

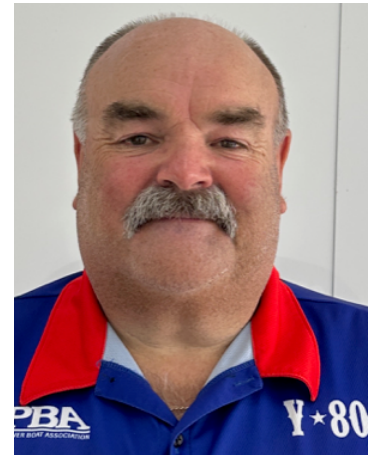


## ***INBOARD CHAIRPERSON CANDIDATE - 2024***

A Category Chairman shall be elected by the category members for a term of two (2) years.

### ***ROBERT WILSON*** ***Severn, MD***

Robert Wilson has been involved with APBA inboard racing for over 45 years. He started helping his older brother with building a T boat in 1973; the class has had several names over the years but always the class letter T. He was never the driver, always the builder, crew chief and truck driver, or doing whatever it took to keep the boat running. Over the years the teams he has been part of have won many divisional and national titles, setting several records, holding all 4 class records at the same time, has won the US1 multiple times and his driver is in the hall of champions.



On the other side of APBA, he has been involved with his local club as the treasure. Robert has also been very involved in putting on races every year. He has been an inboard inspector for many years and nationally he has served on the IRC several times in various capacities; for the past two years, Robert has served as the IRC chairman. In addition, he also has served on the board of directors and on several committees. One accomplishment he is most proud of is being awarded the Mark Weber award, one of the highest honors for inboard racing.

On his personal side, Robert has been married to Cathy for 38 years. They have two daughters and two grandsons. His family has always supported his love of boat racing and put up with a lot of traveling around the country to follow his passion. His work as General Manager of a large RV dealership has given him the knowledge and perspective to balance both the personal side and financial side of running a large business, which APBA is a business.

All of that said above is about me. This job is not about me, but about leading the inboard division forward without applying a personal agenda; making the best decisions and applying the rules that will keep the sport alive. The goal for all of us to help make Inboard racing a sport that prospers and continues to grow. I believe listening to the members and making the right choices that will improve the sport. There are times that the choices are not the easiest or most popular, but change has to happen to move forward.



# **INBOARD**

## **2024 CATEGORY VISION**

### **BY: ROBERT WILSON**

Here is a list of topics I would like to see implemented to help grow the sport:

- Continue the monthly Zoom meetings to keep everyone informed about changes happening
- Continue to hold the region IRC reps accountable for informing their members of issues
- Keep supporting the east/west challenge series
- Expand the driving school program
- Implement an active list of suppliers of boats/plans for boats, safety cells and items that new people coming into the sports need to know where to obtain
- Implement an APP for your phone that keeps members informed of results real-time nationally
- Push for a national online registration system; i.e., PIT PAY or something like that
- Increase the social media exposure of all classes around the country
- Lead the charge for all classes to allow more current production motors in their rules
- Increase the amount of engine inspectors, so we can enforce engine rules along with making the rules easier to inspect

This list has many items that some members will say will never happen. Maybe they are right! Maybe they are not! We must consider that maybe there are not but doing the same thing the same way will not drive the sport forward.

- Robert "Bob" Wilson