

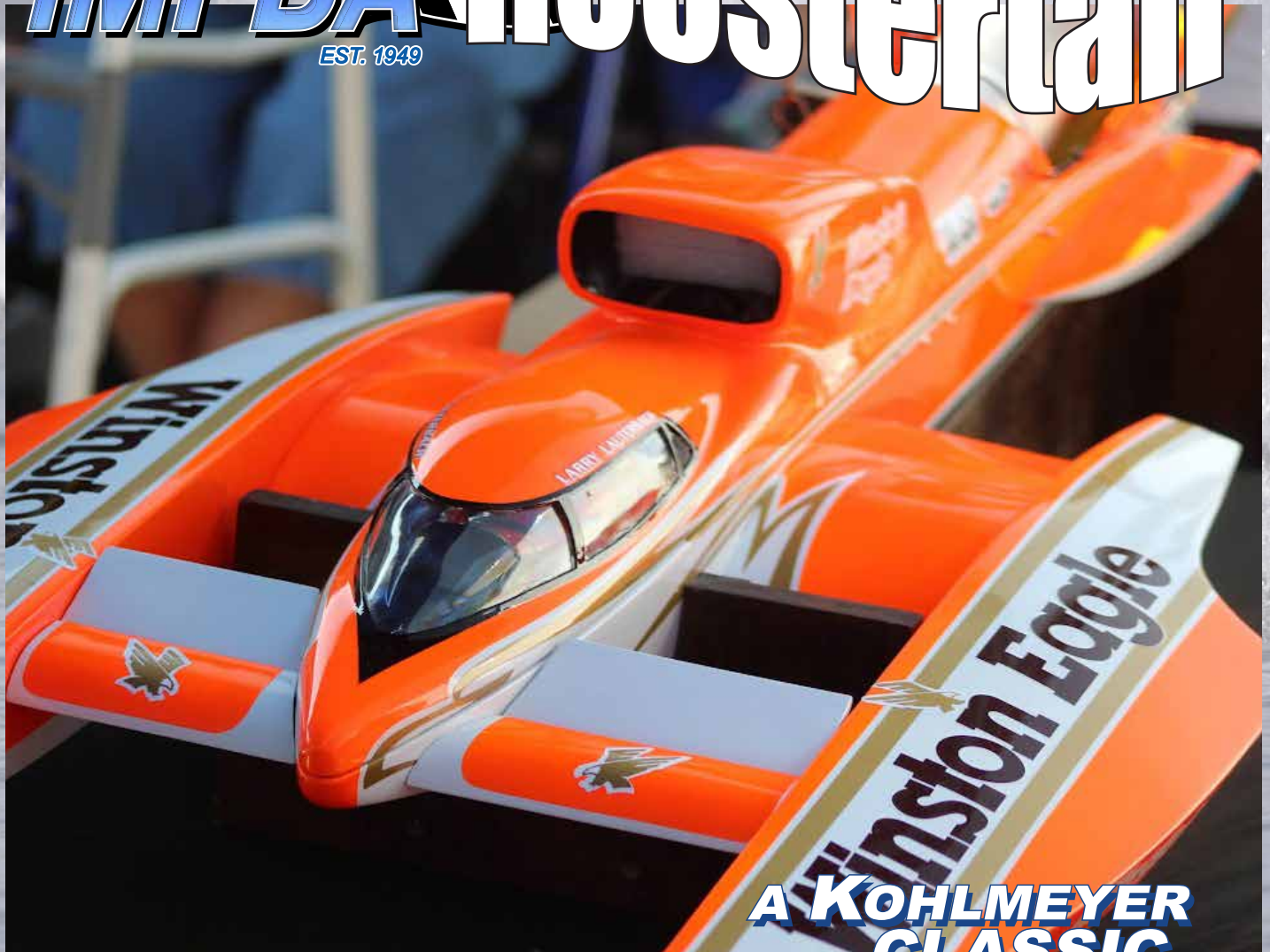
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2026 Executive Board

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DISTRICT 2

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DISTRICT 3

Rick Bellinger

DISTRICT 4

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DISTRICT 5

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DISTRICT 6

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DISTRICT 7

Jim Nissen

DISTRICT 12

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DISTRICT 13

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National Safety Director

National Records Director

National Tech Chair

National Techs - Hydro & Mono

National Scale Director

National Outboard Director

Social Media Director

Officers contact info on final pages.

ON THE COVER: Winston Eagle 1/8 FE Scale owned by Harold Graff, Sr. (set-up by his brother, Carl Graff), at the Jack Kohlmeyer Fall Classic hosted by River City Racing Club in Evansville, IN, held this past September. *Photo courtesy of AARON JOHNSTON.*

EVENT FLYERSMay be included with Race Listings on [website](#).**FREE FOR SANCTIONED CLUBS**Send your Flyer as PDF or in MS Word format to:
Secretary@impba.net**Roostertail Boater Information Links**

*If you have a business or service that model boaters would be interested in, please contact us!
Listing will include a brief description of your product or service, and a hyperlink to your website, facebook page, or just a phone contact or email.*

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News about your event or your club?

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS THE 15TH OF MONTH PRIOR TO PUBLICATIONS.**Email submissions to: Secretary@impba.net**

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President's Corner

Doug Smock, IMPBA President

State of the Organization

To date we have 720 members (this is slightly down compared to previous years, but we've had quite a winter to thaw out from), we have 35 registered clubs, and 41 events on the calendar so far. There will be some late additions, as a few clubs haven't gotten their registrations and race dates out for the year. So watch the IMPBA website calendar for updates .

We had three proposals go out to the membership for a vote in December which all passed and are now added to the rule book. Look over the new rules and check out Recent Board Actions on pages 5 and 6. Also check out page 7 and 8 for some important information regarding single-event fees, and club registration procedures.

The board welcomes newly elected D3 Director Rick Bellinger. I have known Rick for many years. Rick is sure to do well with his common sense approach to model boating. We'd also like to thank Jim Nissen-D7, Mike Butler-D12, and Bradley Maglinger-D14, for staying in those positions for another term. These gentlemen bring a lot to the party and have done a great job representing you.

IMPBA National Events

The Charleston Model Boaters will be hosting the **Gas Nationals** May 13th -16th (with open water May 13th and May 17th as a weather/overflow day) at their great site in Hollywood, SC. Time is running out to get entered. We haven't received a bid for the 2026 Nitro Nationals to date. If your club is interested, please reach out to our National Nitro Director Mike Betke.

The 2026 Season has Launched!

The racing season has already begun down south with the Speed Week Record Trial in Valdosta, GA, and the first of five D13 Grand Prix races also in GA. I know not everyone is interested in participating in a Record Trial, but if you ever have the opportunity, go hang out with some of the fastest guys in the country. Great guys and fast boats! The April calendar is filled with back-to-back record trial events from Michigan, to Ohio, and down to Alabama.

The April, May, and June calendars are pretty full with racing in every district. Local clubs are where we see the most growth and are the grass roots of our hobby. Support your local club and district races and don't be reluctant to offer to help if you can. I promise it will be appreciated. It is a lot of hard work to put these races on. The easier we make it for the clubs and officials — the better for everyone. Enjoy the racing and remember, we do this for fun.

Safety is first and foremost. Please make sure we do all we can to keep spectators and our membership safe. Review your rule book Safety Section before the season starts. Much is common sense, but it never hurts to remind ourselves of some of the tips for safe boating. Page 20 has a nice review of tips for you.

Again, please keep our retrieve boat drivers in mind on your larger builds. Crackerboxes, Skiffs, LSG O/B Tunnels, LSG Scale, and Super Boats are in our fleets. These boats can take on a lot of water while sitting idle in the pond. At over eight pounds per gallon, it is quite a task lifting them at arm's length into the retrieve boat. We owe it to our retrieve boat crews to build them in such a way that the water has a means of being evacuated as the hull is lifted from the pond. We may have to get creative with some hulls such as the gas scales— but we are a resourceful bunch and can figure out a way. Share your ideas with your buddies.

Special thanks to our Social Media Director, Hannah Goodman for her work on our IMPBA facebook page. Send items you would like to post to: impbaphoto@gmail.com

Stay safe, have fun, and I'll see you at the pond! ♦



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EXPENSES - First Period of Fiscal Year
(FY: NOV. 1, 2025 to OCT. 31, 2026)

CATEGORY	NOV 25	DEC 25	JAN 26	FEB 26
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.				
Ohio - Qtrly WTH Tax			90.00	
City - Qtrly WTH Tax			122.52	
ODJFS - Qtrly UC Tax (based on cap)				
BWC - Annual Tax				
Payroll - Net	1350.55	1350.55	1350.55	1350.55
PO Box Fee - Annual	210.00			
Carbonite Backup - Annual				
Phone	38.68	38.68	38.65	38.65
Internet				
Software-annual plans				
Website / Securty / CarePan / Domain	275.88		1020.00	
Conference Call Fees-1 yr				
CPA/Professional Fees		85.00	575.00	
Postage/Stamps	11.90	305.40		
Office supplies/toner/paper/env	107.92	7.98		
Printing - Roostertail				
Mailing - Roostertail				
Printing - Rule Books				
Mailing - Rule Books				
Other printing				
Other shipping				
Refunds (duplicates/overpays)				
PayPal / Bank Fees Net	285.80	580.48	190.83	63.39
Regatta /Trophies/HOF	82.00			
Wristbands/Life cards				
Miscellaneous				
Officers/other INSURANCE -1 yr		1519.00		
Liability INSURANCE -1 yr.		6032.00		415.00
MONTHLY TOTALS	\$2,362.73	\$9,919.09	\$4,440.25	\$1,867.59

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STRUCTURE

The IMPBA organization is a 501(c)(4) non-profit corporation. Sources of income include: Memberships, Club Sanction Fees, and Race & Record Trial Sanction Fees. Other fees include printed Rule Book. Costs for items may exceed fees charged. Donations to the organization are accepted, but are not tax deductible. 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 ATA Advisory, LLC. 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 accounts. The organization holds a Savings Account and Checking Accounts for normal business operations, Funds are processed using PayPal for 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
FY Period ending February 28, 2026

Bank Accounts

CHECKING
\$65,462.61

PAYPAL TRANSFER ACCOUNT
\$2,250.00

SAVINGS
(insurance account)
\$15,000.24

PayPal Merchant Account

PAYPAL SYSTEM BALANCE
\$760.68

FISCAL YEAR INCOME BY CATEGORY

FY Period ending February 28, 2026

SENIOR MEMBERSHIPS
\$21,920

FAMILY/JUNIOR MEMBERSHIPS
\$1,560

SINGLE-EVENT OTHER ORGANIZATION FEES
\$105

CLUB REGISTRATIONS & ADDITIONAL SITES
\$1,350

RACE/RECORD SANCTIONS
\$600

RULE BOOK
\$0

CONTRIBUTIONS
\$20

INTEREST
\$1

(FY is NOV. 1, 2025 to OCT. 31, 2026)

* TOTALS before expenses

The following items were addressed by the Board of Directors since the December newsletter issue.

Gas Nats Bid accepted for 2026

Charleston Model Boaters of District 13 was awarded the Gas Nationals race for 2026.

Race dates are **May 14 to 16** with May 17 reserved in event of weather delays.

16 YES: D1=1; D2=2; D3=2; D4=1; D5=1; D6=1; D7=0; D12=2; D13=1; D14=2; LSG=1; FE=1; Nitro=1. 0 NO, 0 Abstains.

Presented at BOD Meeting Dec. 17, 2025. Approved via email Dec. 23, 2025.

IMPBA Nationals Event Concept Committee formed

Small group to meet and discuss alternative concepts to traditional National events for 2027.

Meeting date to be set in 2026.

BOD Meeting Dec. 17, 2026.

3 Rule Proposal Ballots Passed by Membership in December:

Rule Book sections have all been updated and posted for 2026.

LSG36 Offshore class

Proposal was to update the Open Offshore rules and limit to single-engine for Nationals became a rule for the 2026 season. Clubs may still offer "open" class as a rule deviation for other district races. Sec. I - Large Scale Gas / Article V - Specialty Classes / rule C.

Running in Wrong Heat

Proposal was to codify a rule instead of relying on past practice to guide race CDs. If racer is in wrong heat and returns to the hot pit before the start of the race there is no penalty. If they begin the heat, they will get 0 points for that heat. (Currently the practice was to give a DQ which could count toward the 3-strikes) Sec.

G - Contest and Racing Rules / Article II - Heat Racing / rule D.

Super Sport Catamaran class

Proposal to allow the Catamaran style hull to run with Super Sport engine became a rule for the 2026 season. Sec. I - Large Scale Gas / Article V - Specialty Classes / rule F.

Membership Voting December 2025 - January 15, 2026.

Contest & Racing Rules / Technical Standards Clarification

Buoy descriptions and colors wording in Sec. G - Contest and Racing Rules updated to match illustrations shown in Sec. K - Technical Standards / Article V - IMPBA Approved Courses

18 YES: D1=1; D2=2; D3=2; D4=1; D5=2; D6=1; D7=1; D12=2; D13=1; D14=2; LSG=1; FE=1; Nitro=1. 0 NO, 0 Abstains.

BOD unanimously approved via email Jan. 5, 2026

Super Sport Tech Inspection "Gasket" Clarification

In a 2025 update to simplify the Technical Inspection for Super Sport engines, the reference to the base gasket and keyway specs were removed. This prompted questions by members as to whether racers were allowed to remove the gasket entirely. In order to clear up any confusion, the reference to the gasket and key were added back to rule A(3) stating "No internal modifications are allowed. Replacement parts, base gasket, key, etc., must be OEM and for same type engine." Gasket and key must be "present" but do not need to be measured during an inspection.

18 YES: D1=1; D2=2; D3=2; D4=1; D5=2; D6=1; D7=1; D12=2; D13=1; D14=2; LSG=1; FE=1; Nitro=1. 0 NO, 0 Abstains.

BOD unanimously approved via email Jan. 5, 2026

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"Lost Part" Rule Clarification - RECORDS

Additions were made to the language to clear up "lost part" issue that occurs during a RECORD trial run. Hulls are inspected after the record attempt, therefore, all parts required in the class rules must be present for the boat to be determined legal. (Note that heat racing is treated differently.)

Sec. F- General Rules of Competition / VII-Records / rule A.

18 YES: D1=1; D2=2; D3=2; D4=1; D5=2; D6=1; D7=1; D12=2; D13=1; D14=2; LSG=1; FE=1; Nitro=1. 0 NO, 0 Abstains.
BOD unanimously approved via email Jan. 5, 2026

Insurance Coverage Addition

Property Holders that had previously been willing to waive the "Hired & Non-Owned Auto" portion of a General Liability policy rejected the certificates this year. Therefore it was decided to add that coverage to our GL policy going forward. All certificates issued after Feb. 15 show this change. The board approved the additional fee of \$437 annually. Anyone driving for IMPBA/club business is required to have a valid driver's license and valid auto liability insurance. This does not apply to anyone driving to/from the events.

18 YES: D1=1; D2=2; D3=2; D4=1; D5=2; D6=1; D7=1; D12=2; D13=1; D14=2; LSG=1; FE=1; Nitro=1. 0 NO, 0 Abstains.
BOD unanimously approved via email Jan. 19, 2026

Oval Records

Clarification was made to the language under Establishing Speed Records for 1/4 Mile, 1/3 Mile, Oval Records. The addition of "while the boat is being timed" to rule E(3). Rule E(4) added language stating: "Any buoy infraction after the beam is broken on lap 2 does not affect the run."

Sec. G - Contest and Racing Rules / Article IV- Establishing Speed Records / rule E. 1/4 Mile, 1/3 Mile, Oval Records / item 3 and 4.

18 YES: D1=1; D2=2; D3=2; D4=1; D5=2; D6=1; D7=1; D12=2; D13=1; D14=2; LSG=1; FE=1; Nitro=1. 0 NO, 0 Abstains.
BOD unanimously approved via email Feb. 15, 2026

Single-Event Membership UPDATE

The Single-Event memberships may only be used **once in a calendar year** by members of other organizations to participate at an IMPBA sanctioned event. Should that same individual wish to participate in a second event in a calendar year, a full membership will be required. The fee paid at one event will be credited to the price of a full membership should that membership be obtained within the same calendar year.

Refer to Sec. C - Bylaws / Chapter II - Membership Dues / Rule A(5) on page C-2. (Rev. Feb. 2026)

17 YES: D1=1; D2=2; D3=2; D4=1; D5=2; D6=1; D12=2; D13=1; D14=2; LSG =1; Nitro=1; FE=1 . 0 NO, 0 Abstains, Absent: D7=1
BOD Meeting February 25, 2026.

Applied Sites Procedures

The BOD met to discuss site insurance liability issues. It was determined that all IMPBA clubs should encourage for insurance purposes that IMPBA be the sole registered sanctioning insurance organization allowed to use a body of water. If for any reason, the pond owner agrees to allow a club from another sanctioning organization to use the body of water, that club cannot have the same name as the club that is registered with IMPBA. IMPBA clubs are not permitted to register with other sanctioning organizations. If a location is shared, the IMPBA club will be required to supply a list of dates of use. Those dates will be the only dates that body of water will have IMPBA insurance coverage. Letters have been sent Priority mail to the clubs to explain the need to maintain a simplified claims process to keep premium costs in check.

Refer to Sec. E- Procedures / Article I - INSURANCE- particularly rules C and D. (Rev. Feb. 2026)

17 YES: D1=1; D2=2; D3=2; D4=1; D5=2; D6=1; D12=2; D13=1; D14=2; LSG =1; Nitro=1; FE=1 . 0 NO, 0 Abstains, Absent: D7=1
BOD Meeting February 25, 2026 - concept approved.

18 YES: D1=1; D2=2; D3=2; D4=1; D5=2; D6=1; D7=1; D12=2; D13=1; D14=2; LSG=1; FE=1; Nitro=1. 0 NO, 0 Abstains.
Language drafted and approved via email vote Feb. 28, 2026

Single-Event Membership Fee Change

The Board of Directors of IMPBA voted to make a change to the Single-Event policy beginning with the 2026 season.

Refer to IMPBA Rule Book / Section C - Bylaws / Chapter II- Membership Dues

Paid members of other boating organizations may pay \$15.00 for a Single-Event membership, allowing running in that event only. **Single-Event membership may only be used once in any calendar year by a specific individual.** Should that individual desire to participate in a second event in a calendar year, a full membership will be required. The Single-Event fee paid at one event will be credited to the price of a full membership should that membership be obtained within the same calendar year.

2026 DISTRICT VOTE POWER

Section B - Constitution / Article V - Officers & Executive Board / Section 2 & 3.

The elected Director must represent a minimum of 15 voting-eligible IMPBA memberships (Primary and Family memberships). Junior members have no voting rights and do not count toward Vote Power district tally. Voting rights of each District Director shall be based on the number of voting-eligible members in their district at year-end. District Directors with 15 to 100 members will have one (1) vote; Directors with 101 to 200 members will have two (2) votes. Directors with 201 to 300 members will have three (3) votes. Their total votes will continue to increase by one with the addition of each 100 memberships in their district.

National Nitro Director, National Large Scale Gas Director, and National Fast Electric Director each have 1 board vote. The President casts a single vote in the event of a tie.

Section C - Bylaws / Chapter III- Duties Of Officers / Section 5 - Executive Board

A majority of votes cast shall constitute an Executive Board decision unless otherwise set out in the Constitution.

District	Overall Total	J & JR excluded	VOTING ELIGIBLE	VOTE POWER 2026
D1	98	4	94	1
D2	155	7	148	2
D3	139	19	120	2
D4	72	8	64	1
D5	119	15	104	2
D6	28	4	24	1
D7	15	0	15	1
D8	1	0	1	0
D9	6	1	5	0
D10	0	0	0	0
D11	3	0	3	0
D12	124	12	112	2
D13	91	10	81	1
D14	120	19	101	2
D21	5	0	5	0
				Nitro (1), LSG (1), FE (1)
TOTAL #s	976	99	877	18 POWER VOTES

IMPBA PROCEDURES

I - INSURANCE

A. Summary

IMPBA membership dues include commercial general liability and property damage insurance for individual members, registered clubs, municipal & state park boards, and private landowners from suits by third parties who may be injured by model boats that are operated on IMPBA insured bodies of water for which member clubs have submitted the correct application (a Club Registration and Insurance Application form), and have been issued a Certificate of Insurance. Since rates or coverages may vary from time to time, up-to-date insurance information may be obtained from the IMPBA office.

B. Membership Coverage

All members in good standing will be covered at “sponsored, scheduled, and supervised activities”. This means the coverage is good at sanctioned and club races, and open water practice sessions as long as you are following the safety procedures outlined through the IMPBA, and such events take place on an IMPBA insured body of water only. IMPBA’s policy is considered a primary policy and would cover the costs of property damages or injuries to third parties caused by IMPBA participants that may occur on an IMPBA insured body of water. It would also cover the cost of your legal defense and settlement or award should you be successfully sued — up to the policy limits. A deductible applies per claim. For current coverage and deductible information contact the IMPBA office.

C. Non-Member Coverage

The insurance does not cover any person who is not a paid member of IMPBA regardless of what other club or organization he may belong. Paid members of other boating organizations may pay the Single-Event fee for membership dues during that event only. The application and payment must be mailed by the host club to the Executive Office of IMPBA the first working day after accepted.

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

D. Applied Sites

No club may apply for insurance for a body of water presently or previously insured by another IMPBA Registered Club without the permission of that club. All clubs applying for insurance on a body of water should submit along with the club application, a signed letter from the pond owner, on letterhead, giving their authorization for your particular club to conduct Model R/C Boat Racing at that particular site. All clubs should encourage for insurance purposes that IMPBA be the sole registered sanctioning insurance organization allowed to use the body of water.

1. If for any reason, the pond owner agrees to allow a club from another sanctioning organization (ex. NAMBA, APBA, Independent Insurance Company) to use the body of water, that club cannot have the same name as the club that is registered with IMPBA.
 - a. IMPBA clubs are not permitted to register with other sanctioning organizations (ex. NAMBA, APBA, Independent Insurance Company).
2. If clubs from other sanctioning organizations, other than IMPBA, share the use of a body of water, the IMPBA club will be required to supply a list of dates prior to a Certificate of Insurance being issued for the body of water that will be used in the year that it is registered. These dates will be sanctioned race dates and any practice days. **These dates will be the only dates that the body of water will have IMPBA insurance coverage.** Any persons operating model boats on these registered days are required to be IMPBA members or covered under the Single-Event coverage rule. Single-Event membership only applies to sanctioned race dates.

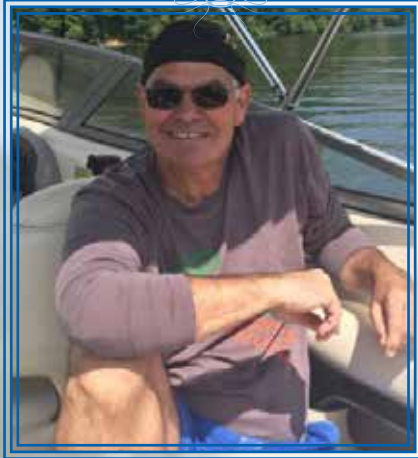
E. Safety

It is not the intent of IMPBA to issue insurance to any organization that does not comply with and foster IMPBA Rules and Regulations.

F. Signs

“No Swimming” signs must be located at the race site. Restricted areas must be clearly marked. See site rules in Section S - Safety.

Silent Engine



Jeffrey Gene Wittman
July 27, 1964 - June 23, 2025

Jeffrey Wittman, age 60, of Monroe, Ohio, passed away this past June surrounded by his family. He was born in Toledo, and graduated from Oak Harbor High School. He enlisted and served four years in the United States Air Force, and continued in the Air Reserve Program of Wright Patterson Air Force Base. He served as a civilian contractor for DCMA and retired from CIU Service in July 2022.

Jeff loved camping and RC model boating. He served as Dayton RC Model Boaters club Secretary in 2024 and 2025. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and attending their sporting events.

Jeff is survived by his loving wife, Judy, his three step-sons, and seven grandchildren. He was laid to rest with Military Honors at North Monroe Cemetery.

Jeff was known for his caring and welcoming attitude, and his commitment to excellence in all he did. He will be missed by the many lives he touched. ♦

Jeff Wittman

IMPBA Member #13354 -S • Joined 1990

“Be the things you loved
most about the people
who are gone.”

2026 ELECTION SCHEDULE

Elections will be held in October for the following positions.

Nominations must be received by JULY 31, 2026

for 3-YEAR TERMS to begin January 1, 2027

DISTRICT 1

DISTRICT 4

DISTRICT 6

*DISTRICT 8**

DISTRICT 13

NATIONAL LARGE SCALE GAS DIRECTOR

NATIONAL FAST ELECTRIC DIRECTOR

Incumbents must declare their intent to run, or not, by the July 31 deadline. Any incumbent who is running unopposed and wishes to serve the next term may do so, and no ballot will be published.

INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

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

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

The elected Director must represent a minimum of 15 voting eligible IMPBA memberships to have a vote on the Board.

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



Send submissions to: impbaphoto@gmail.com

Social Media Corner

By Hannah Goodman —
Social Media Director

Share your important club news, race events, and pictures.

If you have any announcements, photos, or videos you would like posted to the page, please email them to: impbaphoto@gmail.com or send them directly to the IMPBA Facebook page!

Help us to make this page a great success!



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Join Us in Congratulating These Members for Their
Half a Century or More of IMPBA Membership!



50-Year Member Status as of completing the 2025 Season:

Ronald Waggoner #4820-S, of Illinois

Joined in 1976, and is renewed for 2026

Phil Thomas #4876-L, of Illinois

Joined in 1976, and is a Hall of Fame Life Member

Dean Leary #5243-S, of North Carolina

Joined in 1976, and is renewed for 2026

50-Plus Years Members who have Renewed for 2026:

Richard Zimmerman #4510-S CD, of Missouri

Joined in 1975 and has renewed for 2026.

John Finch #4142-L CD, of Virginia

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

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 2026.

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

Joined in 1971 and has renewed for 2026.

Leonard Skwieria #3590-L, of Florida

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

John Beardslee #3440-S, of Michigan

Joined in 1970 and has renewed for 2026.

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.

Tim Johnson #203-S, of Alaska

*Senior member in 1965 and has renewed for 2026.
(Tim received his member # as a Junior in 1960 at the age of 13.)*

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

Joined approx. 1961 and has renewed for 2026.



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 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 1994 (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.

District 1

Visit D1 on 

facebook.com/groups/615050361900778/

Northern Lights Model Boat Club

Toronto & Niagara Region, Ontario

facebook.com/groups/
167549743410494

Ponds in Alliston/Everett, Beamsville,
Brant, Winona/Hamilton, and Nanticoke.

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[PENDING - not registered
for 2026:](#)

Southern Tier New York RC Model Boaters Elmira, NY

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District 2

Visit D2 on 

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Cincinnati Model Boat Club

Cincinnati, OH

Pond in Harrison, OH

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Dayton R/C Boat Club

Dayton, OH

Pond in Medway, OH

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Established in 1977

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One of the oldest clubs in the IMPBA

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A high-quality product, along with high-quality customer service is our priority — backed by years of racing experience. Made in USA.

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The leading GAS RC Boats Discussion forum. Tips, trends, and some friendly trash talk! Log on, sign up, and join the conversation.

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Be the Fastest Fish at the Pond. High-Performance Engines and parts since 1992. Let us build something special for you! Hand modified and hand assembled to give you the best performance.

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Interested in listing your business here? Contact secretary@IMPBA.net

National Records Director

Jason O'Brien

Several Records were set at the **SpeedWeek 2026** Record Trials held in Valdosta, Georgia from January 31 through February 8. The gauntlet has been thrown down. Perhaps you will make one of the upcoming April Record Trials being held around the country to see if you can get close to — or even best — some of the current records.

The full record listings including hull, engine, prop, and other details are posted on impba.net/rule-books-records/ (just under the rule book sections).



Contact Jason at:
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NAME	RECORD	CLASS	TIME	SPEED	DATE	PLACE
MARTIN TRUEX JR	1/3 OVAL	A HYDRO	17.397	68.977	2/7/2026	VALDOSTA, GA
CHRIS GRIM	1/3 OVAL	B HYDRO	14.498	82.770	2/8/2026	VALDOSTA, GA
WITTRIG / GRIM	1/3 OVAL	SPORT 20 HYDRO	21.084	56.915	2/8/2026	VALDOSTA, GA
CROWTHER / SASS	1/16 SAW	SUPER SPORT MONO	3.044	73.915	2/3/2026	VALDOSTA, GA
WALLY DUARTE	1/16 SAW	SUPER SPORT CAT	3.010	74.750	2/6/2026	VALDOSTA, GA
CROWTHER / SASS	1/16 SAW	SUPER BOAT	2.887	77.935	2/2/2026	VALDOSTA, GA
DUARTE / LEWIS	1/3 OVAL	LSG 36 CAT	23.145	51.847	2/7/2026	VALDOSTA, GA
CROWTHER / SASS	1/3 OVAL	SUPER SPORT CAT	25.107	47.795	2/8/2026	VALDOSTA, GA
GLENN QUARLES	1/16 SAW	N STOCK SPORT HYDRO	4.276	52.619	2/2/2026	VALDOSTA, GA
GLENN QUARLES	1/16 SAW	N SUPER STOCK SPORT HYDRO	3.486	64.543	2/4/2026	VALDOSTA, GA
TYLER GARRARD	1/3 OVAL	S MONO	22.139	54.202	2/2/2026	VALDOSTA, GA
TYLER GARRARD	1/3 OVAL	P O/B TUNNEL	25.273	47.481	2/3/2026	VALDOSTA, GA
GLENN QUARLES	1/3 OVAL	N STOCK SPORT HYDRO	37.802	31.744	2/8/2026	VALDOSTA, GA
GLENN QUARLES	1/3 OVAL	N SUPER STOCK SPORT HYDRO	34.949	34.335	2/6/2026	VALDOSTA, GA

Congratulations!



National OB Director

Michael "Grimracer" Zaborowski

YEARS AGO, a very close friend and store owner, Steven C. Feulner, passed away suddenly from a heart attack. Steve was a 44-year-old hobby store owner, and at the time my boss. The local Hobby Shop was a haven for making new friends and rubbing elbows with hobby people. Steve was a master at his craft!

A year or so after he passed on, another good friend of mine who is highly successful in business (a hobby guy too) asked me how it was going. I replied that I was having a hard time getting new customers.

He told me, "You don't need new customers. A new customer is only a new customer ONE TIME." He went on to explain that I needed to concentrate on taking care of current and old customers as they are already in the know. I didn't have to find them, they knew me and they knew our hobby. They have friends. They have conversations about their hobby. This is the person I needed to take care of and place most of the focus on!

If the dog was barking, or the building was on fire, I would have never known. I was SCHOOLED (and VERY appreciative of this person who is still a buddy today)!

How does this lead us to here, with me talking about it in the *Roostertail*?

Being an outboard racer, over the years it feels like outboards are responsible for bringing in new racers. Although not completely factual, it's easy to see why. They have historically been cheaper, have a less difficult to install drive line, and are overall easier to maintain.

BUT NOW, with dwindling manufacturing support for outboard engines, we are tasked with expanding our thoughts on bringing in new racers.

No longer are the days when it was as easy as picking up a 45-size outboard hull, build it, run it, and then go back and ask the store where you could race this. The store owner hands you a flyer for a local club!

The new racer shows up, the club is running D tunnel — and look at that, there are 3 boats just like MY Prather Lapcat. BOOM, you're racing, laughing, learning, making friends and memories.

Today, however, a typical scenario is this: Guy buys a boat and wants to race it. He checks his phone (typing...). RC boat forums pop up in the search results so he jumps on the forum. The gang says, "Find a club near you." So he's back typing... "RC boat racing near me", and finds an RC club just 40 miles away... watches a funny cat video.. jumps on tic-toc...

He finally has a Saturday free, and decides to show up. He has a Proboat whatever, nobody else does and so he goes home.

New participants often get overrun by information from the local club racers, and they are encouraged to "do what we are doing" (remember this is all new to them, IMPBA and all). And all this after the guy just plunked down 6 bills on a new RC GO FAST BOAT!

TRUE, FACT. I HAVE SEEN THIS MORE THEN ONCE! The VERY best intentions by all party's with a VERY high degree of failure.

Sure, it's a means to an end, but what a huge pile of dirt to climb.

I WANT THAT NEW RACER TOO! But the truth is we are far better off working at getting our current racers back down to the pond more often, getting the past racers excited thinking about coming down to the pond, testing, and racing. LET THEM market our hobby. The large hobby suppliers are NOT going to do it for us, SO, the hobby shops are not going to have the boats and parts to support us.

THANK GOODNESS we still have the supporters we do, and more and more opportunities for boaters to supply goods by way of 3D printing, laser cutting, machining... etc.

I would like to challenge every reader to make this ONE move. First, say a few positive things to yourself about your day, week and hobby.

Do you know a racer that is not racing anymore (we all do)? If so, take a moment to reach out (if that's online in messenger, great!). Let them know you're still having fun and would like to see them come back and hang out.

Also, take the time to THANK current tunnel racers showing up at your test and race days.

Let's race! ♦



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(call after 5 pm or text anytime)

Please feel free to reach out to me for anything regarding IMPBA Tunnel boat racing!

National Nitro Director

Mike Betke

Another race season is getting ready to start. Some activity has already been going on in the southern states. Up north here, we will soon be trying out our new projects or blowing the dust off the old ones. As we get going this year, please make sure to take extra care in making sure everything on your boats is correctly connected for smooth operation and to keep everyone around safe from any incidents.

Nitro Records:

SpeedWeek was held at Valdosta, Georgia the first week of February. Three nitro records were set during the week long event. Of note, Chris Grim set a new .21 hydro record for the 1/3 mile 2-lap at 14.498 after Martin Truex had set it earlier in the week. Martin lowered the .12 hydro 2-lap record to 17.397 during the event. Chris Grim also broke the Sport 20 oval record with a 21.084 time for the 1/3-mile oval. Congratulations to both Chris and Martin on these accomplishments.



2026 Nitro Nationals:

There are currently no official bids for the Nitro Nationals in 2026, and I do not see us having it again this year. I have reached out to try and get something going, but unfortunately, there is no interest again this year from any clubs. This is the first time that I can remember us not having a national event for the Nitro division for two consecutive years. There are a lot of nitro boats out there, but we need clubs and people to step up to put on the event. It looks promising for 2027 as there have been some clubs that have said they will possibly step up. ♦



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REMEMBER: SAFE BOATING IS NO ACCIDENT!

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

GENERAL

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

The use of alcohol, or other intoxicants and/or abuse of prescription drugs while participating in an IMPBA sanctioned event or practice session 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.

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.

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.

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!





Spring has Sprung! Are You Ready?

The weather is slowly warming here in District 1 land. The snow and ice have melted, and the ponds will soon be ready for some toy boat action. After a long winter of hibernating, we are anxious to get on the water which can sometimes leave us forgetting simple maintenance and safety checks. Take a few minutes and check your boats over before heading to the pond. Are the batteries charged up and still good? Check for loose nuts and bolts. Does your fuel bag need replacing? Does your flex shaft look okay and greased? A once over check can make your first day at the pond a lot easier and much more fun.

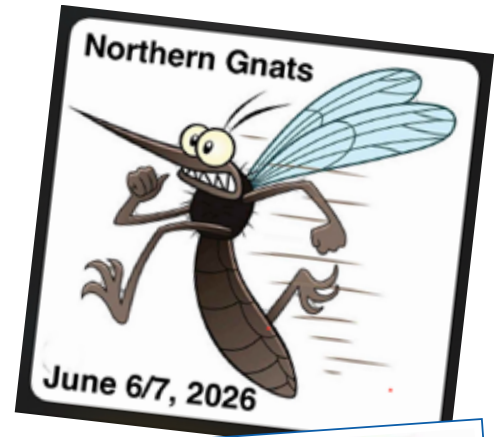
For 2026 the Northern Lights MBC is once again hosting two races at the Fifty Point Conservation Area in Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada: The **Northern Gnats on June 6 & 7** and the **CAN-AM on Aug 29 & 30**. These races are always well attended and average 125 to 150 boats.

As your District Director, I would like to wish everyone a FUN & SAFE 2026 season. See you at the pond. ♦



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Find us on 



On any given weekend, you can find boaters from Northern Lights MBC having fun!



Who will be the next KING of the POND???



Dylan Kish is back and has dove into the hobby head first.



Past NLMBBC President, Mark Hoeflich, presents Fred "Too Tall" Vivian the Wazzy Presidents Award for being such a great help to the club.



Tim Kish might not be first, but he's still a nice guy.



Charlie "Mr. Cannoli" Harrington of Rochester, NY, always has fast boats and delicious treats.



Safety and Fun are the Priority in D2!

As the 2026 season quickly approaches, I would like to start by emphasizing safety and fun as the priorities for the year. RC boating is a great hobby and many of us have been at it for quite some time. Encouraging and supporting new members is the best way to maintain and grow the hobby we all love.

By now, I hope everyone is finishing up their builds and are starting to plan for their upcoming race season. The D2 schedule is once again very strong with all the races and time trials from 2025 returning in 2026. Once again thanks to Kevin Sheren, the points will be kept for these races and awards will be handed out to the top place finisher in each of these classes at the end of the year.

Here is what the season looks like for the district and some of our neighboring districts. The races highlighted in yellow will count towards the D2 Class Points Series.

DATE		2026 D2 Schedule & Holidays
APR	11-12	FAST Need For Speed Record Trial (Backup 4/18 - 4/19)
	25 - 26	FAST Need For Speed Record Trial (Backup 5/2 - 5/3)
MAY	2 - 3	Cincy IMPBA Spring Oval Record Trials
	9	Cincy Spring Fun Run
	10	Mother's Day
	17	Saginaw Bay Classic
	23 - 24	Memorial Day Weekend
JUN	31	Mini Gold Cup
	6 - 7	Northern Gnats
	20	Power Stroke Classic
	21	Father's Day
JUL	4 - 5	4th of July Weekend
	10-11-12	St. Anne Kenny Stang Showdown
	18	Cincy Ohio Valley GP Round 2
AUG	2	Tom Kelly Memorial HydroFest
	15-16	Celina Summer Challenge
	29-30	CAN-AM
SEP	5-6	Labor Day (Sept. 7) Weekend
	11-13	Indy Masters
	20	District 2 Challenge
	26	Dayton Ohio Valley GP Round 3
OCT	24-25	Cincy Fall Oval Records

D2 Scale Director

In 2026, Bert Dygert will be taking over the D2 Scale Director position. Please make sure to get your 1/8 and 1/6 Scale registration sheets to him. 1/8 Scale and Sport 40 will follow their traditional points rules, so please keep an eye out for communications from Bert.

Sport 20 Spec Electric Class

We are also introducing the 2026 **Sport 20 Spec Electric Class**. The purpose of the class is to promote electric R/C boat racing in an affordable way. While it is not designed to be a beginner class, beginners are definitely welcome. Close racing with a Spec engine package should keep the costs down and the competition close. Nitro guys/gals, dig out your old sport 20s. The rules for the class are listed on the following page.

It should be a great race season and if you have any ideas to make it even better please reach out to me. Check out more details for each event on the calendar in the back of this newsletter and on the IMPBA website events pages. ♦

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Visit D2 on

2026 Sport 20 Spec Electric Class

Boats: Any IMPBA Legal Sport 20

Prop: Any Prop

Battery: Any 4s 14.4 lipo, or 2s in series NO HV lipo packs

Motor- The only motor and ESC allowed are the following:

Zipp Kits 4s Power Combo #800 4s Power Combo \$141.00.

Link: https://zippkits.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=78&products_id=920

or

The #820 4s Nitro conversion \$159.00

Link: https://zippkits.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=78&products_id=945

- External capacitor packs allowed.
- Motors will be checked randomly.
- We will be using a go no go gauge and a scale to weigh the motors.
- We will be running this as a series class in D2. Watch for more details to come on the series.

The Sport 20 Spec Electric Series will be at the following races:

May 17

Saginaw Bay Classic

Saginaw, MI

Saginaw bay RC MBC

May 31

Mini Gold Cup

Burton, MI

Oakland Wolverines MBC

June 20

Power Stroke Classic

Carleton, MI

Motor City MBC

August 2

Tom Kelly Memorial HydroFest

Burton, MI

Saginaw & Oakland Wolverines

September 20

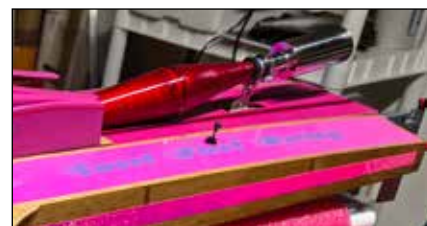
District 2 Challenge-

Rochester Hills, MI

Oakland Wolverines MBC



Paul Dorchak's new Sport 40 "Rockin' Renee" is looking ready for the season.





D5 is Gaining Momentum!

The International Model Power Boat Association 2026 racing season is officially up to speed, and IMPBA District 5 is already showing plenty of momentum.

On February 7th, the VooDoo Model Boat Club kicked off our district racing series with the first club race of the year. This event marked the club's return to hosting club races after several years, and it proved to be well worth the wait. The atmosphere was great, the racing was strong, and everyone who made it out had an outstanding time. It was exactly the kind of start that builds excitement for the season ahead.



Next up, the Acadiana Model Boat Club will host the second race in the District 5 series on April 18th, and anticipation is already building for another strong turnout and competitive day on the water.

While preparations continue here at home, several District 5 racers—primarily from the Acadiana club—made the trip to Dallas for racing on March 14th and 15th, and by all accounts they arrived ready to make a statement.

One of the biggest stories of the weekend was Tyler Johnson. Still relatively new to model boat racing, Tyler delivered a breakout performance that had everyone talking, capturing first place in Rigger, Mono, Sport Hydro, and Open Offshore. Four class wins in one weekend is impressive by any standard, and everyone I've spoken with said he was absolutely on fire from start to finish.

Another standout performer was Tony Alcala, who also put together an impressive showing with a first-place finish in Thunderboat, second in Sport Hydro, and third in Open Sport Hydro. Tony

continues to prove he belongs among the front-runners, and both he and Tyler are quickly building serious reputations every time they hit the water.

Several other District 5 racers also found themselves on the podium over the weekend, which only reinforces what many already know—District 5 is bringing serious talent wherever we race.

We now turn our attention to the upcoming March 28th and 29th race at the Acadiana pond, where, if all goes as planned, I'll get to watch these guys put on another show in person.

Beyond racing itself, spring is settling in, the weather is turning just right, and around here that means one thing—it's time to get back to the pond and start putting in serious test time. Before long the Louisiana heat will make those all-day sessions a challenge, so now is the time to enjoy every chance we get.

Until next time—keep on keeping on, enjoy the water, and I look forward to seeing you at the pond for some more great times. ♦



Tyler Johnson delivered a break-out performance in Dallas — First Place in Rigger, Mono, Sport Hydro, and Open Offshore.



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Up Here In North Country...



We are planning for ice-out and open water soon.



Twin Cities News:

The Twin Cities Model Boat Club has permission to use two ponds this year. Our current pond in Eagan, MN is under construction and may need time to recover via grass growing and firming the ground so we can drive in to the pit area. The second pond, City Hall Pond, in Inver Grove Heights, MN, is new to us so we need to do some work to set up this site, and also figure out how to work with the fishermen.

That is the news in D6! ♦



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We're Up and Running in D13!

Hey Gang! Here is a list of records applied for from **SpeedWeek** held Jan. 31 through February 8 in Valdosta, GA.

See the records report for more info on the event.

- .21 Hydro 2-lap 14.498 sec Chris Grim
- .12 Hydro 2-lap 17.397 sec Martin Truex
- N Super Stock Sport Hydro SAW 64.543 mph Glenn Quarles
- N Super Stock Sport Hydro Oval 34.949 sec Glenn Quarles
- N Stock Sport Hydro Oval 37.802 sec Glenn Quarles
- Super Boat SAW 77.935 mph Jerry Crowther
- SS mono SAW 73.915 mph Jerry Crowther
- SS Cat Oval 25.107 sec Jerry Crowther
- Sport 20 Hydro Oval 21.084 sec Grim/Wittrig
- N Stock Sport Hydro SAW 52.619 mph Glenn Quarles
- P Tunnel 2-lap 25.273 sec Tyler Garrard
- S Mono 2-lap 22.139 sec Tyler Garrard
- SS Cat SAW 74.750 mph Wally Duarte
- LSG 36 Cat 2-lap 23.145 sec Wally Duarte/Barry Lewis

Congratulations fellas!

The February **Grand Prix** race featured a wide range of weather conditions, including heat, rain, and a storm. However, on Sunday morning, Mother Nature unleashed a dramatic change, bringing 40-degree temperatures and 40-mph wind gusts. As a result, numerous boats were forced onto the bank, while the remaining ones in the water required exceptional driving skills. A new 'Hybrid' boat also made an appearance.

Despite the challenges, we all had an enjoyable time. We appreciate the participation of all racers who braved the elements with us. Your involvement is crucial to the continued success of our Grand Prix Series, which is entering its 28th year.

We were also pleased to have several water babies, and we are proud of each one of them. Three of them showed remarkable bravery by taking the plunge, while the rest of us chose to err on the side of caution. We have a traveling trophy that is awarded to some not-so-lucky participants— The Norman Morton "Drive it till it stops" award— trust me these two "lucky" winners drove it till it stopped! Did I mention one lucky recipient was the one who made the award!!!

I couldn't make either of these events as work got in the way, but I'm looking forward to getting back out there soon.

The next stop for District 13 is the **Atlanta Model Boaters Spring Nationals**, and don't forget the **IMPBA Gas Nationals** being hosted by the Charleston Model Boaters. Check out rcracingevents.com and get signed up. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!!!

Until then, take care and I'll see you at the pond! ♦



Contact Doug at: smockrc@aol.com



AKA Pond Cop

DISTRICT 13 RACE SCHEDULE 2026

Recently held:

- **JAN. 31 – FEB. 8**
SpeedWeek 2026
- **FEBRUARY 21 & 22**
SOWEGA Grand Prix

UPCOMING:

- **APRIL 17 – 19**
AMB Spring Nationals
Atlanta Model Boaters
Sycamore, GA
- **MAY 14 – 17**
2026 IMPBA Gas Nats
hosted by Charleston MB
Hollywood, SC

■ **JUNE 6 & 7**

FCMB Grand Prix I
First Coast Model Boaters
Sycamore, GA

■ **JULY 18 & 19**

AMB Grand Prix
Atlanta Model Boaters
Sycamore, GA

■ **SEPTEMBER 12 & 13**

FCMB Grand Prix II
First Coast Model Boaters
Sycamore, GA/Jacksonville, FL
(Location tentative)

■ **OCTOBER 9 – 11**

CMB Fall Nationals
Charleston Model Boaters
Hollywood, SC

■ **NOVEMBER 7 & 8**

SOWEGA Grand Prix II
SOWEGA Model Boaters
Sycamore, GA

DISTRICT MEETING
following racing.



Norman Morton hands off the Norman Morton "Drive it till it stops" award to CMB member, Anthony Black. Gabe Clegg received it as well. Photo courtesy SOWEGA Modle Boaters.



A great pic of Blue Lake in Valdosta, GA. Photo by Glenn Quarles



D14 is Ready!

As winter winds down, District 14 is gearing up for an exciting boating season. The colder months were a great chance for members to focus on boat building and maintenance, as well as spend time with family. Now, with spring here, everyone is excited to get back on the water!

Preparations for the 2026 Season

Clubs across D-14 are already prepping for spring. Dewinterizing retrieve boats, meeting with pond landowners, and making maintenance lists are underway. New builds are close to completion, promising a thrilling lineup for upcoming races. Our events calendar is packed, thanks to our five active clubs. Each member's leadership and passion helps attract new enthusiasts and maintain a vibrant boating community.

D14 Points Series

The D-14 Points Series is back for another great year! Carl Graff is managing the series and has posted rules on the D-14 IMPBA Facebook page. Check them out and get ready for some fierce competition.

Housekeeping Reminders

Clubs: Inspect your nets when retrieving them from storage. Make sure they're in good shape for events. Safety comes first!

Congratulations to Kaleb Norris

Congrats to Kaleb Norris, the newest Team Futaba Driver! At just 13, Kaleb is a respected and competitive member of the RC boating community. His sportsmanship and skill mark him as a future leader in the hobby.



Kaleb Norris is the newest member of Team Futaba!

District 14 is set for a successful spring. With dedicated clubs, passionate members, and a full schedule, let's make this boating season memorable. Get your boats ready and let's keep building camaraderie and competition in our community. Thanks for being part of D-14. ♦

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**By Kevin Lichlyter,
President of PropWalkers MBC**

Several 10th scale electric boats are in progress for this season. Our races will run counter-clockwise, unlike west coast clubs, and our rules are based on the P Sport Electric class and Scale regulations.

First club race: May 2nd. Interested? Contact us via Facebook, or email klichlyter@gmail.com.

Weather permitting, we'll have a work day at the lake in April (date TBD).



bradmaglinger@hotmail.com

Visit D-14 on

NITRO techtips

As the racing season kicks off, remember these preparation tips to ensure your motors are in top condition. Good luck to everyone competing in the upcoming events, and let's make this season a standout one!

- 1 Fresh Bearings:** If you haven't already, now is the perfect time to replace the bearings in your motors. Many racers face performance issues that can be traced back to worn or improperly maintained bearings.
- 2 Motor Preservation Methods:** Proper storage of your nitro engines is crucial. Here are a few methods that racers commonly use:
 - **WD-40:** This helps to remove moisture and nitro residue after racing.
 - **Pickling Solution:** A mixture of Castor Oil, transmission fluid of choice, Marvel Mystery Oil (or Rislone) is popular. Each racer may have their own custom blend, so find what works best for you.
 - Don't forget, **DUMP THE PIPE!**
- 3 Head Bolt Maintenance:** After a weekend of racing, consider checking the head bolts for proper torque. Loose head bolts can lead to performance issues.
- 4 Cleaning the Water Jacket:** Flushing the water-jacket with alcohol, or use after-run oil. This step helps to prevent corrosion and keeps the head bolts in tip top shape.
- 5 Lubricate Bolt Threads:** Remember anytime you remove a bolt on your motor, always put a drop of castor or some type of lubricate in the threads. With the threads being very fine we want to protect and help the longevity of the threads in our motors and parts.
- 6 Personal Preferences:** Ultimately, establish a routine that works for you and your motor. Share tips with fellow racers and learn from their experiences. ♦



DISTRICT 14 POINTS SERIES & RACE SCHEDULE 2026

- **MAY 16 & 17**
D14 Spring Shootout
*River City Racing Club
Evansville, IN*
- **MAY 30 & 31 (Series #1)**
Midwest Scale Shootout
*St. Louis Thunderboaters
Johnston City, IL*
- **JUNE 21 & 22**
Little Thunder
*River City Racing Club
Evansville, IN*
- **JULY 10 - 12 (Series #2)**
Ken Stang Showdown
*Riptide RC Boat Club
St. Anne, IL
Points racing starts July 11*
- **AUGUST 1 (Series #3)**
Wine Run
*S. Indiana PropNuts
Borden, IN*
- **AUGUST 15 & 16 (Series #4)**
Celina Summer Challenge
*Driftwood R/C MBC
Celina, OH*
- **SEPT 11 - 13 (Series #5)**
Indy Masters
*Driftwood R/C MBC
Celina, OH
Points racing starts Sept. 12*
- **SEPT 19 & 20 (Series #6)**
Jack Kohlmeyer Fall Classic
*River City Racing Club
Evansville, IN*

*Let's make 2026 a
season to remember!
See you at the pond!*

RACES & RECORD TRIALS 2026

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

Photo by Greg Evans

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

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

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

PREVIOUSLY HELD for 2026:

January 3 & 4	“CRCWB Winter Throwdown”	#26-005 R
	CHARLOTTE, NC - hosted by Carolina RC Water Burners	
Jan. 31 - Feb. 8	“SpeedWeek 2026” Record Trials (1/16 mile SAW, 1/3 mile Oval)	#26-001 RT
	VALDOSTA, GA - hosted by Really, Really Fast RC Boat Club	
February 21 & 22	“SOWEGA Grand Prix I”	#26-002 R
	SYCAMORE, GA - hosted by SOWEGA Model Boaters	
March 28 & 29	“Carolina Spring Regatta”	#26-021 R
	CHARLOTTE, NC - hosted by Carolina RC Water Burners	

COMING UP:

**APRIL
10 & 11
HUNTSVILLE, AL**
Huntsville Model Boating Association

IMPBA Easter Time Trials #26-025 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

Any IMPBA legal boat/hull/motor can run. **IMPBA membership required.** 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 if weather seems questionable! We will also be holding a NAMBA TT event on April 12 & 13.

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. Someone on short list may not give spot to another.*

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

**APRIL
11 & 12
FLINT, MI**
F.A.S.T.
(Flint Associated Speed Team)

Need For Speed at Thread Lake #26-010 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 DATES: April 18 & 19

An announcement will be made by 6 PM Thursday, April 9 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 or email: tkee@rogers.com

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

APRIL
11 & 12
QUEENSTOWN, MD

RC Model Boaters of
Baltimore/Delmarva

Tim Lesniewski 1/8 Scale Memorial#26-032 R

TIME: 9 AM
219 Cherry Lane, Queenstown, MD 21658
(US-301, between mile markers 86 & 87)

Listings and registration on RCRacingEvents.com. Pre-registration required. All Gas and Nitro Classes offered. Club will combine classes at their discretion. 4 boats to make a class. Racers should familiarize themselves with D12 rules. Gold Cup Awards: 8th Scale, Gas Scale, and FE Scale.

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. Pets allowed on leash. No pets in race area.

Open water Friday Noon to 5 pm only.

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

APRIL
18 & 19
SYCAMORE, GA

Atlanta
Model Boaters

2026 Atlanta Spring Nationals#26-016 R

TIME: 8 AM EST Sat. & Sun.
Open water: April 17 beginning 8 AM EST
SOWEGA Pond, 1966 Robert Davis Road, Sycamore, GA 31790

Listings and entry details on www.RCRacingEvents.com. Pre-registration is required by April 10. See RCRacingEvents.com for all rule deviations. 5 boats to make a class. Contact Julie Gilley regarding campsite availability at (229) 392-4936 or email: jgilley48@gmail.com.

For race inquiries, please contact:

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

APRIL
24 to 26
QUEENSTOWN, MD

Delmarva
Model Boat Club

GAS CLASH#26-004 R

TIME: 8 AM
219 Cherry Lane, Queenstown, MD 21658 (R.B. Baker Pond)
(US-301, between mile markers 86 & 87)

Listings and registration on RCRacingEvents.com. 4 boats to make a class. Trophies 1st through 3rd place. 4 rounds followed by 5th round shootout for top six boats. IMPBA Cards checked.

CLASSES: LSG 27 (26 to 27cc) Cat, Mono, Sport Hydro, Rigger; LSG 36 (27.5 to 30cc) Cat, Mono, Sport Hydro, Rigger; Stock Gas 26 cc; Gas Twin Rigger; Super Sport; Crackerbox; Offshore; Jersey Skiff; Thunderboat; Super Boat Offshore; Gas Scale; King of the Lake is an open class. Skiff will run 2 oval heats followed by 2 offshore heats.

Onsite camping available no hookups –contact for details. Hotels nearby.

Open water Thursday, April 23

CD: Danny Weimer (302) 249-4439
email: daniel3181@comcast.net



APRIL
25 & 26
FLINT, MI

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

Need For Speed at Thread Lake#26-011 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 DATES: May 2 & 2

An announcement will be made by 6 PM Thursday, April 23 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 or email: tkee@rogers.com
Assistant CD: Mike Nowicki (810) 367-6604 or email: mnowicki62@gmail.com

MAY
2 & 3
CLEVES, OH

Cincinnati Model
Boat Club

Cincinnati Spring Oval Trials#26-034 RT

Timed event for 1/3 mile Oval & 1/4 mile Oval.

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

Lake entrance: 6465 Dryfork Road, Cleves, OH 45002. (Harrison, OH)

All IMPBA record eligible classes in Nitro, Gas & Fast Electric. **Pre-registration is not required –but please email to let us know you will be coming.** \$20 flat fee is payable prior to first run. IMPBA membership required. Contact event CDs for details. Pizza lunch provided for attendees.

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. Someone on short list may not give spot to another.*

CD: Mario Johnston (513) 720-6865 email: cincymbc@gmail.com

Assistant CD: TJ Hammons (513) 675-6350 email: thammons92@gmail.com

MAY
9
CLEVES, OH

Cincinnati Model
Boat Club

2026 Spring Fun Run#26-035 R

TIME: 10 AM

Lake entrance: 6465 Dryfork Road, Cleves, OH 45002. (Harrison, OH)

Come out to our pond and get to know the great members of the Cincinnati Model Boaters! All classes and types of boats are welcome to drive! **This FUN RUN event is open to all IMPBA members.** Relaxed atmosphere – this event will not be using sanctioned racing rules. Non-members may try their hand at operating a remote-control club boat by signing the Guest membership waiver form (minors must be 10 & up and accompanied by parent or legal guardian).

Open Water is available May 9.

Spectators welcome! Free food to attendees – donations accepted!

CD: Mario Johnston (513) 720-6865 email: cincymbc@gmail.com

MAY
14 to 17
HOLLYWOOD, SC

Charleston Model
Boaters

2026 IMPBA GAS NATIONALS#26-018 R

TIME: Drivers Meeting Daily 7:30 AM

Chaplin Lake is located near 4442 Borrow Pit Road, Hollywood, SC 29449
(GPS 32.767334, -80.147430)

Enter early! **Class listings, additional details, and entry information on RCRacingEvents.com.**

6 boats to make a class. **Pre-registration is required.** National Champion Status Shootout Format. Drivers will be limited to entering 5 National Champion classes. Specialty Classes will run 3 rounds. Raffle! Food will be available on site all event days.

Tentative Schedule

- **Open Water:** May 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **National Champion Classes:** May 14 through May 16.
- **Banquet:** Saturday, May 16 at 7 p.m.
- **Specialty classes / Make-up day:** May 17

Limited onsite camping – no hookups. Two offsite camping areas with full RV hookups available within a mile of race. Nearby hotels.

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

Plus a team of six additional CDs throughout the event.



MAY
16 & 17
EVANSVILLE, IN

River City
Racing Club

Spring Shootout #26-030 R

TIME: 8 AM

Deaconess Sports Park, 4300 Heckle Rd., Evansville, IN 47725

Enter on RiverCityRacingClub.com

CLASSES: Sport 20; Sport 40; 1/8 Scale; B OB Tunnel; P-Limited FE; B Mono; Open Nitro OB Tunnel; Open Nitro Hydro; D Mono; B Hydro; D Hydro; Open Nitro Mono; Gas Cat; Classic Thunderboat; 1/8 Scale FE; Open Gas Hydro; Gas Mono; Gas Sport Hydro; SS Gas Mono; 1/6 Gas Scale; Jersey Skiff. Shootout Format – Top 6 to the 4th Round with points carrying over.

4 boats to make a class - classes without a 4 boat minimum are subject to cancellation and refund. Rules can be downloaded from impba.net/races-event/spring-shootout/

Registration deadline May 3.

Pay CASH at lake ONLY.

Open water available May 16 – Noon to sundown

CD: Mike Schnidler

email: saymikey@aol.com

MAY
17
SAGINAW, MI

Saginaw Bay
R/C Boat Club

Saginaw Bay Classic #26-022 R

TIME: 9 AM

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: A Hydro; B Hydro; D Hydro; Open Rigger Nitro/Gas; B Mono Nitro/Electric; D Mono Nitro/Electric; Open Mono Nitro/Gas; LSG Cat; LSG Sport Hydro; 1/6 Scale Gas; Classic Thunderboat; Sport 20 Nitro/RTR Electric; Sport 40; 1/8 Scale.

3 boats to make a class. 3 rounds per class. **Pre-registration is not required but encouraged.** No alcohol permitted on property (strictly enforced). No camping. See flyer on www.IMPBA.net.

Open water May 18 from 8:15 to 8:45 AM prior to driver meeting

CD: Charles Dukes (989) 297-3545 or

email: dukes3801@gmail.com

SEND ENTRIES TO:

Dean Notter (989) 992-8383 or Cell: (989) 992-8383 **(PLEASE do not call after 9 PM)**

email: dean.notter@nexteer.com

You may also text, email, or message on IWWaters.

MAY
30 & 31
JOHNSTON CITY, IL

St. Louis
Thunderboaters

Midwest Scale Championship Shootout #26-012 R

TIME: 8 AM – 6 PM

Arrowhead Lake Campground, 1600 Peterson Ave., Johnston City, IL 62951

www.JohnstonCityCampground.com

Entry and class details on www.thunderboaters.com.

Pre-registration required by May 25.

5 boats to make a class. Points count towards D4 & D14 district points. 4 rounds of racing for all non-scale classes. 4th round is top 6 boats only. Scale will run 3 rounds, a consi, and final 4th round. Concours judging Saturday morning prior to event. The Midwest Scale Championship traveling trophies will be defended at this event for Sport 40, Thunderboat, 1/8 Scale, and 1/6 Scale.

CD: Wesley Ellet (618) 771-3896

Assistant CD: James Ellet (618) 658-0524

For information email: thunderboaters@gmail.com



MAY
31

BURTON, MI

Oakland-Wolverine
Model Boat Club

Annual Mini Gold Cup#26-039 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.
Pre-registration required by May 28, 2026.**

CLASSES: 1/8 Scale; B Mono; LSG Cat; Sport 20/RTR Nitro; Open Mono; Sport 40; Open Rigger; B Hydro; LSG Sport Hydro; D Hydro; Classic Thunderboat; A Hydro; 1/6 Gas Scale; D Mono; Sport 20 FE Spec.

3 boats to make a class.

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 or
email: ccapaldi@wowway.com

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

JUNE
6 & 7

WINONA, ON

Northern Lights
Model Boat Club

The Northern 'Gnats'#26-013 R

TIME: 9 AM - 6 PM

Fifty Point Conservation Area, 1479 Baseline Road, Winona (Stoney Creek), ON L8E 3L8

Classes and entry information on RCRacingEvents.com Pre-registration required by June 5 at 5 pm. All IMPBA legal classes. 5 boats to make a class.

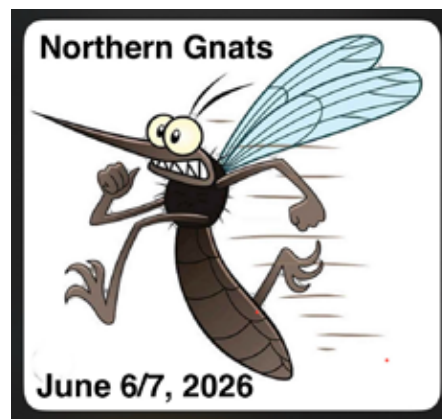
Kids under 17 run FREE – Novice Trophy. Raffle and 50/50 drawings!

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

Open water Friday, Noon until 5 PM

CD: Randy Rapedius (905) 520-6285
or (289) 396-3465 or email: randy_rap@cogeco.ca

Assistant CD: Daniel Kalte (905)-630-6966 or
email: daniel_101_25@hotmail.com



JUNE
6 & 7

SYCAMORE, GA

First Coast
Model Boaters

FCMB D13 Grand Prix I#26-028 R

TIME: 7:30 AM drivers meeting

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

Listings and entry details on www.RCRacingEvents.com. Enter early! Pre-registration is required by May 31, 2026. See RCRacingEvents.com for rule deviations.

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

3 boats to make a class. Site is a 6-lap course with tri-oval buoy.

CD: Dennis Harvey (904) 508-4000 or
email: dlhwoody@aol.com

Assistant CD: Christopher Harvey (904) 422-0898 or
email boh335@yahoo.com

JUNE

13

MADISON, IN

PropWalkers
Model Boat Club

2026 Ohio Valley GP - Round 1#26-027 R

TIME: 9 AM

Krueger Lake, Jefferson Proving Grounds, 101 W. JPG Ordnance Dr., Madison, IN 47250

Watch forums for entry information. **Series Awards for the Madison race at the end of the day, points earned go towards the entire GP series. Championship trophies will be presented to the series' top class finishers at the final round's podium ceremony in Dayton.**

This is the first round of a cumulative points series. Each one-day event will follow a traditional three-round heat race format. The races are expected to be a fun, relaxed atmosphere for new club racers, as well as seasoned drivers. New to racing? Come and learn from some of the best...and have a blast doing it! Spectators welcome! Races are open to all IMPBA members.

Round 1 –Madison, IN, hosted by Prop Walkers Model Boat Club

Round 2 –Cincinnati, OH, hosted by Cincinnati Model Boat Club

Round 3 – Dayton, OH, hosted by the Dayton RC Model Boat Club

3 boats to make a class. **Pre-registration is not required, but is encouraged.**

Classes include, but are not limited to: RTR, LSG Mono; SS Mono; 1/6 Gas Scale; LSG Sport Hydro; Sport 20; Sport 40; 8th Scale Nitro; 8th Scale FE; P Sport Hydro FE; Q Sport Hydro FE; UL-19/P-limited; Classic Thunderboat; 10th Scale FE; LSG Cat; Jersey Skiff. P Limited will utilize Madison FE rules as posted on Prop Walkers Model Boat Club facebook page.

NOTE: Points scored during this series will not be added to the District 2 or 14 points series.

Questions? CD: Kevin Lichlyter (812) 701-2748 email: klichlyter@gmail.com

JUNE

20

CARLETON, MI

Motor City
Model Boat Club

Power Stroke Classic#26-007 R

TIME: Racing starts 9 AM — no engines started prior to 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; OB Tunnel.

FE: Sport 20 FE Spec class.

3 boats to make a class. **Pre-registration is required by June 18th.** Pond setup is 5-buoy turns, and a full-length course. A Father's Day weekend tradition for many families, so come out and enjoy a day of great racing and great friends! Paved walking path around lake. Food for donation: Hot dog lunch. Raffle prizes.

CD: Chris Rupley (419) 360-3230

or email: JuiceRC@gmail.com

Assistant CDs: Paul Dorchak and Chris Thompson

Submit entries to Dave Muscat (734) 276-7545

email: dmuscat@osmjb.us

Race flyer will be posted on www.IMPBA.net and boating forums.



JUNE

20 & 21

EVANSVILLE, IN

River City
Racing Club

Little Thunder Race#26-031 R

TIME: 8 AM

Deaconess Sports Park, 4300 Heckle Rd., Evansville, IN 47725

180 Boat Limit! Enter Early on RiverCityRacingClub.com Registration deadline June 14. Pay CASH at pond ONLY.

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

4 boats to make a class. 4 rounds of racing. 1/8 Nitro Scale "The Budweiser Cup" Traveling Trophy. Open water available June 19 – Noon to sundown

CD: Mike Schnidler (812) 760-8036 or email: saymikey@aol.com

TENTATIVE

JUNE

27 & 28

SOMERS, WI
Badger
Model Boat Club

Badger Spring RaceTENTATIVE DATES

Watch RCRacingEvents.com for race information & online registration.
Watch IMPBA.net for club registration confirmation.

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

JULY

10 to 12

ST. ANNE, IL

Riptide R/C
Boat Club

Ken Stang Thunderboat Showdown#26-015 R

TIME: 1 PM Friday - First Round

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

Listings and entry details on RCRacingEvents.com. Pre-registration required by July 8.

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.

Food on site.

Open water Friday 10 a.m. and after round 1

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

Assistant CD: Duke Mordja

JULY

18

CLEVELS, OH

Cincinnati
Model Boat Club

2026 Ohio Valley GP - Round 2#26-036 R

TIME: 8:30 AM

Lake entrance: 6465 Dryfork Road, Cleves, OH 45002. (Harrison, OH)

This is the second installment of the cumulative points series. Watch forums for entry information. Each one-day event will follow a traditional three-round heat race format. The top three drivers of each class will be awarded with commemorative class decals. Free pizza lunch provided by the club! **The races are expected to be a fun, relaxed atmosphere for new club racers, as well as seasoned drivers. Spectators welcome!** GP Championship trophies will be presented to the series' top class finishers at the final round's podium ceremony.

Round 1 – Was held June 13 in Madison, IN, hosted by PropWalkers Model Boat Club

Round 2 – Cincinnati, OH, hosted by Cincinnati Model Boat Club

Round 3 – Dayton, OH, hosted by the Dayton RC Model Boat Club (see Sept. 26)

Fees will be \$20 for each individual round. Flat fees regardless of number of boats entered!

Classes available to racers will include, but is not limited to: Gas Sport Hydro; Classic Thunderboat; 1/6 Gas Scale; LSG Mono; LSG Cat; Super Sport Mono; P Sport Hydro; Q Sport Hydro; UL19 (this class will utilize Madison PropWalkers class rules); 1/8 Scale FE. 3 boats to make a class. **Pre-registration is not required, but encouraged.** Races are open to all IMPBA members.

NOTE: Points scored will not be added to District 2 or 14 points series.

Cincinnati CD: Mario Johnston (513) 720-6865 email: cincymbc@gmail.com

Additional questions? Mike Unger (Race #3 in Dayton, OH) email: mikedrcbc@yahoo.com

JULY

18 & 19

SYCAMORE, GA

Atlanta
Model Boaters

AMB Grand Prix#26-017 R

TIME: 8 AM Sat. & Sun.

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

Get your entries in early! Class Listings and entry on www.RCRacingEvents.com. 3 boats to make a racing class /4 boats to make a jacket eligible class. **Pre-registration required by July 10.**

The D13 GRAND PRIX SERIES runs under D13 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.*

Open water beginning July 17 at 8 AM

CD: Norman Morton (678) 772-3018 or email: norwen@att.net

Assistant CDs: TBA

AUGUST

1

BORDEN, IN

Southern Indiana
PropNuts

Wine Run#26-038 R

TIME: 8 AM / 7:30 Driver meeting

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

Watch race entry sites for class listings. FE P-limited (FE P-limited per Madison club rules); Sport 20; Sport 40; 1/8 Scale; 1/6 Gas Scale; Gas Sport Hydro; Gas Mono; Gas Cat; Classic Thunderboat.

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

Contact Gary regarding any questions.

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

AUGUST

2

BURTON, MI

Oakland-Wolverine MBC
& Saginaw Bay R/C BC

Tom Kelly Memorial HydroFest#26-023 R

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

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

CLASSES: 1/8 Scale; A Hydro; B Hydro; D Hydro; Sport 20/RTR (Nitro); Sport 40; B Mono (Nitro/Electric); D Mono (Nitro/Electric); Open Rigger; LSG Cat; LSG Sport Hydro; 1/6 Gas Scale; Classic Thunderboat; Open Mono; Sport 20 FE Spec.

Pre-registration required by August 1st. 3 boats to make a class. **Watch for information and listing on International Waters Forums, 3 - 4 weeks prior to event.** Race flyer available online at impba.net/races-event/hydrofest/

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

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

AUGUST

15 & 16

CHARLOTTE, NC

Carolina RC
Water Burners

Annual Carolina Classic#26-006 R

TIME: 8:30 AM

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

Entry details and information on RCRacingEvents.com. Pre-registration required. Specialty classes being offered: SS Open Hydro and Open Big Dawg Cat/Mono. See listing for details.

We will provide dinner Friday and start cooking a WHOLE HOG on Friday night – lunch and dinner on Saturday. Hotel info to be posted soon -- Racers discount will be available at hotel near pond and also at TopGolf. RVs welcome -- no electric.

Open water available August 13 & 14.

CD: Mitchell Stinson (704) 963-8844 or email: Stinson68@yahoo.com

AUGUST

15 & 16

CELINA, OH

Driftwood R/C
Model Boat Club

Celina Summer Challenge#26-019 R

TIME: 8 AM Driver Meeting

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

Pre-registration required by July 21. Enter early! 150 boat limit (classes may be combined). IMPBA 2026 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; Crackerbox/Jersey Skiff; FE Scale; Gas Scale; SS Gas Mono; P Ltd. and Q Ltd. offering Tunnel, Sport Hydro, & Mono. *Series Points D2/D14 - District Rules apply. P limited & Q limited rules. RTR- District 14 rules. See flyer on IMPBA.net listings for entry form & rules,* or email Driftwoodmbc@gmail.com for complete rules.

5 boats to make a trophy class. 3 boats to make a racing class. **Shootout format.** Top 6 boats to the 4th round with points carrying over.

On-site camping permitted (no hookups). Several motels nearby.

Open Water Friday, August 14 from 1 PM - 5 PM

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

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

TENTATIVE

**AUGUST
22 & 23**

**SOMERS, WI
Badger
Model Boat Club**

Badger Summer RaceTENTATIVE DATES

Watch RCRacingEvents.com for race information & online registration.
Watch IMPBA.net for club registration confirmation.

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

**AUGUST
29 & 30**

WINONA, ON

**Northern Lights
Model Boat Club**

The CAN-AM#26-014 R

TIME: 9 AM - 6 PM

Fifty Point Conservation Area, 1479 Baseline Road,
Winona (Stoney Creek), ON L8E 3L8

Classes and entry information on www.RCRacingEvents.com Pre-registration required by Aug. 28 at 5 pm.. All IMPBA legal classes offered. 5 boats to make a class. **Shootout format**—Top six run in the final round.

Kids under 17 run FREE – Novice Trophy. 50/50 drawings!

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

Open water Friday, Noon until 5 PM

CD: Randy Rapedius (289) 396-3465 or email: randy_rap@cogeco.ca

Assistant CD: Daniel Kalte (905)-630-6966 or email: daniel_101_25@hotmail.com



SEPTEMBER

11 to 13

EVANSVILLE, IN

**Indy Model
Boat Club**

Indy Masters#26-020 R

TIME: 8 AM

Deaconess Sports Park, 6800 N. Green River Rd., Evansville, IN 47725
(GPS: 38.037778, -87.495278)

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

CLASSES: Listings and entry details on www.RCRacingEvents.com. All IMPBA Nitro Classes offered. Gas classes: Classic Thunderboat; SS Mono; Jersey Skiff; Cas Cat; Sport Hydro; 1/6 Scale; Open Mono. Friday will be 2 rounds of hydros. Sat. & Sun. will be 3 rounds of series classes plus 3 more rounds of hydros.

6 boats minimum for Green Jacket classes. 5 boat minimum for D14 points classes. **Pre-registration is required by August 4.**

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

Lunch provided Friday & Saturday. T-shirt included in entry fee - email Bruce with size. Extra shirts \$22, and hooded sweatshirts available also. Raffle.

Contact club regarding open water availability.

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

SEPTEMBER

12 & 13

LOCATION TBD

**First Coast
Model Boaters**

FCMB D13 Grand Prix II#26-029 R

TIME: 7:30 AM drivers meeting

WATCH FOR LOCATION ANNOUNCEMENT!

Class listings and entry handled on www.RCRacingEvents.com. Enter early! Pre-registration is required by September 11, 2025. See RCRacingEvents.com for rule deviations.

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

CD: Dennis Harvey (904) 508-4000 or email: dlhwoody@aol.com

Assistant CD: Christopher Harvey (904) 422-0898 or email boh335@yahoo.com

SEPTEMBER
19 & 20
EVANSVILLE, IN

River City
Racing Club

27th Jack Kohlmeyer Fall Classic #26-009 R

TIME: 8 AM

Deaconess Sports Park, 4300 Heckle Rd., Evansville, IN 47725
(GPS: 38.037778, -87.495278)

200 Boat Limit! Enter early on RiverCityRacingClub.com. 5 boats for a class. Pre-registration required by September 13. Pay CASH at pond only. See rules on club site.

CLASSES: 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 (**see flyer for rules**); 1/6 Gas Scale; Jersey Skiff; Crackerbox; E Hydro.

4 Full rounds of racing. "Jack Kohlmeyer Trophy"; "Sport 40" Traveling Trophy; "D Hydro" Traveling Trophy.

Open water: September 18, from Noon to sundown.

CD: Mike Schnidler (812) 760-8036 or email: saymikey@aol.com



SEPTEMBER
19 & 20
QUEENSTOWN, MD

RC Model Boaters of
Baltimore/Delmarva

Joseph H. Sparr Memorial Race #26-033 R

TIME: 9 AM

219 Cherry Lane, Queenstown, MD 21658
(US-301, between mile markers 86 & 87)

Listings and registration on RCRacingEvents.com. All Gas and Nitro Classes offered. Pre-registration required. Club will combine classes at their discretion. 4 boats to make a class

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. Pets allowed on leash. No pets in race area.

Open Water Friday Noon to 5 pm only.

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

SEPTEMBER
20
ROCHESTER HILLS, MI

Oakland-Wolverine
Model Boat Club

District II Challenge #26-040 R

TIME: 9 AM

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

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

Pre-registration required. Watch for announcements 3 to 4 weeks before event on IW. 3 boats to make a class.

CLASSES: 1/8 Scale; B Mono; LSG Cat; Sport 20/RTR Nitro; Open Mono; Sport 40; Open Rigger; B Hydro; LSG Sport Hydro; D Hydro; Classic Thunderboat; A Hydro; 1/6 Gas Scale; D Mono; Sport 20 FE Spec.

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

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

SEPTEMBER
26
DAYTON, OH

Dayton RC
Boat Club

2026 Ohio Valley GP - Round 3#26-024 R

TIME: 9 AM Driver Meeting
Restoration Park Church Pond, 55 Restoration Park Dr., Medway, OH 45341

GP Championship trophies will be presented to the series' top class finishers at this final round's podium ceremony.

This is the third round of the cumulative points series. This one-day event will follow a traditional three-round heat race format. The races are expected to be a fun, relaxed atmosphere for new club racers, as well as seasoned drivers. New to racing? Come and learn from some of the best...and have a blast doing it! Spectators welcome! Races are open to all IMPBA members.

Flat Fee: \$20 -- regardless of number of boats entered!

3 boats to make a class. (P limited class will utilize Madison PropWalkers 2026 class rules). Pre-registration is not required, but is encouraged.

Lunch will be provided - donations appreciated.

NOTE: Points from this series will not be added to District 2 or 14 points series.

Additional questions?

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

TENTATIVE
OCTOBER
3 & 4
SOMERS, WI
Badger
Model Boat Club

Badger Fall RaceTENTATIVE DATES

Watch RCRacingEvents.com for race information & online registration.
Watch IMPBA.net for club registration confirmation.

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

OCTOBER
9 to 11
HOLLYWOOD, SC

Charleston
Model Boaters

CMB Fall Nationals#26-041 R

TIME: 9 AM
Chaplin Lake is located near 4442 Borrow Pit Road, Hollywood, SC 29449
(GPS 32.767334, -80.147430)

200 boat limit! Enter early. Class listings, additional details, and entry information on RCRacingEvents.com.

4 boats to make a class. **Pre-registration is required.** 4 rounds of racing time & weather permitting. Specialty Class: Gas vs. Nitro Twin Shootout will run if each class gets minimum 6 boats. Top 3 of each class determined at conclusion of heat racing.

Very limited onsite camping. Offsite site with full RV hookups available within a mile of race. Nearby hotels.

Open water beginning Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m..

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

OCTOBER
24 & 25
CLEVES, OH

Cincinnati
Model Boat Club

CMBC 2026 Oval Record Trials#26-037 RT

Timed event for 1/3 mile Oval and 1/4 mile Oval.
TIME: Event starts when timing system is operational – approx. 9 AM until 6 PM
Lake entrance: 6465 Dryfork Road, Cleves, OH 45002. (Harrison, OH)

All IMPBA record eligible classes in Nitro, Gas & Fast Electric. **\$20 Flat fee** — run as often as weather permits. Fee is payable prior to first run. **Pre-registration not required – please email to let us know you are coming.** IMPBA membership required. Pizza lunches provided 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. Someone on short list may not give spot to another.

Open water Friday, Oct. 23 all day.

Contact: Mario Johnston (513) 675-6350 or email: cincymbc@gmail.com
Assistant CD: TJ Hammons (513) 675-6350 or email: thammons92@gmail.com

NOVEMBER
7 & 8
SYCAMORE, GA

SOWEGA
Model Boaters

“SOWEGA Grand Prix II”#26-003 R

TIME: 7:30 AM Driver Meeting

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

Class Listings and entry details on www.RCRacingEvents.com. Enter early! 4 boats to make a jacket eligible class. 3 rounds weather permitting. **Pre-registration required by Nov. 3.**

All registration fees to be paid via PayPal. Site is a 6-lap course with tri-oval buoy. Raffle prizes! Catered meal!

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

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

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

Open water beginning November 5 at 9 am
(Site opens on November 4)

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

NOVEMBER
27 & 28
HUNTSVILLE, AL

Huntsville Model
Boating Association

Brahan Park Turkey Day Time Trials#26-026 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

Any IMPBA legal boat/hull/motor can run. **IMPBA membership required.** 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 if weather seems questionable! We will also be holding a NAMBA TT event on November 29 & 30. More time to play!

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. Someone on short list may not give spot to another.*

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



Watch for NEW LISTING & UPDATES on <https://impba.net/races-events/list/>



YEAR: _____
International Model Power Boat Association

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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 SIGN-UP for following season 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.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
Spouse Name	Birthdate		
_____	_____	Child	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
Child Name	Son or Daughter	Birthdate REQUIRED	
_____	_____	Child.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
Child Name	Son or Daughter	Birthdate REQUIRED	

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

RULE BOOK sections are available for view/download online 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 online www.impba.net at NO COST

ALL Memberships Expire December 31.

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

FOR OFFICE USE

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Current

Ck# /PP# : _____

card mailed date: _____

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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 *



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 # _____

IMPBA RACE SANCTION APPLICATION

District _____

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

Fees must be in US funds payable to IMPBA.

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

For Office Use Only

Sanction # _____

District Director Approval Date _____

Record Director Approval Date _____

Event Date _____

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

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 # _____

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

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REVISED March 2026

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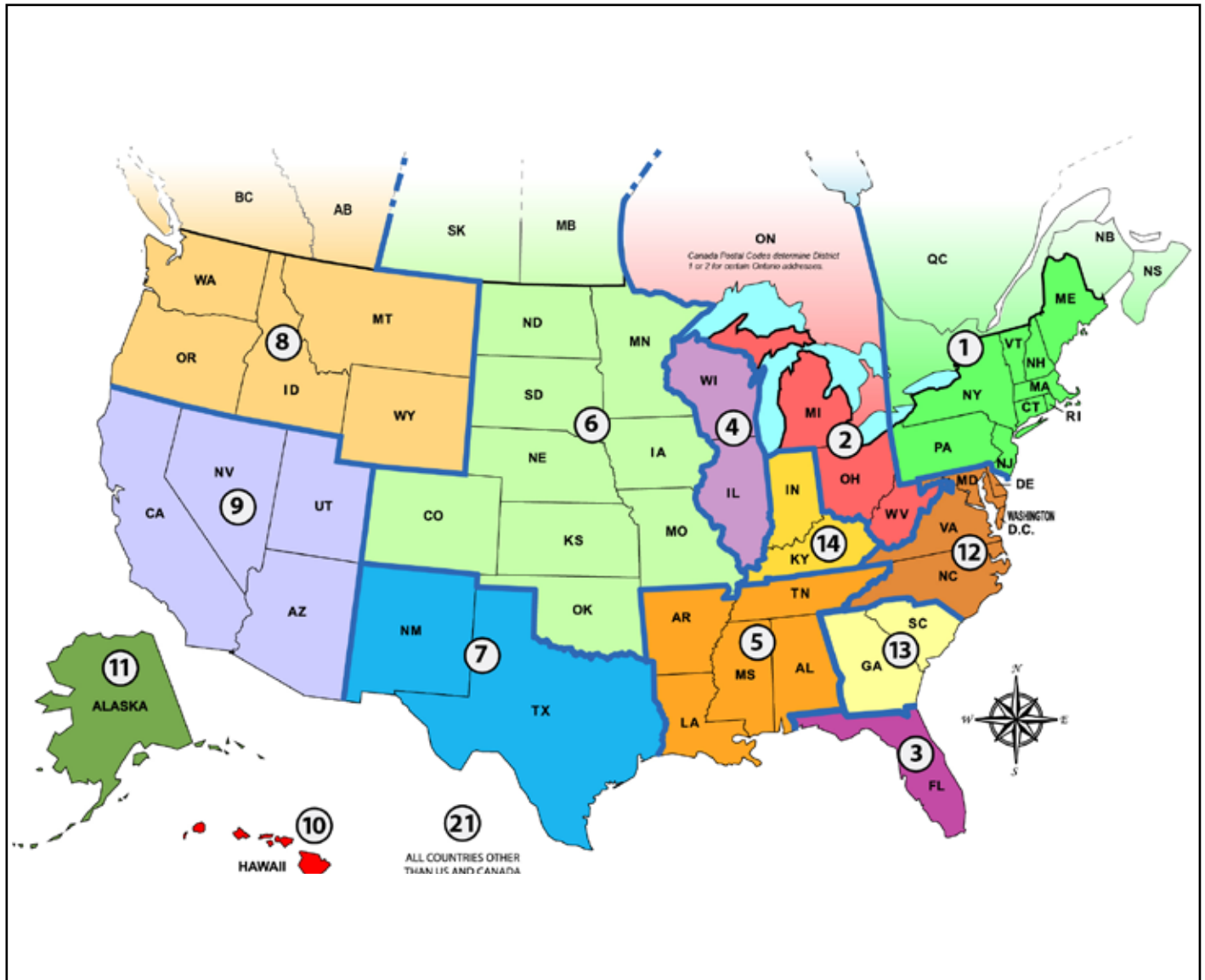
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