



MODIFIED OUTBOARD CHAIRPERSON CANDIDATE - 2024

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

LOGAN SWEENEY

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Logan Sweeney began racing in 2009 following in the footsteps of his family. He launched his racing career by being inducted into the Hall of Champions as the youngest ever to do so. In his first year of racing, Logan won: J hydro National Championship, Central Divisionals, North American Championship, J hydro high points, and broke a record (which still stands). He has also been inducted into the Hall of Champions for AX hydro (2012), and twice for 500MR (2019, 2022). In 2019, Logan received the 2019 Paul Kalb award for achieving, just shy of 10,000 high points in 500MR.



Logan realizes that he has had a good deal of help along the way. He would like to thank his family, Jim and Amy Sweeney, and his brother Michael Sweeney for the guidance and support which allowed him to race and earn 4 inductions into the Hall of Champions.

While racing, Logan attended college at Eastern Michigan University, earning a bachelor's degree in Sport Management. In college, Logan took various classes that will prepare him for a leadership position. Those classes include: Sport Leadership, Sport Event Planning, Sport Economics and Finance, Sport Governance and Sport Risk Management. Sweeney aspires to become part of a front office team in operations. Logan has also completed three different and unique internships which include student manager, assistant coach for his local high school, and being a film and recruiting intern.

Although Logan has not been involved with the committees, he still enjoys debating and discussing certain topics to better the sport and category. Logan is young enough where he doesn't have any preconceived notions about how the category should be run, which is why if he was to be elected as chairman he would look up to the "elders" of the category, relying on them for guidance on process and procedures. Logan considers being a "youth" a positive because he has an abundance of energy and excitement on how we can make this category the best and most productive. Communication will be the key in Sweeney's tenure, He will listen to what anyone has to say and present it to the committee for their approval or denial. Logan's plan for future National Championships would be to stay closely aligned with the Stock and J categories so people don't have to choose which National Championship to attend. Sweeney would further involve west coast racers by awarding more North American Championships in hopes of drawing more participation.

Logan would like to thank Tom Sutherland for his years of service to this category and hopes to not only replicate what he has done, but to make this category even better. Sweeney hopes to use Tom's wisdom and guidance to effectively run the Modified Category. Logan has the experience and resources to effectively govern the Modified Outboard Category and help wherever he can. He has all the energy and excitement from having the chance to be able to become Modified Outboard chairman. Logan thanks everyone for their time and attention and hopes everyone will consider him when casting their vote for the Modified Outboard Chairman.



MODIFIED OUTBOARD 2024 CATEGORY VISION

BY: LOGAN SWEENEY

Thinking about the future on anything can seem like a guessing game and for the most part it is, no one knows what the future holds for any of us. It can be nerve-racking deciding the fate of an entire category, but I have a lot of visions in mind as to how I see the modified outboard category for the future. Some of my ideas are getting more young people involved and by having me become the modified outboard chairman I believe it will spark passion in the younger generation, using social media more and getting news, updates, and even high points sooner, finding and introducing more younger engines so the future is taken care of, and even fixing the HOC point system etc... I believe all of these ideas could become critical in the survival of this category.

When you see the word future you think of high-tech machinery or even what you'll be doing, but the one thing you should be wondering is how will the younger generation adapt to and evolve the sport of boat racing. With me being as young as I am, I have a connection to the younger generation that very few have that is currently on the commission. My vision is to learn from the current commission and when the time is right, bring the young and bright minds to the MOD category that will become the future.

Everyone looks at high points all throughout the year, but there are times when you need results almost as soon as they happen. In the future I hope to get a spreadsheet of all results for each class and every scorer can update it in real time so that we won't have to wait for the results on the APBA website. Some clubs are already doing that after each race and the people chasing high points and hall of champions points can get results fast. This will improve happiness and reduce stress for the APBA HQ so they won't feel pressured into getting results out as soon as possible.

My visions are to help not only the modified outboard category, but all of boat racing. I think we can all agree that boat racing is our life and we wouldn't know how to live without it, that's why I see the outboard categories (MOD, Stock, J, and PRO) discuss working together and not separately. I know it hurts everyone that races both categories when the nationals split so that's why I want to keep the Stock, MOD, and J categories together for the future. I was special friends with Mark Wheeler and Jeff Williams before their passing and I have learned a lot from them in terms of how they would help all of boat racing. I think we are heading in the right direction already, we just need the right driver in the cockpit to steer the ship.

- Logan Sweeney