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# Roostertail



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National Scale Director

National Outboard Director

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**Officers contact info on final pages.**

**ON THE COVER: Photo by MARIO JOHNSTON PHOTO.** Recent Jersey Skiff action at the club race held by **Carolina RC Water Burners in North Carolina.** Hopefully, he recovered his crewman after the heat!

**EVENT FLYERS**May be included with Race Listings on [website](#).**FREE FOR SANCTIONED CLUBS**

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## President's Corner

Doug Smock, IMPBA President

Well, our **75th Anniversary Year** is off to a great start! The Winter Nitro Championships in D3, SpeedWeek, and the first Grand Prix race in D13, and an Easter Record Trial in D5 are already in the books!

To date we have 816 members (this is about our average for this time of year), 38 registered clubs, and 43 events on the calendar so far. There could be some late additions, so watch the IMPBA website calendar for updates.

The **Gas Nationals** are being hosted by the D13 Racers Group in Sycamore, GA., from June 20 through June 22 (June 23 as a weather delay/travel day). The **Nitro Internats US-1** event is being hosted by the Huntsville Model Boat Association in Huntsville, AL, from October 12 through 19. Both are shaping up to be great events.

Please welcome Keith Ray, our new District 4 Director, Mike Schindler, our new National Scale Director, and Hannah Goodman our new Assistant Social Media Director. Please send Facebook submissions to: [impbaphoto@gmail.com](mailto:impbaphoto@gmail.com)

The Board of Directors will continue to work on, and update, the rule book. It seems never ending, but we are up to the task. The Board of Directors take their positions very seriously and have the best interest of the hobby in mind in all decisions they make. The proposals that went to the membership in December all passed. Honestly, voting turnout was disappointing, but we want to thank the membership that took a few minutes to vote. You make the difference!

Safety is first and foremost. Let's make sure we do all we can to keep spectators and our membership safe. Please review your rule book Safety Section before the season starts. Much is common sense, but it never hurts to be reminded of some of the tips for safe boating.

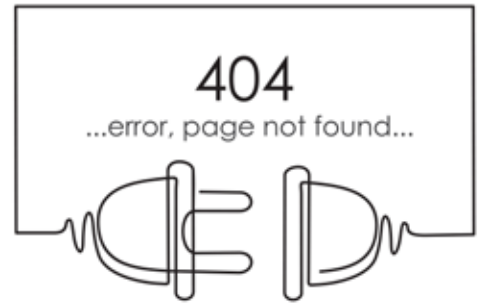


That's all I have for now. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please feel free to reach out to me, your directors, or the office. We're all here for you! ♦

“  
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at the  
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”



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The IMPBA website is filled with lots of information. The Rule Book sections, online applications, the Calendar of Events schedule along with links to maps for the ponds, downloadable forms you may need throughout the season, meeting minutes, and World Records, just to name a few items.

In addition, we have an entire section listing contact information for officers and for clubs. Helpful? Sure, but only if they are actually linked to something!

**We do our best to keep things up-to-date, but we can't do it without your help!** Recently while adding listings, it became clear that some clubs have not updated the office for quite some time regarding websites, or Facebook pages. Many of the links were for sites and pages that no longer exist, or haven't been posted to for years.

We ask each club to double check that the information is correct and is what you want listed. You want prospective members to be able to learn about your club, and nothing is more frustrating than trying to find information and getting an error, or worse, going to a site that has been idle for several years.

Email the office with any broken links you find, or with any additions, deletions, or changes you need made to your listings. ♦

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**EXPENSES • BALANCES • INCOME**

**EXPENSES - First period of Fiscal Year (FY NOV. 1, 2023 to OCT. 31, 2024\*)**

CATEGORY	NOV 23	DEC 23	JAN 24	FEB 24
Federal 941 - Qtrly WTH tax			1010.70	
Federal 940 - Annual FUTA Tax			42.00	
Indiana Incorporation Fee - 2 yr.				
Ohio Corp Existance fee - 5 yr.	25.00			
Ohio - Qtrly WTH Tax			90.00	
City - Qtrly WTH Tax			122.52	
ODJFS - Qtrly UC Tax (based on cap)				
BWC - Annual Tax				
Payroll - Net	1,350.55	1,350.55	1,350.55	1,350.55
PO Box Fee - Annual	194.00			
Carbonite Backup - Annual				
Phone	24.02	30.21	30.63	30.63
Internet				
Software-annual plans				
Website / Securty / CarePan / Domain	498.35		1197.28	
Conference Call Fees-1 yr				
CPA/Professional Fees		85.00	540.00	
Postage/Stamps	132.00	81.00	365.90	29.05
Office supplies/toner/paper/env	12.92	163.63		130.98
Printing - Roostertail		207.61		
Mailing - Roostertail		13.95		
Printing - Rule Books				286.57
Mailing - Rule Books				68.95
Other printing	659.20			
Other shipping	142.36			
Refunds (duplicates/overpays)				
PayPal / Bank Fees Net	286.88	690.77	193.99	158.52
Regatta /Trophies/HOF				
Wristbands/Life cards			51.60	
Miscellaneous	1568.80			
Officers INSURANCE -1 yr		1485.00		
Liability INSURANCE -1 yr.			4380.00	
<b>MONTHLY TOTALS</b>	<b>\$4,881.16</b>	<b>\$4,107.72</b>	<b>\$9375.17</b>	<b>\$2,055.25</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 **FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

Bank Accounts

CHECKING  
**\$67,957.56**

PAYPAL TRANSFER ACCOUNT  
**\$250.00**

SAVINGS  
(insurance account)  
**\$15,003.02**

PayPal Merchant Account

PAYPAL SYSTEM BALANCE  
**\$1,453.17**

**FISCAL YEAR INCOME BY CATEGORY**

(FY NOV. 1, 2023 to OCT. 31, 2024\*)

SENIOR MEMBERSHIPS  
**\$27,180**

FAMILY/JUNIOR MEMBERSHIPS  
**\$1,650**

SINGLE-EVENT OTHER ORGANIZATION FEES  
**\$135**

CLUB REGISTRATIONS & ADDITIONAL SITES  
**\$1,470**

RACE/RECORD SANCTIONS  
**\$500**

ROOSTERTAIL PRINT VERSION  
**\$120**

ROOSTERTAIL ADVERTISING  
\$ (to be invoiced for 2024)

RULE BOOK  
**\$165**

CONTRIBUTIONS  
**\$100**

INTEREST  
**\$1**

\* TOTALS before expenses

## RECENT BOARD ACTIONS

### 2024 IMPBA Gas Nationals

A bid was received for the 2024 Gas Nationals to be held by a D13 Racers Group in Sycamore, GA. The event will follow National Champion Format 1 - Shoot-out heats. Approved unanimously by the voting board.

*Board email vote December 2023*

### 2024 IMPBA Nitro Internats

The BOD approved a date deviation for the Nitro event to be held October 13 - 19. A bid was then received for the 2024 Nitro Internats to be held in Huntsville, AL. The event will follow US-1 International Champion - Format 4 (long program) Approved unanimously by the voting board.

*Board email votes, Dec. 2023 & February 2024*

### Social Media Assistant Appointed

**Hannah Goodman** was appointed to assist **Brandon Atwell** with the IMPBA social media. Facebook page will be updated weekly, along with other ideas to be able to get information out to members quickly. Facebook submissions should be sent to: [impbaphoto@gmail.com](mailto:impbaphoto@gmail.com). You may also contact your Director, or any officer with suggestions or ideas to improve the flow of information.

*Presidential appointment of assistants*

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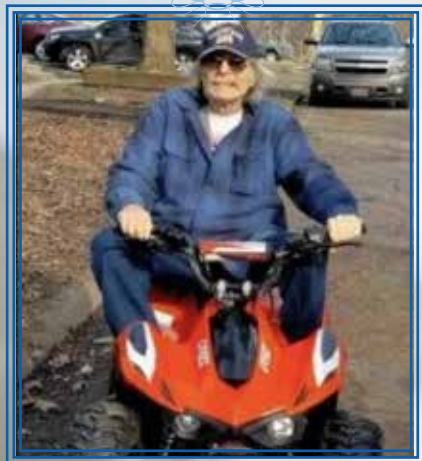


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# Silent Engine



*Ron Olson*

*IMPBA Member #17238 S • Joined 1996*

## **Ronald Myrl Olson** **September 17, 1952 – December 25, 2023**

Ronald M. Olson of Kalamazoo, Michigan, passed away December 25, 2023. He was born in Kalamazoo, and was the oldest of seven children. Ron graduated from Vicksburg High School in 1970.

He married Brenda Shingledecker in 1985. They had recently celebrated their 38th Anniversary in July.

Ron was employed by Graphics Packaging for 42 years where he worked as a forklift operator. He retired in 2013.

Ron enjoyed running RC boats and cars with his son, Eric. Their favorite places to race were Celina, Ohio, and Hobart, Indiana. Ron also enjoyed old cars and liked attending the annual Old Car Festival in Vicksburg. He also enjoyed bass fishing, and riding quads with his grandson, Junior.

Ron loved his dogs, Abby, Buster, and Bella a.k.a. Tater. They will certainly miss his presence.

Ron is survived by his wife, his son, grandson, several siblings, and many nieces and nephews. Our condolences to all.

A Celebration of Life was held. In memory of Ron, please consider donating to Wings of Hope Hospice. ♦

# Silent Engine



*Bob Ferguson*

*IMPBA Member #17699 S CD • Joined 1998*

## **Robert J. Ferguson** **March 10, 1966 – January 29, 2024**

Robert "Bob" Ferguson, 57, of Hicksville, Ohio, passed away Monday, January 29, 2024, in his residence with his family by his side. Bob was born in Paulding, Ohio, and graduated from Mount Vernon High School.

He married Michelle Bassett in 1991. Bob worked as a machinist at APT Manufacturing Solutions.

Bob enjoyed RC model boating and was a former member of the Driftwood RC Model Boat Club. He also enjoyed snowmobiling, playing guitar, woodworking, and spending time with his family—especially his beloved granddaughter, Reagan.

Bob is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son, a granddaughter, a grandson on the way, two siblings, and his mother.

A visitation was followed by a Celebration of Life at St. John Lutheran Church in Hicksville. Memorial contributions in Bob's memory may be directed to the Fort Defiance Humane Society.

Sincere condolences to his family and friends for the loss of their loved one and friend. ♦

## 2024 DIRECTOR Elections Notice

Elections for the following Board of Director positions will be held in October 2024 for  
**3-YEAR TERMS TO BEGIN JANUARY 1, 2025:**

**District 2**  
**District 5**  
**District 9\***  
**District 10\***  
**National Nitro**  
**IMPBA President**



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



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.

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

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50-Year Member Status as of completing the 2023 Season:

**John Finch #4142 L CD, of Virginia**

*Joined in 1974. John is a Hall of Fame Life Member,  
and still continues to serve as the Board Mono Technical Advisor.*

**Michael Caruso #4261 S, of Illinois**

*Joined in 1974, was current for 2023 season and has renewed for 2024.*

50-Plus Years Members renewed for 2024:

**Marten Davis #4112 L CD, of Florida**

*Joined in 1973 and is a Hall of Fame Life Member.*

**Steve Ball #4071 L CD, of Indiana**

*Joined in 1973 and is a Hall of Fame Life Member.*

**Bob Bonahoom #3837 S CD, of Minnesota**

*Joined in 1972 and has renewed for 2024.*

**Martin Galliano, Jr. #3684 S, of Louisiana**

*Joined in 1971 and has renewed for 2024.*

**Leonard Skwieria #3590 L, of Florida**

*Joined in 1971. Hall of Fame & Past President Life Member.*

**Michael Solomon #3508 S CD,  
and Mary K. Solomon #3508 F, of Ohio**

*Joined in 1970 and have renewed for 2024.*

**John Beardslee #3440 S, of Michigan**

*Joined in 1970 and has renewed for 2024.*

**Don Pinckert #2168 L, of Florida**

*Joined in 1967 and is a Hall of Fame Life Member.*

**Jerry Betke #2120 L CD, of Michigan**

*Joined in 1967 and is a Hall of Fame Life Member.*

**Bob Barrow #2030 S CD, of Windsor, ON**

*Joined in 1967 and has renewed for 2024.*

**Tim Johnson #203 S, of Alaska**

*Senior member in 1965 and has renewed for 2024.  
(Tim received his member # as a Junior in 1960 at the age of 13.)*

**Gary Preusse #1047 L CD, of Illinois**

*Joined approx. 1961 and is a Hall of Fame Life Member.*

**Ron Zaker, Sr. #969 S, of Illinois**

*Joined in approx. 1961 and has renewed for 2024.*



*We Appreciate your Dedication, Enthusiasm, and Support for the RC Boating Hobby and IMPBA!*



50-Year Status is determined using the year the member became a Senior Voting member of IMPBA. Not all members have had continuous membership. We cannot verify actual year joined for all IMPBA members in some instances due to missing information. Items generously donated by members include a 1957 Directory List, some member index cards from 1965/66, printed directories for 1970 to 1992 (not all years) and an alphabetical computer printout from 1997. A member not showing on a Directory listing for a previous year may only indicate a break in active status. Member numbering is not always an accurate method to determine year joined due to differences in numbering systems over the years.



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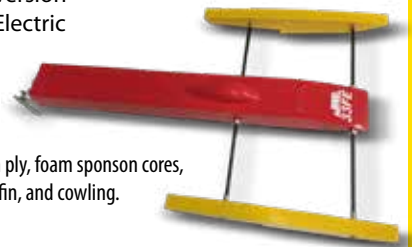
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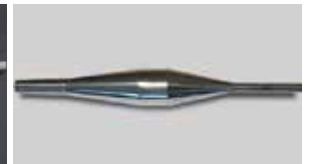
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The following rule changes were adopted by a vote of the membership. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2024.

*Refer to IMPBA Rule Book - page H-13  
Revised Jan. 2024*

## SECTION H -NITRO SPECIALIZED CLASSES / Article XI- Nitro International Regatta / rule A (1)

The **Sport 20 Hydro** class and **B Sport Tunnel OB** class were adopted as US-1 eligible classes. A/B Hydro US-1 class was split into separate **A Hydro** and **B Hydro** classes.

BALLOT #23-002: Sport 20 Hydro as US-1 Class							
	Dec. 2023 Membership Vote				Director Power Vote		
	YES	NO	ABS	2023 Power	YES	NO	ABS
District 1	2	0	0	2	2		
District 2	12	0	1	2	2		
District 3	3	1	0	1		1	
District 4	11	1	0	1	1		
District 5	7	0	1	1	1		
District 6	3	0	0	1	1		
District 7	0	0	0	1	1		
District 8	0	0	0	0			
District 9	0	0	0	0			
District 10	0	0	0	0			
District 11	0	0	0	0			
District 12	7	0	1	2	2		
District 13	15	0	0	1	1		
District 14	24	1	0	2	2		
District 21	0	0	0	0			
NITRO Director				1	1		
GAS Director				1	1		
FE Director				1	1		
Past Pres-MS (thru 2024)				1	1		
Past Pres-CR (thru 2024)				1	1		
<i>President casts 1 tie-breaker vote - see SEC B / Article V(3)[E]</i>							
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**BALLOT 23-002 PASSED**

BALLOT #23-003: B Spt Tunnel as US-1 Class							
	Dec. 2023 Membership Vote				Director Power Vote		
	YES	NO	ABS	2023 Power	YES	NO	ABS
District 1	2	0	0	2	2		
District 2	12	0	1	2	2		
District 3	2	1	1	1		1	
District 4	10	1	1	1	1		
District 5	7	0	1	1	1		
District 6	3	0	0	1	1		
District 7	0	0	0	1	1		
District 8	0	0	0	0			
District 9	0	0	0	0			
District 10	0	0	0	0			
District 11	0	0	0	0			
District 12	7	0	1	2	2		
District 13	15	0	0	1	1		
District 14	18	6	1	2	2		
District 21	0	0	0	0			
NITRO Director				1	1		
GAS Director				1	1		
FE Director				1	1		
Past Pres-MS (thru 2024)				1	1		
Past Pres-CR (thru 2024)				1		1	
<i>President casts 1 tie-breaker vote - see SEC B / Article V(3)[E]</i>							
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

**BALLOT 23-003 PASSED**

BALLOT #23-004: A & B Hydro as separate US-1 Classes							
	Dec. 2023 Membership Vote				Director Power Vote		
	YES	NO	ABS	2023 Power	YES	NO	ABS
District 1	2	0	0	2	2		
District 2	12	0	1	2	2		
District 3	2	1	1	1		1	
District 4	12	0	0	1	1		
District 5	7	0	1	1	1		
District 6	1	2	0	1			1
District 7	0	0	0	1	1		
District 8	0	0	0	0			
District 9	0	0	0	0			
District 10	0	0	0	0			
District 11	0	0	0	0			
District 12	7	0	1	2	2		
District 13	15	0	0	1	1		
District 14	16	8	1	2	2		
District 21	0	0	0	0			
NITRO Director				1	1		
GAS Director				1	1		
FE Director				1	1		
Past Pres-MS (thru 2024)				1	1		
Past Pres-CR (thru 2024)				1	1		
<i>President casts 1 tie-breaker vote - see SEC B / Article V(3)[E]</i>							
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

**BALLOT 23-004 PASSED**

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The following rule change was adopted by a vote of the membership. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2024.

Refer to IMPBA Rule Book - pages B-4 & B-5

*Revised Jan. 2024*

## SECTION B -CONSTITUTION / Article VIII - Amendments / rule B

Rule change removes redundant language and clarifies that all proposals are reviewed by the Board of Directors. Technical corrections are added into the list of items the board may act immediately on. The subparagraphs explaining the options available for certain categories of proposals, and items which are required to go to membership vote after review remain unchanged.

BALLOT #23-005: Amendment Process							
	Dec. 2023 Membership Vote			2023 Power	Director Power Vote		
	YES	NO	ABS		YES	NO	ABS
District 1	2	0	0	2	2		
District 2	12	0	1	2	2		
District 3	3	1	0	1		1	
District 4	11	0	1	1	1		
District 5	8	0	0	1	1		
District 6	1	1	1	1	1		
District 7	0	0	0	1	1		
District 8	0	0	0	0			
District 9	0	0	0	0			
District 10	0	0	0	0			
District 11	0	0	0	0			
District 12	6	0	2	2	2		
District 13	15	0	0	1	1		
District 14	18	5	2	2	2		
District 21	0	0	0	0			
NITRO Director				1	1		
GAS Director				1	1		
FE Director				1	1		
Past Pres-MS (thru 2024)				1	1		
Past Pres-CR (thru 2024)				1	1		
<i>President casts 1 tie-breaker vote - see SEC B / Article V(3)[E]</i>							
TOTALS	76	7	7		18	1	0

BALLOT 23-005 PASSED

The following rule change was adopted by a vote of the membership. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2024.

Since awards and points go to the racer and not with the boat, this rule change eliminated the language that "only the registered owner" could race his Scale boat, or run his Scale boat for records. Boats must still be registered in order to establish records. A member may now allow another to pilot his boat for records or racing. The following sections were affected by this change:

*Refer to IMPBA Rule Book - pages H-4 & H-5 Revised Jan. 2024*

**SECTION H -NITRO SPECIALIZED CLASSES /  
Article II - Scale Unlimited Rules /  
F. Racing Rules and G. Records**

*Refer to IMPBA Rule Book - page I-14 Revised Jan. 2024*

**SECTION I -LARGE SCALE GAS /  
Article VI - Gas Scale Unlimited /  
E. Racing Rules and F. Records**

*Refer to IMPBA Rule Book - page J-5 Revised Jan. 2024*

**SECTION J -FAST ELECTRIC /  
Article II - Fast Electric Classes /  
E. Scale FE Unlimited Hydro / Rule 1.**

**NOTE:** Ballot #23-008, which also passed, eliminated language from the Fast Electric section and instead states FE Scale Unlimited Hydro shall comply with rules (A thru G) listed in Article II of Section H - Nitro Special Classes. Therefore, this rule change applies to FE scale.

BALLOT #23-006: Scale Registered Owner Rule							
	Dec. 2023 Membership Vote				Director Power Vote		
	YES	NO	ABS	2023 Power	YES	NO	ABS
District 1	2	0	0	2	2		
District 2	13	0	0	2	2		
District 3	4	0	0	1	1		
District 4	12	0	0	1	1		
District 5	8	0	0	1	1		
District 6	2	1	0	1	1		
District 7	0	0	0	1	1		
District 8	0	0	0	0			
District 9	0	0	0	0			
District 10	0	0	0	0			
District 11	0	0	0	0			
District 12	8	0	0	2	2		
District 13	15	0	0	1	1		
District 14	19	5	1	2	2		
District 21	0	0	0	0			
NITRO Director				1	1		
GAS Director				1	1		
FE Director				1	1		
Past Pres-MS (thru 2024)				1	1		
Past Pres-CR (thru 2024)				1	1		
<i>President casts 1 tie-breaker vote - see SEC B / Article V(3)[E]</i>							
TOTALS	83	6	1		19	0	0

BALLOT 23-006 PASSED

The following rule changes were adopted by a vote of the membership. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2024.

Refer to IMPBA Rule Book - pages B-2, B-3, and B-4

*Revised Jan. 2024*

**SECTION B -CONSTITUTION /  
Article V - OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD /  
SECTION 1 / rule A and rule C**

Changes define "full term" and election eligibility for interim president.

**SECTION 5 / rule C**

Change to past president language limits voting eligibility to three years sequentially following his full term as president, and further defines eligibility for past president status.

**SECTION B -CONSTITUTION /  
Article V - OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD /  
SECTION 1 / rule A and rule C**

Rule change allows current president to select a vice president from the voting board members with executive board approval.

**SECTION B -CONSTITUTION /  
Article VI - NOMINATIONS / SECTION 1**

Rule change defines eligibility for persons who resign or are removed from any office. In order to be placed on a future ballot, the nomination of such a member must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire Board of Directors.

BALLOT #23-007: Constitution/PP/VP/Nominations							
	Dec. 2023 Membership Vote				Director Power Vote		
	YES	NO	ABS	2023 Power	YES	NO	ABS
District 1	2	0	0	2	2		
District 2	13	0	0	2	2		
District 3	4	0	0	1	1		
District 4	12	0	0	1	1		
District 5	8	0	0	1	1		
District 6	2	0	1	1	1		
District 7	0	0	0	1	1		
District 8	0	0	0	0			
District 9	0	0	0	0			
District 10	0	0	0	0			
District 11	0	0	0	0			
District 12	7	0	1	2	2		
District 13	15	0	0	1	1		
District 14	19	2	4	2	2		
District 21	0	0	0	0			
NITRO Director				1	1		
GAS Director				1	1		
FE Director				1	1		
Past Pres-MS (thru 2024)				1	1		
Past Pres-CR (thru 2024)				1	1		
<i>President casts 1 tie-breaker vote - see SEC B / Article V(3)[E]</i>							
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**BALLOT 23-007 PASSED**

The following rule change was adopted by a vote of the membership. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2024.

*Refer to IMPBA Rule Book - pages J-5*

*Revised Jan. 2024*

### SECTION J -FAST ELECTRIC / Article II - Fast Electric Classes / E. Scale FE Unlimited Hydro / Rule 1 and 2

Rule change eliminated language common with Nitro Scale rules from the Fast Electric section.

Rule 1 now states that FE Scale Unlimited Hydro shall comply with rules (A thru G) listed in Article II of Section H - Nitro Special Classes. Rule 2 defines exceptions specific to FE motors and power system. The motor listing was eliminated, and replaced with "not to exceed" motor definitions that state outside diameter limit and overall motor length.

BALLOT #23-008: FE Scale Rules Revise							
Dec. 2023 Membership Vote					Director Power Vote		
	YES	NO	ABS	2023 Power	YES	NO	ABS
District 1	2	0	0	2	2		
District 2	13	0	0	2	2		
District 3	4	0	0	1			1
District 4	11	0	1	1	1		
District 5	8	0	0	1	1		
District 6	2	0	1	1	1		
District 7	0	0	0	1	1		
District 8	0	0	0	0			
District 9	0	0	0	0			
District 10	0	0	0	0			
District 11	0	0	0	0			
District 12	7	0	1	2	2		
District 13	15	0	0	1	1		
District 14	15	5	5	2	2		
District 21	0	0	0	0			
NITRO Director				1			1
GAS Director				1	1		
FE Director				1	1		
Past Pres-MS (thru 2024)				1	1		
Past Pres-CR (thru 2024)				1	1		
<i>President casts 1 tie-breaker vote - see SEC B / Article V(3)[E]</i>							
TOTALS	77	5	8		17	0	2

BALLOT 23-008 PASSED



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Hannah Goodman is the new Assistant Social Media Director. Hannah is from District 13, and is part of SOWEGA Model Boaters. She is the daughter of Kem and Julie Gilley.

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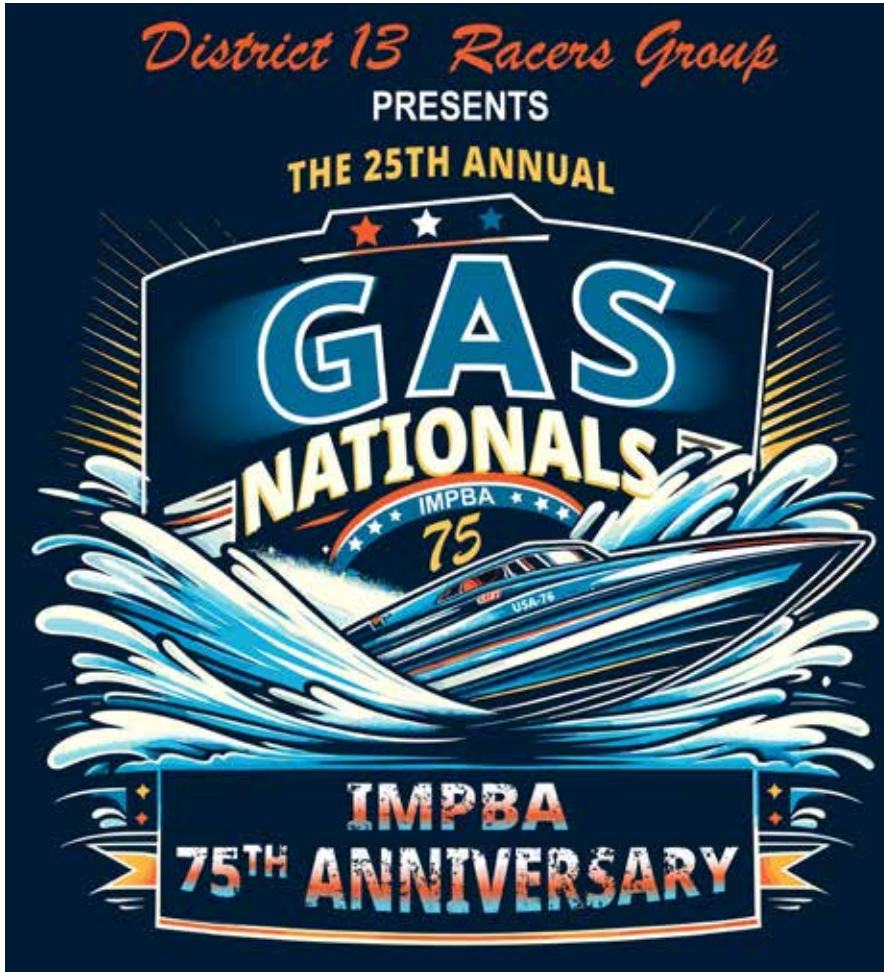
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# Get Ready!



The District 13 Racers Group is proud to host the 25th Annual 2024 IMPBA Gas Nationals on the 75th Anniversary of the IMPBA!

## Race Format:

Four rounds of standard heat racing will be followed by a final fifth Championship Round. First-round heats are set up in alphabetical order of the entries within each class. Heats in subsequent rounds for each class are determined by accumulated points running from highest to lowest. Choice of frequency will start from the highest points on down if conflicts arise. If there is a tie within a large class when determining heat splits for a subsequent round, previous penalties may be considered. The racer with the cleanest previous heats will race with the higher points racers. Standard Heat Racing Point Scoring will be applied. Only the top six in points from the first four rounds will advance final Championship Round. All points awarded during the event are carried to the final round. The total points accumulated for all rounds determine the “**National Champion**”. Any ties will be decided by run-off.

The top six boats in Classic Thunderboat, Super Sport Mono, and Crackerbox will be impounded after their final shootout heat. The top three finishers will have their engines torn down and inspected. If any of the top three finishers does not pass inspection, they will be disqualified, and the next in line will have their engine torn down for inspection.

SOWEGA is a short course and runs 8-laps. LSG Superboat Offshore will run a designated course and 6-laps.

## SCHEDULE:

### June 20:

Super Sport Mono  
LSG27 Cat  
LSG27 Rigger  
LSG27 Sport Hydro  
LSG Cracker Box (SS Engine)  
LSG Superboat Offshore

### June 21:

LSG36 Mono  
LSG36 Cat  
LSG36 Rigger  
LSG36 Sport Hydro  
Classic Thunderboat  
BANQUET on site.

### June 22:

LSG27 Mono  
LSG Outboard  
TLSG-64 Outrigger  
LSG27 Jersey Skiff  
Gas Scale Unlimited

### June 23:

Sunday is Weather / Make-Up Day.  
*Any classes that are not completed on their scheduled day will be run on Sunday. If none needs to be completed, this will be a travel day. It is advised that contestants be prepared to stay through Sunday to complete their heats to be considered for the National Championship.*

## REGISTRATION:

Entries on RCRacingEvents.com.  
Registrations closed on 04/06/24 to finalize plans for heats. Open spots in existing heats will be filled from the wait list. 3 class maximum per racer does not apply to spots filled from wait list.

## LODGING:

Ashburn, GA is closer to the pond and less expensive, but lodging and restaurant choices are limited.

Tifton, GA is approx 20 minutes south and more expensive, but lodging and restaurant choices are plentiful. ♦

# Be There!

## June 20-23, 2024

# Calling All *Nitro Racers!*

**October 13 - 19** ■ **Huntsville, AL**

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If you haven't ever been to an InterNats, you should come to one! It's concentrated racing, the most bang for your buck, AND your chance to achieve US1.

### **SCHEDULE:**

**October 11 & 12:** Open water. There will be open water for the classes running the next day after the completion of each day's schedule.

**October 13:** SAW competition begins, then we will progress to 2-lap oval record trials, and conclude with heat racing.

**October 19:** Awards banquet.

### **REGISTRATION:**

The plan at this time is for **registration to open in July** on RCRacingEvents.com Watch for announcements. ♦

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# 2024 **SPEED WEEK** Valdosta, GA

**by Jason O'Brien**

Photos courtesy Jason O'Brien,  
Doug Smock, and Kim Grim



In lieu of the normal “records & weather report,” I decided to write about my experience as a first-time time trial host. Someone told me, twenty years ago, that if I waited until I was ready to have kids, I’d never have them. I played that conversation back in my head a few times when Glenn Quarles asked if I’d “take the reigns” for SpeedWeek. I’ve been a part of most every R/C boat related event at Blue Lake in Valdosta, GA, since the early 2000’s. I’ve helped set up the course, I’ve run the lights, I’ve rebuilt and repaired the lights, I’ve built buoys and sub-buoys, I’ve operated the retrieve boat, and patched holes in the retrieve boat. I’ve tech’d motors, and I’ve watched some amazing model boaters set fast records. I personally built (along with Glenn Quarles) the driver’s stand that every single one of those records were set from. Given all of that, the average person would think I was probably ready to run a time trial by myself— but I was uncertain. To be 100% transparent, I was on the fence for a while. Until just a few weeks prior, I was still trying to build up the courage to talk myself into it.

If you’re taking notes, or are in a similar situation, this isn’t something you can (or should) attempt alone. One hiccup to hosting an event in Valdosta is club size. We likely hold some records for “largest geographic membership spread.” Our only member who lives less than a four-hour drive away is yours truly. Ever tried to get someone to hold the string, so you can line up the #2 buoy, when they’re in Texas? NOT EASY! Or, have you had the “Hey! I know you’re in Alaska right now, but I need some help building some steps,” conversation? I’m being my normal facetious self (but not entirely).

The Valdosta time trials have always been a small show. We’ve always aimed for quality over quantity. The need for routine upgrades never really bothered me, or at least it wasn’t part of the anxiety equation. I knew we needed to

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# SPEED WEEK

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do something about access to the water, I knew the driver's stand needed some repair, and I knew the retrieve boat was (and still is) a dumpster-fire. None of these things were deal-breakers— they're simply minor inconveniences. That begs the question, then, right? What are the deal-breakers? From my perspective, THE deal-breakers in order of importance are: (A) course-accuracy, (B) course-accuracy, and lastly, (C) course accuracy. Pop quiz. Which part of this deal was I concerned with? Two gold stars if you guessed "course-accuracy!"

I lost a lot of sleep over six buoys in a circle. Should I have? Probably not, but incessant, needless worrying is my deal, so that's what I did. In our case, we chose to leave the sub-buoys submerged last year. Could I find them? Were they in one piece? Were they where we left them? They were dead-on last year, but would they still be? I did some recon at one point, to look for the sub-buoy "floats" (8" sections of Dollar General pool noodle). Only found two of them, so I did what anyone would do...paddled back to the bank, took a handful of Roloids, curled up in a ball, and cried for a while.

Once the hopelessness wore off, I decided to try again—only this time with some polarized glasses, in midday sun, with no wind—and had much more success. As it turns out, only one of the sub-buoys had shifted (we did have a hurricane). How'd I know only one of the sub-buoys had moved? I did the work! Made a whole set of "measuring strings" using the only way I know how (thanks to my little buddy Glenn Quarles), and drug them across the lake! I was very pleased, and relieved, to realize all of the other sub-buoys were dead on.



With all of the "layout anxiety" behind me, there was only one remaining piece. Finishing. No pressure. I had a full five days left, so what could go wrong? In short, whatever you're thinking, that went wrong. As it turns out, fluctuating water temperatures, combined with a year's worth of sun, will degrade even the best eBay rubber-bands. It also turns out that bolting an outboard with a short foot, to a skiff with a tall transom, makes for a really crappy retrieve boat. What else did we learn? Well, heavy aluminum boats don't work well with paddles, limbs blown down with hurricane-force winds make an excellent ankle-breaker-pothole when removed from their insertion point, fire ants are ridiculously hard to murder, and there's no such thing as "too many" portable toilets!

At some point, after a full week of finishing dozens of minute details, one big thing remained. The piece de resistance. Balloons—six balloons to be exact—in a very specific oval. By this time (48 hours before go-time), I had some help. Doug Smock, and Andy Brown showed up to help me set the buoys. Not the sub-buoys, as I had already swallowed that pill, but the disposable orange balloon-buoys. Still not familiar? These are the 8"-10" round things that are manufactured with boat magnets developed by MIT physicists. Just drive any RC boat within six feet, at anything above 65mph, and it's a guaranteed collision. Temporal boat-swallowing vortex! 100% kill ratio!!! If you're sensing some sarcasm,

you'd be wrong. I replaced AT LEAST 72 balloons during SpeedWeek. SEVENTY. TWO.

SpeedWeek itself, at every point, starting with the first drivers' meeting, was somewhat routine — or at least predictable, or maybe not a surprise — which was refreshing. We had the normal details that have to be worked through, but are so dynamic that planning is almost futile. What things are these? Well...run order. Never know who's showing up, so that's out. Clocks working? Usually, but not always, but usually. Speaking of clocks, Valdosta has always presented a unique challenge in the evenings. The "opposite" side of Blue Lake is parallel to due west. Without fail, when the sun gets to roughly 45

degrees above the horizon, the clocks go berserk, and will continue to do so until the sun is just a thin slice of orange (which is when the hammer drops, right?). I've only been to one other time trial venue, but I'd suspect that's always the case. Sun drops, wind dies, water relaxes, engines fire up, and the CD is barraged by calls of, "Who's next?" from up and down the bank. Just before you chime in, and tell me how to fix the clocks, please allow me to save you some oxygen.

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Whatever it is, we've tried it, and it won't work.

The other thing that doesn't work, if you're still taking notes, is trying to run a week-long time trial on a skeleton crew. I was privileged to have several people volunteer. Some gave me a break, some helped watch the clocks, some helped run the retrieve boat, some drove the boat while I replaced balloons (which happens to be an absolute lifesaver). I'd especially like to say thanks to John Beardslee, Mark Grim, Andy Brown, and Doug Smock. They all went way above and beyond to help me pull this off — I can't thank them enough!

I'm not sure there are enough synonyms for the words "tired" or "worn out" to describe how I actually felt at the end of SpeedWeek, but it was absolutely worth it. Reflecting on it, the experience and the lessons far outweigh the time it took me to recover, or the mountain of paperwork and fires I faced when I returned to my day job. Honestly, more than anything, the whole ordeal reinforced an idea I already had — "R/C boat guys" really are decent human beings. Digging a little deeper, everyone who showed up had magnitudes more experience than me, especially with the technical logistics of hosting a time trial.

And, if we're being honest, anyone who'd been there previously, and who knew me, knew I wasn't actually ready, but they came anyway, and that is the real deal. No one criticized the way I did things. No one questioned. Everyone supported me, and helped me help them. There were a few occasions when the impound backed up. Mark Grim whipped



out a set of calipers and started measuring motors. If I was busy on the console, Doug Smock would jump in and grab a dead boat. The community felt real, not forced or mandated.

If by some chance you're still taking notes, I have some very hard learned advice about balloon replacement. I won't comment on how I know any of this, but, do not, under any circumstances, hang on to the sub-buoy too long while trying to replace a balloon. More importantly, when and if you do hang on to the sub-buoy too long, and the buoy moves, don't get mad and throw oars, fishing lures, or trolling motor batteries. Even more importantly, when and if you do hang on to the sub-buoy too long, get mad, and start to throw hard objects, try not to do the above on the coldest day of

the time trial. Again, not saying how I know any of this, but it's worth making a mental note of, especially since, if you were to do any of the above, you'd have to then get out the measuring strings, get wet, and fight the wind — not that I'd know.

**In the end, hosting SpeedWeek 2024 was one of the most satisfying experiences of my life — RC boat related or otherwise — and I fully intend to repeat it in 2025, only better. My initial anxiety, in hindsight, was 159% unfounded, and I'm continually humbled by the amount of support I received. Thanks again to everyone who showed up, for everyone who helped, and for everyone who helped a first-timer look like a professional. ♦**



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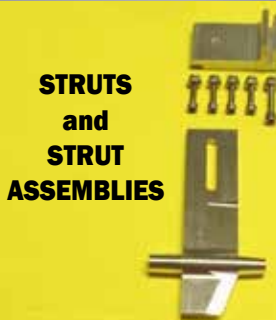
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single-event fee of \$15 for membership dues **during that event only**. The single-event application and payment must be completed online and can be found at [www.IMPBA.net](http://www.IMPBA.net).

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

**REMEMBER: SAFE BOATING IS NO ACCIDENT!**

## National Records Director

**Ron Drake**

Check out the **13 new records set** since the last report!

The records set in Huntsville, AL, in fall 2023 are listed here. They weren't verified by publication time of last newsletter, but were posted online. Huntsville also MBA hosted New Year's Time Trials this January 1st in Huntsville, AL.

The Valdosta, GA site hosted "SpeedWeek 2024" from February 3 through 11. Hope you took the time to read Jason O'Brien's witty article in this issue about what it was like to host his first trials.

Brandon MB were slated to run a trial in Dover, FL, but they decided to reschedule due to the Easter weekend. Watch for date announcements.

Huntsville MBA hosted Easter Time Trials on April 1 & 2 in Huntsville, AL. Once the records set are certified, they will be updated and posted online.

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.

### COMING UP:

F.A.S.T club will be hosting two spring Record Trials in Flint, MI. The first will be on April 27 & 28. In event of inclement weather, the alternate date will be May 4 & 5. The second is May 18 & 19. Alternate weather date will be May 25 & 26. Watch for announcements.

Check the IMPBA Event Calendar for fall record trial offerings from Brandon MB, Huntsville MBA, and Cincinnati MBC. ♦

### NOVEMBER 26 & 27, 2023 ► HUNTSVILLE, AL

1/16 SAW	Class	Time/Sec	MPH
Rick Grim	LSG Super Boat	<b>3.861</b>	58.275
Brad Schafer	Q Sport Hydro	<b>2.457</b>	91.575

1/3 MILE OVAL	Class	Time/Sec	MPH
Rick Grim	LSG Super Boat	<b>31.058</b>	38.637
Brad Schafer	Q Sport Hydro	<b>23.003</b>	52.167

1/4 MILE OVAL	Class	Time/Sec	MPH
Rick Grim	LSG Super Boat	<b>24.837</b>	36.236
Brad Schafer	Q Sport Hydro	<b>22.634</b>	39.760

### FEBRUARY 3 to 11, 2024 ► VALDOSTA, GA

1/16 SAW	Class	Time/Sec	MPH
Eric Canto	LSG Super Boat	<b>3.169</b>	71.000
Tyler Garrard	N Hydro	<b>2.218</b>	101.442
Lamar /Don Huff	Q Mono	<b>2.495</b>	90.180
Lamar /Don Huff	S Mono	<b>2.350</b>	95.744

1/3 MILE OVAL	Class	Time/Sec	MPH
David Spitzer	E Hydro	<b>15.143</b>	79.244
Lamar / Don Huff	LSG27 Mono	<b>21.909</b>	54.772
Eric Canto	LSG Super Boat	<b>24.160</b>	49.668

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## National Scale Director

**Mike Schindler**

Let me introduce myself. I'm a District 14 member who has been model boating since 1980. I have been an IMPBA member as long as I have been boating. I have been Contest Director at many US-1 Internats, and Nitro Nats, along with local races. I was Technical chair for a number of years, and after that served as D14 Director for 10 years.

My passion is sport and scale boat building and racing — I've built at least 20 over the years. I hope to see you at the races, and if you need help, I will assist you, or point you in the right direction to help you build and race your boats. ♦



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## Safety First in 2024

As the RC boating season quickly approaches us in District 1, I want to first and foremost remind members that safety is paramount. Our toy boats can do some serious damage and cause injury. Be sure to check your boats over before you just chuck them in the water recklessly. Make sure your batteries are charged and still good. We often get excited at the start of the year and forget the little things. I once forgot to tape down my radio box lid. Yep... it happens. Let's all play safe, and have a fun season.

For those who are not familiar with exactly where District 1 is, I thought I'd explain. D1 covers a lot of territory including Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine. It also covers the Canadian provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, and most of Ontario.

Although actual sanctioned races within D1 are limited to the big **CAN-AM (August 24 & 25) hosted by the Northern Lights Model Boat Club**, it doesn't stop D1 racers from travelling long distances outside of our district to participate in this hobby we all love so much. Checkout the pics, here and on the next page, of a few members who fit the above description.

S. Tier NY RC Model Boaters have a new home! The new course will be located in Elmira, NY. They are excited about the location which is closer to home for many of the members. All are welcomed and encouraged to join the club. They will still be holding the NY State Championship Series, but they will be as six club races this year. Contact club president, Pete Forcier, for information about the new pond or to talk about joining the club.

Stony Pond FE Model Boat Club will once again be hosting weekend "Test-n-Tune" sessions. Reach out to Craig Mapstone for club info. ♦



Mary & Ron Manucci.



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**D1 members put a few clicks on the ole odometers this past season!**



*New York gang: John Voellinger, Bob Steiner, Mike Neal, Kevin "Bombay" Keating.*



*Matt Smith from New Hampshire at the CAN-AM.*



*Daniel Kalte, Gavin Woolridge, Mark Hoeflich, Randy Rapedius head to Alabama for the 2023 Gas Nats.*



*Northern Lights Canadian crew at the Nitro Nats: Tim Kish, Terry Keeley, Oliver Douglas, Randy Rapedius.*



*Tommy "Full Throttle" Baffer at the 2023 Nitro Nats.*



## Changes in D2 for 2024

District 2 has a couple of changes this season. The remaining Transom Twisters club members have merged with the Oakland-Wolverine and the Saginaw clubs. Last year's HydroFest had to be cancelled, but the Oakland-Wolverine Model Boat Club will take over the hosting of the race this year with assistance from the Saginaw Bay club. It will still be held at Kelly Lake in Burton, MI.

The Dayton RC Boat Club is on the schedule to host their first sanctioned event in more than a decade! In the old days, Dayton always held the first race of the D2 season, but they opted for The Gem City Shootout to be held July 20. We're excited to have this club back on the schedule this year, and hope to see many of you there.

S. Ontario Model Boat Club has not yet decided to hold another sanctioned event, but keep your fingers crossed.

F.A.S.T. will be holding 2 spring Record Trials in Flint, MI, this season. Head out and try your hand at a record, or just take advantage of the timing equipment to see how fast those boats really are. You'll also have an Ovals opportunity in October at the Cincinnati MBC site in Harrison, OH.

The Cincinnati club, with president Mario Johnston, has been attending various community events over the past several years in order to promote the hobby, and potentially snag a few new members along the way. You won't meet a nicer, and more enthusiastic model boater. It's always a treat when Mario attends your event, because you might just end up with some fantastic photos showing up on facebook — and he can make anybody's boat look awesome! Check out the pics and info from a recent event CMBC attended on the following page.

All of your other favorites are also on the schedule: Saginaw Bay Classic opens the race season in May, followed by the Mini Gold Cup, the Power Stroke Classic, and don't forget Celina Summer Challenge which is a D2 & D14 points series race. The D2 Challenge, which closes out our race schedule, will be held in September, but the date still has to be worked out with the Rochester Hills park's board. Watch for announcements once that is confirmed.

We have a busy season planned, so there will be lots of opportunities to get out and enjoy the hobby. Good luck to all who head to the Gas Nats and the Internats. Lastly, thanks to the D2 members who took the time to read the proposals and vote this past December. ♦



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## District 2: 2024 SCHEDULE

### April 27 & 28

**Need For Speed Record Trials #1**

### May 18 & 19

**Need For Speed Record Trials #2**

Flint, MI

F.A.S.T.

### May 19

**Saginaw Bay Classic**

Saginaw Bay, MI

*Saginaw Bay R/C/ Boat Club*

### June 2

**Mini Gold Cup**

Burton, MI

*Oakland-Wolverine MBC*

### June 15

**Power Stroke Classic**

Carleton, MI

*Motor City Model Boat Club*

### July 20

**Gem City Shootout**

Medway, OH

*Dayton RC Boat Club*

### August 4

**HydroFest 2024**

Burton, MI

*Oakland-Wolverine MBC*

### August 17 & 18

**Celina Summer Challenge**

Celina, OH

*Driftwood R/C MB*

*D2 & D14 Points Series Race*

### September TBD

**D2 Challenge**

Rochester Hills, MI

*Oakland-Wolverine MBC*

### October 26 & 27

**CMBC Oval Record Trials**

Harrison, OH

*Cincinnati Model Boat Club*

Watch the website Event Calendar pages for updates.

## Get The Word Out!

>>> Cincinnati MBC President, **Mario Johnston**



The Cincinnati Model Boat Club members have been attending various shows and community events to get the word out about their club and RC model boating in general. They recently attended the 7th Annual Team KNK "All Things RC" swap meet held in Lebanon, OH. KNK is a manufacturer of custom hardware, predominantly for RC cars, trucks, and motorcycles. This was the club's third year presenting at the show and they displayed racing level boats for the RC enthusiasts. Mark Scott and Mario Johnston put out an impressive display to show the various aspects of high-end model boat offerings, explaining that these boats start where the RTR boats leave off because they can be customized. A favorite in the display was Mario's Blazer Marine "Slingshot". When attendees strike up a conversation and learn that this craft can run at speeds of 80 mph plus, they are definitely intrigued.

The club has been attending three different regional events during the past racing seasons. A favorite is the "RC Flying Circus" held in Hamilton, OH (Typically held in September, the show will be moved to June this year). That event attracts 400 to 500 attendees! It is an RC flying event, but attendees are generally interested in all things RC, and the club gets a lot of lookers.

They had a great time being part of the KNK event, and talking to all the attendees. Mario remarked, "We don't sell boats at the show, but there is not a moment during the day where we aren't talking with someone interested in the boats and what we do." The most frequently asked question is, "Where can I run these?" The club is there to supply the answer.

They provide flyers, stickers, club info with links to the Cincinnati Model Boat Club Facebook page, to help guide those interested in coming out to see what it's all about, and are available to assist them in actually purchasing a boat and joining the club. The club also holds an annual "Fun Run" that they promote in the community, and they invite attendees to come out and experience the club site and meet the great Cincy MBC members. ♦



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## D3 Kicks Off the 75th Anniversary Racing Season!

I hope everybody up north has their winter builds finished or nearing completion. Down here in Florida, we are always building or running. Not sure if it is a blessing or a curse. It is getting time to get the garage AC ready for the higher temps.

The Nitro Winter Championships were held back in January. This was the first race to display the IMPBA 75th Anniversary banner. I'm sure everyone will see them all year. WOW! 75 years is a long time! There were some outstanding boats and drivers racing for the top awards. Here are the classes with the number of racers per class, and the winners. Three qualifying rounds on Friday & Saturday were followed by two rounds of the top six boats held on Championship Sunday. No one backs into winning a championship in this event — this championship is earned!



The IMPBA 75th Anniversary Banner makes it's debut in Florida at the Nitro Winter Championships held by Brandon Model Boaters.

### Nitro Winter Championships ■ 2024 CHAMPIONS

B Sport Tunnel (6)  
**Dennis Schünke**

F Hydro (9)  
**James Wellmaker**

Sport 40 (6)  
**Phil Thomas**

D Hydro (24)  
**Chad Grannis**

B Hydro (12)  
**Rod Hendricks**

E Hydro (16)  
**James Wellmaker**

D Mono (11)  
**Jerry Crowther**

Sport 20 (6)  
**Phil Thomas**

B Mono (8)  
**Jerry Crowther**

D Tunnel (5)  
**James Shields**

B Tunnel (5)  
**Kenny Mudd**

F Single Engine (18)  
**Mark Adams**

1/8 Scale (8)  
**Phil Thomas**

E Mono (4)  
**Jerry Crowther**

F Mono (10)  
**Joe Warren**

Twin Hydro (16)  
**Buck Shackelford**



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I have heard some rumblings of growth coming to IMPBA D3. If anybody has any questions or needs assistance starting a club, finding a club, or direction on how to approach a pond owner for potential use, please reach out to me.

I'm looking forward to this year's Internats in Huntsville, AL, during the cooler month of October. We're already looking for a nice place to stay. If you have never done a US-1 Internats, Huntsville's pond is outstanding! We will be there. Is it still swimming weather the second week of October in Alabama? ♦



## District 4: 2024 Schedule

*All races are eligible for D4 High Points*

**April 19 – 21**

### **Midwest Scale Shootout**

*St. Louis Thunderboaters  
Johnston City, IL*

*D4/D14 combined points race*

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**June 29 & 30**

### **Badger Thunderboat Throwdown**

*Badger Model Boat Club  
Somers, WI*

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**July 19 - 21**

### **Kenny Stang Showdown**

*Riptide RC Boat Club  
St. Anne, IL*

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**August 24 & 25**

### **Super Sport Mono Throwdown**

*Badger Model Boat Club  
Somers, WI*

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**October 5 & 6**

### **Badger Fall Shootout**

*Badger Model Boat Club  
Somers, WI*

## Hello from District 4

The offseason has given everyone in D4 the time to repair and build, but now it's time to start thinking about running those boats.

The Badger Club will be hosting three races this year. Last year they put on a great show at all three races. The driver's stand is amazing, and offers a terrific view of the course. The first race is at the end of June.

The Riptide Club will be hosting a three-day race in July this year. Last year they had a great turnout, and it was a lot of fun. Also, Riptide has a new club president this year, Mark Voorhies. Mark has an extensive knowledge of RC boating, and is a valued member of the Riptide family.

The St. Louis Thunderboaters will be hosting their "Midwest Scale Championship" race in May this year, located in Johnston City, IL. This race has always been very competitive with racers really testing their skills against some of the best racers from all over.

D4 steadily gained new members in the offseason. A lot of these new members are really stepping up to assist in various roles, and contributing to the different clubs. We are looking forward to the 2024 Race season, and it seems that coming together at these races really builds a lot of friendships that might not otherwise exist. Personally, I have made more friends racing boats than I ever have doing anything else — it is definitely a very tight community of people.

### **D4 High Points**

We will be having the D4 High Points competition again this year. Bill Miller is handling the points series, and he keeps track of all scores for all drivers throughout the season. There will be five races with one drop race. At the end of the season, once the eligibility of a class is determined (five boats run in a class at four races) the highest scores are added. A racer that only ran two events could still win if his scores are high enough. Last year the competition for High Points was very good. You do not have to be a member in D4 to win. We welcome everyone to come join in. You do not need to preregister to be considered. Just come on out and join in the fun. ♦



[khray888@gmail.com](mailto:khray888@gmail.com)



*The pond at Johnston City, IL, looks smooth as glass with a beautiful, clear sky.*

2023  
**D4 High Points  
Champions**



Classic Thunderboat:  
Keith Ray



B Sport Tunnel:  
Jeff Preusse



Super Sport Mono & Gas Sport Hydro:  
Bill Miller



*Badger races in 2023. The driver's stand at this venue offers a terrific view of the course!*



*Interesting storm clouds blow in at Riptide.*



*Take a close look. That's not just an unusual buoy layout at Riptide. A racer has snagged a buoy, and looks like he's still leading.*



## Gearing Up for a Great Year

From our newest club, the Carolina RC Water Burners, to our oldest club, the Capitol RC Model Boat Club, District 12 is gearing up for an action-packed season of great racing, camaraderie, and friendship. Several clubs have already had a couple of test and tune sessions: the Delmarva Model Boat Club and the Old Dominion Model Boat Association, and another, the Carolina RC Water Burners, just had its second club race. Check out the pics on the following page.

At our annual district meeting in January, representatives from most of the clubs discussed the pressing issues for the district and a schedule of events.

We also discussed the possible creation of an assistant director position that would assist the director with promoting district events and boosting attendance through social media and other avenues. Safety is always a top priority, and several attendees stressed the importance of fire extinguishers at our events and the need to ensure that they are in proper working order.

Unfortunately, the last Roostertail submission for District 12 was inadvertently missed and did not make the December publication. Once the oversight was realized, it was quickly posted on the District 12 Facebook page for anyone who has not seen it. One of the topics was about D12 member Ray Hotchkin a.k.a "Ray Ray" having a dire medical emergency while attending the Can-Am race last year. He was hustling through a busy race day when he began to feel ill and ultimately suffered a heart attack. As luck would have it, other attendees identified the severity of his condition and provided lifesaving medical attention. Ray was rushed to an area hospital, where he spent several days recovering. The local animal shelter even took great care of his two fur babies while he was in the hospital. He was able to attend the last district race at DMBC in 2023, and I am happy to report that "Ray Ray" is back in action. I understand he has been to the pond several times already this year.



*"Ray Ray" Hotchkin back in action!*

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I look forward to another great year with District 12 and can't wait to get started. ✦



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### District 12: 2024 Schedule

**May 4 & 5**  
**Joseph H. Sparr Memorial**  
 Queenstown, MD  
*RC Model Boaters of Baltimore*  
 (Event will be held at DMBC pond)

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**August 10 & 11**  
**Carolina Classic**  
 Charlotte, NC  
*Carolina RC Water Burners*

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**September 7 & 8**  
**Tim Lesniewski Memorial Gold Cup 2024**  
 Queenstown, MD  
*RC Model Boaters of Baltimore*  
 (Event will be held at DMBC pond)

In addition to sanctioned events the following clubs will host several Club Races:

**Carolina Water Burners**  
Club race dates TBD

**Delmarva Model Boat Club**  
Club series dates TBD

**WAMB**  
**(Wilmington Area Model Boaters)**

Club series dates:

April 14;

May 5;

June 9;

September 15;

October 13;

November 10





**By Mitchell Stinson,  
Carolina RC Water Burners Club President**

The Carolina RC Water Burners are definitely here and present, and making a statement in the District 12 portion of IMPBA. Holding two very successful club races, they are now setting their sights on the "FIRST ANNUAL CAROLINA CLASSIC" to be held August 10 & 11. With this race being one of the biggest, if not the biggest projected race in Charlotte, NC, in over 30 years, the stakes are high and the anticipation is definitely growing. From Nitro power, to Gas power, to Fast Electrics the Water Burners are making a statement and holding the foot to ground with moving forward to become a staple in D12.

The club has worked very hard to get the site to where it is in a very short period of time, a little under a year to be exact. From dredging weeds, to building stands, launch decks, cutting trees — you name it, we have probably done it. Everything has been done with the intent to bring another location for everyone to enjoy. We travel to sister clubs all the time, going four to six hours just to race, so now it's great to have a place in our own backyard. We are blessed to say the least, and I just hope everyone else joins in with our happiness, as this is a win for the hobby, not just us.

We recently held our second CRCWB Club Race on March 16. We wanted to get in some practice so we are ready for our sanctioned event. Members provided lots of feedback, and overall things went extremely well!

We wish to thank three people on two different accounts. First off, we would like to thank Fred Lumb for giving us a john boat, and a very big thank you to JJ Johnson and Deryl Nesbit for blessing us with a brand new motor to push it. We thank everyone who has helped us out with this endeavor, and we can't wait to see you all at the pond! ♦



*The Man, the Myth, the Legend —Mr. Mitchell Stinson.*



**CRCWB Club Race** ☀ Charlotte, NC  
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## District 13: 2024 Schedule

**RECENTLY HELD:**

**SpeedWeek 2024**

February 3 -10 in Valdosta GA

**SOWEGA Grand Prix I**

February 24 & 25 in Sycamore, GA

**COMING UP:**

April 19 – 21

**Atlanta Spring Nationals**

Atlanta Model Boaters

Venue Change: Sycamore, GA

May 17 – 19

**Full Throttle in SOWEGA**

SOWEGA Model Boaters

Sycamore, GA

June 8 & 9

**FCMB D13 Grand Prix I**

First Coast Model Boaters

Sycamore, GA

D13 is also proud to host the  
**IMPBA GAS NATIONALS**

June 20 -23!

July 13 & 14

**Atlanta Grand Prix**

Atlanta Model Boaters

Venue Change: Sycamore, GA

September 7 & 8

**FCMB D13 Grand Prix II**

First Coast Model Boaters

Sycamore, GA

October 4 – 6

**CMB Fall Nationals**

Charleston Model Boaters

Charleston, SC

November 2 & 3

**SOWEGA Grand Prix II**

SOWEGA Model Boaters

Sycamore, GA

## We're Off And Running In D13!

### Celebrating IMPBA's 75th Anniversary!

SpeedWeek 2024 was a great event with CD Jason O'Brien at the helm of the RRF of Valdosta club. We all missed Glenn — because he's Glenn — but Jason and the crew did a fantastic job! If you've never been to a Record Trial, you should pull up a chair and watch if nothing else. It's good fun with some great guys and some really fast boats! Check out the records report for details.

The first Grand Prix of the series is in the books. We all met up in SOWEGA and had a fantastic season opener. Saturday, we faced some fierce winds at about mid-day. We were surprised how well the boats performed, considering many of us had never raced in those conditions, it really was brutal. The retrieve boat was busy, but not nearly as busy as we were expecting. Luckily, the temperatures were fine and we stayed dry.

#### Atlanta Model Boaters Spring Nationals

Next up is the Spring Nationals which is normally held in Atlanta. Unfortunately, like the June Grand Prix this event had to be moved due to uncertainty at the Atlanta site. Recent property sales and development plans have thrown a monkey-wrench into the works on the use of the site the club has been at for more than 30 years. Read Lamar Huff's message on the following page.

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*Presenting the*  
**2023 D13 Grand Prix Champions**

## **SOWEGA Model Boaters**

I can't say enough about this group of people, starting with the site owners Kem and Julie Gilley. These folks have let us invade their homestead five times a year for the last several years. With the FCMB trying to work things out with the city of Jacksonville, and now the uncertainty of the Atlanta site, and the Gas Nationals, that number has changed to EIGHT.

**Think about that for a minute!** That is 25 days MINIMUM that we will be on their property. **Who does that?** I'll tell you.

Two of the nicest and most dedicated people in the hobby. All they ask is that you treat each other and their property with common courtesy and respect, and have a good time. It just doesn't get any better than that folks! Please thank them at every opportunity.

Now, you take a couple like that and throw in a few dedicated club members like Kevin and Chad Rodgers, Gene Duncan, and Bailey Harrell, and you're able to put together one of the best sites in the country. 10 campsites with water and power, stadium lighting, awesome launch dock, covered drivers stand, and a CD booth that is heated and air conditioned. That's over-the-top guys! Many thanks to everyone involved in the transformation of SOWEGA!

## **Charleston Model Boaters**

The Charleston Model Boaters continue to make good progress on their new site. The plan is to have it ready for the Fall Nationals on October 4th. Watch for updates!

That's all I have for now. Everyone take care, and I'll see you at the pond! Yours truly, Doug Smock, a.k.a. Pond Cop. 🐼🐼 ♦



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

## ***A Message From Atlanta Model Boaters:***

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are being forced to change venues for the 2024 IMPBA Atlanta Spring Nationals. The race will now be held at the SOWEGA pond in Sycamore, GA:

SOWEGA Model Boaters  
1966 Robert Davis Road  
Sycamore, Georgia. 31790

Nothing else is changing, the dates and the format will remain the same. We are just moving the race to Sycamore as we continue to work with the new landowners in Atlanta on a go-forward plan for our home pond. We had hoped to have a resolution by now, but things are still up in the air concerning our future at the Atlanta site. Rather than hoping to have a new agreement in place before the race and then having to cancel at the last minute, we decided to take action now and give everyone as much notice as possible about the change of venue. If for any reason you cannot or will not attend due to the venue change, please let me know by responding to this email ASAP. We will be offering a full refund to anyone who chooses not to attend.

Accommodations for the event can be found in both Ashburn and Tifton, GA. Ashburn is less expensive and closer, but hotel and food choices are rather limited. Tifton, GA is approx. 20 minutes south of the pond and has ample food and dining options. The SOWEGA property does have several RV sites available with power and water hookups (no sewer). The cost is \$30 per night and must be paid in advance. If you are interested in securing a camping spot please contact Julie Gilley at 229-392-4936 and she can provide more information.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we take the necessary steps to ensure the 2024 IMPBA Spring Nationals not only survive but thrive. We sincerely regret any inconvenience this causes those who are registered to attend. The situation is not ideal, but the circumstances are beyond our control and we are doing our best to work with the hand we have been dealt. To help keep everything straight and avoid potential mistakes please send all inquiries concerning the race to [lamar.huff@staples.com](mailto:lamar.huff@staples.com). I won't be able to keep up with all the changes that are undoubtedly coming if I'm getting hit with phone calls, texts, and emails.

Thanks,  
Lamar Huff|  
President,  
Atlanta Model Boaters



*The Charleston Model Boaters break ground on their new home in Hollywood, SC. The site is approximately 20 minutes closer to everyone, just south of I-17. They hope to see everyone for the CMB Fall Nats*

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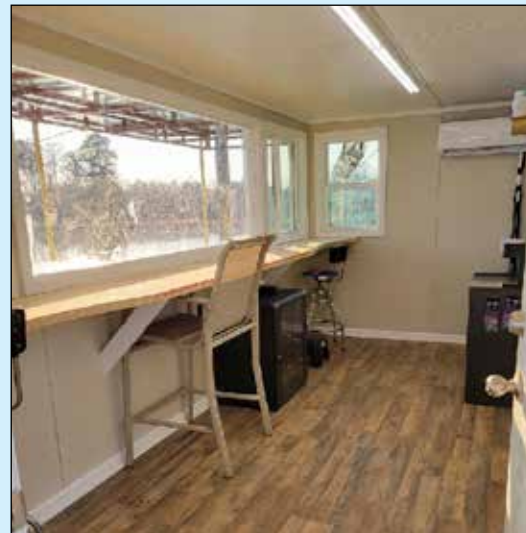
*New CD booth at the SOWEGA pond under construction.*

*Far right: Must be close to quittin' time!*

*Below: The finished stand and CD booth was ready for action in February!*



*Julie and Kem Gilley have put together one of the best sites in the country with amenities galore! They don't come better than these folks! Please thank them at every opportunity.*



*WOW! The finished CD booth! Bet the club suddenly has lots of volunteers to CD races.*



## Let's Crank 'Em Up!

D14 is ready to get the 2024 season underway. The highly anticipated Indy Masters race has renewed again for a race back in Pendleton, IN, with great success from last year. River City Racing Club in Evansville, IN was planning to move to the new lake, but that has been put on hold for now due to city budget cuts. However, the discussion is not off the table. Celina Summer Challenge race entries have shown that it is still a staple in your road map, and it is always a great time! The Madison Dennis Holt Regatta and the Wine Run are both single-day events with great people, and always good competition!

A lot of new projects have been underway at the D14 Scale Directors shop. Carl Graff has been busy as he helps prepare, and paint, 1/8 scale boats for members within the district and outside of D14. Check out some of his work on the next page.

## A SPECIAL message of **Thanks!**

Congratulations on the 75th Anniversary of the IMPBA!

D14 would like to congratulate Hall of Fame member, Mike Schindler, on becoming the National Scale Director and I'm confident he will continue to carry the torch that Joe Wiebelhaus has passed on. We thank Joe W. for all his contributions as the National Scale Director.

We would also like to thank the Huntsville Model Boat Association for hosting the International Regatta US-1 event that will be held In October this year. It is very tough nowadays for clubs to put on a race of that magnitude — another big Thank You to anybody, and everybody, that has put on a National Event or is seeking to in the future. It takes a small village to put on, plan, and execute any of these events, so all of us from D14 want to personally thank each, and every one, that has contributed to the success of us having races and events across the country.

Stay safe, be an ambassador for your local clubs, and we will see you on the water! ♦



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## District 14: 2024 SCHEDULE

### May 4 & 5

#### Midwest Scale Shootout

Johnston City, IL

*This race run in D4 and hosted by the St. Louis Thunderboaters is a combined D14 / D4 Points Series Race*

### May 18 & 19

#### Spring Shootout

Evansville, IN

*River City Racing Club*

### June 15 & 16

#### Little Thunder Regatta

Evansville, IN

*River City Racing Club*

### June 22

#### Dennis Holt Mini Regatta

Madison, IN

*Prop Walkers MBC*

*D14 Points Series Race*

### August 3

#### Wine Run

Starlight, IN

*Southern Indiana Propnuts*

*D14 Points Series Race*

### August 17 & 18

#### Celina Summer Challenge

Celina, OH

*Driftwood R/C MBC*

*D14 / D2 Points Series Race*

### September 6 – 8

#### Indy Masters

Pendleton, IN

*Indy Model Boat Club*

*D14 Points Series Race*

### September 21 & 22

#### Jack Kohlmeyer Fall Classic

Evansville, IN

*River City Racing Club*

*D14 Points Series Race*

## Getting Ready For The Season!



Doug Shepherd's 1/8 Scale



Brian Schymik's Elam



Touch up on Bradley Maglinger's Circus Circus



Carl Graff's Oh Boy! Oberto took a hit last season, but shes' repaired and ready to go at it again.



Joe Warren's new Phil Thomas Sport 40

# RACES & RECORD TRIALS 2024

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

Photo by Creg 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.*

## PREVIOUSLY HELD for 2024:

- January 1 . . . . . **"IMPBA Record Trials"** (1/16 mile SAW, 1/3 mile Oval, 1/4 mile Oval) . . . . . #24-007 RT  
HUNTSVILLE, AL - hosted by Huntsville Model Boating Association
- January 19 - 21 . . . . . **"2024 Nitro Winter Championships"** . . . . . #24-004 R  
DOVER, FL - hosted by Brandon Model Boaters
- February 3 - 11 . . . . . **"SpeedWeek 2024" Record Trials** (1/16 mile SAW, 1/3 mile Oval) . . . . . #24-006 RT  
VALDOSTA, GA - hosted by Really, Really Fast RC Boat Club
- February 24 & 25 . . . . . **"SOWEGA Grand Prix I"** . . . . . #24-001 R  
SYCAMORE, GA - hosted by SOWEGA Model Boaters
- Mar. 29-31 . . . . . **CANCELLED "BMB Record Trials"** DOVER, FL - Brandon Model Boaters . . . . . #24-018 RT  
Watch for announcements of future dates for Record Trials at Brandon MB.
- April 1 & 2 . . . . . **"IMPBA Easter Record Trials"** (1/16 mile SAW, 1/3 mile Oval, 1/4 mile Oval) . . . . . #24-030 RT  
HUNTSVILLE, AL - hosted by Huntsville Model Boating Association

## COMING UP FOR 2024:

**APRIL  
19 to 21  
SYCAMORE, GA**

**Atlanta  
Model Boaters**

**"2024 IMPBA Atlanta Spring Nationals"** . . . . . #24-011 R

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

Open water April 18

**VENUE CHANGE!!!** SOWEGA Pond, 1966 Robert Davis Road, Sycamore, GA 31790

**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](mailto: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](mailto:tkee@rogers.com)

Assistant CD: Mike Nowicki (810) 367-6604

email: [mnowicki62@gmail.com](mailto:mnowicki62@gmail.com)



MAY  
**4 & 5**  
JOHNSTON CITY, IL  
St. Louis  
Thunderboaters

**“Midwest Scale Shootout”** ..... #24-017 R

**TIME: 8 AM - 6 PM**  
Arrowhead Lake Campground, 1600 Peterson Ave., Johnston City, IL 62951www.  
JohnstonCityCampground.com

**Entry and class details on [www.thunderboaters.com](http://www.thunderboaters.com).** This is a D4 & D14 points series race.  
**Pre-registration required by May 1.**

5 boats to make a class. 4 rounds of racing. Shootout format.

CD: James Ellet (618) 658-0524  
Assistant CD: Matt Ellet (402) 779-6448

For information email: [thunderboaters@gmail.com](mailto:thunderboaters@gmail.com)

MAY  
**4 & 5**  
QUEENSTOWN, MD  
RC Model Boaters of  
Baltimore/Delmarva

**“Joseph H. Sparr Memorial Race”** ..... #24-039 R

**TIME: 8:30 AM**  
Open water Friday, May 3, from Noon to 5 p.m. only  
219 Cherry Lane, Queenstown, MD 21658  
(US-301, between mile markers 86 & 87)

**Listings and registration on [RCRacingEvents.com](http://RCRacingEvents.com). Pre-registration required.** Club will  
combine classes at their discretion. 4 boats to make a class. 4 rounds of racing.

Racers should familiarize themselves with D12 rules. District rules can be found at [https://www.  
impba12.net/IMPBA-D12-Rules.html](https://www.impba12.net/IMPBA-D12-Rules.html). Standard heat racing for scale classes. Audio clock.

Pets allowed on lease. No pets in race area. Onsite camping allowed in designated areas – no  
hookups. Campers must remove all trash. Nearby hotels.

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

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](http://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](http://www.IMPBA.net)) prior to the event.

Raffle Prizes!

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

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

Contact us regarding availability of campsites and hook-ups.

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

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

MAY  
**18 & 19**  
EVANSVILLE, IN

River City  
Racing Club

**“Spring Shootout”** ..... #24-027 R

TIME: 8 AM

Open water available May 17 – Noon to sundown  
Deaconess Sports Park, 4300 Heckle Rd., Evansville, IN 47725

Enter on [RiverCityRacingClub.com](http://RiverCityRacingClub.com)

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

5 boats to make a class.

Registration deadline May 18.

CD: Mike Schnidler  
email: [saymikey@aol.com](mailto:saymikey@aol.com)



MAY  
**19**  
SAGINAW, MI

Saginaw Bay  
R/C Boat Club

**“Saginaw Bay Classic”** ..... #24-025 R

TIME: 9 AM

Open water May 19 from 8:15 to 8:45 AM prior to driver meeting  
Vitec Lake, Corner of Geddes Road and Gleaner Road, Saginaw, MI 48605  
(use south lake entrance, approximately 1/4 mile south of main entrance)

CLASSES: 1/8 Scale; Sport 20/RTR; Sport 40; B Mono; A Hydro; B Hydro; D Hydro; Open Nitro Rigger; LSG Cat, Mono, Rigger, & Sport Hydro; Classic Thunderboat. 3 boats to make a class. 3 rounds per class. Pre-registration is not required but recommended. No alcohol permitted on property (strictly enforced). – see flyer on [www.IMPBA.net](http://www.IMPBA.net).

CD: Charles Dukes (989) 297-3545  
email: [dukes3801@gmail.com](mailto:dukes3801@gmail.com)

Assistant CD: Dean Notter (989) 992-8383 or Cell: (989) 992-8383  
email: [dean.notter@nexteer.com](mailto:dean.notter@nexteer.com)

Contact Dean Notter with entries.

You may call (PLEASE do not call after 9 PM), text, email,  
or message on International Waters.

JUNE  
**2**  
BURTON, MI

Oakland-Wolverine  
Model Boat Club

**“2024 Mini Gold Cup”** ..... #24-036 R

TIME: Racing starts 9 AM - No engines firing before 9 a.m. on race day.  
Kelly Lake, 1130 Munson St., Burton, MI 48509

*The Oldest Model Boat Race in the Country.*

Race will be posted on International Waters 3 to 4 weeks before event date.

CLASSES: Sport 20; Sport 40; 1/8 Scale; Gas Scale (Watch for additional class offerings).

Pre-registration required by June 1, 2024.

Directions: Take I-69 to Exit at Center Road South, turn left onto Lapeer Road. Head east to Munson Street. Turn Left onto Munson. Park entrance on north side of road approx. half a mile.

CD: Joe Wiebelhaus (586) 206-5066  
email: [jwhydros@comcast.net](mailto:jwhydros@comcast.net)

Assistant CD: Chris Capaldi (248) 375-9566  
email: [ccapaldi@wowway.com](mailto:ccapaldi@wowway.com)

JUNE  
**8 & 9**  
SYCAMORE, GA

First Coast  
Model Boaters

**“FCMB D13 Grand Prix I”** .....#24-019 R

**TIME: 7:45 AM drivers meeting / 8 AM racing**

Open water June 7, beginning at 9 AM  
SOWEGA Pond, 1966 Robert Davis Road, Sycamore, GA 31790

**Listings and entry details on [www.RCRacingEvents.com](http://www.RCRacingEvents.com). Enter early!** 4 boats to make jacket eligible class. 3 rounds weather permitting. Pre-registration required by June 1. All registration fees to be paid via PayPal. Cards checked before you launch a boat, this includes open water. 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.

Contact Julie regarding availability of campsites and hook-ups. Must be reserved in advance.  
email: [jgilley48@gmail.com](mailto:jgilley48@gmail.com)

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

CD: Dennis Harvey (904) 508-4000  
email: [dlhwoody@aol.com](mailto:dlhwoody@aol.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](mailto:JuiceRC@gmail.com)

**Submit entries to Dave Muscat (734) 276-7545**  
email: [dmuscat@osmjb.us](mailto:dmuscat@osmjb.us)

JUNE  
**15 & 16**  
EVANSVILLE, IN

River City  
Racing Club

**“Little Thunder Race”** .....#24-028 R

**TIME: 8 AM**

Open water available June 14 – Noon to sundown  
Deaconess Sports Park, 4300 Heckle Rd., Evansville, IN 47725

**Enter on [RiverCityRacingClub.com](http://RiverCityRacingClub.com)**

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

5 boats to make a class.

**Registration deadline June 15.**

CD: Mike Schnidler  
email: [saymikey@aol.com](mailto:saymikey@aol.com)

JUNE  
**20 to 23**  
SYCAMORE, GA

Hosted by the  
D13 Racers Group



## “2024 IMPBA GAS NATIONALS” .....#23-016 R

**TIME: 7:30 AM**

Controlled Open Water: June 18 & 19  
SOWEGA Pond, 1966 Robert Davis Road, Sycamore, GA 31790

**Entry has closed. Information, and wait list on RCRacingEvents.com**

6 boats required to make a class. Shootout heat racing format will be used. Only the top 6 boats of each class will compete in the 5th Championship round. Cumulative points for all 5 rounds will determine a "National Champion" for each class.

SOWEGA is a short course and runs 8-laps.

LSG Superboat Offshore will run a designated course and 6-laps.

The top 6 boats in Classic Thunderboat, Super Sport Mono, & Crackerbox will be impounded after their final shootout heat. The top 3 finishers will have their engines torn down and inspected. If any of the top 3 finishers does not pass inspection they will be disqualified, and the next next in line will have their engine torn down for inspection.

### Schedule:

- Racing Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (see class run schedule on entry site)
- Banquet Friday night on site - additional tickets available.
- Sunday is Weather Make-Up Day/Travel Day.

*Note: Any classes that are not completed on the scheduled day of the event will be run on Sunday. If none needs to be completed, this will be a travel day. It is advised that contestants be prepared to stay through Sunday to complete their heats to be considered for the National Championship.*

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

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

CD: Buck Shackelford (817) 773-4319 email: [buckunion@hotmail.com](mailto:buckunion@hotmail.com)

Assistant CD: James Clegg (404) 661-7025 email: [jamesgclegg@gmail.com](mailto:jamesgclegg@gmail.com)



JUNE  
**22**  
MADISON, IN

PropWalkers  
Model Boat Club

## “Dennis Holt Memorial Mini-Regatta” .....#24-024 R

**TIME: 9 AM**

Open water may be available upon request.  
Krueger Lake, Jefferson Proving Grounds, 101 W. JPG Ordnance Dr., Madison, IN 47250

**Listings on International Waters, D14, and PropWalkers facebook sites.** All D14 points classes will be offered. FE classed will be run if time allows (see PropWalkers club rules for FE classes).

3 boats to make a class. **Pre-registration is required.** Food available onsite for purchase.

CD: Sam Hagan (502) 544-6966

email: [samhaganjr@gmail.com](mailto:samhaganjr@gmail.com)

JUNE  
**29 & 30**  
SOMERS, WI

Badger  
Model Boat Club

**“Badger Thunderboat Throwdown”** .....#24-033 R

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

Open water Friday, June 28 from Noon to 5 PM.  
Badger Pond, 11th Place, Somers, WI 53177.

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

All IMPB classes offered. Download flyer from IMPBA event calendar listing. **Online registration required on RCRacingEvents.com by June 27th.** Call Dave or Mike with Registration questions.

3 boats to make a class. 4 rounds / 5th round for classes of 5 or more boats. 8 laps per heat on our 1/4-mile course. Shootout format for classes with seven or more boats. Top six in Thunderboat will run a 12-lap finale – **winner receives a NEW Zenoah stock 260PUM Motor** (no carb)!

50/50 Raffle – winner must be present during drawing. Camping allowed – no hookup. Plan to bring your own food to site, or watch for announcements regarding lunch.

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

CD: Cathy Preusse (224) 558-4563 email: cathy.m.preusse@gmail.com

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

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

JULY  
**13 & 14**  
SYCAMORE, GA

Atlanta  
Model Boaters

**“AMB Grand Prix” (Venue Change!)**.....#24-012 R

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

Open Water July 12.  
SOWEGA Pond, 1966 Robert Davis Road, Sycamore, GA 31790

**Get your entries in early. Class listings and entries handled via 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* for rule deviations.

CD: Norman Morton (678) 772-3018

email: norwen@att.net

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

Riptide R/C  
Boat Club

**“Ken Stang Showdown”** .....#24-021 R

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

Open water Friday 10 a.m. and after round 1  
St. Anne Village Pond, 220 N. Second Ave., St. Anne, IL 60964

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

We will begin with 1 round run on Friday afternoon, 3 rounds on Saturday, and 1 round plus Consi & Finals on Sunday.

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

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

Food on site.

CD: Dan Pralle (815) 592-2300

email: danpralle@gmail.com

Assistant CD: Duke Mordja

JULY  
**20**  
MEDWAY, OH

Datron R/C  
Boat Club

**"Gem City Shootout"** .....#24-022 R

**TIME: 7:30 AM Drivers Meeting**

Open water Friday, July 19 from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**IMPORTANT!** Business on site is operational. **Do not show up prior to 4 pm on July 19.**

Restoration Park Church Pond, 55 Restoration Park Dr., Medway, OH 45341

**Listings and entry details on RCRacingEvents.com. Payment will be taken at the pond.**

**Pre-registration required by July 17.** Download flyer from website Calendar listing.

3 boats to make a class. 6 lap heats. 2 minute clock will be used.

CLASSES: SS mono; Thunderboat; LSG Cat, LSG Mono; Sport 20, Sport 40; Gas Sport Hydro; Open Rigger; 1/8 Scale Nitro; 1/6 Scale Gas.RTR – Open to novice racers for any readily available RTR boat – eligibility at CD discretion. LSG 27 & 36 run together.

Food on the grill will be provided Friday evening and Saturday afternoon by Dayton RC Boat Club. Donations accepted.

CD: Mike Unger (614) 314-5466 email: mikedrcbc@yahoo.com

AUGUST  
**3**  
STARLIGHT, IN

Southern Indiana  
PropNuts

**"Wine Run"** .....#24-041 R

**TIME: 8 AM / 7:30 Driver meeting**

Huber Pond at Huber Orchard and Winery, 19816 Huber Rd., Starlight/Borden, IN 47106

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

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

Contact Gary regarding any open water availability.

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

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

AUGUST  
**4**  
BURTON, MI

Oakland-Wolverine  
Model Boat Club

**"HydroFest 2024"** .....#24-037 R

**TIME: 9 AM** (No engines firing before 9 a.m. on race day.)

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

NITRO: 1/8 Scale; A Hydro; B Hydro; D Hydro; Sport 20/RTR; Sport 40; B Mono; D Mono; Open Nitro Rigger.

GAS: LSG Cat; LSG Mono; LSG Rigger; LSG Sport Hydro; Gas Scale; Classic Thunderboat.

**Pre-registration required.** 3 boats to make a class. **Watch for information and listing on IW Forums.**

*Directions: Take I-69 to Exit at Center Road South, turn left onto Lapeer Road. Head east to Munson Street. Turn Left onto Munson. Park entrance on north side of road approx. half a mile.*

CD: Chris Capaldi (248) 375-9566 email: ccapaldi@wowway.com

Assistant CD: Charles Dukes (989) 297-3545 email: dukes3801@gmail.com

AUGUST  
**10 & 11**  
CHARLOTTE, NC

Carolina R/C  
Water Burners

**"1st Annual Carolina Classic"** .....#24-015 R

**TIME: 8:30 AM**

Open Water Friday, August 9 beginning at 10 AM.

8024 Savoy Corporate Dr., Charlotte, NC 28273 (GPS: 35.153447, -80.942450)

**Entry details and information on RCRacingEvents.com. Pre-registration required.**

CLASSES: P Mono; Q Mono; B Mono; D Mono; E Mono; F Mono; SS Mono; LSG Mono; P/B Cat; LSG Cat; Open Cat; Stock Gas Cat; Scale 60; Jersey Skiff; Crackerbox; P Sport; Q Sport; Sport 20; Sport 40; LSG Sport Hydro; P Hydro; Q Hydro; B Hydro; A Hydro; LSG Rigger; \*Twin Electric Outrigger\*; \* Lady of The Lake\* ; \*Kid's Corner\*; P Tunnel; B Tunnel; Sport B Tunnel; D Tunnel; LSG Tunnel; Q Tunnel.

3 Boats to make a class. There will be awards for 1st through 3rd place.

Pryme Tyme Smoke Pit will be on site selling food Friday and Saturday. Raffles!

CD: Mitchell Stinson (704) 963-8844 email: stinson68@yahoo.com

Assistant CD: Dan Smalfus

AUGUST  
**17 & 18**  
CELINA, OH

Driftwood R/C  
Model Boat Club

**“Celina Summer Challenge”** .....#24-014 R

**TIME: 8 AM Driver Meeting**

Open Water Friday, August 16 from 1 PM - 5 PM  
Eastview Park Pond, SR 29, 2001 E. Livingston St., Celina, OH 45822

**Pre-registration required by July 21.** See flyer on IMPBA.net for entry details & FE rules sheet, or email Driftwoodmbc@gmail.com for complete rules. IMPBA 2024 card **MUST** be shown.

CLASSES: B Tunnel; B Mono; B Hydro; B Sport Tunnel; Sport 20; D Mono; D Hydro; Sport 40; 1/8 Scale; RTR; OPEN Rigger, Tunnel, Gas Sport Hydro, Gas Mono, & Gas Cat; Thunderboat; Jersey Skiff; Gas Scale; SS Gas Mono; FE Scale; P Ltd. and Q Ltd. offering Tunnel, Sport Hydro, & Mono. *RTR– District 14 rules. Series Points D2/D14 - District Rules apply. P limited & Q limited rules.*

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

On-site camping permitted (no hookups). Several motels nearby. Entry fee includes 1 T-Shirt.

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

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

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: Randy Rapedius (289) 396-3465 email: randy\_rap@cogeco.ca



*Team USA leads 5 to 4! Get your teams together and take the challenge!*

AUGUST  
**24 & 25**  
SOMERS, WI

Badger  
Model Boat Club

**“Badger Super Sport Mono Throwdown”** .....#24-034 R

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

Open water Friday, August 23 from Noon to 5 PM.  
Badger Pond, 11th Place, Somers, WI 53177.

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

All IMPB classes offered. Download flyer from IMPBA event calendar listing. **Online registration required on [RCRacingEvents.com](http://RCRacingEvents.com) by August 22.** Call Dave or Mike with Registration questions.

3 boats to make a class. 4 rounds of racing, 5th round for classes with 5 or more boats. 8 laps per heat on our 1/4-mile course. Shootout format for classes with seven or more boats. **Top six in Super Sport Mono will run a 12-lap finale – winner receives a NEW Zenoah stock 260PUM Motor** (no carb)!

50/50 Raffle – winner must be present during drawing. Camping allowed – no hookup. Plan to bring your own food to site, or watch for announcements regarding lunch.

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

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SEPTEMBER  
**6 to 8**  
PENDLETON, IN

Indy Model  
Boat Club

**“Indy Masters”** .....#24-032 R

TIME: 8 AM

Open water available on Sep. 5th from 8 AM - 6 PM.  
Mystic Waters Campground, 5435 W. SR 38, Pendleton, IN 46064

**The coveted Indy Masters Green Jacket awarded for First Place in class.**

**Listings and entry details on [www.RCRacingEvents.com](http://www.RCRacingEvents.com). Pre-registration is required by July 1.** D14 points classes are 3 boat minimum. 6 boats minimum for all other classes.

Contestants may step up 1 engine size (examples: .45 in .67, .21 in .45, etc.)

Dinner provided Saturday night after racing.

CD: Bruce Jacobs (317) 727-8769 email: [bjacobs74@gmail.com](mailto:bjacobs74@gmail.com)

SEPTEMBER  
**7 & 8**  
SYCAMORE, GA

First Coast  
Model Boaters

**“FCMB D13 Grand Prix II”** .....#24-020 R

TIME: 7:45 AM Driver Meeting / 8 AM racing

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.

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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.

CD: TBD

SEPTEMBER  
**7 & 8**  
QUEENSTOWN, MD

RC Model Boaters of  
Baltimore/Delmarva

**“Tim Lesniewski Memorial Gold Cup”** .....#24-040 R

TIME: 8:30 AM

Open water Friday, Sep. 6, from Noon to 5 p.m.  
219 Cherry Lane, Queenstown, MD 21658  
(US-301, between mile markers 86 & 87)

**Listings and registration on [RCRacingEvents.com](http://www.RCRacingEvents.com). Pre-registration required.** Club will combine classes at their discretion. 4 boats to make a class. 4 rounds of racing.

Racers should familiarize themselves with D12 rules. District rules can be found at <https://www.impba12.net/IMPBA-D12-Rules.html>. Standard heat racing for scale classes. Audio clock.

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

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

SEPTEMBER  
**15**  
TBD location in MI

Oakland-Wolverine  
Model Boat Club

**“District II Challenge”** .....#24-038 R

TIME: 9 AM

(No engines running before 9 a.m. on race day)

LOCATION TO BE CONFIRMED AT A LATER DATE.

**Watch for announcements on IW.** Entries limited to the first 100 boats! 3 boats to make a class. Pre-registration required.

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

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



SEPTEMBER  
**21 & 22**  
EVANSVILLE, IN

River City  
Racing Club

**“Jack Kohlmeyer Fall Classic”** .....#24-029 R

**TIME: 9 AM**

Deaconess Sports Park, 4300 Heckle Rd., Evansville, IN 47725  
Open water: September 20, from Noon to sundown.

**Enter on RiverCityRacingClub.com.** 5 boats for a class. **Pre-registration required by Sep. 23**  
CLASSES: RTR, Sport 20; Sport 40; 1/8 Scale; B Mod OB Tunnel; B Sport OB Tunnel; P-Limited FE; B Mono; Open Nitro OB Tunnel; Open Nitro Hydro; B Hydro; Open Nitro Mono; Gas Cat; Classic Thunderboat; 1/8 Scale FE; Open Gas Hydro; Gas Mono; Gas Sport Hydro; SS Gas Mono; P-Limited Novice; 1/6 Gas Scale; Jersey Skiff.  
CD: Mike Schindler email: saymikey@gmail.com

OCTOBER  
**4 to 6**  
HOLLYWOOD, SC

Charleston  
Model Boaters

**“2024 CMB Fall Nationals”** .....#24-013 R

**TIME: 9 AM**

Controlled Open Water ONLY on Thursday Oct. 3 from 10 AM to 6 PM.

No other open water is allowed and will be strictly enforced!

**NEW LOCATION!!!** Chapplin Lake, 4577(-5401) Mill Spring Rd., Hollywood, SC 29449

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

3 boats to make a class. **Pre-registration is required.**

CD: Randy Corbin (843) 696-7963 email: randy.m.corbin@gmail.com

OCTOBER  
**5**  
HUNTSVILLE, AL

Huntsville Model  
Boating Association

**“IMPBA Fall Time Trials”** .....#24-042 RT

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

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

Brahan Spring Park South Lake - 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. 1/16 Mile SAW, 1/3 & 1/4 Mile Oval will be options at CD’s discretion & majority of contestants. **Pre-registration is not required –but please email Rick 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. Call before leaving if weather seems questionable!

We will also be holding a NAMBA TT event on Oct. 6.

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

CD: Rick Grim (256) 656-0859 email: uvapilot@bellsouth.net

OCTOBER  
**5 & 6**  
SOMERS, WI

Badger  
Model Boat Club

**“Badger Fall Shootout”** .....#24-035 R

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

Open water Friday, August 23 from Noon to 5 PM.

Badger Pond, 11th Place, Somers, WI 53177.

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

All IMPB classes offered. Download flyer from IMPBA event calendar listing. **Online registration required on RCRacingEvents.com by October 3.** Call Dave or Mike with Registration questions.

3 boats to make a class / 2 for open classes. 4 rounds of racing, 5th round for classes with 5 or more boats. 8 laps per heat on our 1/4-mile course. Shootout format for classes with seven or more.

50/50 Raffle – winner must be present during drawing. Camping allowed – no hookup. Plan to bring your own food to site, or watch for announcements regarding lunch.

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

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

OCTOBER  
**12 to 19**  
HUNTSVILLE, AL

Huntsville Model  
Boating Association



## “2023 IMPBA NITRO NATIONALS” ..... #24-023 R/RT

**TIME:** Event starts when timing system is operational – approx. 7:30 AM until dark  
Brahan Spring Park South Lake - next to Natatorium (indoor pool),  
2111 Drake Ave., Huntsville, AL 35805

**SAVE THE DATES and watch for announcements regarding entry opening on  
RCRacingEvents.com in July!**

US-1 Format includes Trophy Trials timed event for 1/16 mile SAW & 1/3 mile Oval, and National Championship Heat Racing – some of the best that can be offered!

Minimum of 8 boats to make a US-1 class. 18 Nitro classes will be offered. Racer must entered in both Trophy Trials and Heat Racing to qualify for US-1. This is a surveyed site, so records can be set! Excellence of Performance, President’s Cup Nitro, and William LeFeber sportsman award will be presented.

### **Preliminary Schedule**

Oct. 11-12: Open Water. In addition, open water will be available at conclusion of days events for classes running the following day — time & weather permitting.

Oct. 13: SAW Trophy Trials begin, followed by Oval Trials, and then Heat Racing – classes will be run on assigned days. Special classes at completion of any US-1 classes. Running order subject to change.

Oct. 19: Banquet and Awards

**REMEMBER, TO FINISH FIRST, FIRST YOU MUST FINISH!**

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



OCTOBER  
**26 & 27**  
HARRISON, OH

Cincinnati  
Model Boat Club

## “CMBC 2024 Oval Record Trials” ..... #24-026 RT

**Timed event for 1/3 mile Oval and 1/4 mile Oval.**

**TIME:** Event starts when timing system is operational – approx. 10 AM until dark  
6040 Kilby Road, Harrison, OH 45030. Lake entrance: 6471 Dryfork Road, Cleves, OH 45002.

All IMPBA record eligible classes in Nitro, Gas & Fast Electric. 1/4 Mile and 1/3 Mile Oval only.

**Pre-registration is not required –but please email to let us know you will be coming.**

**\$20 Flat fee -- run as often as weather permits.** Fee is payable prior to first run. IMPBA membership required. Pizza lunches to be provided for attendees by CMBC.

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.*

Contact: Mario Johnston (513) 675-6350 email: cincymbc@gmail.com

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 openwater or launch.

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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NOVEMBER  
**22 to 24**  
RESERVE, LA

Voodoo Model  
Boat Club

**“Voodoo World Championships”** .....#24-031 R

**TIME: 7:30 AM driver meeting each day.** Open water Thursday, Nov. 21 - ALL DAY

Voodoo Pond, 451 Airport Rd., Reserve, LA 70084

**See [RCRacingEvents.com](http://RCRacingEvents.com) after July 4th for entry info and additional class details. ENTRY opens August 10 on [RCRacingEvents.com](http://RCRacingEvents.com) at 10 AM (central).**

This **Shootout Style** event has become one of the most competitive this hobby has to offer, and brings with it some of the fastest boats and greatest drivers from around the world.

**250 boat limit** - additional entries opened only to fill existing heats. 3 boats to make a class. Drivers limited to 6 boats until waitlist is opened. **Pre-registration required on [RCRacingEvents.com](http://RCRacingEvents.com).**

**Must pay fees at time of entry!**

Fri., Nov. 22: Super Sport Mono; Thunderboat; Crackerbox; Jersey Skiff; D Hydro; F Hydro; 1/6 Scale Gas; 1/8 Scale Nitro; LSG Tunnel.

Sat., Nov. 23: Open Mono, Cat, Sport Hydro, Rigger; Open Offshore; B Sport Tunnel; F Mono; Sport 40 Hydro, E Hydro

Sun., Nov. 24: LSG 27 Mono, Cat, Sport Hydro, Rigger; Super Boat Offshore; B Mono; B Hydro; Twin Nitro Hydro, Twin Gas Hydro, King of Da Swamp (TOP 3 NITRO VS TOP 3 GAS TWIN RIGGERS)

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

Co-CDs: Nick Hartdegen (225) 461-9269 email: [njhrecovery1@gmail.com](mailto:njhrecovery1@gmail.com) /

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NOVEMBER  
**29 & 30**  
HUNTSVILLE, AL

Huntsville Model  
Boating Association

**“IMPBA Turkey Day Time Trials”** .....#24-043 RT

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

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

Brahan Spring Park South Lake - 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. 1/16 Mile SAW, 1/3 & 1/4 Mile Oval will be options at CD's discretion & majority of contestants. **Pre-registration is not required –but please email Rick to let us know you will be coming.** Plenty of room for tents and equipment. \$25 flat fee payable in advance -- run as often as weather permits. We have a NAMBA TT event on Dec. 1 & 2 also.

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

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



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

**FOR OFFICE USE**

Master

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

OFFICE USE
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

*For Office Use Only*

Sanction # \_\_\_\_\_  
District Director Approval Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Record Director Approval Date \_\_\_\_\_

## RACE SANCTION

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

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

List ALL rule deviations you are advertising:

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

## RECORD TRIAL SANCTION

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

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

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

## PLEASE FILL OUT THIS SECTION FOR ALL SANCTION REQUESTS

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Check/Money Order # \_\_\_\_\_

**SAVE and SEND by email to:  
[secretary@impba.net](mailto:secretary@impba.net)**

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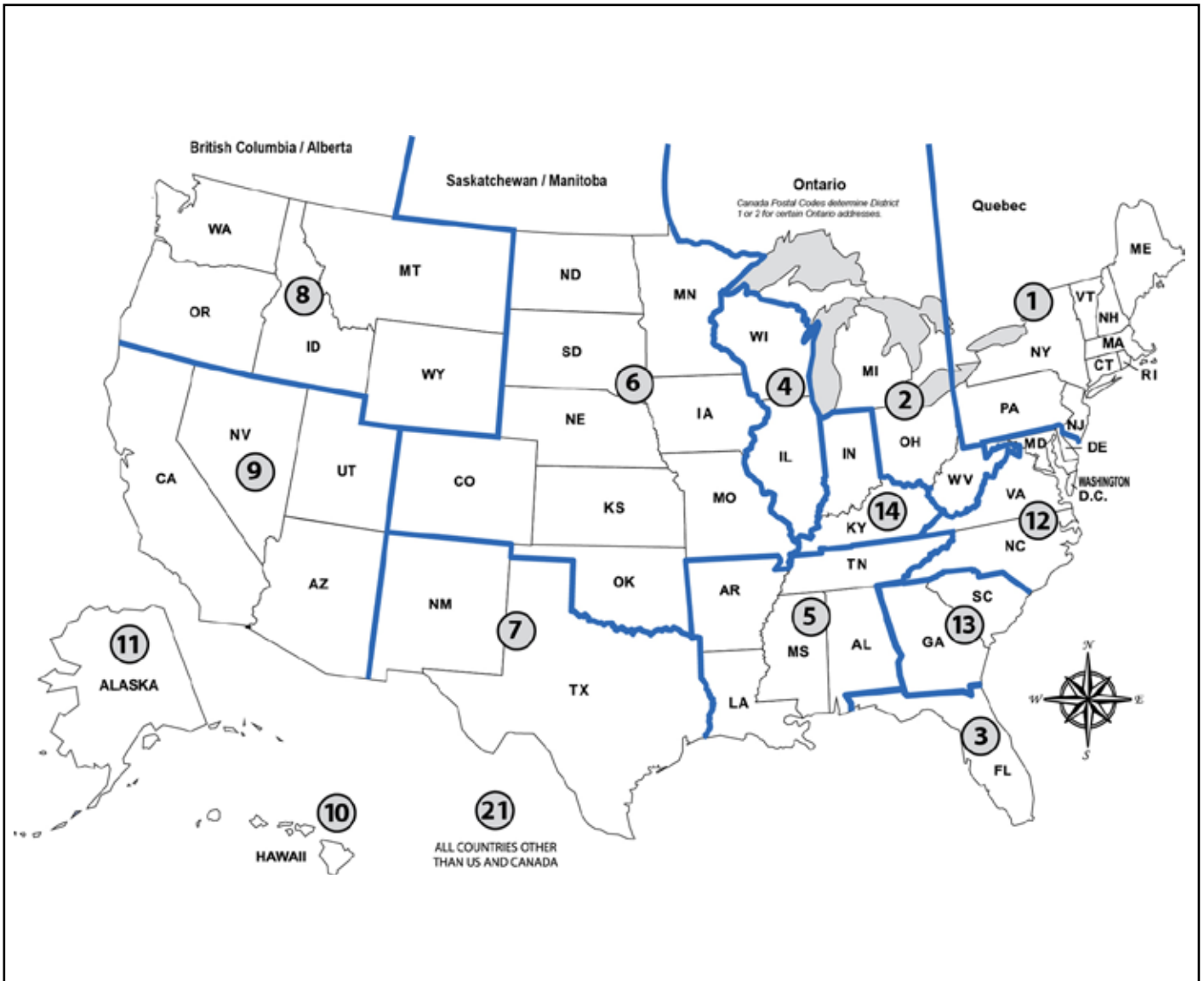
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