Park opens at 7 a.m. No engines running before 9 a.m. on race day)

Open water on Saturday, Sep. 16 from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. after course set-up.

Thelma G. Spencer Park Lake, 3701 John R. Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Entries limited to the first 100 boats! 3 boats to make a class. **Pre-registration required by Thursday, Sep. 13.**

CLASSES: B and D Mono; A, B, D, and Open Hydro; Sport 20; Sport 40; 1/8 Scale; 1/6 Gas Scale; LSG Sport Hydro; Classic Thunderboat; LSG Mono. DII rules for Scale.

CD: Bert Dygert (248) 221-0901 email: dannicdyg@yahoo.com

Assistant CD: Garl Clement (586) 344-3155 email: hydroplanes@wowway.com

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

SEPTEMBER
23 & 24
EVANSVILLE, IN

River City
Racing Club

“Jack Kohlmeyer Fall Classic” #23-033 R

TIME: 9 AM

Deaconess Sports Park, 6800 N. Green River Rd., Evansville, IN 47725
Open water: Sep. 22 from Noon to sundown.

CLASSES: RTR; Sport 20; Sport 40; 1/8 Scale; B Mod OB Tunnel; B Sport OB Tunnel; P-Limited FE; B Mono; Open Nitro OB Tunnel; Open Nitro Hydro; B Hydro; Open Nitro Mono; Gas Catamaran; Classic Thunderboat; 1/8 Scale FE; Open Gas Hydro; Gas Mono; Gas Sport Hydro; SS Gas Mono; P-Limited Novice; 1/6 Gas Scale; Jersey Skiff.

5 boats to make a class. **Pre-registration is required by Sep. 23**

Enter & details on www.rivercityracingclub.com

CD: Aaron Johnson email: braceru31@gmail.com
Assistant CD: Mike Schindler email: saymikey@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER
30
PINE CITY, NY

Southern Tier NY
RC Model Boaters

“NY State Championship Series - Race #6” #23-021 R

TIME: 9 AM / 8:45 Driver Meeting

Open water Friday Noon to 6 p.m.
Skip's Country Pond, 11755 East Hill Road, Pine City, NY 14871 (3 miles from Caton).

CLASSES: All IMPBA classes. Race committee reserves the right to combine. 3 boats to make a class. Single-day races will be 3 rounds. **Flyer on IMPBA.net for additional details.**
Pre-registration is appreciated. Season champions awarded embroidered 2023 shirt based on scores earned from 6 eligible races.

Email entries to pkforcier@juno.com (include name/address/phone/email/classes), or call 607-738-4631, or mail to: Forcier, 793 Chamber Rd., Horseheads, NY 14845 with check payable to: Kathy Forcier.

Large roomy course with protected smooth water. Covered elevated driver's stand & covered pit tables. Free camping – MUST be requested in advance – contact Pete! Lots of motels in area.

CD: Pete Forcier (607) 738-4631 email: pkforcier@juno.com
Assistant CD: Sue Rodas (585) 594-4844

SEP / OCT
30 & 1
JOHNSTON CITY, IL

St. Louis
Thunderboaters

“Midwest Scale Championships” #23-030 R

TIME: 8 AM Driver meeting

Arrowhead Lake Campground, 1600 Peterson Ave., Johnston City, IL 62951
www.JohnstonCityCampground.com
Open water September 29 - Noon until 6 p.m.

Entry and class details on www.thunderboaters.com. Pre-registration required by Sep. 25.

5 boats to make a class. Traveling Trophies for 1/8 Scale, 1/6 Scale, Sport 40, Classic Thunderboat. Traveling trophy classes will run 4 rounds, all others run 3 rounds.

CD: James Ellet (618) 658-0524
Assistant CD: Wes Ellet (618) 771-3896

For information email: thunderboaters@gmail.com



OCTOBER
6 to 8
JOHNS ISLAND, SC
Charleston
Model Boaters

“2023 CMB Fall Nationals” #23-026 R

TIME: 9 AM
Controlled Open Water ONLY on Thursday Oct. 5.
No other open water is allowed and will be strictly enforced!
Island Lake, 1673 Fern Hill Dr., Johns Island, SC 29455

Watch for class listings, additional class details, and entry information on RCRacingEvents.com.

3 boats to make a class. **Pre-registration is required.**
Four rounds time and weather permitting. Full mill course, 6 laps. 92dB strictly enforced.
Only canopies and vendors allowed on front side along water – NO EXCEPTION.
Nearby hotels available.
CD: Randy Corbin (843) 696-7963 email: randy.m.corbin@gmail.com

OCTOBER
14 & 15
SOMERS, WI
Badger
Model Boat Club

“Badger Fall Shootout” #23-039 R

TIME: 8:30 AM / Driver Meeting 8:15 AM
Open water October 13 from Noon to 5 PM.
Badger Pond, 11th Place, Somers, WI 53177.

On Google Map, search "Badger Model Boat Club Pond". We have pinned the location.

All IMPB classes offered. **Flyer on IMPBA.net.** 3 boats to make a class. 8 laps of racing per heat.
Four rounds of racing. 5th round for classes with 4 or more entries. Shootout format for classes with seven or more entries.

Electric Scale class will be limited to 8S battery combinations. D14 and RC Unlimited rules.
Camping allowed – no hookup. 50/50 Raffle – must be present to win.

Online registration required at RCRacingEvents.com by October 12. Call Dave or Mike with registration questions.

Exit I-94 at Hwy E, go east 1/4 mile to E. Frontage Rd. Turn north on Frontage Rd. and go 500 ft. to 11th Place. Pond entrance is 300 ft. west of E. Frontage Rd.

CD: Cathy Preusse (847) 533-4694 email: catpreusse@gmail.com
Assistant CD: Dave Halverson (847) 613-8745 email: davidh144@yahoo.com
General questions? Mike Mischnick (224) 522-0230 email: mike7130@gmail.com

OCTOBER
21 & 22
HARRISON, OH
Cincinnati
Model Boat Club

“CMBC 2023 Oval Record Trials” #23-043 RT

Timed event for 1/3 mile Oval and 1/4 mile Oval.
TIME: Event starts when timing system is operational – approx. 8 AM until dusk
6040 Kilby Road, Harrison, OH 45030. Lake entrance: 6471 Dryfork Road, Cleves, OH 45002.

All IMPBA record eligible classes in Nitro, Gas & Fast Electric. 1/4 Mile and 1/3 Mile Oval only.
Pre-registration is not required –but please email to let us know you will be coming.

\$20 flat fee -- run as often as weather permits. Fee is payable prior to first run. IMPBA membership required.

NOTE: Witching Hour Rules (1 hour prior to sunset) -- Only drivers whose boats have been within 5% of the record during the event, or that current record holder will be allowed to run on the short list. *If no one on the short list elects to run, other participants from the daily list may run until someone on the short list elects to run again, however at no time may someone on the short list give up their spot to someone not on the short list.*

CD: TJ Hammons (513) 675-6350 email: Thammons92@gmail.com
Contact: Mario Johnston (513) 675-6350 email: cincymbc@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 RCRacingEvents.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!

Contact us regarding availability of camping and campers hook-ups. Visit sowegamodelboaters.com for more info.

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

NOVEMBER
17 to 19
RESERVE, LA

Voodoo Model
Boat Club

“Voodoo World Championships”#23-046 R

TIME: 7:30 AM driver meeting each day

Open water Thursday, Nov. 16 - ALL DAY
Voodoo Pond, 451 Airport Rd., Reserve, LA 70084

ENTRY opening date 8/19 on RCRacingEvents.com. This event has become one of the most competitive this hobby has to offer, and brings with it some of the fastest boats and greatest drivers from around the world. Mark those calendars and come enjoy some New Orleans hospitality!

250 boat limit. 3 boats to make a class. **Pre-registration required on RCRacingEvents.com by August 10.** Must pay fees at time of entry. See entry site for additional class details.

Tentative Schedule:

FRIDAY: Super Sport Mono; Thunderboat; Crackerbox; Jersey Skiff; D Hydro; F Hydro; 1/6 Scale Gas; 1/8 Scale Nitro; LSG Tunnel.

SATURDAY: Open Mono, Cat, Sport Hydro, Rigger; Open Offshore; B Sport Tunnel; F Mono; Sport 40 Hydro, E Hydro

SUNDAY: LSG 27 Mono, Cat, Sport Hydro, Rigger; Super Boat Offshore; B Mono; B Hydro; Twin Nitro Hydro, King of Da Swamp (TOP 3 NITRO VS TOP 3 GAS TWIN RIGGERS)

Voodoo Cornhole Championships! Food vendor on site throughout the event. Plenty of pit space and parking for large trailers/motor homes –low voltage hook-up and water. Hotels nearby.

Co-CDs: Nick Hartdegen (225) 461-9269 email: njhrecovery1@gmail.com /
Jesse Lee (504) 329-1825 email: jessemlee@bellsouth.net

NOVEMBER
26 & 27
HUNTSVILLE, AL

Huntsville Model
Boating Association

“IMPBA Record Trials”#23-035 RT

Timed event for 1/16 mile SAW, 1/3 mile Oval, 1/4 mile Oval.

TIME: Event starts when timing system is operational – approx. 8 AM until dark

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

CLASSES: Any IMPBA legal boat/hull/motor can run. All IMPBA record eligible classes in Nitro, Gas & Fast Electric. 1/16 Mile SAW, 1/3 & 1/4 Mile Oval will be options at CD's discretion & majority of contestants. **Pre-registration is not required –but please email Rick or Mark to let us know you will be coming.** Plenty of room for tents and equipment. \$25 flat fee run as often as weather permits. Fee is payable prior to first run.

NOTE: Witching Hour Rules (1 hour prior to sunset) -- Only drivers whose boats have been within 5% of the record during the event, or that current record holder will be allowed to run on the short list. *If no one on the short list elects to run, other participants from the daily list may run until someone on the short list elects to run again.*

CD: Rick Grim (256) 656-0859 email: uvapilot@bellsouth.net
Assistant CD: Mark Grim (714) 615-9974 email: mgrim@mindspring.com



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

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!





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





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 _____

Q. When Is a Race Sanction Needed?

A. As a general guideline, your club should send in a sanction form for any event which you intend to advertise and invite persons outside of your club. This includes other IMPBA members and other recognized organization members such as NAMBA. This also allows you to accept the Single-Event Fee from a NAMBA member to enable him/her to race and be covered by IMPBA general liability insurance. Also any special exhibition races that you expect to be covered by IMPBA insurance need to be sanctioned as the site for the event must meet IMPBA safety criteria to be covered under our policy. A club race just for your club members does not require a sanction. Only sanctioned events & flyers will be listed on the IMPBA website Races/Events tab and Master Schedule.

Q. What Does a Sanction Mean?

A. **A Sanction** is the official authorization of an event. A Sanction tells prospective participants that your club and pond are insured and they are therefore protected as IMPBA members, and that you agree to abide by all IMPBA Rules and Regulations. Contest Directors running the event and the CD/Referee making the calls must have successfully completed the CD test and carry the CD designation on their card. Deviations from competition rules are allowed as long as they are clearly stated on the entry form or site. It ensures participants that the rules will be impartially enforced, and guarantees the results of the event will be recognized as official.

Q. Who Approves a Sanction?

A. **The Director** for the district in which the contest is being held is responsible for approving sanction requests. This allows the Director to coordinate events within the district to avoid overlap that would affect attendance at your event or an event elsewhere in the district. When you submit your form directly to the IMPBA office, if it is not already signed, the office will contact your Director to verify the dates were approved. If there is a conflict, your director will contact you to work with your club on a solution or alternate date.

Q. How Many Times Can a Single-Event Fee Be Paid By Non-IMPBA Members?

A. **Multiple times.** IMPBA allows persons who have a paid membership to other boating organizations to pay a fee so that they are included as a covered party under our General Liability insurance. They may pay this fee as many times per year as they wish. The \$15 fee allows running in that event only. The other organization member must pay a separate \$15 fee for each IMPBA sanctioned race he/she wishes to attend. The Single-Event status is not available in lieu of a paid membership to a boating organization! To run on an IMPBA insured body of water you must be a paid IMPBA member, or a paid member of another organization who pays the Single-Event fee to run at an IMPBA sanctioned event. The Single-Event form and fee MUST be completed online (preferably at least on week prior to the event), clubs will not accept these fees at the race site.

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

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

<i>For Office Use Only</i>	
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: _____

Check/Money Order # _____

**SAVE and SEND by email to:
secretary@impba.net**

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	Trans ID _____
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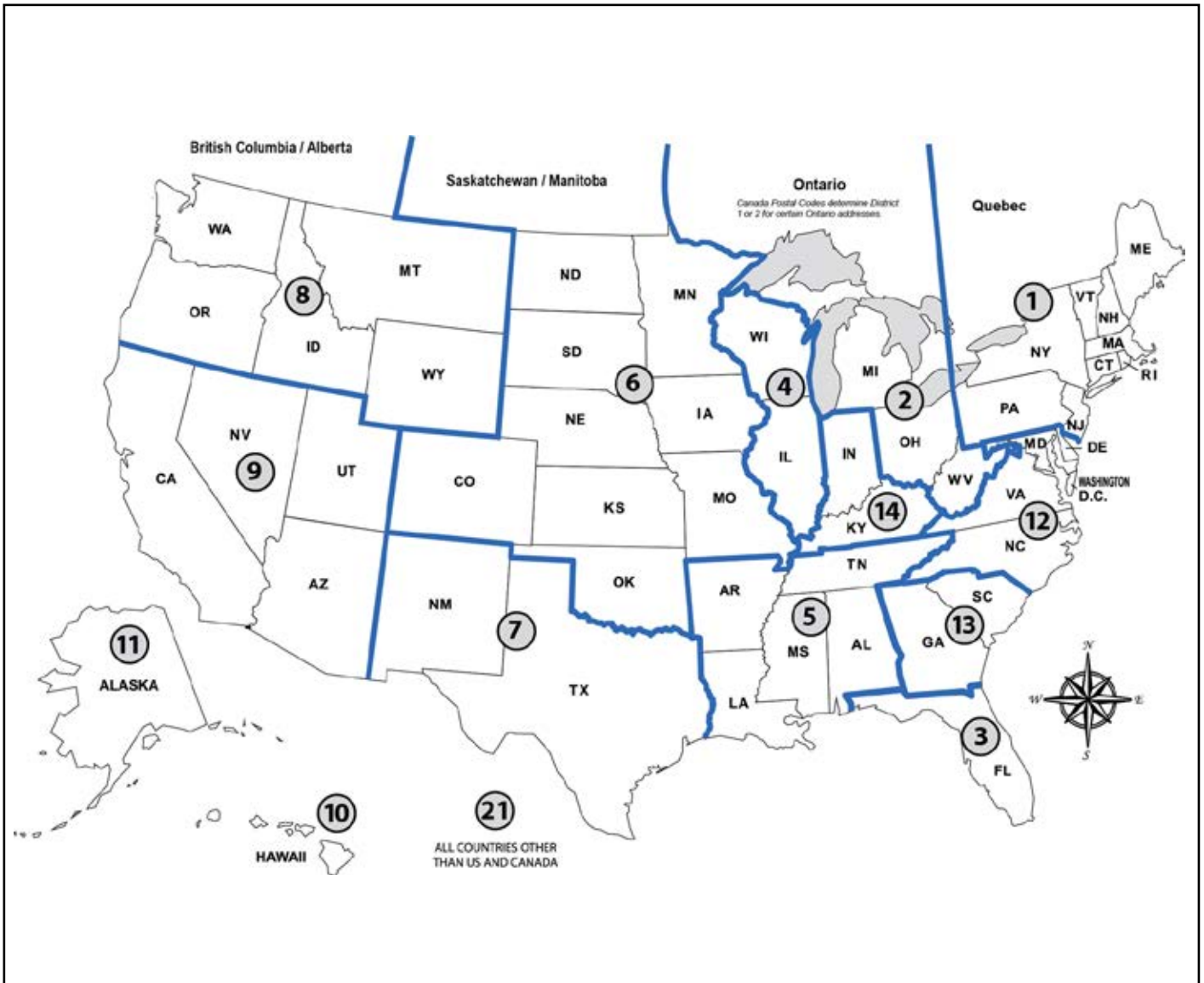
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