

San Diego Bayfair, Sept. 13-15, 2019

By David Hale

The Southwest Boat Racing Association (SWBRA) co-hosted the APBA races at San Diego Bayfair on Mission Bay, sharing the sanction and water with the H1 Unlimiteds and Grand Prix World hydroplanes. Hosted classes were CSH, 300SSH, 20SSH, SST 45, Cracker Box, and 1 Litre. The Stock Outboard classes had 6 entries each, five in SST 45, three Crackers and a whopping NINE 1-Litre hydroplanes. 1L ran the same 1 2/3 mile course as the Grand Prix hydroplanes, a shortened version of the H1 Unlimited course, sharing pits and cranes with the H1 and GP boats.

The other APBA entries (SO, OPC, Cracker) ran a small course just off Ski Beach in front of thousands of enthusiastic spectators who were kept well-informed of the turn-by-turn action and general boat racing facts by Kay-dub. Running the kneelers close to shore and early in the morning provided for good water conditions for the Stock Outboards.

All racers enjoyed three fun, safe days of racing in perfect weather, on good water, with great food, and unparalleled boat racing. Several went home with some great-looking awards. Below are the unofficial results.

Fri 9/13/2019

300SSH

1. Brian Vincent
2. Dave Hale
3. Mike Wright
4. Jeff Link
5. David Ingham
6. Roger Hewson

CSH

1. Nick Hoot
2. Tim Herman

20SSH

1. Casey Wright
2. Jeff Link
3. Nick Hoot
4. Dave Hale
5. Tim Herman

Crackerbox

1. 44-P Schmeltz/Morris
2. 29-P Haskins/Basen
0. 65-P Rucki/Hansen DNF/DNF

SST45

TESTING ONLY

1 Litre

1. #2 Jeff Bernard
2. #19 Josh Culver
3. #21 Aaron Salmon

1 Litre FINAL

1. #2 Jeff Bernard
2. #1 J Michael Kelly
3. #21 Aaron Salmon

Sat 9/14/2019

30SSH

1. Dave Hale
2. Roger Hewson
3. David Ingham
4. Mike Wright
5. Jeff Link

CSH

1. Casey Wright
2. Nick Hoot
3. Tim Herman

20SSH

1. Jeff Link
2. Dave Hale
3. Nick Hoot
4. Casey Wright
5. Kevin Curtis

Crackerbox

1. 44-P Schmeltz/Morris
2. 29-P Haskins/Basen
3. 65-P Rucki/Hansen

SST45

1. RJ West
2. Kevin Curtis
3. Jeff Cannon
4. Gilbert Soliz
5. Jolley Waite

1 Litre

1. #1 J Michael Kelly
2. #19 Josh Culver
3. #21 Aaron Salmon

Sun 9/15/2019

300SSH

1. Jeff Link
2. Mike Wright
3. Dave Hale
4. David Ingham
0. Brian Vincent – DNS/BG

CSH

1. Nick Hoot
2. Roger Hewson
3. Tim Herman
4. David Ingham
5. Casey Wright

20SSH

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2. David Hale
3. Jeff Link
4. Casey Wright
5. Kevin Curtis

Crackerbox

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