



MODIFIED OUTBOARD CHAIRPERSON CANDIDATE - 2026

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

DAREN GOEHRING

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Daren has been involved with boat racing since he was 25, when he was introduced to the outboard motors being used in racing in 1993. He started in APBA tinkering with the Yamatos for other racers, while being a Mercury Outboard certified technician. He then started racing himself the following year. He has raced multiple stock, modified, and PRO outboard classes, which include 20ssh-DSH in Stock, 350-850 in MOD and 700/1100r in PRO. He has also raced tunnel boats, including 45SST and Formula 200. He has won multiple National Championship, which include DSH and 850CCMH. He also has won multiple High Point Championships in Stock and MOD, along with owning 10 speed records, including a KILO record of 106.7mph in 850CCMH. He currently is on “break” from racing due to a severe back injury but is hoping to get back into the classes he still runs, which include 750CCMH and 850CCMH.



Daren has been a Modified Commissioner for 15yrs, serving to the Chairman during those years as a Commissioner representing Reg10. He is still an active Commissioner and is part of the technical committee. He has also served Seattle Outboard Association as a race director, putting on 3 different events this year, along with at least 2 races a year for the past 6yrs. He will also be the co-race director for the 2024 Stock/Mod/J Nationals in Moses Lake. Also, he has served SOA as a long-time Board Member and Commodore for 8yrs, serving the members of SOA, which is one of the biggest outboard clubs in APBA. He also headed the program to assemble SOA a new rescue boat for the 2018 Nationals, which is one of the best outfitted rescue boats in the country. Daren also is currently serving Region 10 as a Board of Director.

Daren has boat racing in his blood and will always be involved in one way or another or wherever the other passionate members of APBA need his help. Daren owns a marine repair business, so he knows how to plan and set goals and work with immediate deadlines. He has the leadership skills to run the Modified Outboard category, which is obvious by his previous 8yrs of being the Commodore of Seattle Outboard Association and putting on multiple National Championship events. He is now looking to guide the Modified Category members into the future and find ways to grow our category, work in conjunction with other categories, grow our sport, and show others how much fun, but challenging boat racing is.

Daren’s family life is also dedicated to boat racing, as he has an 11yr old and a 15yr old nephew who just started racing in the last few years. He is teaching them the lessons and skills he has learned throughout his near 25yrs of racing in APBA. He is now teaching them how to take apart and fix the motors they race, instead of doing the work himself. This shows the dedication he has for the sport and for other racers to grow their skills and knowledge and set them on a path to be an APBA leader.



MODIFIED OUTBOARD 2026 CATEGORY VISION BY: DAREN GOEHRING

It is my goal to create a stronger Modified Category and move into the future. My hopes are to condense the amount of classes we currently run into some main core classes and work to promote those classes. It is also my goal to make a better and easier entry into the modified category for new racers, be it with a mentor program and also for more driving schools that the Modified Category contributes to, by available resources and funding to APBA clubs that run Modifieds. I also believe for the Modified category to grow we need to continue searching for new ideas for motors that are more easily available, like the current Fireball 125. I would also like the Modified Category to reach out to our motors builders, boat builders, propeller builders, etc to hold some online tutorials, training, etc, such as Zoom or Teams, so that we can get more people involved in learning how to build their engines, boat or props, versus just buying someone else's stuff and not being able to maintain it. We are lacking the mechanical ability nowadays for people to join the Modified Category and we need to lessen that entry point. Overall, my goal is to keep our category strong moving into the future!

- Daren Goehring