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2023 Inboard Rule Change Proposal

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Note: Proposals must be submitted to the Inboard Office by December 1, 2023 to be considered.
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Check all that apply:

General Safety Rule X
General Racing Rule
Stock Class Technical Rule *
Modified Class Technical Rule *

Affected Class(es): Capsule Boats

Specific Rule Information: [Note: All fields must be completed for consideration.]

Mandatory Head and Neck restraint for Drivers

Author's VERY BRIEF Summary of Proposed Action:

Affected Rule: 3.5.3

Drivers/Riders not in restraint capsules shall wear helmet support straps (lanyards) secured to the driver's/rider's body as required or a Head and Neck Restraint device. APBA will make no recommendation on which device to use. This solely on the driver.

Proposed rule:

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Reason for change:

Driver safety and injury prevention are discussions the sanctioning body go over every year. This rule has been proposed several times over the last 10 years or so since I have been in this sport. Each year the IRC votes on this rule proposal and it gets voted down because of costs to the driver. Costs should not be a deciding factor in this rule proposal because this piece of driver's equipment is standardized in nearly ALL forms of motorsports categories and in comparisons to cost, they are comparable to the costs of helmets or even custom driving suits.