

## APBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES



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## FRED HAUENSTEIN, JR.

Born into powerboat racing 79 years ago, Fred is still an active driver of 63 years standing. Competing in APBA/UIM outboard races (PRO, SO, MOD and OPC), Fred has won 12 National Championships, 10 National High Point titles, set 6 speed records, and won the UIM's John Ward World Trophy for O-500 (PRO 500cc hydros). In 1990 he was elected to the APBA Honor Squadron. Fred was honored with the Charles D. Strang Ultimate Service Award in 2018.



Fred earned a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering and realized his ambition to work in the outboard industry designing some of the exotic racing engines and drive systems for the factory teams as well as independent racers. He has successfully managed the racing efforts of factory teams and many engineering development projects. Fred is now retired and spends more time with UIM and APBA affairs.

Following 4 years as APBA President, Fred has served on the APBA Board of Directors for the past 25 years. He served as OPC Chairman for 7 years and has been active on technical committees and commissions for many more years, helping to clarify and develop rules to maintain fair and even competition. In addition, Fred has served on the APBA and UIM Safety Commissions and helped to develop, implement and refine safety rules. He also served on the UIM Technical Commission and is currently UIM Senior Vice President, President of the UIM Sports Commission, and a member of the UIM Council.

Fred is familiar with all aspects of powerboat racing. He has participated, in one capacity or another, in all of the categories, from Unlimited Hydroplanes and Offshore to small outboards, from driver to designer to crew chief to team manager, as well as being the son of a powerboat racer and father of two champion powerboat racers, Dan and Mike.

### **ROBIN SHANE**

APBA Member 1976 - Current

- Region 4 Offices Held Region Chairman, Vice Chairman,
  Secretary, Treasurer, Inboard Chair, Inboard Commissioner,
  Race Director, Race Scorer
- Sitting member of the American Power Boat Historical Society
- National Board of Director Member 2004 and 2012 2014
- National Inboard Chairman 4 years. 2006 2010 While in office established
  Technical Committee, Rules Committee, J Stock Committee, Co-Op Fund Committee,
  National Winner's Dinner, National Rookie Award
- Served on the National J Committee 8 years
- Thundercat Chairman
- Special Events Chairman
- Established East Coast J Driving School





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### **JOHN WLODARSKI III**

John Wlodarski represents the epitome of dedication to the sport of boat racing. Starting his APBA career in 2006, he has quickly excelled through the ranks of the Stock and Modified Categories, racing nearly every outboard class in his 16-year career. While his two APBA Hall of Champions inductions, 5 Stock Outboard National Championships, and 7 APBA National High Point Championships are impressive in their own right, it is the impact John has made on the next generation of APBA leaders that shows the most about John's passion for the sport. At 29



years old, John is the acting Vice President of Delaware Valley Outboard Racing Association, a certified inspector for both the Stock and Modified categories, sits on the APBA Council at Large, and has previously held the position of Region 3 Stock Outboard Commissioner. In John's limited spare time, he has started Throttled: Stock Outboard Podcast to appeal to the younger generation of APBA members while helping fill the technology gap in the world of boat racing. On a weekly basis, John and guest stars discuss prevalent political racing topics, racing results, updates on rule changes, and also just a little bit of comical entertainment. John has also gained exposure to inboard, OPC, H1 Unlimited, and PRO Categories through his various team participation as a driver, crew member, and radio man. This provides John with a unique perspective on all aspects of boat racing through a well-rounded view of the ecosystem allowing him to make unbiased decisions that benefit the broader APBA organization to drive into the future.

#### **MATT YARNO**

Matt has been involved with boat racing nearly all of his life, being born into an inboard family and then racing JSH at a young age with Seattle Outboard Association. After racing multiple classes of Outboards, he moved into OPC while also driving various Inboards classes. Currently, he drives two Vintage boats owned by his parents.



Matt is involved in all categories of boat racing as the Commodore of Seattle Inboard Racing Association, an APBA Board of Director, SOA

BOD, Region 10 BOD, and Junior Committee. Regional involvement includes being a Referee, Risk Manager, and Race Director at Inboard, J, SO, MO, PRO, and OPC events.

Matt has been instrumental in working with the Inboard clubs and bringing the inboards and outboards together with more cross-category events, which has been a huge success. It is not uncommon to see Matt as part of the race committee, coordinating promotional events, or helping a new family at a race.

Within APBA, Matt has previously served on the APBA Council at Large, APBA J Committee, Stock Outboard Racing Commission, Inboard Racing Commission, Inboard West Coast Driving School, and APBA Safety Committee. Region 10 involvement includes various committees within the clubs along with the HARM / SOA J Boat Build and Qatar J Hydro Program. Matt was also the Co-Race Chairmen of the 2018 Stock, Mod, and J Nationals in Moses Lake.



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#### M. YARNO CONTINUED

As boat racing returned to post-covid full status, Matt has stayed very busy. In 2022 alone he has been involved as the H1 Unlimited Assistant Referee, Junior Committee member, the 2022 SIRA Commodore, Region 10 BOD, SOA BOD along with the Vintage and Historic Liaison to the APBA BOD. Matt was also a Co-Race Director at 3 events, (2 inboard and 1 outboard).

Boat racing is his passion and after a decision to stop racing he committed to dedicating time to helping the sport grow on the local and national levels. It is very clear that Matt has a vested interest in the APBA, boat racing, and its members, and will continue to make the right decisions to move the organization in a positive direction.

Matt will be a great addition to the APBA Board of Directors and is willing to listen openly to the members from all categories for input on what is in the best interest of the organization!