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National Scale Director

National Outboard Director

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**Officers contact info on final pages.**

**ON THE COVER: Dennis Post of the Dayton RC Model Boat Club** enjoyed photography and took many photos of his club member's boats during Dayton's Test 'n Tune days. In his memory, we decided to run one last photo of his. Our condolences to the club members on the recent loss of their long-time club member.

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## President's Corner

Doug Smock, IMPBA President

The 2023 race season has come to an end, and it was a busy one. We had 48 events sanctioned and saw the membership increase to 1032! Your board of directors had a busy year as well. **There are seven proposals out for membership vote.** Voting is done online and couldn't be easier, so please take a few minutes and let your voice be heard. **Online voting will open by December 15.** If you have any questions, please reach out to me, or any of the directors for answers.

### 2024 Marks The IMPBA's 75th Anniversary!

The BOD decided that rather than trying to organize a big race that would interfere with long-standing events, it would be better to celebrate the milestone at every 2024 event. D14 Director, Bradley Maglinger, took ideas from the BOD to a local designer

to have a banner created. It was decided that the organization would have one sent to every district. The banners turned out great, and I really like the cool vintage look.



They will look good displayed at events next year! Contact your director to arrange for delivery of the banner for your event. BTW, we have clubs working out details on 2024 Nitro and Gas National bids. We'll get more information out as soon as it becomes available.

I'd like to thank Dave Halverson for his service to the organization and D4, and to Joe Wiebelhaus for his many years of service as National Scale Director.

We welcome Keith Ray as the newly elected Director for D4, and Mike Schindler as National Scale Director. I think both gentlemen will do a great job!

Lastly, thanks to directors Randy Rapedius D1, Dave Petrich D6, Lance Ledet LSG, and Michael Ball FE for staying on in those positions. It's clear the membership appreciates the job you are doing.

Lynne has been busy with early renewals for members and clubs — among other things — and we are in great shape heading into the 2024 season. Thank you for all you do Ms. Lynne.

I'm looking forward to my second year as president, and to working with the great folks you have elected to represent you. We will continue our efforts to polish the rulebook and make the IMPBA the best it can be. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please feel free to reach out to me, your directors, or the office. We're all here for you. ♦



Contact Doug at  
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**EXPENSES - Final period of Fiscal Year (FY ending Oct. 31, 2023)**

CATEGORY	JUL 23	AUG 23	SEP 23	OCT 23
Federal 941 - Qtrly WTH tax	1010.70			1010.70
Federal 940 - Annual FUTA Tax				
Indiana Incorporation Fee - 2 yr.				
Ohio Corp fee - 5 yr.				
Ohio - Qtrly WTH Tax	90.00			90.00
City - Qtrly WTH Tax	122.52			122.52
ODJFS - Qtrly UC Tax (based on cap)	41.00			
BWC - Annual Tax		2.00		
Payroll - Net	1,350.55	1,350.55	1,350.55	1,350.55
PO Box Fee - Annual				
Carbonite Backup - Annual				
Phone	43.42	29.80	59.70	29.23
Internet				
Software-annual plans				
Website / Security / CarePan / Domain				
Conference Call Fees-1 yr		245.67		
CPA/Professional Fees			85.00	
Postage/Stamps	2.07		10.66	30.00
Office supplies/toner/paper/env	12.92			104.06
Printing - Roostertail		208.31		
Mailing - Roostertail		15.15		
Printing - Rule Books				
Mailing - Rule Books				
Other printing	10.65			
Other shipping		48.00		
Refunds (duplicates/overpays)				
PayPal / Bank Fees Net	53.24	66.13	23.16	18.98
Regatta /Trophies/HOF		431.64		
Wristbands/Life cards				
Miscellaneous				
Officers INSURANCE -1 yr				
Liability INSURANCE -1 yr.				
<b>MONTHLY TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,737.07</b>	<b>\$2,397.25</b>	<b>\$1529.07</b>	<b>\$2,756.04</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR</b> .....	<b>\$35,994.60</b>			

**OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STRUCTURE**

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

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

**ACCOUNT BALANCES**

*Period ending OCTOBER 31, 2023*

Bank Accounts

CHECKING  
**\$57,521.70**

PAYPAL TRANSFER ACCOUNT  
**\$250.00**

SAVINGS  
*(insurance account)*  
**\$15,002.02**

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PAYPAL SYSTEM BALANCE  
**\$988.33**

**FISCAL YEAR  
INCOME BY CATEGORY**

*(FY NOV. 1, 2022 to OCT. 31, 2023\*)*

SENIOR MEMBERSHIPS  
**\$39,070**

FAMILY/JUNIOR  
MEMBERSHIPS  
**\$2,340**

SINGLE-EVENT  
OTHER ORGANIZATION FEES  
**\$435**

CLUB REGISTRATIONS  
& ADDITIONAL SITES  
**\$1,780**

RACE/RECORD SANCTIONS  
**\$960**

ROOSTERTAIL PRINT VERSION  
**\$90**

ROOSTERTAIL ADVERTISING  
**\$855**

CONTRIBUTIONS  
**\$100**

INTEREST  
**\$3**

\* TOTALS before expenses

## RECENT BOARD ACTIONS

### National Scale Director Appointment Announced

**Mike Schindler** was appointed to become the National Scale Director beginning Jan.1, 2024. Please contact your District Scale Director or Mike for Scale Registration as of January.

We thank Joe Wiebelhaus for his years of service in this position, and welcome Mike back to the BOD.

The appointment was approved unanimously by the voting board.

*Board email vote, Aug., 2023*

### 75th Anniversary Banners

Board discussion at Annual Meeting regarding celebrating the IMPBA 75th Anniversary at all events. The idea of having banners created was suggested. Design & cost for various sizes was submitted for approval.

**\*\*\* Each District has received a banner. Contact your District Director to obtain for your events.\*\*\***

Approved unanimously by the voting board.

*Board email vote, Oct., 2023*

### Rule Book Price Increase

THE ONLINE RULE BOOK IS ALWAYS THE MOST CURRENT, AND ALWAYS AVAILABLE.

Due to the ever increasing costs of printing and delivery, the BOD has approved a price increase to \$25 per book, and delivery subject to availability. One printing will be ordered after annual updates are complete and any voted on rule changes are added. Ship date target is February.

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Approved unanimously by the voting board.

*Board email vote, Nov., 2023*

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# 2023 Director Election RESULTS

**3-YEAR TERMS TO BEGIN JANUARY 1, 2024:**

**DISTRICT 4: Keith Ray** was elected to serve as Director

The following unopposed incumbents agreed to continue to serve in their positions for the new term:

**DISTRICT 1: Randy Rapedius**

**DISTRICT 6: David Petrich**

**DISTRICT 8:** Vacant.

**DISTRICT 13: Doug Smock**

**NATIONAL LARGE SCALE GAS: Lance Ledet**

**NATIONAL FAST ELECTRIC: Mike Ball**

Elections for the following Board of Director positions will be in October 2024:

**Districts 2, 5, 9\*, 10\*, and National Nitro**

**Nominations for these positions are due to the office by JULY 31, 2024.**

for 3-year terms to begin Jan. 1, 2025.

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

For chart of positions and terms, see final page of the IMPBA Constitution.

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

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

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# Silent Engine

## Ivan Anthony Bourdier July 19, 1938 – September 18, 2023

Ivan Bourdier, 85, of Lafayette, Louisiana, passed away on September 18, 2023. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Shirley.

Ivan was born in Lafayette, and as a child was always outdoors in the rice and cane fields, or with his grandfather on the job at the railroad. He played football for Cathedral H.S., and graduated in 1956. He began his life's work as a metal fabricator for the Tauzin family business, and later in 1962, worked with his father, Erwin, and helped build the areas iconic buildings.

He married Shirley in 1965, and they had 3 daughters, twelve grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Ivan then began a career as an artist with Brutalist metal sculptors. His Cajun theme work was featured in Southern Living Magazine's May 1976 issue. Ivan served on the Lafayette Art Association board for many years. He sold his metalwork at shows across the Southeast U.S. In the 80s and 90s, Ivan transitioned to woodworking and won awards for his waterfowl and local bird species carvings. He was commissioned by many to carve life-size, life-like animals and carousel animals.

Ivan's artistic abilities shined through all of his hobbies. He began with RC model airplanes in the 70s, then cars, and finally RC boats. Ivan was a master craftsman and the owner of Ivan's Boat Works, and spent his later years in his workshop perfecting his winning wooden Gas boats.

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



*Ivan Bourdier*

IMPBA Member #19559 S • Joined 2005

# Silent Engine

## Dennis E. "Denny" Post August 25, 1951 - November 15, 2023

Dennis Post, age 72, of New Carlisle, Ohio, died on November 15, 2023.

Dennis graduated from Doyleston H.S., and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where he met and married the love of his life, Linda "Lin". They recently celebrated 51 years of marriage. He worked at WPAFB for over 30 years, retiring in 2007. He spent winters in Florida and enjoyed fishing, music, photography, and cheering on the Ohio State Buckeyes, and Cleveland Browns.

Dennis joined IMPBA in 2001 and became the president of the Dayton RC Model Boaters, serving for 20 years until 2021.

Dennis was an avid Gas boater, and he enjoyed taking photos of the boats and the club activities. He managed the club website for many years. He participated in putting on RC boat demonstrations with the club at the annual "Wake The Lake" F1 Powerboat Race in Springfield, OH.

Dennis is survived by his wife, a son, Bradley, and a daughter, Sharon, and 3 grandchildren. He will be missed by his friends, his siblings, and many extended family. ♦



*Dennis Post*

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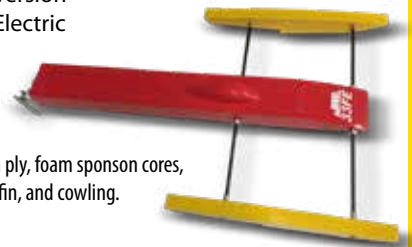
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# PROPOSALS #23-002 / #23-003 / #23-004

The following items were adopted by the Board as Trial Rules for 2022 & 2023, and now come before the membership for voting. Proposals will be voted on, and adopted or not, individually.

**SEC. H - NITRO SPECIALIZED CLASSES / Article XI- Nitro International Regatta / Paragraph A (1). (Page H-13)**  
**Additions /changes are indicated in red & highlighted.**

**The Board of Directors is unanimously recommending passage of these proposals.**

## **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**

#### **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; 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.

### **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. 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.



# PROPOSAL #23-005

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 – AMENDMENTS**

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.



# PROPOSAL #23-006

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.

## SCALE REGISTERED OWNER 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

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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.~~



**BOD reviewed June 2023 via email.**  
Originally submitted May 4, 2023 by Doug Smock #19887 L CD.  
Supported by: Don Ferrette #17064 S CD; Mike Betke #8700 S CD;  
Mike Schindler #9112 L CD; Mike Ball #19339 S CD;  
Bradley Maglinger #17924 S CD; Rick Bellinger #102735 S CD



# PROPOSAL #23-007

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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## **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**

- ~~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.**



**BOD reviewed at July 2023 Annual Meeting**  
Submitted May 2023 by Lance Ledet #21154 S CD & Mark Grannis #10477 S CD.  
Supported by: Randy Rapedius #14315 S CD; David Petrich #11720 S CD; Jim Nissen #17360 PL CD; Nick Hartdegen #14917 S CD; Dave Halverson #21094 S CD.



# PROPOSAL #23-008

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*)

**It is proposed that current rules E(1) thru E(6) will be replaced with the following:**

## **Sec. J - FAST ELECTRIC**

### **E. Scale 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:

Don Ferrette #17064 S CD; Todd Fleury #21284 S; Steve Reesor #14765 S;

Chris Harris #19639 S CD; Tom Kelly #13527 S CD.



# BALLOT

#23-002 / #23-003 / #23-004 / #23-005 / #23-006 / #23-007 / #23-008

Full text of proposals on proceeding pages.  
If approved, changes become effective for the 2024 season.

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**PROPOSAL #23-002:**  
**SPORT 20 HYDRO AS US-1 CLASS**  
**Board unanimously recommends passage.**

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**PROPOSAL #23-006:**  
**SCALE REGISTERED OWNER RACE RULE**  
**Board unanimously recommends passage.**

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**PROPOSAL #23-003:**  
**B SPORT O/B TUNNEL AS US-1 CLASS**  
**Board unanimously recommends passage.**

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**PROPOSAL #23-007:**  
**CONSTITUTION: Past Pres/ Vice Pres/ Nominations**  
**Board unanimously recommends passage.**

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**PROPOSAL #23-004:**  
**A & B HYDRO SEPARATE US-1 CLASS**  
**Board unanimously recommends passage.**

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**PROPOSAL #23-008:**  
**FE SCALE RULES REVISE**  
**Board unanimously recommends passage.**

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**PROPOSAL #23-005:**  
**AMENDMENTS PROCESS**  
**A Board majority is recommending passage.**

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**INTERNATIONAL MODEL POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION**  
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**TERRY KEELEY**



**Terry Keeley #5394 S CD of District 1**

**T**erry Keeley of Mississauga, Ontario, was inducted into the Hall of Fame for 2023. He joined the IMPBA in 1977.

Terry's long history in the IMPBA and the hobby includes serving in both National and District roles, as well as leadership roles in clubs in both D1 and D2. He served two terms as National Records Director in the 90s, and also rewrote the record rules, and standardized the electronic timing sensor equipment which is still in use today at record sites in the U.S and in Canada.

Terry has been promoting and holding sanctioned Record Trial events in Flint, Michigan, since 2005, and continues to do so, allowing many members the opportunity to attempt both SAW and Oval records. It is estimated that he has attended nearly 100 record trials. In the 90s, Terry held the record for D-Hydro in SAW, and was the first boater to break the 90 mph barrier in that class.

He has travelled all over the US and Canada to race and to assist in National events. Terry has attended more than 20 Internats, where he has placed in the top three numerous times, and in 1989 he won a US-1 for the E Hydro class.

Terry works tirelessly at the club and district level promoting the organization and the hobby of RC boating and racing. Beginning in 2005, he has served as the Secretary and Treasurer for the Northern Lights Model Boat Club. Due to his efforts, the club has grown to more than 40 members.

In addition, Terry had been the Contest Director for the very successful CAN-AM race. This well-run event has been held for 13 years, and continues to grow in popularity.

We wish to recognize Terry's dedication to promoting and serving the hobby, and to also acknowledge his character as a true sportsman in the hobby. Congratulations! ♦

**INTERNATIONAL MODEL POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION**  
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**PHIL THOMAS**



**Phil Thomas #4876 S of District 4**

**P**hil Thomas of Decatur, Illinois, was inducted into the Hall of Fame for 2023. He has been in the hobby since the early 70s and joined the IMPBA in 1976. He has encouraged countless hobbyists to join the RC racing community.

Phil is not only an RC boat enthusiast who is always willing to offer a helping hand and give advice, but he is also an accomplished racer whose designs have influenced the hobby for many years. His hulls and products are renowned throughout the country and internationally. Phil is probably best known for his Phil Thomas Hydro hulls, and his Sport 40 Stealth design. He has produced epoxy glass Nitro and FE hulls for Sport 20, Sport 40, 1/8 Scale, and recently started designing and producing Gas Sport Hydro hulls.

It is fair to say Phil's designs have contributed significantly to giving everyone access to the RC boat hobby. He races to test and improve on designs, but is always willing to share set-up advice with his race competitors. It is said that Phil is never more than a

phone call away to answer questions about what can make a boat run and handle better.

Phil has received many National awards, and has had numerous podium appearances in districts throughout IMPBA, as well as his name on the 1/8th Scale Silver Cup in D4 multiple times. It is safe to say that he leaves most races with an award in hand. Phil won US-1 Awards in 2005, 2008, 2010, and 2012, including the President's Cup in 2008, and again in 2012.

Phil was a member and secretary of the Quad City Roostertails for many years, and helped with the 2000 Internats hosted in Milan, IL. Phil has helped draft and present several rule changes over the years. During his travels to races, he has served as a true ambassador of the hobby.

Phil is a humble man, and a person of good character — he is the type of member you want a new boater to meet! We are proud to honor him with a place in the Hall of Fame. ♦

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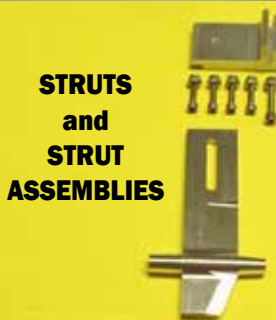
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clubs have submitted the correct application (on a Club Registration and Insurance Application form), and have been issued an insurance certificate. Since rates or coverages may vary from time to time, up to date insurance information may be obtained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

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## National Records Director

*Ron Drake*

Plenty of fast boats showed up at the October CMB Oval time trials held in Harrison, OH. Check out the **9 new records set!**

Unfortunately, the Flint, MI run dates were cancelled due to pond conditions.

Huntsville MBA hosted their Turkey Day Trials on November 22 and 23 in Huntsville, AL. As soon as any records set there are certified, they will be updated on the record sheets that are posted online.

It looks like Valdosta, GA site will be hosting **"SpeedWeek 2024" from February 3 through 11.**

It will be the week-long availability as in previous years, so you can stop by any of those dates and test your skills. Watch the IMPBA event calendar for the posting.

Refer to the Current Records PDF posted on the Rule Book/ Records page of the website. It lists additional information such as hulls, engines and lower units, props, fuel, and other details about the record setting boats.

Until next time. Happy Boating, and Happy Holidays! ♦



### OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2023 ► HARRISON, OH

1/3 MILE OVAL	Class	Time/Sec	MPH
Chris Grim	D Hydro	<b>15.049</b>	79.739
Michael Ball	P Sport Hydro	<b>20.402</b>	58.817

1/4 MILE OVAL	Class	Time/Sec	MPH
Chris Grim	D Hydro	<b>11.939</b>	75.383
Tyler Garrard	F Hydro	<b>14.943</b>	60.228
Mario Johnston	Super Sport Mono	<b>21.037</b>	42.781
Mark Scott	N Catamaran	<b>35.510</b>	25.344
David Hughey	S Catamaran	<b>22.910</b>	39.284
David Hughey	T Catamaran	<b>23.182</b>	38.823
Michael Ball	P Sport Hydro	<b>16.876</b>	53.330

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## Another Season Comes to a Close

As the 2023 season comes to an end up here in District 1, most boaters have put away their current equipment, started new projects, and are planning for the 2024 season. Our D1 membership numbers have once again increased compared to last year. Many new boaters signed up and have gotten that RC boating itch that we all have experienced.

The Southern Tier NY club is once again planning to host their NY State Championship Series which consists of six races. These one-day races are very popular in their area. There is talk of them hosting a two-day race for 2024. Hopefully it happens.

The Northern Lights crew up in the Toronto area have a solid membership of 45 members making it the largest club in all of IMPBA. This has not come by chance. The club has been growing year after year and host the ever-popular CAN-AM race. **For 2024 the CAN-AM is scheduled for August 24 & 25.** Mark your calendars.

As your District 1 Director, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone and their family a happy and safe holiday season. ♦



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*Terry Keeley and Al Hobbs got tangled up—it happens to the best of them once in a while.*



*Oliver Douglas is still a force to be reckoned with on the race course — don't let that smile fool you.*



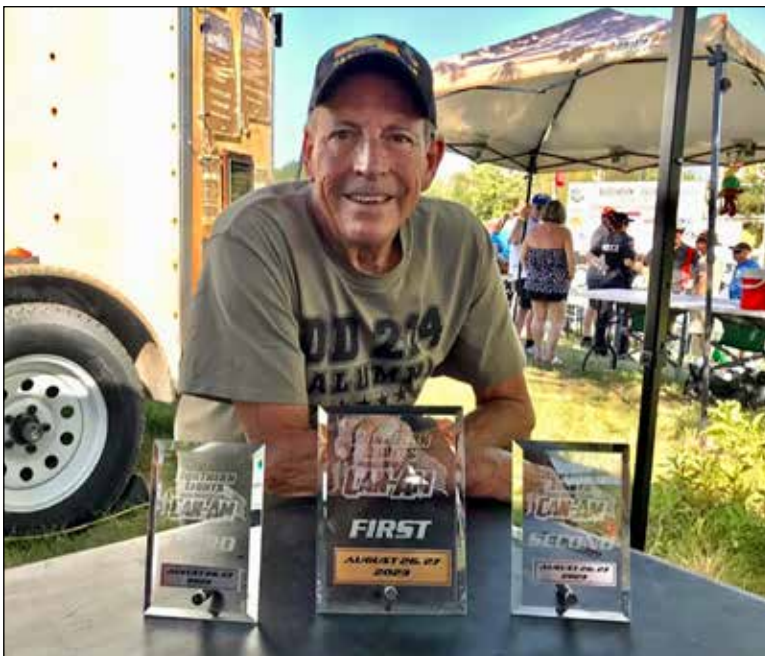
*Steve Reesor is back at it. He's a very fast FE racer, and is working on some quick SAW boats for 2024.*

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*New first year racers, Nathan Fox, and Robert Gurr.*



*Kevin Keating with his CAN-AM trophies.*



*John Voellinger has to be the most travelled D1 racer. He doesn't miss many races.*



*Tim Kish at the 2023 Nitro Nats in Cincinnati.*



*Yours truly. This toy boat stuff is pretty serious.*

# NORTHERN LIGHTS MODEL BOAT CLUB CAN-AM AUGUST 26 & 27, 2023

*By Terry Keeley*

I'm very proud of all our NLMBC members, family and friends that worked tirelessly to host another great event for our guests. We're planning for August 24th & 25th next year, so mark your calendars! ♦



*This year's "Can-Am Challenge" was won by Team USA taking a series lead at five to four. .*



*The "Oneida Cup" was won by Tyler Davis, who also won our Open Class "King of the Pond"— he was unbeatable this weekend! .*

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Jim Harris won our combined 1/8th Scale / FE Scale Concours with his beautiful "Olympia Beer".



"Rookie of the year" was awarded to twelve-year-old Kaleb Palmer. Below: Kaleb and his younger sister, Ella, raced beautiful Zippkit Crackerboxes built by dad Matt and Grandpa Dan.



>>> Courtesy of TERRY KEELEY



The "Bent Crank" award went to Terry Davis for having an overall rough weekend.



Bob Gurr won the Thunderboat Concours with his beautiful "Past Time".



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# More from the **CAN-AM**



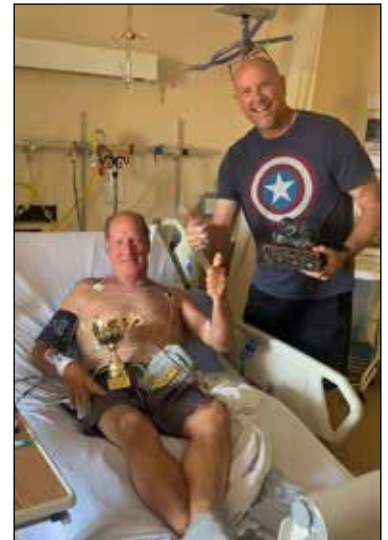
The "Sportsmanship award in memory of Andrew Lane" went to NLMBC club member Dave Rumble who works tirelessly and is a huge asset to our club.



Jelani, and dad, Gavin Woolridge.



Tony Jacuzzi attempts to steal one of our buoys.



Ray Hotchkin traveled all the way from Maryland, and had to kiss "The Little Beaver" award for the furthest travelled. Unfortunately, Ray had a medical episode on Sunday, and had an ambulance ride to a local hospital. We saw him the next day to present his trophies. He also won first place in LSG 27 Rigger.



Oh Boy!



## Your Opinion Matters

We need the membership's input on all the ballot issues in this Roostertail. Please take the time to look over the proposals and please vote! The quickest and easiest is to vote on the website. Click on the menu at top right of the website and select "Vote", fill out your name and #, and then cast your vote.

The members who submitted these items put a lot of thought into them, and the board believes these proposed changes will make our organization better.

I've included a tentative 2024 Schedule. If your club would like to hold an event, contact me and we can get it on the schedule.

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! ♦



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See everyone in the Spring!

## District 2: TENTATIVE 2024 SCHEDULE

*These dates are for planning purposes only, and subject to change. Once sanctions are approved, confirmed dates be listed on the website Event Calendar pages.*

FAST Time Trials  
**#1 - April 27 & 28**

Flint, MI

**#2 - May 18 & 19**

Flint, MI

*(Dates are Sanctioned for 2024)*

Saginaw Bay Classic  
**May 19**

Saginaw, MI

Mini Gold Cup  
**June 2**

Burton, MI

Power Stroke Classic  
**June 15**

Carleton, MI

*(Date is Sanctioned for 2024)*

Cincinnati Model Boat Club  
**Tentative in July**

Dayton RC Boat Club  
**Tentative in July or August**

Celina Summer Challenge  
**August 17 & 18**  
Celina, OH

District 2 Challenge  
**September 15**  
Rochester Hills, MI

FAST Time Trials  
**September 28 & 29**  
Flint, MI

Cincinnati MBC Oval Records  
**Tentative in October**  
Harrison, OH



**2023 SCALE High Points  
Champion  
Andrew Capaldi**



**2023 SPORT40 High Points  
Champion  
Andrew Capaldi**

# D2 High Points Champions 2023

>>> D2 Scale/Sport 40 Director - **Joe Wiebelhaus**

## District 2 - 2023 SCALE UNLIMITED HYDROPLANES POINTS

DRIVER	TOTAL	SAGINAW	MGC	MOTOR CITY	CINCINNATI	HYDROFEST	CELINA	D2 CHALLENGE
		MAY 21	JUNE 4	JUNE 17	July 13-15	AUG 6	AUG 19-20	SEPT 17
ANDREW CAPALDI	4925	800	1000	1100	1100		*725	925
CHRIS CAPALDI	4125	725	725	925	750		*650	1000
BERT DYGERT	3921	750	*50	925	696		725	825
JOE WIEBELHAUS	3746	1100	721		725		550	650
STEVE PETERSON	2019	725		425			869	
TOM KELLY	1854	350	25	400	325		552	202
MARK WEBER	1563	494	469	50	550			
MIKE BETKE	1500		400		1100			
COREY CHENEY	900	250	650					
ROB BETKE *	825							825
GARL CLEMENT	275	0						275
CHRIS THOMAS	0						0	

a.) FIRST 3 ROUNDS COUNT TOWARD DISTRICT 2 POINTS TOTAL b.) BEST 5 OUT OF 6 RACES c.) \*SCORES REPRESENT DROPPED SCORE



**2023 Scale  
High Points  
2nd Place  
Chris Capaldi**



**2023 Scale  
High Points  
3rd Place  
Bert Dygert**

## District 2 - 2023 SPORT 40 HYDROPLANES POINTS

DRIVER	TOTAL	SAGINAW	MGC	MOTOR CITY	CINCINNATI	HYDROFEST	CELINA	D2 CHALLENGE
		MAY 21	JUNE 4	JUNE 17	July 13-15	AUG 6	AUG 19-20	SEPT 17
ANDREW CAPALDI	5077	*825	1100	850	827		1200	1100
BERT DYGERT	3769	1050	775	825	694		425	*225
CHARLES DUKES	3319		350	769	750		600	850
JOE WIEBELHAUS	3038	725	325		394		725	869
MARK WEBER	1375		925		450			
STEVE PETERSON	1375	825		225			325	
JEFF BEUTHIEN	900	250	25					625
JOHN KERMIZIAN	825							825
JOHN DRAWE	825							825
PAUL DORCHAK	775	750	25					
COREY CHENEY	719	719	0					
JEFF BARNES	50		25	25				

**2023 Sport 40 High Points 2nd Place  
Bert Dygert**

**2023 Sport 40 High Points 3rd Place  
Charles Dukes**

**Congratulations!**

**DII Challenge** ☀️ ROCHESTER HILLS, MI  
PICS >>> *Courtesy of CHRIS RUPLEY*



*Teddy Dudley was the winner of the D2 Challenge Thunderboat Champion Zaremski Memorial Trophy.*



*Andrew Capaldi was the recipient of the Bob Kirt Sport 40 Memorial Trophy.*



## Looking Back

2023 was a milage maker for the truck and trailer with trips to Atlanta, Indy, and New Orleans. It may not seem like too much for some, but from southwest Florida any out-of-state event is far away. I look forward to returning to some more races up north next year, for the new buggy worked great at the Voodoo race!

## 2024 Annual Dues

As the winter build season starts up north, here in Florida D3 we are getting some testing in on our summer builds and new boats during the cooler weather. Next season is just around the corner. Please take advantage of the early sign-up discount. This also helps the IMPBA office get those attending the early 2024 races their membership cards in plenty of time.



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If any RC Boater has any questions on where the IMPBA and I can assist them in growing RC Boating throughout Florida and the USA, please reach out to me. I do not claim to know it all. I do believe it is not the number of boats that make our hobby healthy. It will always be the number of contestants that attend an event. ♦





## Racing is Still Hot in D5!

Hi fellow boaters! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. While several other parts of the country and clubs are settling in for a long winter's nap, us folks in D5 were heating things up!

The Voodoo MBC put on their 15th year anniversary **VOODOO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS** race **Nov 17 to 19**, and boy, it was another fantastic event! Competition traveled from New Zealand, Alaska, Germany, and Bermuda this year, along with many states in the Union, making it a true "Worlds" style event.

Huntsville Model Boating Association held their **TURKEY DAY TIME TRIALS** on **November 26 & 27**. The weather was less than accommodating for many record attempts, but there were a couple of records broken. From the report I received, Rick Grim, and Brad Schafer were able to grab a couple. Watch for the update of the record's listing on the website once the Records Director, Ron Drake, verifies those times.



Voodoo Model Boat Club by Bayou Drone Services

## Smiles, High Fives, and Camaraderie

Competitors started showing up from all over to the VMBC World Championships almost a week early to hang out, help out, and just soak up our southern Louisiana climate and hospitality. The first few days spawned some dreary weather, but it cleared up nicely and they were presented with gorgeous, race-time fun. Temps in the low 70s, and light winds assured a great race course and fast times. From my perch on the tower during the event, all I saw were smiles, high fives, and fantastic camaraderie from all. Once again the turnout from both organizations was amazing, and enjoyed across the board.

The Voodoo crew did a fantastic job as hosts, going above and beyond to accommodate everyone's needs. Nitro and Gas classes were pretty equal in numbers, and the Open classes also included some FE entries. This year garnered 16 registered Nitro Twins, and at race time, still had 14 answer the starts —what an amazing turnout! There were a good group of younger racers that did a super job as well. "King of Da Swamp", has become a new tradition with the top 3 Gas Twins vs. the top 3 Nitro Twins. William "Buckshot" Shackelford bested the field with his Nitro powered "gas hull" to win the belt again, and repeated his performance from last year — WTG, Buckshot!

As per usual, the after hours fun was highly entertaining, from the Saturday evening catered event, to the Cornhole Championship, and it did not disappoint. If you have never been to a VMBC party, you're missing out. This year's

champions were Russell and Dylan Groff from the great northeast, *just* edging out the title holders of Mark and Chad Grannis.

The list of supporters, workers, sponsors, and most importantly, the racers, is far too expansive to list here, but know that VMBC appreciates each and every one of you.

D5 wishes everyone a safe, happy, and fun Holidays, and hopes to see everyone soon, ON DA CLOCK! ♦



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D5 Director & VMBC President

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# VMBC WORLDS CHAMPIONSHIPS ☀ RESERVE, LA

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*King of Da Swamp- Buckshot Shackelford*

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## GP 25th Anniversary Season Is In The Books!

By Julie Gilley -

D13 Grand Prix Director,  
SOWEGA Club President

The 25th Anniversary Season of the Grand Prix Series is in the books. What a season it has been, drawing out racers from all over the southeast. This has created such great competitive racing. We have welcomed a bunch of new faces, and have seen the return of some old racers. If you haven't experienced our Grand Prix races you are missing out. The series consists of five events during the year. Every race draws over 150 boats, and there is a class for every racer. 25 years of racing, and we are looking forward to 25 more. So, take a moment to check out the IMPBA calendar, or District 13's Facebook page for the 2024 schedule. We invite you all to come out and play with us. We promise you will not be disappointed.



The final grand prix race was held at SOWEGA in early November. We are blessed to be able to hold races in the winter months — the weather was fantastic. This was the race that determined final points and bragging rights for the next year. We all are chasing that District Champion Jacket to be worn with pride. Since it's the last chance to get in the points, it makes for some great racing. From P Mono to Twin Riggers, the competition is exciting to be a part of. Before the race began, as is a tradition, SOWEGA awarded it's **Racer of the Year award to Michael Wheeler**. This young man is the true embodiment of what this hobby is all about — always excited and just happy to be racing his boat. It's the camaraderie of this hobby that makes it worth all of the work.

As the race wrapped up, there were some that defended their titles, but also some new names as class champions. One in particular stood out to me. I would like to give an extra special congrats to **Jackie Farrell** who took home the #1 spot in Open Offshore for her first District Champion title. Jackie has been a part of this series for many years, and she is enjoyable to be around because she always brings a great attitude

Congratulations to the rest of the winners. 2023 was a fantastic year, and we cannot wait to see you in 2024! ♦



## D13 News

Well said, Julie! We can't thank Julie and Kem enough for letting us play in their backyard, and for all of the work that they and the SOWEGA club have put into this site to make it one of the best in the country! You guys are the best!



Great news out of Charleston! The Charleston Model Boaters have secured a new site and work will begin shortly to remove some trees and build the tower and drivers stand. Sean told me this site is approximately 20 minutes closer for everyone, because we won't have to go out to St. Johns Island. The 2024 Fall Nationals is scheduled to be held in October at the new site. Congratulations to the CMB. We're looking forward to seeing your new home!



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**District 13:  
2024 Race Schedule**

**February 3 – 10**  
**SpeedWeek 2024**  
*RRF RC Boat Club*  
*Valdosta GA*  
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**February 24 & 25**  
**SOWEGA Grand Prix I**  
*SOWEGA Model Boaters*  
*Sycamore, GA*  
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**April 19 – 21**  
**Atlanta Spring Nationals**  
*Atlanta Model Boaters*  
*Atlanta, GA*  
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**May 17 – 19**  
**Full Throttle in SOWEGA**  
*SOWEGA Model Boaters*  
*Sycamore, GA*  
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**June 8 & 9**  
**FCMB Grand Prix I**  
*First Coast Model Boaters*  
*Jacksonville, FL*  
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**July 13 & 14**  
**Atlanta Grand Prix**  
*Atlanta Model Boaters*  
*Atlanta, GA*  
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**September 7 & 8**  
**FCMB Grand Prix II**  
*First Coast Model Boaters*  
*Jacksonville, FL*  
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**October 4 – 6**  
**CMB Fall Nationals**  
*Charleston Model Boaters*  
*Charleston, SC*  
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**November 2 & 3**  
**SOWEGA Grand Prix II**  
*SOWEGA Model Boaters*  
*Sycamore, GA*  
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Well Gang! I was honored to be awarded with this plaque in November in recognition of 15 Years of Service as your District Director. Thank you to all involved. Time flies when you're having fun, and this means more to me than any of my model boating accomplishments!

I just signed up to serve you for another three-year term for the same reasons I ran for the position 15 years ago, and the same reasons I served as National Records Director for 10 years — nobody ran for the position, I didn't want to see the seat empty, and thought I'd pay it forward like those before me. Having said that, it would be awesome if someone would step up in 2026 and run for the position. If anyone is interested but may be apprehensive about taking it on, please reach out to me! I'll take you along as an assistant for the next three years so you can see that it's not a hard job. With the current leadership, D13 runs like a well-oiled machine. For that we have to thank the following (in no particular order): Lamar Huff; Adam Cook; Sean Anderson; Julie Gilley; Norman and Wendy Morton; and everyone who assists them.

That's all I have for now. Enjoy the holidays, good luck with your winter builds, and I'll see you at the pond in February! ♦



**Contact Doug at:**  
**smockrc@aol.com**

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*For lots of great pics of D13 action visit*  
**JJ Sports Photos on Facebook**  
<https://www.facebook.com/jjcustomsportsphotos/>  
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**FCMB Grand Prix** >>> pics by JJ SPORTS PHOTOS



Mitchell Stinson, Carolina Water Burners club president, shows off his spectacular "toy boat" drawers — nicely accessorized with color coordinated pool noodle.





## On The Road Again!

2023 is in the books, and what a great season it was for District 14! We are going to run the clock back to August where we had a great time at **Wine Run** in Starlight, Indiana, hosted by The Southern Indiana Propnuts. Club president, Gary Cook, kept this successful race a reality with help from his club members, and from other D14 members. Thanks to Alisha Hagan, Sam Hagan, Mike Schindler, and if I left anyone out, do know it was greatly appreciated! The single day race **SOLD OUT**, and brought lots of families and spectators together. It is always going to be a staple in the D-14 race lineup. We will be looking forward to the 2024 race, and if you haven't made this race before, it is a bucket-list item.

Later in August, we ventured to the 2-day **Celina Summer Challenge** race hosted by Driftwood R/C Model Boat Club, where strong competition, great club involvement, and smiles were very present. As always, the Celina club is dedicated to putting on a stellar event, and all the club members worked the race rather than racing a boat. The weather was great, the competition was fierce, and everyone coming together to achieve the common goal was what stood out the most. Make sure you make it out to Celina 2024!

We finished up the D14 road map in September with the **The 24th Annual Jack Kohlmeyer Fall Classic** in Evansville, which is the last district race *and* the last district points series race. A lot was on the line as the points in all series classes were very tight — boy o boy, was the strategy on high alert! Hopefully, by September, the River City club will be moving to the bigger pond which is on the same grounds and near the entrance of the sports complex. Congratulations to the winners of the Points series and hope to see everyone again next year.



Nitro Scale



Sport 40

>>> *continued*

## District 14: **TENTATIVE 2024 SCHEDULE**

*These dates are for planning purposes only, and subject to change. Once sanctions are approved, confirmed dates be listed on the website Event Calendar pages.*

**May 18 & 19**  
**Spring Shootout**  
Evansville, IN

**June 15 & 16**  
**Little Thunder Regatta**  
Evansville, IN

**June 22**  
**Dennis Holt Mini Regatta**  
Madison, IN  
*D14 Points Series Race\**

**August 3**  
**Wine Run**  
Starlight, IN  
*D14 Points Series Race\**

**August 17 & 18**  
**Celina Summer Challenge**  
Celina, OH  
*D14 Points Series Race\**

**September 6 – 8**  
**Indy Masters**  
Pendleton, IN  
*D14 Points Series Race\**

**September 21 & 22**  
**Jack Kohlmeyer Fall Classic**  
Evansville, IN  
*D14 Points Series Race\**

### District News:

We have held our end-of-year recap meeting for the 2023 season with all of the club presidents, and we all want to thank the participants that supported all of our races this year. We are working together in D14 to finalize race dates for the 2024 season (*a tentative schedule is listed on preceding page*), and we are continuing to talk about our safety as we make that a consistent focus for us.

One item we have started to discuss is the 92 dB noise rule. We are updating our dB meter equipment across the district, and have really been digging into the rule book so that we are able to abide by the maximum 92 dB rules. We want to figure out ways we can manage it consistently in our district. I would suggest reviewing this in the website rule book. Refer to Section K- Technical Standards, Article II-Engine/Motor Definitions and Classifications, rule F. Noise Rule, items 1 through 8 (*on pages K-1 and K-2*).

D14 would just like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Change those fuel lines out, double check your batteries, and make sure you put the boat away clean so that when you pull it out at the beginning of the year you are ahead of the game. Good luck on any winter builds and make sure you challenge yourself to reach out to a friend and introduce them to the hobby. ♦

“If you surround yourself with GREAT people, GREAT things will happen!”



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



Evansville club member Brooklyn Maglinger (now 19 years old), found out in 2020 that she had a very rare genetic heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC). Her heart, unfortunately, was failing rapidly over those past 3 years, and she was told she would need a heart transplant. On September 26th, 2023, Brooklyn received her new heart and is doing very well! Brooklyn and our family want to thank each and everyone that prayed, donated, and checked on Brooklyn and the family throughout this journey. We will forever be grateful for your support, care and concern. Brooklyn was released 11/20/23 from Vanderbilt Medical Center, and was welcomed home with opening arms, and ready to start her new life with her new heart.



At the Celina Summer Challenge, Rick Baker (on left) gifted a turn-key Thunderboat to Kaleb Norris, and Steve Peterson (on right) gifted Alex Norris a Thunderboat hull. Hats off to these two! This is just another example of how amazing our organization's members are, and it's awesome that they are helping the future racers of IMPBA.





## Indy Masters — Another Year, Another Success!

**By Bruce Jacobs,**  
*Indy Model Boat Club President*

The Indy Model Boat Club hosted the Indy Masters on September 8 through 10. We had been on a small hiatus after losing our awesome site in Hobart, Indiana. This year was held at the Mystic Waters Family Campground in Pendleton, IN. We acquired this site one random day (similar to how we acquired at the Hobart site), when a woman named Lisa reached out to Bruce Jacobs to see about having a race at her "new" campground. She had seen the RC racing online and thought it was awesome!

She was looking for something to increase traffic to her business, and to get her name out there. We went and checked it out. It was right off the highway making it very easy to get to. The lake is huge, and there are onsite restrooms and shower houses, and an onsite food truck. Additionally, there are cabins and camp sites for those with RV's, and plenty of hotels at the exits before, and after, the race site exit. As if that wasn't enough, the staff was extremely friendly!!

Our club is very small, but after the loss of a couple members, and with the addition of a few new members, we ended

up with an amazing team this year. We had a lot of people step up and help in so many ways! We appreciate the village we have around us.

On Tuesday, before the 3-day race (Thursday was open water and racing was Friday- Sunday), some of the club members went to the site and installed the dock above the water, and steps to get to the dock. They also installed the drivers stand, and judges stand, and set the fences. All of this had to be taken down Sunday before we left, and the members that stayed and helped are another amazing part of our village.

Our raffle wasn't what it was in Hobart, but was a good one thanks to Kevin Sheren. We all know we are here for the Green Masters Jacket anyway. We ended up with 70 racers, 247 boats and ran 197 heats over the 5 rounds in a 3-day race. It was a lot of work, but it's not work if you love what you do! It was amazing to host such an amazing group of people, and I look forward to many more years at this site! ♦

## A Note From Evansville...

**By Aaron Johnson,**  
*2023 River City Racing Club  
President*

River City Racing Club would like to thank everyone for another successful year. The 24th Jack Kohlmeyer Fall Classic race drew more than 70 competitors, and more than 180 boats. The D14 championship point series came right down to the wire, and we want to congratulate all of the winners. We also want to congratulate all of the winners from throughout the season. May everyone have a wonderful off-season!

I would like to personally welcome the new RCRC club president, **Andy Norris!** ♦

### D-14 POINTS SERIES 2023 CHAMPIONS

#### Gas Scale Unlimited

**Wes Ellet**

#### Gas Mono

**Phil Thomas**

#### Gas Cat

**Noah Unger**

#### Gas Sport Hydro

**Noah Unger**

#### Thunderboat

**Mike Unger**

#### RTR Nitro

**Alex Norris**

#### B Sport Tunnel

**Harrold Graff**

#### Sport 20

**Bradley Maglinger**

#### Sport 40

**Bradley Maglinger**

#### 1/8 Scale Unlimited

**Bradley Maglinger**

# Jack Kohlmeyer Fall Classic

☀ EVANSVILLE, IN >>> PICS



Brian Schymik won the D Hydro Traveling Cup.



Bradley Maglinger won the Sport 40 Kohlmeyer Cup.



Bradley Maglinger's new two-wing "Miss Circus Circus" Nitro Scale.



Chris Jenkins perfecting his form — look at those calf muscles! 😊



Jeff Wassmer



1/8 Scale D14 High-Points: Phil Thomas (2nd); Bradley Maginger (1st); Mike Schindler (3rd).



Gas Scale D14 High-Points: James Ellet (3rd); Wes Ellet (1st); Don Brown (2nd).



Sport 40 D14 High-Points: Bradley Maglinger (1st); Harold Graff (2nd); Phil Thomas (3rd).



Gas Cat D14 High-Points: Chris Jenkins (3rd); Rick Baker (2nd); Noah Unger (1st).



Sport 20 D14 High-Points: Bradley Maglinger (1st); Harold Graff (2nd).



Gas Mono D14 High-Points: Phil Thomas (1st); Rick Baker (2nd).



B Sport Tunnel D14 High-Points: Harold Graff.



Gas Sport Hydro D14 High-Points: Phil Thomas (3rd); Noah Unger (1st); Rick Baker (2nd).



RTR D14 High-Points: Kaleb Norris (2nd); Alex Norris (1st); Levi Graff (3rd)



Thunderboat D14 High-Points: Mike Unger. Pictured here with his son, Noah.

# RACES & RECORD TRIALS

# 2024 PREVIEW

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

Photo by Greg Evans

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

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

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

## COMING UP FOR 2024:

JANUARY

**1**

Huntsville, AL

Huntsville Model  
Boating Association

**“IMPBA Record Trials”** .....#24-007 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. 7 AM to dark.

Brahan Spring Park South Lake - next 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. **Pre-registration is not required –but please email Mark or Chris 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, however at no time may someone on the short list give up their spot to someone not on the short list.*

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

Assistant CD: Chris Wittrig (925) 695-4600 email: clwittrig@gmail.com

JANUARY

**19 to 21**

DOVER, FL

Brandon  
Model Boaters

**“2024 Nitro Winter Championships”** .....#24-004 R

**TIME:** 7:30 AM

Controlled open water January 18 beginning at Noon

Dover District Park Lake, 2320 Gallagher Rd., Dover, FL 33527

(GPS Coordinates front gate: N27 59 15.56 W82 14 9.93)

**Class listings & entry details on RCRacingEvents.com. Must register by Jan. 14, 2024.**

4 boats to make a class. 3 qualifying rounds per class – Top 6 Boats go to Championship Rounds – 2 Championship Rounds Per Class. Awards for 1st through 3rd Place. Lunch provided Saturday. Raffle prizes!

**IMPBA membership must be current for 2024.** Paid members of other organizations must pay a Single-Event fee online at IMPBA.net prior to the race. Scale Hydro must be registered. Contact if handicap space required. Nearby hotels available. No pets - except dogs on a max 6 ft. lead.

CD: Mark Grannis (239) 289-1159 email: marktgr17@gmail.com

Assistant CD: Ron Drake (813) 523-7073 email: ronracewon98@aol.com

FEBRUARY

**3 to 11**

VALDOSTA, GA

Really, Really Fast  
RC Boat Club

**“SpeedWeek 2024”** .....

#24-006 RT

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

**TIME: Event starts when timing system is operational.**

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

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

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

CD: Jason O'Brien (229) 740-0156  
email: jason5750@icloud.com

FEBRUARY

**24 & 25**

SYCAMORE, GA

SOWEGA  
Model Boaters

**“SOWEGA Grand Prix I”** .....

#24-001 R

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

Open water Feb. 23 beginning 9 AM

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

**Classes and entry details on RCRacingEvents.com. Enter early!** 4 boats to make a jacket eligible class, 3 rounds weather permitting. **Pre-registration required by Feb. 19**

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

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

Visit District 13 facebook page for D13 bylaws and more info regarding eligibility requirements for a class to qualify for series championship jackets.

**Saturday Dinner:** Register & pay for dinner on RCRacingEvents.com (separate listing).

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

APRIL

**19 to 21**

ATLANTA, GA

Atlanta  
Model Boaters

**“2024 IMPBA Atlanta Spring Nationals”** .....

#24-011 R

**TIME: 8 AM Fri., Sat. & Sun.**

Open water April 18

Morning Creek Lake, 1000 Naturally Fresh Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30349

**Class listings and entry details on [www.RCRacingEvents.com](http://www.RCRacingEvents.com). Pre-registration is required by April 12.**

5 boats to make a class.

See [RCRacingEvents.com](http://RCRacingEvents.com) for all rule deviations.

CD: Lamar Huff (706) 616-4221  
email: lamar.huff@staples.com

APRIL

**27 & 28**

FLINT, MI

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

**“Need For Speed at Thread Lake”** ..... #24-009 RT

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

**BACKUP DATE: May 4 & 5**

*An announcement will be made by 6 PM Thursday, April 25 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



MAY

**17 to 19**

SYCAMORE, GA

SOWEGA  
Model Boaters

**“FULL THROTTLE in SOWEGA”** ..... #24-002 R

**TIME: 9 AM**

Open water beginning May 16 at 9 AM  
SOWEGA Pond, 1966 Robert Davis Road, Sycamore, GA 31790

**Listings and entry details on RCRacingEvents.com. Pre-registration required by May 13, and payment required via PayPal.** 4 boats to make a class. **250 boat limit! Enter early!** The SOWEGA site is a 6-lap course with tri-oval buoy.

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

Raffle Prizes!

**Night Race:** May 18 at 9 pm. Register & pay on RCRacingEvents.com (separate listing).

**Saturday Dinner:** Register & pay for dinner on RCRacingEvents.com (separate listing).

Contact us regarding availability of campsites and hook-ups.

CD: Julie Gilley (229) 392-4936  
email: jgilley48@gmail.com

MAY  
**18 & 19**

FLINT, MI

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

**“Need For Speed at Thread Lake”** ..... #24-010 RT

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

**BACKUP DATE: May 25 & 26.**

*An announcement will be made by 6 PM Thursday, May 16 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

JUNE

**15**

CARLETON, MI

Motor City  
Model Boat Club

**“Power Stroke Classic”** ..... #24-005 R

**TIME: Racing starts 9 AM**

No open water - no engines started prior to 9 AM race time.

Ash Township Pond, 1677 Ready Road, Carleton, MI 48117 (Behind the Ash Township Hall)

GAS CLASSES: LSG Cat, Mono, Rigger, Sport Hydro; Classic Thunderboat; SS Mono; Crackerbox.  
Open Hydro-Cat-Mono Available.

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

3 boats to make a class. Pre-registration is required by June 13th. Pond setup is 5-buoy turns, and full-length course. Paved walking path around lake. A Father's Day weekend tradition for many families, so come out and enjoy a day of great racing and great friends! Food for donation: Hot dog lunch. Raffle prizes.

CD: Chris Rupley (419) 360-3230 email: JuiceRC@gmail.com

**Submit entries to Dave Muscat (734) 276-7545**

email: dmuscat@osmjb.us

JULY

**13 & 14**

ATLANTA, GA

Atlanta  
Model Boaters

**“AMB Grand Prix”** ..... #24-012 R

**TIME: Racing starts 9 AM Sat. / 8 AM Sun.**

Open Water July 12.

Morning Creek Lake, 1000 Naturally Fresh Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30349

**Get your entries in early. Class listings and entries handled via [www.RCRacingEvents.com](http://www.RCRacingEvents.com).**

3 boats to make a class / 4 boats to make a jacket eligible class.

**Pre-registration is required by July 5.**

The District XIII GRAND PRIX SERIES runs under District XIII bylaws and IMPBA rules. Visit District 13 facebook page for D13 bylaws and more info regarding eligibility requirements for a class to qualify for series championship jackets.

*See [RCRacingEvents.com](http://RCRacingEvents.com) for rule deviations.*

CD: Norman Morton (678) 772-3018

email: norwen@att.net

AUGUST  
**24 & 25**  
STONEY CREEK, ON

Northern Lights  
Model Boat Club

**“The CAN-AM”** ..... #24-008 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

**Classes and entry information on [www.RCRacingEvents.com](http://www.RCRacingEvents.com) Pre-registration required by Aug. 23 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](mailto:tkee@rogers.com)

Assistant CD: Randy Rapedius (289) 396-3465 email: [randy\\_rap@cogeco.ca](mailto:randy_rap@cogeco.ca)

NOVEMBER  
**2 & 3**  
SYCAMORE, GA

SOWEGA  
Model Boaters

**“SOWEGA Grand Prix II”** ..... #24-003 R

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

Open water November 1 beginning 9 AM  
SOWEGA Pond, 1966 Robert Davis Road, Sycamore, GA 31790

**Class Listings and entry details on [www.RCRacingEvents.com](http://www.RCRacingEvents.com). Enter early!** 4 boats to make a jacket eligible class. 3 rounds weather permitting. Raffle prizes! **Pre-registration required by Oct. 28.** All registration fees to be paid via PayPal. Site is a 6-lap course with tri-oval buoy.

ALL IMPBA MEMBERSHIPS MUST BE PAID THROUGH IMPBA WEBSITE BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE POND!!!! Other organization members wishing to attend must pay the IMPBA Single-Event Fee ONLINE ([www.IMPBA.net](http://www.IMPBA.net)) prior to the event. Cards checked before you launch a boat, this includes open water.

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

Visit District 13 facebook page for D13 bylaws and more info regarding eligibility requirements for a class to qualify for series championship jackets.

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Assistant CD: Norman Morton 404-761-3775



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Watch for NEW LISTING & UPDATES 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.

- 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

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**  
**Spouse and/or children under 18 years** living in same household as the Senior Member.  
**\$10 each per year —**  
 For insurance coverage.

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

**JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP**  
**Under 18 years not joining with a parent — \$10 per year.**  
 For insurance coverage.

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

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Current

Ck# /PP#: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

- RULE BOOK sections are available for view/download on www.impba.net at NO COST.**  
 Printed Rule Book (3-hole punched pages - Ships in February - Subject to Availability!)  
 \$25 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 per year Roostertail .....  \$30

**Expiration of Membership is December 31.**

**TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
 \* NO REFUNDS except duplicate or overpayments \*

Mail with check or money order (US funds only) payable to IMPBA. DO NOT MAIL CASH!!!  
**IMPBA, PO Box 140571, Toledo, OH 43614**  
 \* Allow 10 days for check processing \* \* Send Money Order for immediate processing \*

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

**Additional forms and helpful information your club  
may need can be found on the IMPBA website:  
[impba.net/forms-boater-information/](http://impba.net/forms-boater-information/)**





IMPBA CLUB REGISTRATION & INSURANCE APPLICATION

CLUB NAME \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

President /club 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 you provide 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 RENEW
To be eligible\*, members and club must be PAID BEFORE JANUARY 1

Club Registration Fee \$50 includes 1 main pond site \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] We are eligible\* for Early Registration \$10 Discount \_\_\_\_\_ (- \$10.00)

[ ] Additional Site \$10 EACH (attach separate form for each site) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Check / Money Order (US Funds) payable to: IMPBA TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] PAYPAL INVOICE TO: \_\_\_\_\_ email

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CK/MO # \_\_\_\_\_
PP Invoice # \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] QB Invoice # \_\_\_\_\_

## 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](mailto:secretary@impba.net)

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

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

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

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

<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](mailto:secretary@impba.net)**

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	Trans ID _____
	QB INV# _____ M ___ W ___

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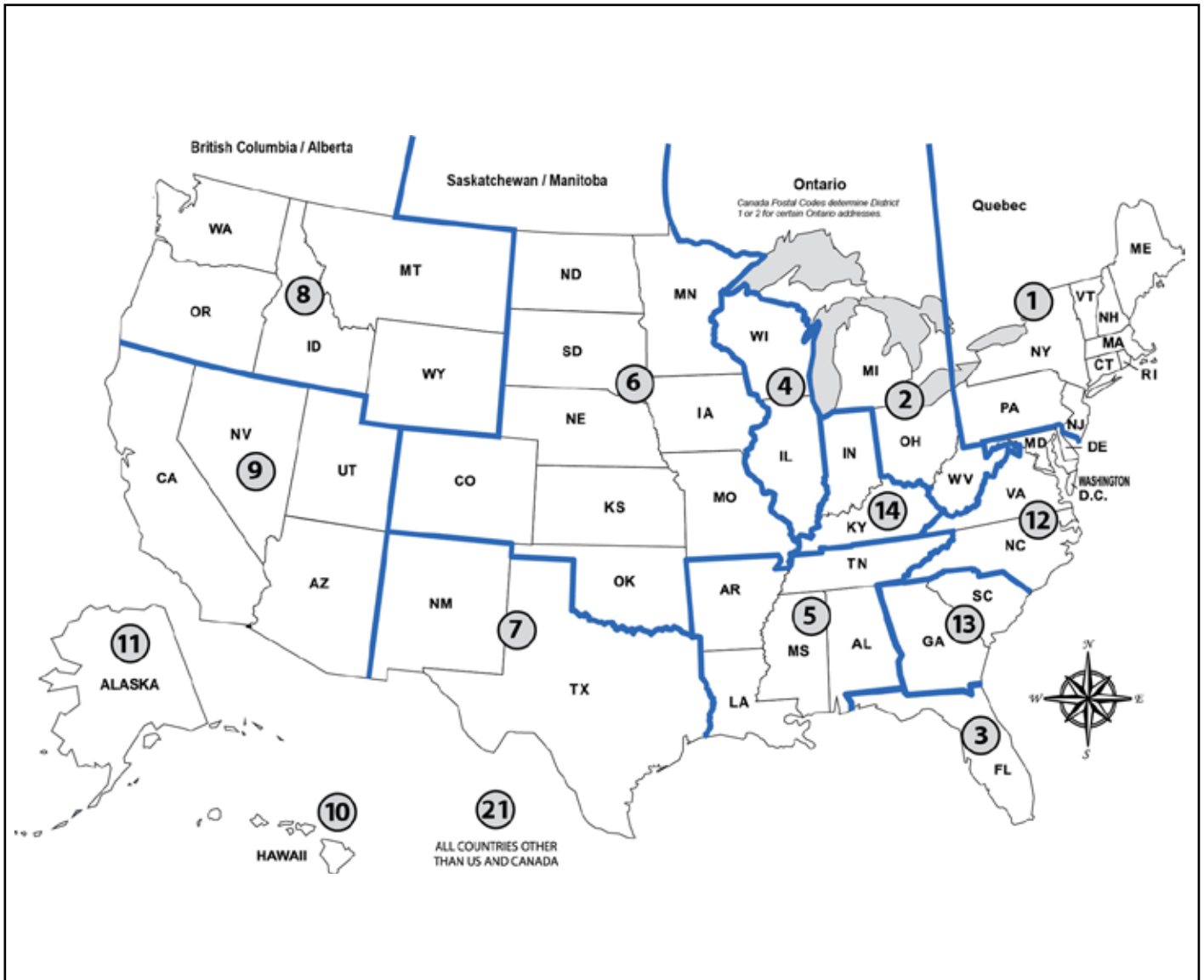
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