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CARVIN' IT UP in Charleston

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Power Boat Association

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2026 Executive Board

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(See History Section of Rule Book)

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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: There was plenty of competitive racing, awesome boats, and certainly some trash-talking at the **IMPBA Gas Nationals** held in South Carolina from May 14 to 17. CMB club hosted this year's premier event at their spectacular new site, and a good time was had by all. Check out more pics in this edition and on JJ's Facebook page!

Photo courtesy of JJSportsPhotos (Jeni Johnson-Nesbit).

EVENT FLYERS

May 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.

IMPBA Roostertail is published online:

April, August, and December.

(Will be published on www.IMPBA.net as close to the first week of month as is possible.

News about your event or your club?

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS THE 15TH OF MONTH PRIOR TO PUBLICATIONS.

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President's Corner

Doug Smock, IMPBA President

Hello boaters! I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well and enjoying your Summer!

The organization has 37 clubs registered this season at 45 pond locations. A couple clubs have leads on possible new ponds, and we've had several inquiries from groups starting up new clubs in several states. If all goes well in discussions with the property owners, we may even have a couple of these settled for the remainder of this season. A couple of these locations are promising for larger events such as Nitro and Gas Nationals. Keep fingers crossed.

50 events have been sanctioned to date. The Gas Nationals was hosted by the Charleston Model Boaters. Many thanks to the CMB and to all of our members who helped make the premier event of the IMPBA a success!

As of this publication, we have 895 members with nearly 80 of them being new. Late Season membership starts in late August for September through December membership.

Director Elections

Several terms expire this year, and for the positions that did not receive new nominations, we want to thank Randy Rapedius - D1, Keith Ray - D4, David Petrich - D6, and Michael Ball - Natl. FE for agreeing to continue to serve in those positions. Sadly, just as this edition was about to be put to bed, we received the heartbreaking news that our National LSG Director, Lance Ledet passed away very unexpectedly. He will be truly missed as a friend, and by this organization. We will make some decisions on the LSG position at a future time.

The current term for D13 Director position also ends this year, and I will not be seeking reelection. The office has received a nomination for Steve Amerson, a long-time D13 member. I have known Steve for years and supported his nomination. He will do a great job for the organization. See the D13 report for his bio. Thank you Steve!

Please check out Recent Board Actions. The Board held the organization's Annual Meeting on July 22, and a couple items affecting clubs were approved. One of them was a Section C-Bylaws change that imposes a Late Fee for Club Membership Dues/



President, Doug Smock, having fun being "Pit Boss" at this year's Gas Nationals in Hollywood, SC.

Registration. Unfortunately, the established deadlines have not been adhered to for quite some years and the BOD is trying to get everyone back on track. The backlog that happens in the office is avoidable, so if renewing clubs do not register by the January 31st deadline, they may be waiting until late May or early June to receive a Certificate of Insurance. *See page 7 for more information.*

A Memorandum regarding the Sanction process was approved and will be added to the rule book as a reference for Directors & Club Presidents/Secretaries. This was not a rule change but rather a document to make sure we are all on the same page when it comes to Sanctioning events.

Club Presidents/Secretaries

Your District Directors are under pressure to get their clubs registered and their race dates into the office early next year. Please help them with their efforts. It makes a real difference to the membership!

Don't forget. Along with your club pages and the forums the IMPBA Facebook page is a great way to promote your races and draw attention to your club. Send information, pictures etc. to Social Media Director Hannah Goodman at:

impbaphoto@gmail.com

Feel free to contact your District Director, myself, or the office if you have any questions.



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

EXPENSES - First Period of Fiscal Year

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

CATEGORY	MAR 26	APR 26	MAY 26	JUN 26
Federal 941 - Qtrly WTH tax		1010.70		
Federal 940 - Annual FUTA Tax				
Indiana Incorporation Fee - 2 yr.				
Ohio Corp Existence fee - 5 yr.				
Ohio - Qtrly WTH Tax		90.00		
City - Qtrly WTH Tax		122.52		
ODJFS - Qtrly UC Tax (based on cap)		26.95		
BWC - Annual Tax				120.00
Payroll - Net	1350.55	1350.55	1350.55	1350.55
PO Box Fee - Annual				
Carbonite Backup - Annual		95.99		
Phone	38.65	38.53	38.56	38.56
Internet				
Software-annual plans		48.48	1238.05	
Website / Securty / CarePan / Domain				
Conference Call Fees-1 yr				
CPA/Professional Fees	225.00			85.00
Postage/Stamps	393.80	31.43	185.90	
Office supplies/toner/paper/env	183.16			
Printing - Roostertail				
Mailing - Roostertail				
Printing - Rule Books				
Mailing - Rule Books				
Other printing	37.82			
Other shipping				
Refunds (duplicates/overpays)				
PayPal / Bank Fees Net	133.68	232.84	105.29	79.24
Regatta /Trophies /HOF				555.21
Wristbands/Life cards				
Miscellaneous			126.10	
Officers/other INSURANCE -1 yr				
Liability INSURANCE -1 yr.				
MONTHLY TOTALS	\$2,362.66	\$3,047.99	\$3,044.45	\$2,228.56

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 June 28, 2026*[Bank Accounts](#)

CHECKING

\$69,417.72

PAYPAL TRANSFER ACCOUNT

\$250.00

SAVINGS

*(insurance account)***\$15,001.24**[PayPal Merchant Account](#)

PAYPAL SYSTEM BALANCE

\$713.87**FISCAL YEAR
INCOME BY CATEGORY***FY Period ending June 30, 2026*

SENIOR MEMBERSHIPS

\$33,000FAMILY/JUNIOR
MEMBERSHIPS**\$2,040**

SINGLE-EVENT

OTHER ORGANIZATION FEES

\$300CLUB REGISTRATIONS
& ADDITIONAL SITES**\$1,740**

RACE/RECORD SANCTIONS

\$960

RULE BOOK

\$0

CONTRIBUTIONS

\$146

INTEREST

\$2*(FY is NOV. 1, 2025 to OCT. 31, 2026)*

★ TOTALS before expenses

RECENT BOARD ACTIONS

The following items were addressed by the Board of Directors since the April newsletter issue:

Safety: Launching and Retrieve Boat

Clarification was made to the Safety section language. Issue of persons being in the retrieve boat while heats are being run, and issue of boats coming too close to launch area during mill time -- this is especially critical at sites where racers must walk into water to launch.

Board decision was to add language to make it clear that retrieve boat is to be unmanned and no one is to be on the water while a heat is being run. Contest Racing Rules already stipulate that "No boats shall be running on the lake while the retrieve boat is out in service." Some members felt this was not clear enough with regards as to whether the retrieve boat was allowed to be manned and on "stand by". This is an unsafe practice and not allowed. Language has been updated and expanded in Sec. S- Safety / Article IV- Event Safety Site Rules / Rule D (4). Section S has been updated and posted online.

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 vote - July, 2026

ANNUAL MEETING

Held July 22, 2026 by video conference. A treasury report and brief district reports were given. Minutes of the meeting will be posted on IMPBA.net under the Rule Book tab section. Items discussed included:

Director Elections

Nomination received for District 13. Candidate has agreed to run. **See ballot in this issue and online.** Voting ends October 31, 2026. # yr. terms begin Jan.1 2027. Incumbents agreed to continue in the following positions which are up for election this year. No ballot will be run for offices with uncontested incumbents: D1- Randy Rapedius, D4- Keith Ray, D6- Dave Petrich,

Natl FE- Mike Ball, Natl LSG (a BOD appointment will be made at a later date).

Annual Meeting - July 22, 2026

Club Registration & Fees

A proposal was submitted and approved by a BOD majority. A late fee of \$25 will be imposed for established clubs renewing after the long established January 31st deadline (This deadline has been in effect since the early 90s). See details on the following page. A letter will also be sent to clubs along with an updated Registration form

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

Annual Meeting July 22, 2026

Memorandum: Sanctioning Procedure

A memorandum detailing the process between Directors & the office for Race & Record Trial Sanctions was agreed to by the BOD. There are no rule changes. The document will be placed at the end of Section E- Procedures.

An updated Race & Record Sanction form was also approved.

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

Annual Meeting July 22, 2026

Hall of Fame Inductee

The Executive Board voted on nominations received, and inducted a member for 2026. A plaque will be presented in September and an announcement will follow..

Annual Meeting, Executive Session, July 22, 2026



CLUB REGISTRATION FEE CHANGES: Late Fee after January 31st

The Board of Directors of IMPBA has voted unanimously to make a change to the Club Registration fees beginning with the 2027 season.

IMPBA Rule Book / Section C - Bylaws / Chapter II- Membership Dues / Rule C. (page C-2)

The updated Bylaws section is posted online and shows a revision date of July 2026.

A new club registration form will be distributed before the Early Renew period begins in November.



INTERNATIONAL MODEL POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

CHAPTER II - MEMBERSHIP DUES

C. Club Membership Dues / Registration – expire December 31 of each year.

1. Charge is \$50.00 per year. If paid for before January 1, dues will receive a \$10.00 discount to \$40.00. **If established clubs renew after January 31, a late fee of \$25 shall be applied.** The above dues include IMPBA Commercial General Liability and Property Damage Insurance for one (1) pond location. Additional pond sites may be insured for a fee of \$10 for each location.

Q. When are CLUB REGISTRATION and INSURANCE APPLICATION forms due?

A. Per the Bylaws, these forms are due by January 31 every year - *but remember you get a DISCOUNT of \$10 when renewing between November 1 and December 31.*

Q. Do the members of our club have to be renewed also?

A. Yes. Your club President and 4 other voting members (Juniors do not count) should be renewed with a current IMPBA membership at the time you submit your form. *Remind them that they ALSO get a discount for renewing/joining early.*

Q. Where can I find the Club Registration form?

A. An updated form will be available for download on: impba.net/forms-boater-information/

Q. What if I need to add an additional pond during the season?

A. The regular rate of \$10 for an additional site stays the same as before.

Q. Why is this being implemented?

A. Even though the due date has not changed in over 35 years, clubs are submitting later and later every year. This causes a backlog in the office.

Q. We don't have our club meeting until the new year, what do we do?

A. IMPBA highly suggests having a final season meeting to elect next year's officers and start your race planning. *Each club is listed on the website & in the newsletter using the info you submit — review it during the season, and call or email if you have officer or other updates.*

Q. What if I form a new club during the season?

A. The regular rate of \$50 applies to new clubs. This includes 1 (one) pond location.

Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated!
If you have any concerns or questions, please don't
hesitate to discuss with your District Director,
or the IMPBA President.

The office can help with form issues & questions.

An election will be held for the following position:

DISTRICT 13 DIRECTOR

See the Nomination & Ballot in the District 13 Report.

Only members & registered spouses who reside in a district may vote for that district's director.

ONLINE VOTING WILL BE OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER 31st.

The following UNOPPOSED INCUMBENTS have agreed to serve for 3-YEAR TERMS to begin January 1, 2027:

**D1- Randy Rapedius, D4- Keith Ray, D6- Dave Petrich,
Natl FE- Mike Ball, Natl LSG** *(BOD appointment will be made at a later date)*

District 8 remains vacant. No ballot will be published for unopposed incumbents.

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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Silent Engine



Lance Ledet

IMPBA Member #21154 -S CD • Joined 2015

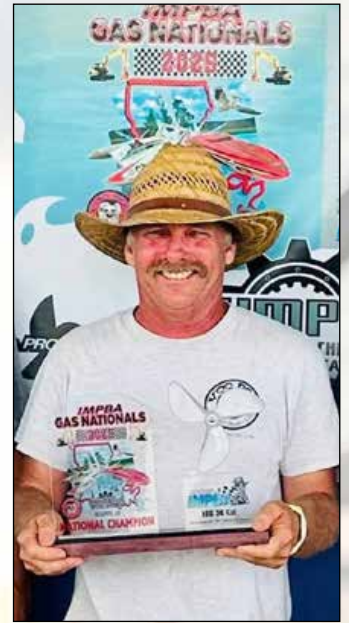
Lance Patrick Ledet
March 9, 1971 - August 3, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Lance Ledet, a cherished husband, brother, devoted friend, and beloved charter fisherman, who left us on August 3, at the age of 55. Born in Houma, Louisiana, he was a proud resident of Winnfield, LA.

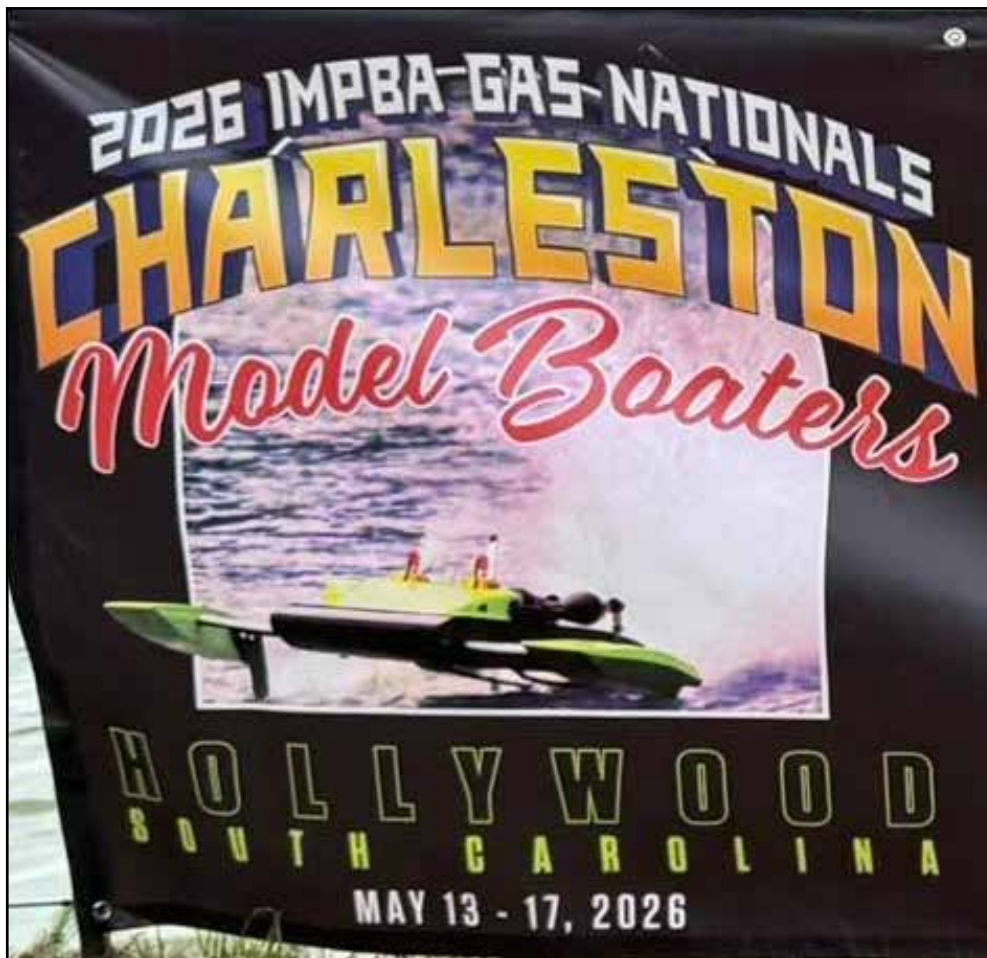
Lance lived a life filled with adventure and passion for his many interests. He was an extraordinary charter boat captain who shared his love of the sea with others. He enjoyed RC boat racing, sharp shooting, hunting, and strumming his guitar. He was a dedicated member of the Voodoo Model Boat Club and was affectionately known to his friends "Lil' Buddy", a name that captured his friendly and approachable demeanor. Lance has served on the Board of Directors of IMPBA as our National LSG Director since 2021. His insight will be greatly missed.

Lance is survived by wife, Maggie Collins; daughter, Olive Collins Fitzwater (Craig); sister, Tammy Ledet Dupre (Clifton); grandchildren and nieces. A celebration of his life, and a Service will be held at Chauvin Funeral Home, with burial to be held at a later date. Join his family in remembering the joyous moments shared and the adventures lived.

Lance's ability to light up a room with his laughter and genuine kindness will be profoundly missed. He will forever remain in our hearts and memories. ♦



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



Congratulations to all the **National Champions**
at this year's IMPBA Gas Nationals event held May 13-17, 2026 in Hollywood, South
Carolina, and Thank You to all of the sponsors who supported the event..

SPECIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS:

2026 President's Cup - Large Scale Gas

Awarded for Best Single Performance of two boats.

Brent Byers
of Plano, TX

2026 Johnny Ber Award

Awarded by the contestants to a member present who shows outstanding
sportsmanship and service to the organization.

Jerry Crowther
of Fort Lauderdale, FL

2026 >>> courtesy of JJ Sports Photos

GAS NATIONALS pics



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 LSG Classic Thunderboat Virginia Craftsman
 LSG Scale Unlimited Virginia Craftsman
 LSG Superboar Offshore VenomCCRacing
 LSG Jersey Skiff Carolina Heavy Steel
 LSG Crackerbox BWB Controls

more **GAS NATS** pics
>>> courtesy of JJ Sports Photos



Visit Jeni Johnson-Nesbitt on Facebook
JJ Sports Photos
for more great pics and videos of the event.

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.

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).

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. Retrieve boat shall be unoccupied and launch areas kept clear of people while boats are running.

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.

Effort should be made to protect boaters in the pit area by using netting, or a raised launch area. Drivers must stay in driving lanes during mill while boats are being launched.

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

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"

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

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



Please review the Safety Section of the IMPBA Rule Book!



District 1

Visit D1 on facebook.com/groups/615050361900778/

Northern Lights Model Boat Club

Toronto & Niagara Region, Ontario[facebook.com/groups/
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District 2

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Pond in Harrison, OH

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Conservation Clubwww.saginawrcboats.comfacebook.com/groups/582467366951655/

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Kenosha, WI

Ponds in Somers, WI & Addison, IL

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South Lake at Brahan Spring Park
next to the Natatorium

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Summary

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

Membership Coverage

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

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

Non-Member Coverage

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

a single-event fee of \$15 once per calendar year for membership dues **during that one event only**. The single-event application and payment must be completed online at www.IMPBA.net.

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

Insured Sites

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

Safety

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

REMEMBER: SAFE BOATING IS NO ACCIDENT!



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National Records Director

Jason O'Brien

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
WALLY DUARTE	1/3 OVAL	SUPER SPORT CAT	23.257	51.597	4/11/2026	HUNTSVILLE, AL
J FINCH / S SUTTON	1/16 SAW	P MONO	2.499	90.036	4/11/2026	HUNTSVILLE, AL
J FINCH / S SUTTON	1/16 SAW	T MONO	2.337	96.277	4/11/2026	HUNTSVILLE, AL
DAVID HALL	1/16 SAW	T O/B TUNNEL	3.025	74.380	4/11/2026	HUNTSVILLE, AL
M GRIM / C WITTRIG	1/3 OVAL	P O/B TUNNEL	24.814	48.359	4/11/2026	HUNTSVILLE, AL

NAME	RECORD	CLASS	TIME	SPEED	DATE	PLACE
BRADLEY MAGLINGER	1/4 OVAL	E HYDRO	15.192	59.241	5/2/2026	HARRISON, OH
DAVID PREUSSE	1/4 OVAL	B MONO	21.969	40.966	5/3/2026	HARRISON, OH
JEFF PREUSSE	1/4 OVAL	D O/B TUNNEL	20.393	44.132	5/3/2026	HARRISON, OH
GRIM / WITTRIG	1/4 OVAL	20 SPORT HYDRO	18.684	48.169	5/2/2026	HARRISON, OH
M YOUNT / D HUGHEY	1/4 OVAL	N O/B TUNNEL	23.053	39.040	5/2/2026	HARRISON, OH
MARK GRIM	1/4 OVAL	P O/B TUNNEL	21.192	42.468	5/3/2026	HARRISON, OH



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National Scale Director

Mike Schindler

Alright Scale Gang! We're at the halfway mark of the season— how's that garage looking? If your scale boat has more dust on it than clear coat, this is your sign. Time to blow it off, check the screws, and get her back on the water!

I know life gets busy. Trust me, I get it. But summer's flying by and there are still some great races left on the calendar. Don't let your boat become a shelf decoration.

A couple of housekeeping items while I've got your attention:

Missing Parts

Let's Review and Make Sure We're All on the Same Page

It's the middle of the season, which is a good time for all of us to circle back on the rules together, especially the missing parts rule* for Scale Unlimited. Per Section H:

If any removable part, cowling, wing, dummy engine, driver, etc., falls off your boat during a heat, and it wasn't the result of a collision, that's a **one-lap penalty**.

So before race day, double-check that everything is glued, screwed, or otherwise secured down tight. Reach out to your District Scale Director if you've got any questions on how it's being called at your local pond — better to talk it through in the pits or driver's meeting before the heat than after.

(*See page H-5, rule F (11) under Racing Rules in Scale Unlimited Rules.)

Buoy Cuts

Let's Clean It Up

We've all been there... you're coming around hot and that buoy gets a little too friendly with your hull. Here's what it actually costs you:

- Cutting a buoy on the inside, before or during the race, is a **one-lap penalty**.
- Hit a buoy on the outside at any time, and that's a **50-point deduction**.

A clean run beats a fast run with a cut every time when it comes to your final score, so keep an eye on your line and give those buoys a little respect.

That's it from me. Get those boats wet, have fun, and if you need anything scale-related, you know where to find me. ♦



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National OB Director

Michael "Grimracer" Zaborowski

Once again, I would like to open a conversation on boat classes and the volume of the classes offered by the IMPBA. Now days there are a handful of VERY large races and most everything else falls into a category of "less then desired turnout" to "we are having a hard time filling classes".

The larger races, FANTASTIC! We do seem to have some AWESOME fill rates on some of the events offered. Location/population has the largest influence on this.

The "less then desired turnout". These races typically have great venues, are easy to get to, and overall have no real reason from this standpoint for having a less then desirable boat count.

The "hard time filling classes". These races have, in some cases, less than desirable parking, hard to get to locations, or they are just in not in a core populous location. Many other reasons too.

Here is where I make my point. The IMPBA rule book has the following class information (I will leave out scale electric and steam).

Engine/power Classification:

Nitro: A, B, C, D, E, F

Electric: N, P, Q, S, T

Gas: LSG27, LSG36, TSG64

Hull Styles: Mono, Hydro, OB Tunnel, Sport Hydro, Scale Unlimited, Offshore, Multi Engine Hydro, Cat, Crackerbox, Classic Thunderboat, Jersey Skiff.

In addition there are: Super Sport, Sport Tunnel, LSG Super Boat Offshore, Twin Gas Outrigger Hydro Class, Special Stock classes in Fast Electric and more. I have to say, I cannot keep all this straight!

The IMPBA now maintain records for 83 record trial classes!

What seems to be happening is we have entrenched ourselves to trying to please everyone so we attempt to interject as many classes into a race as we can. Power systems, hull types, are all open to come and participate. In the end, and I am sure most understand, the 800 pound gorilla in the room is TIME!

The time it takes to run a heat, run a day event or even weekend event! In steps "LIMITS"!

Now the club has to "limit" the classes and types to fit the event into a day or weekend event. We boaters know quite easily what boats we have and want to run. What happens when the event is watered down with classes. Classes that make the event fit into a weekend and maybe only 1 or 2 of the classes you race make the billing?

Are you going to travel to the event, endure the costs associated with this event, motel, food and gas, OR are you going to make your best guess, build a new different boat only to find it is also limited by location or event.

No question we are to blame, we are responsible, so what do we do?

This is not about stifling growth or fun. That's not the point of this. It's to gain an understanding about what might be limiting our organization, races and newcomers from joining in!

In my view we need to SEPERATE THE POWER TYPES PER EVENT. Maybe, maybe not, include one or two guest classes from the other power types. Make the focus on the power type per event. It's OK to cater to your area!

IMPBA NITRO CLASH, PLUS LSG SUPER BOAT

or

IMPBA Fast Electric CLASH, Plus Nitro B and D Mono

or

IMPBA GAS CLASH

Again, these are just ideas in the hope somebody can take the time to think about what RC boat racing looks like in the future. Better racing for all. Easier to get into. Less confusion for all! ♦



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

National Safety Director

Stephen Sutton

Hello fellow IMPBA model boaters! As your National Safety Director, some observations, issues, and areas of concern have been brought to my attention. I would like to identify the two (2) items that have recently been reported to me, and would like to address them in order to bring awareness to all our membership.

Safety Concerns and Observations

Model Boat Cowling Attachment Methods:

I would like to see the practice of all cowlings strap/anchor lock downs be applied or activated from the top of the boat, and no attachments from the transom of our boats which would put hands and fingers in the area / proximity of the spinning propellers. Due to a couple of recent accidents that have taken place, this item needs to be brought to all membership attention. I would suggest this practice be followed to prevent any further incidents of this type. Pulling a cowling strap/ anchor band toward the back of the boat is a recipe for disaster if you happen to lose your grip!

Testing/Starting Engines Outside of the Designated Safety Pit Area:

At many events, I have personally witnessed members starting their boats to clear out water from incidents on the race course, or for other reasons. I am as guilty as any member due to the extended walking distances to the designated Safety Pit Area's. After discussions with many notable and experienced members, it was suggested that we remove our propellers from our boats to conduct this procedure in order to protect spectators who might be walking through and fellow boaters who we might be sharing our pit tent areas with. I would also like to suggest that a fire extinguisher be kept under our pit tents to go along with this practice.

Please note these are not "Safety Rules" at this point, but I would like to see the above practices implemented to prevent additional incidents from occurring in the future which could lead to serious injuries. **Thank you for your attention to these important issues.** ♦



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Playin' It
SAFE!



Going Strong in D1!

The 2026 season is well under way up here in District 1. The Northern Lights Club, established in 2002, currently has 47 members, which I believe is the strongest of all IMPBA. New club President, Tim Kish, is guiding the club into a new era. With the help of his son, Dylan, they have taken to social media to spread the word about the hobby we all love. Search out NLMBC on YouTube, Instagram, TikTok, and Facebook and you will find loads of videos and information.

Northern Gnats was held June 6 & 7 at the Fifty Point Conservation Area in Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada, and hosted by the Northern Lights club. Attendance was up significantly from last year's Gnats with close to 150 entries. The weather forecast scared a few racers away which was a shame because we didn't get a drop of rain.

COMING UP AUGUST 29 & 30:

CAN-AM will also be held in Stoney Creek, Ontario. This race is one of the premier races of all IMPBA and should definitely be on your race bucket list. Attendance is once again expected to be high. ♦



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Great shot of Humberto Arencibia's boat taken by Steve Reesor. Bert came up from Florida for a little racing fun, and tacked on a visit to Niagara Falls with his wife.



Mary Manucci attempted to hide from her hubby, Ron.



Saturday dinner for the racers, crew, and family. Always a fun time!



Tyler Davis came prepared and ready to race - and he certainly did!



Above: NLMBC Safety Officer, Ethan Wilkins, shows us the proper and safe technique for launching.



At right: Gavin Woolridge is King of the Gnats for the second year in a row.



Jason Long took some hardware home.



Terry Davis, of Michigan, loaned new boater, Gabriel Guirguis, a boat to race for the weekend.



Gabriel gets the traditional soaker for winning his first trophy. First place in his first ever race!



Busy Season in D2!

District 2 has been busy in 2026 with multiple time trials and 3 district races — the **Saginaw Bay Classic**, the 58th running of the **Mini Gold Cup**, and the **Motor City Power Stroke Classic**— having been successfully completed. The races have been well attended and the clubs have been doing a great job handling an increase in boat counts for 2026. Some very good racing has been taking place and a number of the classes have very close points races as we head into the final 2 races in the district —the **Tom Kelly Memorial Hydrofest** and the **District 2 Challenge**. The class points documents are posted on the IMPBA District 2 Facebook page.

Unfortunately, the 2026 Celina race has been canceled and future events will not be scheduled. The Celina race was always a premier event in the D2 schedule so it will be sorely missed. I would like to thank the Driftwood club for their efforts over the past 34 years holding the event.

A highlight this year in D2 has been the launch of the Sport 20 Electric Spec class. The class was designed to promote electric R/C boat racing in the district. It has been well received and has been one of the largest classes at every district race this year. A huge thank you to Kevin Sheren for his help developing the class and his support for the many racers participating in it. The class rules are being posted on the IMPBA District 2 Facebook page.

While we only have 2 more district races and some additional time trial events scheduled for 2026, they will definitely be worth attending. Multiple traveling trophies will be awarded at the Spencer Park race. The Bob Kirk Sport 40, the Ron Zaremski Thunderboat, and the Joe Wiebelhaus 1/8 Scale trophies will be up for grabs. Spencer Park is one of the nicest race sites in the district so please consider adding it to your race schedule.

Safety, fun, and good sportsmanship are our top priorities this and every season. Please keep them at the top of your mind anytime you test or race. ♦



Andrew Capaldi – winner of the 2026 Robert Beuthien Cup awarded to the winner of the Mini Gold Cup 1/8 Scale final.

DATE		2026 D2 Fall Schedule & Holidays
AUG	2	Tom Kelly Memorial HydroFest
	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



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The start of the winner take all 1/8 Scale final at the **Mini Gold Cup**.



Dean & Austin Notter getting ready at the **Saginaw Bay Classic**.



Every little bit helps while driving at the **Saginaw Bay Classic**.



A good lookin' group at the **Motor City Power Stroke Classic**.



Action at the **Ohio Valley GP2** in Cincinnati, OH. Photos courtesy of Gary Logan



Hello from D4!

We've had a strong start to the 2026 racing season with three successful races already completed in our district.

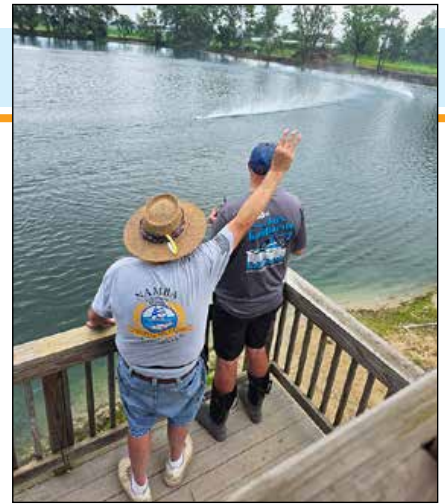
The season kicked off with the **Midwest Scale Shootout** in Johnston City, IL. Although the hosting club is based in D6, the event is held in D4. Thunderboaters once again delivered an excellent race with a strong turnout. With minimal rain this year, the event ran smoothly. The club's warm hospitality created a welcoming and enjoyable atmosphere for all competitors.

Next was the race at the **Badger Model Boat Club** in Somers, WI. The excellent pond provided ideal conditions, and Bill Miller and Cathy Preusse put on another well-run event. Two more events are scheduled for late August and early October.

Most recently, D4 hosted the **Ken Stang Thunderboat Shootout** in St. Anne, IL. This event set a new club record with **57 racers** and **187 boats** — the largest turnout in the club's history. The club successfully completed four full rounds plus finals. Highlights of the weekend included:

- **Thunderboat 10-Lap Winner-Take-All Final**
Teddy Dudley (with some impressive moves!)
- **Super Sport Mono 10-lap Winner-Take-All Final**
Vince Amore
- **Ken Stang Scale Cup**
Andrew Capaldi

D4 is excited to see our growing membership continue to compete and succeed across the organization this season. ♦



Steve and Mike Ball.



Rick Baker — no explanation needed.



2026 Riptide Winners: on left, Vince Amore; in middle, Teddy Dudley; on right, Andrew Capaldi.



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Summer in the South

Summer has definitely arrived in District 5, and with it comes the heat! Down here in the South, the temperatures have made it tough to spend much time at the boat pond, so activity has slowed a bit. Even so, the Voodoo Model Boat Club managed to squeeze in another club race. It was a hot one, but everyone who came out enjoyed some good racing, great conversation, and, of course, plenty of pizza. On behalf of the Voodoo club, thank you to everyone who came out and supported the event—we truly appreciate it.



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While things may be a little quiet during the hottest part of the summer, there's plenty to look forward to this fall. District 5 has three outstanding IMPBA multi-day events on the schedule, and we hope to see a great turnout at each one:

- **September 25–27**
**Acadiana Cajun
Top Gun Shootout**
*Acadiana Model Boat Club
New Iberia, LA*
- **October 16–18**
The Rocket City Classic
*Huntsville Model Boat Association
Huntsville, AL*
- **November 20–22**
(our season finale)
Voodoo World Championships
*Voodoo Model Boat Club
Reserve, LA*

These events don't happen without the dedication of our clubs and volunteers. If you're able, please make plans to attend and support these races. Strong participation helps ensure our clubs can continue hosting quality events and keeps model boat racing thriving throughout District 5.

That's all for now. Stay cool, stay safe, and I hope to see everyone at the pond in New Iberia for the September race. ♦



Midwest Scale Championship Hosts Record Crowd

By Wes Ellet
President, St. Louis Thunderboaters

The St. Louis Thunderboaters hosted this year's Midwest Scale Championship Shootout at Arrowhead Lake in Johnston City, IL. Our club is technically a District 6 club, but since our race pond is located in the southern part of District 4, we cross over multiple districts. We had another record crowd as drivers were vying for points in both District 4 and District 14. We held the race a few weeks later in the Spring this year, and May 30 & 31 proved to be a good bet weather wise. The rain threatened, but never slowed the competition.

4 traveling trophies found new owners:

Rick Baker took Thunderboat, Brad Maglinger took 1/8 Scale, Ryan Wining took 1/6 Scale, and Brad Maglinger got Sport 40.

A 50/50 drawing was held to raise money for Kids Outdoor Zone, an organization similar to the boy scouts. \$435 was raised, and the winner of the raffle, Ryan Hobby, donated his half back to the KOZ organization.

Our race has proven to be a great event for individuals as well as families. The kids had a blast racing all weekend, and we love to see it!

Hope to see you all next year! ♦



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A Summer Season of Fun & Challenges

Hey Gang! It's been a hot busy season here in D13 and one with some unexpected challenges.

The **AMB Spring Nats** was held in Sycamore GA. again this year. The club is still in communication with the management company that owns the former AMB site. They have secured a site for test and tune days, but that site doesn't lend itself to race events.

The CMB held the **Gas Nationals** at their new site in Hollywood, SC. Faced with some technical issues, folks in attendance stepped up and helped where they could to make it happen, and they did. It was a great event! Be sure to check out the pics included in this newsletter. If you haven't been to Charleston get signed up for the Fall Nats and go check it out, it's awesome!

The District 13 Director position is up for election this year for the new term which will begin January 1, 2027. A ballot and nominee bio appears on the following pages. Online voting will also be open until Oct. 31. Take time to show your support.

Until next time, be safe, stay cool, and I'll see you at the pond! ♦



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AKA Pond Cop

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DISTRICT 13 FALL RACE SCHEDULE 2026

■ **SEPTEMBER 12 & 13**

FCMB Grand Prix II

*First Coast Model Boaters
Jacksonville, FL*

■ **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.

Charleston Model Boaters Host 2026 IMPBA Gas Nationals

By Randy Corbin
President, Charleston Model Boaters

The Charleston Model Boaters club was honored to host the 2026 Gas Nationals at our new race site in May. Apart from one technical issue we had to face, we were able to pull off one heck of a race. Everyone that raced enjoyed everything, from the on-site food vendor, to the extremely competitive racing, all the way to the banquet hall. Everything was awesome.

The CMB members put on one heck of a show. We can't thank everyone enough that helped out making sure the race was successful. Thank you to the Voodoo and New Iberia Acadiana clubs for helping us out in the tower and also with the scoring. You guys rock! Thank you to Don Ferrette for guiding me through the entire process of what it takes to host such an awesome event. Thank you to the IMPBA BOD for giving the CMB a shot at hosting the race. We look forward to the next time we get the honor of hosting such a great event.

Thank you all again. ♦

Check out Gas Nats photos on pages 9 to 11 of this newsletter.



Challenges Produce Creative Solutions

By Julie Gilley
SOWEGA Club President and DXIII GP Director

The First Coast Model Boaters held their first GP race at their new pond in Jacksonville! The race site is awesome and the pond is beautiful. The City of Jacksonville has been great and with their support it's going to be even better. Great work FCMBC!

Pond management in Georgia can be a challenge. Long, hot summers, aggressive invasive weeds, and heavy nutrient runoff can turn things upside down in a hurry. But when you're just three days away from the D13 **Atlanta Model Boaters** Grand Prix... you do *whatever* it takes.

We treated the pond two weeks before the event, just like we always have. Unfortunately, with the extreme heat wave and humidity here in South Georgia, things didn't go as planned. Instead of sinking to the bottom like it normally does, the dead grass floated to the surface.

But one thing's for sure—don't tell a bunch of rednecks they can't race, especially when most of them are fabricators by day.

Our racers came together and worked day and night trying to make it happen. They built contraptions, came up with creative solutions, and walked the pond pulling blanket after blanket of grass to the bank. When it came time to make the decision, we put it to a vote: stay or go. Not a single person voted to leave.



Givin' it all they got for the pond cleanup at SOWEGA.

We gave it everything we had. We tried every solution we could think of. In the end, we simply ran out of time. But that didn't take away the pride, determination, and heart that make District 13 what it is.

The stench in my backyard will fade. The piles of grass will disappear. The pond will recover and be ready for the next race. But the memories of how this racing family came together to face a difficult weekend—with hard work, laughter, grit, and unwavering support—will stay with us forever.

With God, and a district like ours, all things are possible.

Thank you to everyone who stood beside us, worked alongside us, and never gave up. You are the reason we do what we do, and we couldn't be more grateful.

Have a blessed day, and we'll see y'all soon! ♦

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The District 13 Director position is open for election for a 3-year term which will begin January 1, 2027. The incumbent Director, Doug Smock, will not be running for this next term, and he asks that you please take the time to vote for the nominee as a show of support. You may vote online (www.IMPBA.net/vote) or by mail if you reside in District 13.

Online voting will be open September 15 thru October 31, 2026.

Meet D13 Director Nominee: Steve Amerson

Hello fellow boat enthusiasts! I just want to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me — I'm Steve Amerson #15903-S CD from District XIII. I live in Springfield, GA, and have been RC boating for 35 years. I have raced with my dad Roger, my son Colin, and hope to teach my granddaughter Adaline as she gets older.

I'm excited to help grow our district and bring new racers and enthusiasts into the hobby and continue with the great support that District XIII offers.

Thank You,
Steve Amerson



PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

IMPBA# _____

Spouse name _____

IMPBA# _____

All current paid senior members and their spouses registered with a family membership who reside in D13 are eligible to vote for this District's Director.

BALLOT #26-001: IMPBA D13 DIRECTOR

Senior Member vote:

☐

Steve Amerson

Registered Spouse vote:

☐

Steve Amerson

You may Vote Online at:
www.IMPBA.net/vote

or mail this ballot to:

IMPBA - VOTE
PO Box 140571
Toledo, OH 43614

Votes must be RECEIVED by
October 31, 2026.
No grace period for Postmark.



*Thank You For Voting
and Showing Your
Support For This Nominee.*



Coming in Hotttt Like a Fajita!

The Heat is on in District 14, and this year it's a two-way race between the boats and the thermometer! We're at the halfway mark of the season with a whole lot of racing left to do, so keep hydrating with your good friend H2O. The boats have cooling lines for a reason, folks... you don't.

By the time you're reading this, the **Wine Run** in Huber, Indiana will be in the books, and I'm certain it delivered what it always does: heavy competition, a packed crowd of spectators, and a waiting list of racers wishing they'd entered sooner.

Little Thunder in Evansville was a great race with a lot of laughs and phenomenal teamwork across the board, and not just from our club members. Racers from other clubs rolled up their sleeves and pitched in wherever needed. Nobody had to ask twice. That right there is the best of this hobby.

Speaking of Evansville, we keep improving the site one piece at a time. Our great relationship with the Sports Park keeps paying off, they even brought over their paint robot to stripe lines designating tent and pit spots. Best crew member we've ever had: shows up on time, works in the heat, and never asks what's for lunch. Andy, the club President is also getting grass growing in the field as we get ready for the big one, the **Indy Masters**, September 11–13, at the Evansville pond for the second straight year. Folks, this race has turned into a monster: 336 boat entries across 2.5 days of racing. The Indy club is going to put on another legendary event, you can bank on it.

Here's the best part, the very next weekend, the **Kohlmeyer Classic** returns to the same Evansville pond, September 19–20, closing out the D14 Series roadmap with the awards and the final District 14 race of the season. Back-to-back weekends on

the same water means racers can test all week and race twice, one trip, two trophies' worth of chances. The Kohlmeyer Classic continues to have steep competition, and entries are still rolling in!

On a sad note, we received word that the Celina race is cancelled this year. Dan Kramer shared that the club has simply aged out, and the entry numbers didn't justify holding the 2026 race. To Dan Kramer, Dave and Joni Grote, Scott Whitcraft, Rod Simpson, Chris Carboneau, Garry Geiselman, Steve Ball, and anyone I've unintentionally left out: thank you for years of dedication and for hosting some truly amazing races. Celina gave this district a pile of great memories, its race will be sadly missed, and the door is always open if things ever change.

Stay safe out there, and remember: **if you see something that's not safe, say something.** ♦



WELCOME, RACE FANS!

Here's something new I've been working on: a "Welcome, Race Fan" page that lives behind a QR code. It was born from watching the same scene play out every race day — a newcomer walks up, sees the boats screaming around the course, and the first words out of their mouth are always the same: *"What is this? How much? How fast?"*

I wanted those questions answered in a single thumb swipe. No menus to dig through, no homepage to get lost in. As Michael Ball likes to say: **don't tell them about the labor pains, just show them the baby.** You've got maybe 15 seconds of a newcomer's attention, so the whole page is one clean top-to-bottom read: safety, speed, cost, classes, how a heat runs, how it's scored, even a little course diagram. Hook them first. Then, at the very bottom, two links, our club and the IMPBA for the ones ready to go deeper and join up.

The QR code is now posted 24/7 at our Evansville site where most folks watch, with 10 moveable signs spread around the rest of the venue. Next addition: a 15-second welcome clip from our club President, so newcomers have a familiar face to look for when they're ready to ask questions.

If your club wants to build something similar, reach out, I'd love to help spread this across the district and the whole IMPBA. Every scan is a future racer. ♦



bradmaglinger@hotmail.com

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D14 Scale & Sport NEWS

by Carl Graff, D14 Scale Director

The 2026 D14 Point Series is in full swing! We've run two series races so far: the first in Johnston City, IL, hosted by the St. Louis Thunderboaters, and the second at St. Anne, IL, hosted by the Riptide club.

We made some changes to the series this year, the B-Stock Tunnel and RTR classes came off the card, and the P-Limited electric class took their place. So far it looks like the right call: we already have seventeen contestants running P-Limited. That's more than double the combined entries of the two dropped classes over the past two seasons!

Race #3 of the series lands August 1st at the Huber Winery, followed by the Indy Masters, September 11-13, at the Evansville race site again this year. The Indy Masters is shaping up to be huge... classes are full, and there's an on-call list ready if anyone drops an entry. Then to end the D14 series roadmap with awards will be the Kohlmeier Classic the following weekend September 19th and 20.

The paint shop has been hopping this year, check out the attached photo of a few of the completed projects. I also want to let everyone know I'll be taking a break

from painting once I finish the boats currently in the shop, so I can put more of my time into the CMB motor and parts business. River City Marine Engines has been very busy, and I want to thank everyone who has supported me so far, I'm looking forward to what's ahead. It's been a challenging project with tariff rates and duty charges continually driving price increases, but we're pushing forward.

Till next time, keep the wet side down!



Fresh out of the Graff paint shop — a few of this year's completed projects



Visit D-14 on 

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By Kevin Lichlyter,
President, PropWalkers MBC

The Prop Walkers kicked off the **Ohio Valley GP Series** with the Cincinnati and Dayton clubs on June 20th at our lake in Madison. The heat and humidity did their best to shut the party down early, but we endured and had a fun day of racing. Round 2 hit the Cincinnati pond on July 18th, and the series finale runs in Dayton on September 26th. The series is open to all registered IMPBA members. Contact Mario Johnston, Mike Unger, or Kevin Lichlyter with any questions.



Hardware and threads — OVGP-1 shirts and awards ready to find new homes.



Nothing but roostertails — GP Series racing at the Madison lake.



Wheel to wheel — sponson to sponson at OVGP Round 1.



Riding in style — Prop Walkers boats share the Madison Regatta float with the historic Gold Cup trophy.

To share RC boating with the public, the Prop Walkers and Cincinnati clubs, along with a surprise visit from Al Archer, set up a display during the Madison Regatta. Club members showcased their boats and talked racing with fans, young and old, handing out buttons with a QR code leading to our Facebook pages to draw new interest and grow the sport. We were also honored to have our boats ride in the hometown Regatta parade right alongside the Historic Gold Cup trophy on the Madison Regatta float, not bad company for a couple of model hydros!

After rain washed out our June club race, the Prop Walkers have two more club races on the calendar: **August 8th** and **August 29th**. We keep it laid back and we enjoy having fun on the water. Check out our Facebook page for details. ♦

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	
April 10 & 11	"IMPBA Easter Time Trials"	#26-025 RT
	HUNTSVILLE, AL - hosted by Huntsville Model Boating Association	
April 11 & 12	"Need For Speed at Thread Lake"	#26-010 RT
	FLINT, MI - hosted by F.A.S.T.	
April 18 & 19	"2026 Atlanta Spring Nationals"	#26-016 R
	SYCAMORE, GA - hosted by Atlanta Model Boaters	
April 24 - 26	"Gas Clash 2026"	#26-004 R
	QUEENSTOWN, MD - hosted by Delmarva Model Boat Club	
April 25 & 26	"Need For Speed at Thread Lake"	#26-011 RT
	FLINT, MI - hosted by F.A.S.T. (backup date was May 2 & 3)	
May 2 & 3	"Cincinnati Spring Oval Trials"	#26-034 RT
	HARRISON/CLEVES, OH - hosted by Cincinnati Model Boat Club	
May 9	"2026 Spring Fun Run"	#26-035 R
	HARRISON/CLEVES, OH - hosted by Cincinnati Model Boat Club	
May 14 - 17	"2026 IMPBA GAS NATIONALS"	#26-018 R
	HOLLYWOOD, SC - hosted by Charleston Model Boaters	
May 16 & 17	"Spring Shootout"	#26-030 R
	EVANSVILLE, IN - hosted by River City Racing Club	
May 17	"Saginaw Bay Classic"	#26-022 R
	SAGINAW, MI - hosted by Saginaw Bay R/C Boat Club	
May 30 & 31	"Midwest Scale Shootout Championship"	#26-012 R
	JOHNSTON CITY, IL - hosted by St. Louis Thunderboaters	
May 31	"2026 Mini Gold Cup"	#26-039 R
	BURTON, MI - hosted by Oakland-Wolverine Model Boat Club	
June 6 & 7	"Northern Gnats"	#26-013 R
	WINONA, ON, CANADA - hosted by Northern Lights Model Boat Club	
June 6 & 7	"FCMB D13 Grand Prix Series I"	#26-028 R
	JACKSONVILLE, FL - hosted by First Coast Model Boaters	

PREVIOUSLY HELD for 2026 continued:

June 13.	"2026 Ohio Valley GP - Round 1"	#26-027 R
	MADISON, IN - hosted by Propwalkers Model Boat Club	
June 13 & 14	"Joseph H. Sparr Memorial"	#26-032 R
	QUEENSTOWN, MD - hosted by RC Model Boaters of Baltimore/Delmarva	
June 20.	"Power Stroke Classic"	#26-007 R
	CARLETON, MI - hosted by Motor City Model Boat Club	
June 20 & 21	"Little Thunder"	#26-031 R
	EVANSVILLE, IN - hosted by River City Racing Club	
June 27.	"Braham Park Firecracker Time Trials"	#26-045 RT
	HUNTSVILLE, AL - hosted by Huntsville Model Boating Association	
June 27 & 28	"Badger Spring Race"	#26-042 R
	SOMERS, WI - hosted by Badger Model Boat Club	
July 10 - 12.	"Ken Stang Thunderboat Showdown"	#26-015 R
	ST. ANNE, IL - hosted by Riptide RC Boat Club	
July 18	"2026 Ohio Valley GP - Round 2"	#26-036 R
	HARRISON/CLEVES, OH - hosted by Cincinnati Model Boat Club	
July 18 & 19	"AMB Grand Prix"	#26-017 R
	SYCAMORE, GA - hosted by Atlanta Model Boaters	

COMING UP:

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
CANCELLED

Celina Summer Challenge#26-019 R

We regret to inform you that the Celina Summer Challenge race has been cancelled. It would have been the last hurrah for what few members we have left.

A Special Thank You to everyone for 33 races & 34 years of Celina!

DRIFTWOOD MODEL BOAT CLUB:

Dan Kramer C.D., Dave & Joni Grote, Scott Whitcraft, Rod Simpson, Chris Carboneau, and Garry Geiselman

Direct any questions to: Dan Kramer (419) 692-1136 or email: dkramer@wcoil.com

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



AUGUST
29 & 30
SOMERS, WI

Badger
Model Boat Club

Badger Summer Race#26-043 R

Race information & online registration on RCRacingEvents.com Offering All IMPBA Classes. 3 boats to make a class. P FE classes will do 6 laps. All other classes are 8 laps. **Shootout format** for classes with seven or more boats. 50/50 Raffle - winner must be present during drawing! Camping allowed – no hookups.

Pre-registration required by August 26. Pay at the race site.

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

Open Water available Aug. 28 from Noon to 5 PM.

CD: Cathy Preusse (224) 558-4563 or email: catpreusse@gmail.com

General questions or Registration assistance – Bill Miller (Club President) (228) 645-3977 or email: billmill_67@yahoo.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
JACKSONVILLE, FL

First Coast
Model Boaters

FCMB D13 Grand Prix II#26-029 R

TIME: 7:30 AM drivers meeting

3659 New Berlin Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32226 (located in Wm. F. Sheffield Regional Pk. The lake is in the back by the football/soccer fields)

Class istings 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.

Bring boots – we must walk into the water to launch at this site.

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

Tim Lesniewski 1/8 Scale Memorial#26-033 R

TIME: 8 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

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
or email: mikedrcbc@yahoo.com



SEPTEMBER
26 & 27
NEW IBERIA, LA

Acadiana Model
Power Boat Assoc.

Acadiana Cajun Top Gun Shootout #26-048 R

TIME: 7:45 AM Driver Meeting

3890 W. Admiral Doyle Dr., New Iberia, LA 70560 (GPS: 30.0423087, -91.8677606)

Listing and Entries on RCRacingEvents.com

SATURDAY CLASSES: Super Sport Mono; Super Sport Cat; LSG 27 Sport Hydro, Cat, Mono, Outrigger; B Outrigger; A Outrigger; 1/6 Gas Scale; Gas Twin Outrigger.

SUNDAY CLASSES: Open Mono; Open Cat; Crackerbox; Open Sport Hydro; Classic Thunderboat; Open Outrigger; Open Offshore; D Outrigger; E Outrigger; Nitro Twin Outrigger.

3 boats to make a class. Full Course mill time – no launch after 30 seconds. Pre-registration not required but encouraged. **Avoid late fees by registering by Sept. 21.**



IMPBA cards checked – this includes pitmen! Single-event fees for eligible NAMBA members must be paid through the IMPBA website (may only use once per year starting 2026) Cost will be \$20 to enter and \$10 per boat per class. Raffle on Sunday. Lunch provided on both Saturday & Sunday. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Several hotels near site in New Iberia, LA. Once site is full there is an RV park 1/5 miles from the race site.

Open Water is available

Friday, Sept. 25 from 8 am – 5 pm.

Co-CD: Chris Herzog / Nick Peltier (337) 380--2477

Assistant CD: Jessie Brazier (337) 573-5554

Come get yourself one of these awesome trophies!

SEPTEMBER
26 & 27
FLINT, MI

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

Need For Speed at Frank's Lake (NEW LOCATION!) #26-051 RT

RECORD TRIAL: Timed event for 1/16 mile SAW only!

TIME: 8 AM until dusk

Frank's Lake, 1901 E. Sterns Rd., Erie, MI 48133

BACKUP DATES: Oct. 3 & 4

An announcement will be made by 6 PM Thursday, Sep. 24 if using backup date due to weather.

Come out to see our clean water 600 ft x 1700 ft site!

CLASSES: All IMPBA legal classes. Pre-registration is not required but email & let us know you'll be coming. \$40 flat fee to enter, come anytime and run as often as time permits until dusk.

CD: Terry Keeley (647) 401-7092 or email: tkee@rogers.com

Assistant CD: Mike Nowicki (810) 543-1708 or email: mnowicki62@gmail.com

OCTOBER
3 & 4
SOMERS, WI

Badger
Model Boat Club

Badger Fall Race #26-044 R

TIME: 9 AM

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

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

Information & online registration on RCRacingEvents.com. Offering All IMPBA Classes. 3 boats to make a class. P FE classes will do 6 laps. All other classes are 8 laps. Shootout format for classes with seven or more boats. 50/50 raffle – must be present to win. Camping allowed – no hookups. **Pre-registration required by September 30.**

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

Open Water available Oct. 2 from Noon to 5 PM.

CD: Cathy Preusse (224) 558-4563 or email: catpreusse@gmail.com

General questions or Registration assistance – Bill Miller (Club President) (228) 645-3977 or email: billmill_67@yahoo.com

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 available 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
16 to 18
HUNTSVILLE, AL

Huntsville Model
Boating Association

Rocket City Classic#26-046 R

TIME: 8 AM each day

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

Any IMPBA legal boat/hull/motor can run. **Entry info on RCRacingEvents.com.** The Rocket City Classic is open to all IMPBA boats/hulls/motors. This includes Nitro/Gas/Electric. Come out for the weekend and enjoy! We will have food trucks available at the event for lunch.

Open water on October 15 starting at 8 AM.

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OCTOBER
17 & 18
QUEENSTOWN, MD

Delmarva Model
Boat Club

Frightfest 2026#26-049 R

TIME: 9 AM driver meeting

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

Class listings and registration on RCRacingEvents.com.

Pre-registration required by Oct. 13.

4 boats to make a class. 4 rounds of racing. Trophies for 1st through 3rd place. Onsite camping allowed in designated areas – no hookups. No pets in race area. Campers must remove all trash. Nearby hotels.

Open water Friday, Oct. 16th only.

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OCTOBER
24 & 25
CLEVES, OH

Cincinnati
Model Boat Club

CMBC 2026 Fall Oval Record Trials.....#26-037 RT

RECORD TRIAL: 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 Oct. 23 all day.

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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)

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Assistant CD: Norman Morton 404-761-3775

NOVEMBER
7 & 8
SMITHFIELD, VA

Old Dominion
Model Boat Assoc.

“Turkey Shootout 2026”#26-050 R

TIME: 8 AM drivers meeting

18494 Cypress Run Dr., Smithfield, VA 23430 (Baysands Quarry)

Class listings and entry on RCRacingEvents.com. Registration deadline October 31. Plaques awarded for each class. 3 boats to make a class. Free camping – no hookups. Nearby hotels. King of the Pond: As long as it is legal with the IMPBA you can run it. Gas, Nitro, Electric and Steam. Bring it on!!

Open water available November 6 – beginning 10 am

CDs: John Finch and Steve Sutton

Questions? Contact Josh Morton (757) 882-1745

NOVEMBER
20 to 22
RESERVE, LA

Voodoo
Model Boat Club

“Voodoo World Championships” #26-047 R

TIME: 7 AM driver meeting each day
Voodoo Pond, 451 Airport Rd., Reserve, LA 70084

See RCRacingEvents.com for entry info, event details, and tentative class schedule.

This **Shootout Style** event has earned a reputation as one of the most competitive R/C boat racing events anywhere! Come down and enjoy some Louisiana Hospitality! This race will offer LSG 27, Open and Nitro classes for each hull type as well as several specialty classes.

Enter early!!! 250 boat limit - additional entries opened only to fill existing heats. 4 boats to make a class. Drivers limited to 6 boats until waitlist is opened. **Pre-registration required on RCRacingEvents.com by November 13.** Must pay fees at time of entry.

Plenty of pit space and parking for large trailers and motor homes with several 110v outlets and water connections. Food vendor onsite for breakfast and lunch each day offering a full menu with daily specials.

Saturday evening events at Voodoo create great memories you won't soon forget. A catered Louisiana style dinner included with each race registration, followed by the famous Voodoo Corn Hole Championship with cash prize going to the winning team.

Open water Thurs., Nov. 19

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NOVEMBER
27 & 28
HUNTSVILLE, AL

Huntsville Model
Boating Association

Brahan Park Turkey Day Time Trials #26-026 RT

RECORD TRIAL: 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.*

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Watch for updated info 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.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

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

\$10 each per year —

For insurance coverage.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

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

For insurance coverage.

EARLY 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

Spouse Name _____		Birthdate _____	Spouse..... ☐ \$10
Child Name _____	Son or Daughter _____	Birthdate REQUIRED _____	Child ☐ \$10
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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 *

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 *

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Current ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

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card mailed date: _____

Q# : _____

CLUB REGISTRATION & INSURANCE APPLICATION and **RACE/RECORD SANCTION APPLICATION**

forms are being revised for 2027 use
and will be posted and available for download on **IMPBA.net**.
We ask clubs to please use the newer forms when submitting.



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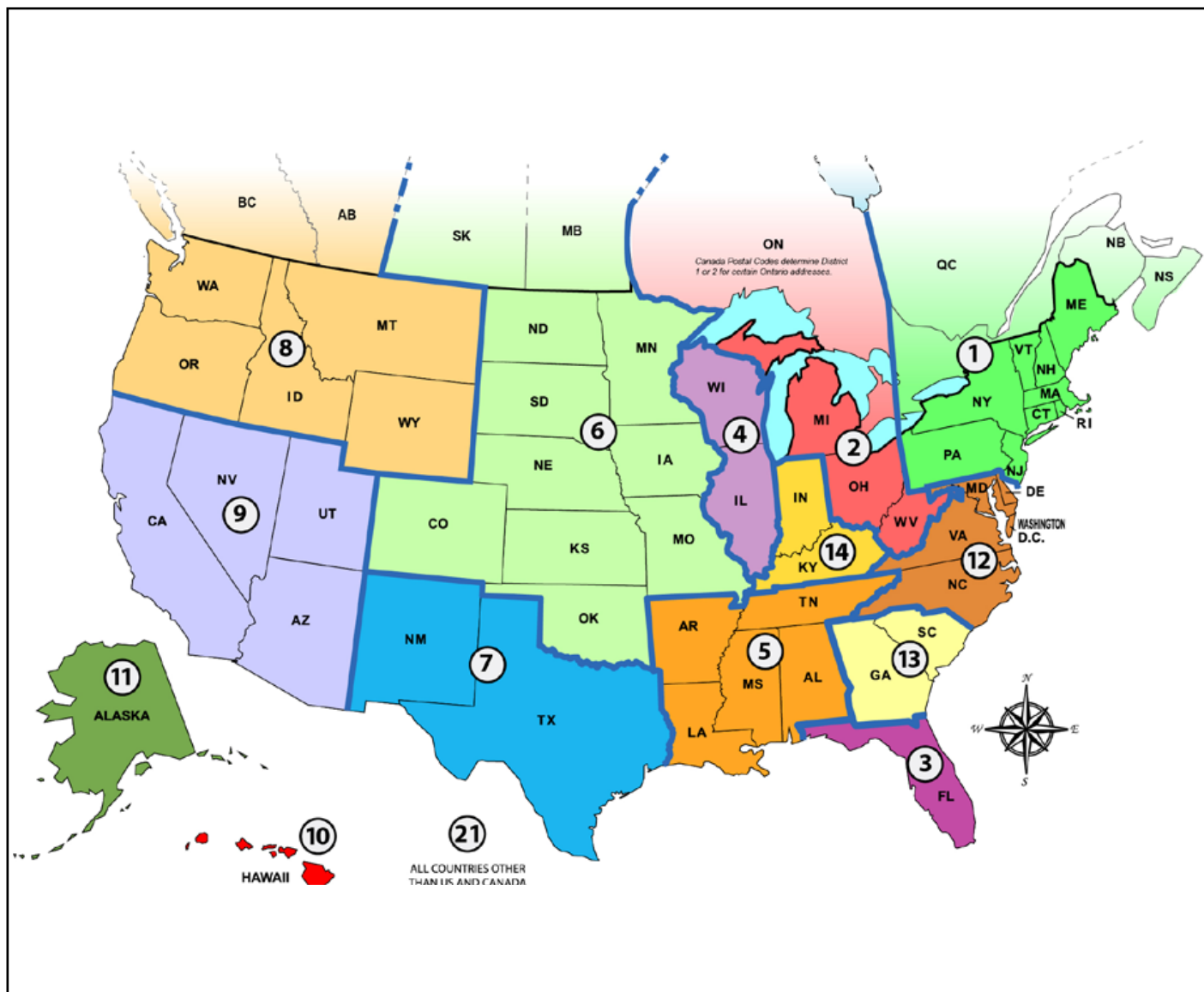
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