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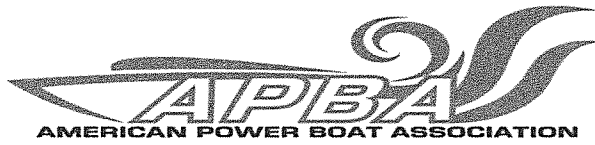
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RULE CHANGE BALLOT - STOCK OUTBOARD

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All STOCK OUTBOARD members as of October 31, 2016 and those of record two (2) weeks before the ballot mailing date shall be eligible to vote on the following proposals approved by the Stock Racing Commission. To be counted, the ballot with member's signature and membership card number must be returned in the enclosed envelope to the American Power Boat Association, PO Box 377, Eastpointe, MI 48021-0377, **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 29, 2017.**

All rules below have been debated and passed by a majority vote of the members of the Stock Outboard Racing Commission.

PROPOSAL 1: ALL STOCK OUTBOARD MEMBERS VOTE

Racing Rule 16 Administration #1

Effective Date: 30 days after approval

Action: Remove all words in capital letters in the paragraph below:

Current rule:

1. Racing shall be conducted under the supervision of a Stock Outboard Racing Commission (SORC). The decisions of the SORC shall be final in all matters pertaining to the administration and interpretation of the rules for these classes. This Commission shall serve as an appeal board for owners, drivers, Referees, Inspectors and Race Committee. THE SORC SHALL CONSIST OF AT LEAST ONE MEMBER FROM EACH REGION OF APBA WITH AT LEAST 30 STOCK OUTBOARD MEMBERS. One of the SORC's duties shall be the enhancement of membership and the promotion of the growth of Stock Outboard racing. The SORC shall have the power to determine that specific motors may be eliminated or approved for use in other classes with restrictions. Any action under this paragraph shall be made at the Association's annual meeting. Any rule in conflict with this paragraph shall be automatically repealed. IN CASE THE SORC BY MAJORITY VOTE REQUESTS A MANUFACTURER OR MANUFACTURERS OF BOATS OR ENGINES TO DEVELOP AND PRODUCE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT, THIS REQUEST AND THE MANUFACTURER'S GUARANTEED AVAILABILITY FOR SHIPMENT DATE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE RACING MEMBERSHIP ON THE NEXT REGULAR RULES BALLOT. After approval BY THE RACING MEMBERSHIP, the manufacturer or manufacturers shall be granted a period of two years during which the class shall not be abolished nor shall the class rules affecting the manufacturer be changed without written consent by the manufacturer. This two year period will start with the date of the completion of the ballot count. If the manufacturer should be unable or unwilling to ship up to 50 engines against bona fide orders on or before the guaranteed availability for shipment date, the ballot will be null and void.

Proposed New Rule:

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Reason: The first sentence for removal is already covered in our bylaws. The second sentence for removal is no longer followed. We have been asked to clean up, organize and reduce the number of rules in our category per the request of the APBA Board of Directors.

PROPOSAL 2: ALL STOCK OUTBOARD MEMBERS VOTE

Racing Rule 16 Administration #3

Effective Date: 30 days after approval

Action: Add words in double parenthesis and remove all words in capital letters.

Current rule:

3. ((NEW ENGINE APPROVAL)); The procedure for approval of engines to be used in existing classes is as follows:
- A. At any time, a party in interest may submit to the SORC a petition for approval of a new engine for use in an existing class. THE SAME SHALL BE CONSIDERED SUBMITTED UPON RECEIPT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PETITION AND A TWENTY FIVE DOLLAR (\$25) FILING FEE (THE FEE TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE STOCK OUTBOARD PROMOTIONAL FUND).
 - B. The petition for approval shall contain or indicate the following:
 - i. The class(es) within which the new engine shall be utilized;
 - ii. A description of the new engine including the name of the manufacturer, the displacement of the engine, and the horsepower rating;
 - iii. The estimated speed range for both the hydroplane and runabout class, if applicable;
 - iv. The estimated new cost for the engine;
 - v. Whether or not modifications of the engine of any kind will be required for racing; (Note: this shall include whether the engine is submitted as a complete outboard motor, including powerhead and lower-unit, or whether the engine is submitted as an incomplete motor which shall have an after-market racing foot or lower-unit, etc. installed);
 - vi. The approximate availability date for the engine;
 - vii. The approximate number of engines which are or shall be available for purchase;
 - viii. The expected time period such engine shall be available from the manufacturer;
 - ix. The estimated parts-availability;
 - x. Whether or not any currently approved engine(s) shall be eliminated from use or shall have any technical changes made;
 - xi. The name(s) and signature(s) of the individual(s) submitting the petition.
 - C. Contemporaneously with the filing of the petition, the proposed technical specifications for the engine and, if applicable, for the boats which shall be utilized with the engine shall be submitted to the SORC.
 - D. Upon receipt of the petition for approval, the Chairman shall submit the same to the SORC or a committee thereof for consideration within ten (10) days. ((The SORC shall thereafter consider the petition)).

Proposed New Rule:

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Reason: The sentence for removal is no longer followed. We have been asked to clean up, organize and reduce the number of rules in our category per the request of the APBA Board of Directors

PROPOSAL 3: ALL STOCK OUTBOARD MEMBERS VOTE

Racing Rule 16 Administration #4

Effective Date: 30 days after approval

Action: Add words in double parenthesis and remove all words in capital letters.

Current rule:

4. ((NEW CLASS APPROVAL)); The procedure for establishing a new class within the Stock Outboard Category shall be as follows.

A. At any time, a party in interest may submit to the SORC a petition for approval of a new class. THE SAME SHALL BE CONSIDERED SUBMITTED UPON RECEIPT BY THE STOCK OUTBOARD CHAIR OF THE PETITION AND A TWENTY FIVE DOLLAR (\$25) FILING FEE (THE FEE TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE STOCK OUTBOARD PROMOTIONAL FUND).

B. A new class is defined as a class which does not currently compete within the Stock Outboard Category and which utilizes a different motor make and hull size than any other class used within the Stock Outboard Category, or which results from a class separation, whereby one existing class is separated into two different classes.

C. Class combinations, whereby two existing classes are combined into one class, are also governed by this paragraph.

D. The petition for approval shall contain or indicate the following:

- i. The name of the new class(es);
- ii. The motor which shall be utilized, including manufacturer and horsepower rating;
- iii. The estimated approximate speeds for the new class(es);
- iv. Whether a propeller-height restriction shall be utilized;
- v. Whether an existing Stock Outboard class is proposed to be eliminated with the approval of this new class;
- vi. The name(s) and signature(s) of the individual(s) submitting the petition.

E. If an engine is proposed to be utilized in this new class which is not currently utilized within the Stock Outboard Category, then a petition for approval of a new engine must be filed with the SORC contemporaneously with the filing of the petition for approval of a new class. ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FILING OF THIS PETITION UNDER PARAGRAPH TWO (D) ABOVE SHALL ALSO BE MET; HOWEVER, IN THIS CASE, THE NEW ENGINE PETITION FILING FEE SHALL BE WAVED. Etc...

Proposed New Rule:

4. ((NEW CLASS APPROVAL)); The procedure for establishing a new class within the Stock Outboard Category shall be as follows.

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- v. Whether an existing Stock Outboard class is proposed to be eliminated with the approval of this new class;
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Reason: The sentences for removal are no longer followed. We have been asked to clean up, organize and reduce the number of rules in our category per the request of the APBA Board of Directors.

PROPOSAL 4: ALL STOCK OUTBOARD MEMBERS VOTE

Racing Rule 16 Administration #8

Effective Date: 30 days after approval

Action: Add words in double parenthesis and remove all words in capital letters.

Current rule:

8. The Stock Outboard Technical Committee shall recommend engine specifications, clarifications, or replacement parts to the SORC. The SORC shall have authority for approval of engine changes and specifications. CHANGES WILL BE IN EFFECT ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING PUBLICATION IN PROPELLER MAGAZINE. Motor specifications and related items shall be frozen for the period of a racing year, effective November 1. At the written request of the manufacturer, the technical committee and the SORC may approve a replacement part. Replacement parts with specification changes will not be approved for racing between May 1 and SEPTEMBER 1 ((November 1)) for the respective racing year.

A. The SORC HAS ESTABLISHED ((will have)) a Competition Committee for each of the classes LISTED BELOW. The members of the Competition Committees shall be appointed by the SO Chairman and their term shall end on October 31st following their appointment. All decisions with regard to the technical rules for these classes shall be made by the Competition Committee for the respective class and shall require approval of the SORC for implementation. Any rule change approved BY A SO COMPETITION COMMITTEE shall become effective thirty (30) days following publication in Propeller Magazine or on the APBA website.

B. THE SORC HAS ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMPETITION COMMITTEES:

- I. D CLASS COMPETITION COMMITTEE
- II. A CLASS COMPETITION COMMITTEE
- III. 20SSH CLASS COMPETITION COMMITTEE
- IV. B CLASS COMPETITION COMMITTEE
- V. 25 CLASS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

Proposed New Rule:

8. The Stock Outboard Technical Committee may recommend engine specifications, clarifications, or replacement parts to the SORC. The SORC shall have authority for approval of engine changes and specifications. At the written request of the manufacturer and/or the technical committee, the SORC may approve a replacement part. Replacement parts with specification changes will not be approved for racing between May 1 and November 1 for the respective racing year. The SORC will act as a Competition Committee for each of the classes. All decisions with regard to the technical rules for these classes shall be made by the SORC. Any rule change approved shall become effective thirty (30) days following publication in Propeller Magazine or on the APBA website.

Reason: The first sentence for removal is due to the magazine no longer being monthly. The second portion for removal will allow all classes to have a competition committee if needed. We have been asked to clean up, organize and reduce the number of rules in our category per the request of the APBA Board of Directors.

PROPOSAL 5: ALL STOCK OUTBOARD MEMBERS VOTE

Racing Rule 18 Championships #1.A.i

Effective Date: 30 days after approval

Action: Remove the entire Regionals event from our rules.

Current rule: One Regional Championship in each Region, open to any APBA driver for points, trophies and prizes, but only to regional drivers for placing.

Reason:

- 1) The event means nothing in our racing.
- 2) Removal helps reduce and simplify our rulebook.
- 3) This event has not existed since the 80's?

PROPOSAL 6: ALL STOCK OUTBOARD MEMBERS VOTE

Racing Rule 20 Awards #5

Effective Date: 30 days after approval

Current rule: Rookie of the Year Award - goes to the new driver earning the most points in any one class. A new driver will be defined as one who has never before participated in a APBA race with a full racing membership and who started his or her full membership racing career in the year in which the award is achieved.

Proposed New Rule:

5. Rookie of the Year Award - goes to the new driver selected by the SORC for the accomplishments in their first season. A new driver will be defined as one who has never before participated in a APBA race with a full racing membership and who started his or her full membership racing career in the year in which the award is achieved.

The rookie drivers will be judged and the winner selected based on the following criteria:

- 1. The rookie's accomplishments and points earned on the race course.
- 2. The rookie's contributions to the sport off of the race course.

3. The rookie's sportsmanship throughout the race season.

4. Recommendations from the rookie's fellow racers and officials.

All new drivers will be verified by the chairman and distributed to the SORC after the end of the season for review and reference checks. The SORC will deliberate and select one winner based on the criteria above and the majority of the votes counted.

The winner will be announced by December 15th. The award will be a custom embroidered jacket and be presented at the APBA Outboard Awards Banquet held at the APBA National Meeting.

Reason: This rule change is an attempt to mirror the current Inboard category rule which allows the commission to vote on their choice for Rookie of the Year based on the driver's accomplishments on and off the race course, rather than just points earned in one class.

PROPOSAL 7: ALL STOCK OUTBOARD MEMBERS VOTE

Racing Rule 18 Championships #2.A I and iii

Effective Date: 30 days after approval

Action: Replace the two entries of the word "races" in the sentence (i.) with the word "heats". Also replace the word "race" with "heat" in the sentence (iii.)

Current rule:

i. The contest shall consist of two (2) races to be run on successive days. The winner in each class shall be determined on the basis of total points scored in the two races.

iii. Each race shall be not less than 30 miles or 30 minutes at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Proposed New Rule:

i. The contest shall consist of two (2) heats to be run on successive days. The winner in each class shall be determined on the basis of total points scored in the two heats.

iii. Each heat shall be not less than 30 miles or 30 minutes at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Reason: To clarify that the two separate days of racing at our marathon nationals is not two separate races, but only one.

PROPOSAL 8: ALL STOCK OUTBOARD MEMBERS VOTE

Racing Rule 19 Classic Division

Effective Date: 30 days after approval

Action: Remove the entire rule

Current rule:

1. Purpose: Collecting Antique, Vintage, and Classic equipment, like Vintage sports car racing, has become quite popular and these enthusiasts can now have a place to race their equipment.

2. Eligible Motors: All previously approved Stock Outboard motors that have been out of production for at least twenty-five (25) years.

3. Boats: Utilities, Hydroplanes and Runabouts.

4. All Stock Outboard safety rules will apply. Driving infractions will be subject to disciplinary action by the race committee.

5. Activities: Racing, concourse and combination concourse and racing.

A. Racing: Class groups to be determined by race committee. Handicap starts may be used. Boats may be combined with current classes of comparable size and speed.

6. No National High Points, records or championships will be granted for racing only. This division will not be eligible for the Hall of Champions.

7. Racing numbers on original, restored or reproduction boats may be of original style and number/letter designation. It shall be the responsibility of the driver that the numbers are legible.

Reason:

1) Two years ago, it was requested of the SORC to delete this rule or give it more weight by allowing the classics to be included in our national championships and record book. The SORC voted to give it more weight.

2) This experiment has not been successful. Neither of the above has occurred.

3) Removal helps reduce and simplify our rule book and technical manual.

4) Anyone interested in racing our classic engines may still do so under our special event rules.

PROPOSAL 9: ALL STOCK OUTBOARD MEMBERS VOTE

Racing Rule 5 Courses #3

Effective Date: 30 days after approval

Action: Remove capitalized words in the rule below:

Current rule: 3. The driver of a boat which damages or dislodges a buoy, AND CAUSES DAMAGE WHICH REQUIRES RACE-DELAYING ATTENTION BY THE RACE COMMITTEE shall be disqualified for that heat.

Proposed New Rule: The driver of a boat which damages or dislodges a buoy shall be disqualified for that heat

Reason:

The words need to be removed due to the possible scenarios below:

- 1) If I destroy a buoy but my buddy in the patrol boat rushes out and replaces it before the black flag goes up, I'm good?
- 2) It's the last heat of the day I hit a buoy there are no more heats to run so I did not delay the race, I'm good?
- 3) So, I guess on the last lap in the last heat of the last race I could hit a lot of buoys?

PROPOSAL 10: ALL STOCK OUTBOARD MEMBERS VOTE

Racing Rule 18 Courses #1.A.iii & v

Effective Date: 30 days after approval

Action:

- 1) Remove all words naming this a "winter national" and a "national" championship.
- 2) Event will now only be called the "Western Championship" and the "Eastern Championship."
- 3) Extend the date of when it can be held.
- 4) All other rules of the event still apply.

Current rule:

iii. One Summer National Championship, one Eastern Winter National Championship and one Western Winter National Championship open only to APBA members.

v. The SORC shall be empowered to award a winter national championship to be held prior to May 1st. There will be an eastern winter national championship for the NE, SE, and Central divisions and a Western winter national championship for the West division. A winter national championship and double points will only be awarded if there are eight (8) bona fide starters in either heat of the finals and the winner is from one of the selected geographical divisions. The only qualified driver will be the defending East or West winter national champion. Qualifying will be run on a race basis for which national race points will be given. Bids for this race must be submitted prior to the Annual Meeting.

Proposed New Rule:

iii. One Summer National Championship, one Eastern Championship and one Western Championship open only to APBA members.

v. The SORC shall be empowered to award two championships to be held anytime between November 1 up to and including the third weekend in May. There will be an Eastern championship for the NE, SE, and Central divisions and a Western championship for the West division. A championship and double points will only be awarded if there are eight (8) bona fide starters in either heat of the finals and the winner is from one of the selected geographical divisions. The only qualified driver will be the defending East or West champion. Qualifying will be run on a race basis for which national race points will be given. Bids for this race must be submitted prior to the Annual Meeting.

Reason: Due to separating the winter nationals last year into a "eastern and western winter nationals", this is no longer a "national" event. Also, this will stop the SORC from having to hold a special meeting to approve a "winter nationals" that actually occurs in the spring.