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2020 Stock, Modified, Junior Nationals Postponed

Safety for racers and attendees at forefront of difficult decision

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio — The Marine Racing Club LLC board of directors announce today that they made the difficult decision to postpone the 2020 Stock, Modified and Junior Nationals scheduled for July 13-19 at Champions Park Lake in Springfield, Ohio. The championship races are rescheduled for July 12-18, 2021, in Springfield, Ohio.

Citing racer and attendee safety as paramount, MRC Commodore Bill Pavlick explained the club's position. "We assembled a fantastic team to coordinate and facilitate this race, and unfortunately the lingering effects of the coronavirus pandemic forced our hand to postpone this event," Pavlick said. "Safety is always our top concern, and at this point we cannot safely accommodate all of the logistical and public health requirements to host this event under the cloud of COVID-19. We will not put our racers and attendees at risk."

MRC Marketing Director and APBA Risk Manager Michael Mackey added, "The Nationals are not only about championship-caliber racing — there's a huge social component involved. Having to severely limit post-race gatherings and eliminating the awards banquet altogether had a major impact on our decision." With an almost certain reduction in the

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number of entries, competition would most definitely suffer as well. “We just don’t think it’s fair to our participants to produce half the event we advertised and give them half the experience they anticipated,” Mackey said.

Words of thanks and hope.

Pavlick extended his personal gratitude to everyone involved in the 2020 Nationals effort. “To everyone who worked so hard up to this point; thank you. Thanks to Champions Park Lake, the Clark County Fairgrounds, our sponsors, planners, race committee, officials, rescue team, racers and families, and everyone else involved in this effort. Postponing this race was a very difficult decision to come to, and I realize we’re all disappointed,” Pavlick said. “But we’re going to keep our momentum as we now shift our focus to the Stock, Modified and Junior Nationals for July 2021.”

More information.

Champions Park situated within the Clark County Fairgrounds. For more information, please see the [Champions Park Lake Facebook page](#), the [Marine Racing Club Facebook page](#) and the [Marine Racing Club LLC website](#).

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