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# ***STOCK OUTBOARD CHAIRPERSON CANDIDATE - 2024***

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## ***SHAWN BREISACHER*** ***Hampstead, NC***

Shawn Breisacher, a seasoned and passionate figure in the world of stock outboard racing, would like your vote to be the next Stock Outboard Chairman for APBA. With a lineage deeply rooted in racing and a career spanning three decades, Breisacher brings a wealth of experience, dedication, and leadership to the forefront of his candidacy.

As a third-generation racer, Shawn Breisacher has racing in his blood. He comes from a lineage that includes his grandfather Harper Chance, his mother Jill Glossner, brother Dave Breisacher, and sister Kaitlyn Glossner—all of whom have contributed to the racing legacy. Building upon this rich foundation, Shawn has amassed an impressive 30 years of experience in Stock, Mod, and J racing, making him intimately familiar with the nuances and challenges of the sport.

Breisacher's commitment to the sport goes beyond the track, as he boasts an exceptional 21-year tenure as a referee—a role that has granted him invaluable insights into the regulatory aspects of racing. Notably, he has been a driving force in shaping the stock outboard racing landscape, having served as the Former Vice President of DVORA (Delaware Valley Outboard Racing Association) and later as its President. His leadership extended to the Commodore position at CVRA (Central Virginia Racing Association), where his dedication and strategic thinking have played a pivotal role in the organization's growth.

His involvement reaches even further, as Breisacher proudly co-directed the 2022 Stock Nationals held in Springfield—an event that showcased his exceptional organizational abilities and commitment to fostering a memorable racing experience for all participants.

Shawn Breisacher's extensive history in leadership roles is underscored by his tenure as the Former Region 3 Stock Outboard Commissioner, a position that allowed him to positively influence the direction of the sport at a regional level. Currently, as the Region 4 Stock Outboard Commissioner, he continues to advocate for growth, safety, and inclusivity in stock outboard racing.

With a track record defined by leadership, experience, and a deep love for the sport, Shawn Breisacher stands as a prime candidate for the role of Stock Outboard Chairman for APBA. His vision, dedication, and extensive involvement make him a frontrunner who is poised to steer stock outboard racing into an exciting and successful future.





# **STOCK OUTBOARD 2024 CATEGORY VISION BY: SHAWN BREISACHER**

I envision a future where the Stock Outboard category thrives on stability, innovation, and harnesses the power of technology. As your Stock Outboard Chairman, my commitment is to uphold the integrity of our sport by preserving the rules as currently written, providing a stable foundation for all participants while moving us into the future.

I would like to empower local clubs and foster skill development by establishing a subcommittee within the Stock Outboard Commission dedicated to assisting clubs in conducting Driver's Schools. We will work with APBA to ensure this initiative reaches all aspiring racers and that they have access to quality training, best practices garnered from across the country, ultimately fostering the growth of our sport.

Our commitment to innovation should remain unwavering, with a focus on continuing the development of new engines. Last year, I motioned to add the 20hp 4-stroke engines into Stock Outboard as a probationary motor. I will continue to advocate for further development of this engine as well as look to the future for engines that make sense for our sport as well.

Furthermore, I pledge to assign specialized committees within the Commission to oversee critical areas, including the implementation of Driver's Schools, the development of new engines, and the creation of new parts inventory for existing engines. By doing so, we will enhance safety, competitiveness, and stability for the category.

In this digital age, data is a powerful tool for growth. My vision includes the utilization of data to drive positive changes within the Stock Outboard category. We will analyze performance metrics and trends to make informed decisions, ensuring our sport remains on the cutting edge.

Lastly, I believe in harnessing the knowledge and experience of our dedicated community to steer Stock Outboard in the right direction. Together, we will work tirelessly to promote fairness, safety, and excitement within our sport.

With your support, we will usher in a new era for Stock Outboard racing, one marked by stability, innovation, and the unwavering dedication to our passionate community of racers. Together, we will chart a course towards a brighter future for the American Power Boat Association's Stock Outboard category.

- Shawn Breisacher



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## ***CHRIS HAGERL*** ***Cheboygan, MI***

Chris began racing in 1994, in what is now the J category. He always knew he was going to be a racer, mainly because his father and brother both raced. In his first nationals, he was taught the art of politics, right off the bat. Boat dimensions and “billy holes” just happened to disqualify many of his competitors and he learned firsthand how a commission and race committee made decisions.



As his career continued so did his involvement in politics and learning. Growing up he watched people like Ed Hearn, Bob Trolan, Don Allen, Mark Wheeler, and his father Don Hagerl work with others to improve and advance boat racing. He was in the restaurant, where over lunch the AX classes were created. Chris' father was a Stock Outboard commissioner for many years and was one of the members who approved and encouraged the Sidewinder project.

The number one takeaway he learned was that if it helps the sport but may affect our team negatively it was still important to support it.

He has served APBA in many ways including updating the Stock Outboard Tech Manual, serving as inspector, referee, race director, ambassador, OPC commissioner, and now hopefully as the next Stock Outboard Chairperson.



# ***STOCK OUTBOARD 2024 CATEGORY VISION BY: CHRIS HAGERL***

Throughout my own racing career, there have been two continuous issues facing Stock Outboard Racing. The first being equipment, its availability and viability. The second being membership and growth. My vision for Stock Outboard Racing is to develop plans that would help stabilize both of these issues while encouraging growth.

Most of the current equipment is no longer in production leaving us at a crossroad in our category. My vision includes looking into the actual availability of equipment in each class and planning accordingly. For example: are parts being reproduced, how many parts are there, are these parts available to everyone? Next, I would encourage the growth of the 4-Stoke classes. The steps of the previous commission allowed for new production equipment to be available to racers. The Stock Category should be fostering these efforts and helping build towards the future. With new motors, there is potential for class restructuring but not at the loss of membership.

Stock Outboard membership has been in decline for some time. Be it cost, equipment, or personal reasons, we need to find out why they are leaving and help retain membership while we grow. Driving schools already exist but I believe a lot of these driving school participants find it difficult to get equipment. Which leads back to my first point on equipment availability and viability.

With these issues being the main driving force of my vision for Stock Outboard Chairman, I hope you will give me your vote. Please feel free to contact me or reach out with any questions or concerns.

- Chris Hagerl