

## WHAT IS THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY DOING FOR APBA?

Over the past fifteen years, the APBA Historical Society has helped support different areas of APBA by awarding grants of approximately \$290,000.00.

This money has been used for such things as the purchase of propellers for the J Hydro and J Runabout classes. These propellers have helped ensure a level playing field for our youngest competitors.

The Historical Society also helps with the purchase of the Hall of Champions jackets that are given to inductees each year.

The Historical Society has helped the Stock Outboard Commission with the purchase of several complete 300 SS outfits that are being raced throughout the country.

Another very important program is the APBA Outboard Driving School. Funds are used to offset the extra costs required to run a Driving School program on the Friday prior to a two-day regatta, or on a Saturday morning. If the program is run in conjunction with a sanctioned event, there is no additional sanction or insurance charge for the extra day. Also, the PRO Commission currently picks up 75% of the ambulance charge for the third day, if there are 10 or more Driving School participants.

Other grants have been awarded to help local clubs upgrade their safety programs. Historical Society grants have helped with needed items that help enhance the equipment used by the rescue teams, such as fire pumps, light bars for the rescue boats, replacement of worn diving equipment, motors, and even boats.

If you plan to apply for a grant, you have a much better chance if you have already raised part of the funds prior to submitting your grant.



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## WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY?

We are able to keep this program going thanks to your donations. These funds allow us to fulfill the grant applications we receive. Please consider the following options:

- On the APBA membership form, there is a space to check to make a \$25.00 donation to the Historical Society.
- You may also choose to join the Century Club with a donation of \$100.00. You will receive a pin showing you are a member.
- Another way to help the Historical Society is to make a donation in the name of a friend, fellow boat racer, or person that has contributed to APBA over the years.
- You may designate a gift to the Fitts/Packer Fund, which provides money for the enhancement of Outboard Racing.
- You may also designate your donation to a specific purpose, restricted by your wishes. We will work with you to set up an account and see that moneys are used per your request.
- Some employers such as Microsoft and Boeing will match your donation. It is worthwhile to check into these programs.

All donations are 100% tax deductible, as the Historical Society is a 501(c)3 corporation. With the year-end coming up very soon, this is a great time for you to take advantage of this tax write-off.

If you have any questions regarding donating to the Historical Society, please visit <http://www.apbahistorical.org/> or contact any of the Trustees listed below.

Have a great holiday, and start your plans for the 2017 racing season!

Thank you from the APBA Historical Society Board of Trustees:

<i>Buddy Byers</i>	<i>Charlie Strang</i>
<i>Dave Richardson</i>	<i>Edgar Rose</i>
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# DOUG BERNSTEIN IS NEW H1 UNLIMITED HYDROPLANE CHAIRMAN

On Nov. 7th, Doug Bernstein, the managing partner of Plunkett Cooney's Banking, Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Practice Group in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, was named the new Chairman of H1 Unlimited Hydroplanes by its Board of Directors.

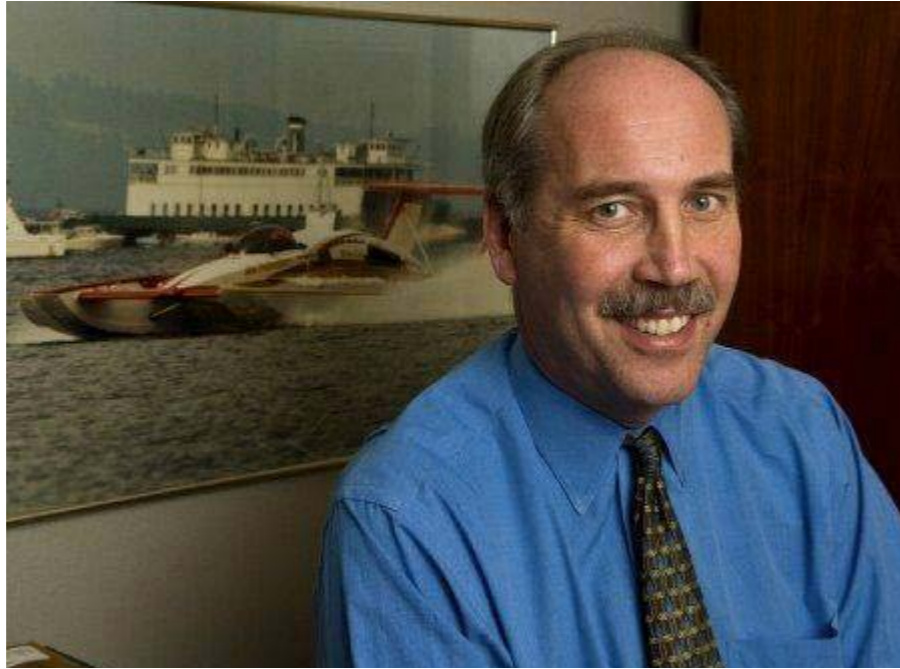
Bernstein replaces Interim Chairman Charlie Grooms (Madison, Ind.) who took over in September after Steve David (Lighthouse Point, Fla.), who held the position for the previous two years, announced his retirement.

"Steve did a wonderful job for our sport by setting us up with new race sites and leading an effort that has engaged more interested sponsors and fans," said Bernstein. "Now, we have to build on what Steve gave us and work to take the sport to the next level."

Bernstein, one of the leading bankruptcy attorneys in the Midwest, was the counsel to Hydro-Prop from 2002-2004, and has been the H1 Unlimited Legal Counsel since 2010, a Board Member since 2011 and has served as a Board Member for the Detroit River Regatta Association from 2005-2015, and now the Detroit Riverfront Events, Inc. since its formation in 2015.

The long time hydroplane enthusiast has attended every Detroit race since 1969, and has attended over 100 races over the years.

"I am proud to have been a part of the team that helped Detroit keep the tradition of Unlimited hydroplane racing on the Detroit River for the last two years," said Bernstein. "The sport has been a passion for me throughout the years. Then when I see passion and love of this sport its owners, drivers, crews and especially the fans, I can't wait to lead H1."



In his everyday job, Bernstein focuses his practice in the areas of commercial litigation, commercial loan restructuring and documentation, creditors' rights, commercial and municipal bankruptcy, receiverships and other banking-related litigation

and appeals on behalf of national and regional lenders and special servicers. He was counsel to charitable foundations in the City of Detroit bankruptcy, who played an integral part in the City's recovery, and served as an analyst for WJR Radio 760, WDIV-TV and other local, national and international print, radio and television outlets before and during those proceedings, and regularly appears as a

guest on finance and general news radio and television programs to discuss banking law and bankruptcy issues, and he is frequently quoted by media covering the business, banking, and financial industries.

He currently serves as a member of the City of Pontiac Receivership Transition Advisory Board, and previously assisted the state of Michigan in the training of potential emergency managers and emergency financial managers. He also has a number of published appellate decisions to his credit and is a member of several professional organizations. He was also a Board Member of the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame from 2008-2009.

Bernstein lives in Royal Oak, Michigan with his wife Amy, and has a daughter, Lisa.

For information on the H1 boats and the series, visit [www.H1Unlimited.com](http://www.H1Unlimited.com).

# RACE CALENDAR 2017 [www.apba.org](http://www.apba.org)

## REGION 3

- 6/3-4 Greenwood Lake Spring Race West Milford, NJ Inboard  
9/16 New Jersey State Championships  
Roxbury, NJ - Lake Hopatcong Inboard

## REGION 5

- 1/22 Capsule Training Session 10 am to 12 noon  
Temple Terrace Family Recreation Complex  
6610 E. Whiteway Drive, Temple Terrace Florida 33617  
3/3-5 Orange Cup Regatta Lakeland, FL - Lake Hollingsworth  
5/20-21 Stuart Sailfish Regatta - 5th Year Anniversary  
Stuart, FL - Indian River Lagoon Inboard, OPC

## REGION 6

- 4/29-30 APBA / IRC Driving School and Region 6 Test & Tune  
Dayton, OH - Eastwood Lake Special Events, Inboard, PRO,  
Modified Outboard, Stock Outboard, OPC, Junior Classes  
7/15-16 67th Annual PNC ROAR ON THE RIVER  
Presented by Trenton Rotary Club  
Trenton, MI Stock Outboard, Outboard Performance Craft

## REGION 7

- 6/17-18 Whiskey City Regatta Lawrenceburg, IN OPC  
6/24-25 Rock Falls River Chase Modified Outboard,  
Stock Outboard, Junior Classes

## REGION 11

- 5/20-21 Oroville Spring Regatta Oroville, CA - Oroville After Bay  
9/2-3 Redding Marina Labor Day Regatta Redding, CA  
10/28-29 Lake Minden Spooktacular Regatta Nicolaus, CA

## REGION 12

- 12/10-11/16 Brawley Boat Races Brawley, CA - Wiest Lake PRO,  
Stock Outboard, Outboard Performance Craft, Junior Classes  
3/18-19 Havasu Landing Boat Races Havasu Lake, CA Inboard,  
Inboard Endurance, PRO, Stock Outboard,  
OPC, Junior Classes

# PREPARING FOR THE 2017 RACING SEASON

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We have just completed racing for 2016, and hope you all had an awesome season. As the 2017 racing season is upon us, we need to keep in mind some little problems that can create a big one. If all of us racers, referees, scorers, inspectors and registrars help each other, we can get the job done and go racing.

Everyone—race committee, officials, drivers and crews—need to be at the race site, ready to perform their duties, on time. Everyone needs to be prepared for registration. Owners and drivers, remember to bring your physicals, club card, your capsule training certification (depending on your category requirements), and inspection card. A complaint this year from some of the scorers was that the entry blanks were not completely filled out, especially with emergency information. It only takes you a minute to look over the form. You, the racers, are the only one who can provide the correct information. You can also fill out your entry blank before the event; some race committees even ask that you send them in ahead of time, either by snail mail or e-mail.

Oh! So many things to remember that are important!  
Here are some little TIPS:

- Fill out an entry form COMPLETELY, and scan your 2017 APBA card and club card on the entry form, then make copies. Or, visit the scorer at check in on the following day and ASK for a couple of entry blanks and to use the imprinter. You can then imprint your card on the entry blanks and keep them for future races. All you have to do when you go to the race is fill in the date and location. If you scan your information into your computer you can even e-mail your entry to the scorer. On the APBA website, go to Resources and pull down that tab to find the entry blank. Fill it out and bring it with you, email it to the scorer listed on the sanction, or send it via snail mail to the address on the sanction. This will also save you time at the race site.
- PLEASE, if you are required to have a physical, make sure that it is up to date. If it is not on your APBA card, please bring a copy to the race with you. We can send it to APBA Headquarters for you AND if you give us \$10, we will send it with our paperwork

and request that they issue you a new card with the corrected information. You then will have all the information on your card. It is that EASY!

- Another complaint this past season came from scorers that scored multiple category races. They were unable to read some of the numbers, especially on Inboards. PLEASE follow the rules that are written for your category.
- When a “minor” is doing capsule training this year, a Minor Release must be completed. You can get the release off the APBA website.
- Plan to renew your membership early. Send it in by February 28, 2017 or you will not get the discount for early renewal. Be sure to fill out the membership form completely; DON'T forget to sign the back, and a witness is also needed. Send to Headquarters with the correct amount of money and other information needed for your APBA card (physical and/or capsule certification). You can also do this on the APBA website ([apba.org](http://apba.org)). Don't forget, a Minor Release must be filled out for any member under the age of 18. You can join APBA at the race site on race day, BUT remember it will cost you a NASTY late fee. You will not be able to use your VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express (or any other card) at the race sites. You will be saying later, “I wish I had joined earlier. If I had, I would have that extra cash to use for the weekend, or that extra entry fee.” Please bring your old APBA membership card if you decide to join at a race site. It helps the scorer and APBA, since all the information is on that card and just needs to be updated.
- Remember owner/drivers, it is your responsibility to see that all of your crew members have joined APBA and signed the Waiver and Release Form. After they have signed, they will be given a wristband. This helps with many things. First, it proves that the Waiver and Release has been signed. Second, it lets the volunteers at the event know that you and your crew belong in the pit area.

Here's a reminder to some of the scorers that work outside of their regions: keep in close contact with the Race Chairman. He/She has a wealth of information about their event, especially if special awards are presented at their race. It will give you a heads-up on gathering whatever information is needed.

The National Meeting is being held January 25 to January 28, 2017 at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel, Los Angeles, CA. Room rates start at \$132 per night. If you have any ideas that you would like the Scoring Committee to address, please contact us or forward them to us. Better yet, join us in Los Angeles and meet us—we are always open to suggestions to better our committee. Hope to see you there!

Remember, officials, the Referee, Scorer and Inspector test must be taken each year. These tests are usually prepared at the National Meeting. You must take the test before you can be put on the sanction for a race. This allows for online sanctions to show the most current information. Take the test EARLY so you do not hold up the sanction for a race committee.

Have a GREAT HOLIDAY and a SAFE 2017 RACING SEASON.  
SEE YOU AT THE RACES.

## 2017 NATIONAL MEETING: ARE YOU SIGNED UP YET?

The APBA is happy to announce the 2017 National Meeting will take place in Los Angeles, California January 25th-28th, 2017. Don't miss out on the opportunity to experience all of the exciting things the APBA Annual Meeting has to offer. Join us for the National Meeting, Inboard Banquet, Category Awards and, of course, the 43rd annual Hall of Champions, which will be a night to remember.

Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel  
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Room rates: \$132 per night

A personalized Web site for the 2017 APBA Annual Meeting and Awards has been created for you. Guests can access the site to learn more about the event and to book, modify, or cancel a reservation from September 20, 2016 to January 31, 2017.

Below you will find the appropriate link(s) for your participants to access the site:

- To make a hotel reservation: [Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles](#).
- To register online, click [HERE](#) or download and print the fillable [Annual Meeting form](#).
- Here is the link for the [Tentative Schedule of Events](#).

Thank you, and see you in sunny Los Angeles!

## RENEW YOUR APBA MEMBERSHIP EARLY AND SAVE!

If you renew your APBA membership before Feb. 28, 2017, you save significantly on your dues.

Send in the form you received in the mail in early November, or click on [THIS LINK](#) for a regular Racing/Non-racing membership form.

## CORRECTION

In the October 2016 issue of the SPIN, the editor put the wrong byline with the article, "Has It Come to This?" The author was, of course, Modified Outboard Chairman Tom Sutherland. Our apologies.

## ROGER CARR, JEFF BREWSTER ELECTED TO APBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The APBA would like to congratulate Region 12 Chairman Roger Carr on his election as Region Representative, and Stock Outboard Chairman Jeff Brewster as the elected Category Representative to the APBA Board of Directors for 2017. Jeff's term began on November 1, 2016, and Roger's term began Nov. 20th; both terms will end October 31, 2017.

Here is the current roster:

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## SEND YOUR CLUB LOGO!

Hey APBA clubs- since clubs are the backbone of the American Power Boat Association, we'd like to devote space in the Yearbook to you. Please email a high-resolution copy of your club logo to [editor@apba.org](mailto:editor@apba.org) . We have a few (MHRA, Prop Riders) but need logos from the rest of you. Thank you for all the hard work and fun in 2016.

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