

REGION 6 BY LAWS – OFFSHORE

The by-laws listed below are for the sole purpose of co-coordinating and promoting offshore racing in the region, and shall not and do not conflict with the region by-laws, the by-laws of APBA, and the offshore commission.

1. Notices

Notices of all region meetings shall be sent to members of record and in good standing. Notices of special meeting shall state purpose for which they are called, and no other business shall be in order at such meetings. Notices of such meetings shall be mailed two weeks in advance of said meeting.

2. Rules of Order

A. The order of business at the offshore meeting shall be:

1. Reading and correction of minutes of last meeting.
2. Reports of committee
3. Old business
4. Elections (annual meeting fall)
5. Selection of race dates (spring meeting) (See article B-4 under sanctions)
6. New business
7. Adjournment

All questions of parliamentary practice not herein provided for, shall be determined in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

3. Memberships

- A. Membership shall consist of members of the American Power Boat Association in good standing residing within the boundaries of Region 6.
- B. Member clubs including its officers or members acting on behalf of said club will not take action or devote its attention in whole or in part to activities not consistent with the objectives of APBA.

4. Meetings

- A. To be conducted by the offshore chairman. If for any reason the offshore chairman is absent, the meeting shall be conducted by the offshore director. (Two of the three officers elected must be present).
- B. There shall be two region offshore membership meetings held each year to meet in conjunction with the region meeting.
 1. The "Annual" meeting (fall) shall have as its business the election of the Offshore Region Chairman, Director and Alternate; the Chairman and Director to be offshore representatives on the Region 6 Board of Directors.
 2. Balance of the meeting listed under Rules of Order.
 3. The main business of the "spring" meeting will be allocation of race dates.
 4. Balance of meeting listed under Rules of Order.
 5. No proxy votes allowed.

5. Elections

- A. All officers must be registered Offshore card holders.
- B. Only registered Offshore card holders in good standing (holding current year membership) are eligible to vote.
 - 1. Current year is defined in Offshore racing supplement as November 1st to October 31st.
 - 2. A simple majority rules in all votes.
 - 3. Separate elections must be held for Region Offshore Chairman and Director.
 - 4. In Director elections, the person receiving the second largest vote shall be the Alternate.
 - 5. In the event the Offshore chairman cannot fulfill his or her obligations, the Director shall become the new Offshore Chairman. If the Offshore Director cannot fulfill the duties of the Offshore Chairman, the Alternate will become the Offshore Chairman. If, in the event that he or she cannot fulfill the duties, the Region Chairman has appoint a new Offshore Chairman from within the Offshore membership.
 - 6. The term of office for all officers shall not exceed three one year terms in succession.
 - 7. These rules on "elections" govern all and any awards to be voted on.

6. Amendments

- A. Any member of Region 6, in good standing may propose an amendment to the Region 6 Offshore by-laws.
 - 1. Written notification must be given to the Offshore Chairman and Director, 30 days prior to said meeting and shall be presented to the membership for a majority vote. Any such proposed amendment shall not conflict in any way with the articles and by-laws of the Association.

7. Sanctions

- A. All national Offshore racing events are bid for at the National Offshore Commission meeting in November for the up-coming year as per the Handbook for Offshore Racing.
 - 1. The Offshore commission will set schedule for national events.
 - 2. Performance race sanctions submitted in November at the National meeting of Offshore shall have firm dates as per Handbook of Offshore Racing.
 - 3. All other sanctions submitted at a later date shall be approved and scheduled as per Region 6 Offshore by-laws and the Offshore commission.
- B. All Region 6 sanctions must comply with the most current publication of the Handbook for Offshore Racing.
 - 1. All Region 6 Offshore sanctions must be approved by the Region 6 Offshore Chairman first.

2. Offshore Chairman will then forward to Region 6 Chairman for approval.
3. Region 6 Chairman will then forward to the office of the Executive Secretary or the Offshore Commission, whose approval will be final.
4. Offshore clubs holding dates for regattas held on previous year are to be given first chance for the same date in the new racing season.
5. Old racing dates loaned by one club to another must be returned the following year.
6. All Offshore clubs losing dates to a national or divisional event are to have the date returned to them the following year.
7. The above approval and the scheduling to follow is to prevent races being held on the same day, to allow travel time for persons wishing to participate in an event, and to allow all persons the choice of a race best suited to his or her purpose for wanting to race, thus allowing all racers in Region 6 to have the free choice to race for points, money, or fun.
8. No race shall be scheduled within 6 days of a National points race that has been approved and been entered into the schedule as per Article 12 of the Handbook of Offshore Racing under sanctions and in Region 6 by-law 9 under sanctions. Races are accepted for scheduling according to dates submitted. In the event that sanctions are submitted on the same day, for the same race date, the following order of priority will prevail:
 - a) Open Performance
 - b) Performance Points
 - c) Performance Club
9. All race dates (in Region 6, Performance Point, or Performance Club) must be turned into the Region 6 Offshore Chairman in time for the spring Region 6 meeting, for Region 6 Offshore scheduling.
10. All other sanctions turned in later than the spring meeting shall be approved and scheduled as per the Region Offshore By-laws and the Offshore Committee.
11. All sanction information must be complete and accompanied by correct sanction fee or will be returned. SANCTION WILL THEN HAVE TO BE RE-SUBMITTED WITH THE NEW DATE.

8. Specials

- A. At the end of each racing season, the Offshore chairman (or appointee) will establish the high point winners for each divisional offshore class.
- B. To be eligible for a high points award the driver of record must:
 1. Reside in Region 6
 - Or
 2. Be a racing member (from 1st Offshore race in Region 6) or a Region 6 club that holds at least one (1) APBA Offshore race a year in Region 6.
- C. Only points earned at races held in Region 6 apply.
- D. High point winners will be recognized at the Region 6 Spring meeting.