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## CALLIE SHENSKY

*Germantown, WI*

My name is Callie Shensky, and I'm running for a seat on the APBA Board of Directors. I'm a third-generation racer, and I've been around this sport my whole life. I started racing when I was 9 years old. I've raced in the Junior, Stock and Mod categories, and I was a deck rider in the Pro category. I've completed OPC capsule training, attended OPC driver's school in Trenton and successfully tested an SST-45. In addition to being a multicategory racer, I'm also a multicategory chief scorer, so I'm also very active behind the scenes, too.



Some of my racing family history: My grandpa is Robert "Bob" Broge. My uncle is John Broge. My dad is Michael Shensky. And my cousins are Leland Broge and John Broge Jr. I grew up watching them — especially my uncle who is dominating in OPC — and I just knew I wanted to be part of this organization forever.

### **Why I'm Running**

I love this sport, and I want to help make sure it's still here and better than ever for the next generation. I've been to over 10 national meetings, including the last one in Reno. I sat next to two of the toughest ladies I know, Erin Vanover and Mary Williams, and helped register over 250 people on TrackSide.

TrackSide is a big deal. I truly believe in it. It makes registration easier, helps track high points faster and it's going to help APBA grow.

My main goal is helping racers, crew and fans embrace our TrackSide program to make it as second-nature to them as our old methods of registration. We must move APBA out of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and into the tech age if we want to continue to flourish, and our TrackSide program is a terrific tool in our box to help.

### **What I'd Like to Do**

Another goal of mine is to get younger racers involved more, especially through social media. We all follow our favorite NASCAR drivers and racing pages. I want APBA to have that same energy. Let's run fun contests where the most-liked post wins free merch, free membership or a free entry to a race.

We also need to make it easier to find what you need: Like where to buy a pushcart, prop covers (I can help there) or find where to watch how-to videos. I'd love to help fix up the website so it's actually a helpful tool rather than a source of frustration.

I believe we need to become a voice for all racers, not just one category or region. I've raced with many clubs and many regions, and I care about all of them. If elected to the Board, you can count on me to show up, speak up and do the work.

Rather than ask "Why?" I ask, "Why not?" Again, we must help APBA show its relevance to a new generation who do and learn differently. Youth are our future. This is not a new concept faced only by APBA. This is a story as old as time. The new and next generations have always moved the needle of progress. It's time we stop fearing or ignoring it and embrace this inevitable process.

I'm 28-years-old now. I still want to race. I want my kids to race. I want to help make sure this sport is strong and growing for years to come.

Thanks for reading, and thanks for all you do to keep racing alive. Like the legend himself says let's **GIT 'R DONE!**

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## FRED HAUENSTEIN JR.

*Kingsburg, CA*

**Fred Hauenstein, Jr.** - Born into power boat racing 82 years ago, Fred is still an active driver of 66 years standing. Competing in APBA/UIM outboard races (PRO, SO, MOD and OPC), Fred has won 12 National Championships, 10 National High Point titles, set 6 speed records and won the UIM's John Ward World Trophy for O-500 (PRO 500cc hydros). In 1990 he was elected to the APBA Honor Squadron. Fred was honored with the Charles D. Strang Ultimate Service Award in 2018.



Fred earned a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering and realized his ambition to work in the outboard industry designing some of the exotic racing engines and drive systems for the factory teams as well as independent racers. He has successfully managed racing efforts of factory teams and many engineering development projects. Fred is now retired and spends more time with UIM and APBA affairs.

Following 4 years as APBA President, Fred has served on the APBA Board of Directors for the past 28 years. He served as OPC Chairman for 7 years and has been active on technical committees and commissions for many more years, helping to clarify and develop rules to maintain fair and even competition. In addition, Fred has served on the APBA and UIM Safety Commissions and helped to develop, implement and refine safety rules. He also served on the UIM Technical Commission and is currently UIM Senior Vice President, President of the UIM Sports Commission, and a member of the UIM Council.

Fred is familiar with all aspects of powerboat racing. He has participated, in one capacity or another, in all of the categories, from Unlimited Hydroplanes and Offshore to small outboards, from driver to designer to crew chief to team manager, as well as being the son of a powerboat racer and father of two champion powerboat racers, Dan and Mike.

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## HOWIE NICHOLS

*COCOA, FL*

Howie began his racing career with APBA in 1978 at 9 years old although his contributions began much earlier than that helping his father out at the local club events. Throughout the years Howie has served in a multitude of positions both locally and nationally including but not limited to serving as a Region 1, 3, and 5 Board of Director, as Region 5 Chairman, as an APBA Commissioner for the OPC, MOD, J, and Stock Categories as well as being the Stock Outboard Chair. He has also served numerous times on the APBA Board of Directors, as the APBA Chief Referee was appointed as the acting Secretary of APBA for a National Meeting, and as the APBA President. He has also been awarded the Annual Sportsmanship awards from the OPC & MOD categories along with being inducted into the coveted APBA Honor Squadron. Having served his local community as a Firefighter / Paramedic for nearly 30 years he brings that compassion to the race site and is always present to help fellow competitors in need of assistance be it with racing equipment or medical necessity. Howie, for the past 10+ years has hosted and continues to host the Eastern Championship event for both the Stocks and Mods with PRO & J competitors also in attendance. Howie is always counted on to assist different clubs in setting up and conducting their events and has been utilized in categories outside of his own as the Chief Scorer for the OPC Nationals along with Inboard record runs Chief Scorer. Howie offers wisdom from the past while looking ahead to the future and would consider it as an honor to serve on the Board of Directors once again.



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## JEFF “CAPT. NEMO” BUCKLEY

*Tailors, SC*

A APBA’s Council Chairman Jeff “Capt. Nemo” Buckley hails from the foothills of South Carolina’s Blue Ridge Mountains. An avid boat builder, restorer, racer, marine mechanic, and USCG master captain, he continues to bring a wealth of experience and leadership to APBA. Growing up in South Georgia, Nemo began building hydroplanes for he and his high school pals when racing in the local rivers and ponds was all they could afford. Professionally, a 36-year USAF career took him around the globe and he’s credited with 154 combat missions. Upon retirement, he reopened the acclaimed Boathouse Marineworks & Performance.



Witnessing the 2012 tragedy of three back-to-back deaths on the Vintage & Historic circuit, Buckley vowed to make a difference in the safe operation and exhibition of APBA’s legacy hulls. When asked to lead APBA’s V & H Committee in 2020, Nemo assembled a cadre of seasoned and respected members who could lead the division into the future and ensure its longevity. He declared three achievable objectives for the Division: Communication, Safety, and Growth. Through his leadership, each of these goals was achieved as V&H found its course, gathered steam, and once again continued to prosper. A respected driver, mechanic, inspector, and referee, his coined safety adage is known and practiced countrywide: Safety is Paramount!

A true veteran and spokesman of diverse background, Nemo represents the core of professionalism and sportsmanship. Bringing a wealth of experience to every category, committee, and division of APBA, he most recently led the APBA membership in the near-unanimous reinstatement of the Council at Large at the National Meeting in Reno. Offering unbiased vision and guidance to ALL of APBA, “Capt. Nemo” seeks election to APBA’s Board of Directors.

He and wife, former Senator Judi Buckley, reside on their farm in Tailors, SC. Operating by the simple mantra: “Leave it better than you found it”, he’s done just that for APBA over the past 25+ years. Cast your vote for his continued leadership and consistent representation: Jeff “Capt. Nemo” Buckley

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## JOHN WLODARSKI III

*Newton, NJ*

John Wlodarski III is committed to preserving the proud history of powerboat racing while helping guide the American Power Boat Association into a stronger future. Since beginning his APBA career in 2006, John has raced in nearly every Stock and Modified outboard class, where he found himself in the prestigious Hall of Champions three times. More recently he has dabbled in the Inboard category in various classes. Beyond his own achievements, John's passion lies in building the future of the sport and preserving the past. He has dedicated himself to mentoring younger racers, supporting clubs across the country, and ensuring APBA traditions remain alive. As Vice President of the Delaware Valley Outboard Racing Association, a certified inspector, and a member of the APBA Board of Directors, John has worked tirelessly to bridge generations and categories within the organization.

John also connects with today's racers and fans through Throttled: Stock Outboard, where he blends racing news, governance updates, and humor to engage the next wave of APBA members. With experience not only in Stock and Modified, but also Inboard, OPC, PRO, and H1 Unlimited, John brings a broad, balanced perspective to the Board.



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## JULIAN RUCKI

*Tracy, CA*

I have proudly been a member of the APBA for nearly 45 years. My racing journey began in 1981 as a rider in the Crackerbox class. In 1984, I transitioned to driving and began actively competing in both the Crackerbox and Jersey Speed Skiff classes. Over the decades, I have complemented my racing involvement with numerous leadership and administrative roles. I have served as Commodore and Vice Commodore for the California Speedboat Association (CSA), Northern California Outboard Association (NCOA), and the East Bay Boat Club (EBBC). Since 2004, I have been an active member of the Inboard Racing Commission (IRC) and have previously served on the APBA Board of Directors and multiple APBA committees. Currently, I serve as a referee, inboard inspector, and class representative for the Crackerbox class. On a regional level, I have held the role of Vice Chairman and currently serve as Region Chair for Region Nine.

My leadership style is driven by critical thinking and a results-oriented mindset. I am not one to simply follow the status quo; I aim to challenge ideas constructively and seek solutions that serve the best interests of both our members and the organization. I speak up on issues where I bring experience and insight and ask questions to better understand areas outside my expertise—ensuring I make informed, thoughtful decisions.

Throughout my career, I have been honored with multiple sportsmanship and meritorious awards within Region Nine. I am also proud to be a recipient of the prestigious Mark Weber Award, the highest meritorious recognition in the Inboard category.

In addition to managing a three-boat Crackerbox team—which has collectively earned five APBA High Point titles across two classes—I contribute to our sport by assisting with event setup and teardown, as well as serving as race director, referee, or inspector at most Region Nine events. I believe the same discipline and dedication required to achieve success on the water applies directly to administrative leadership and service.

I am committed to continuing to serve APBA and contributing to its future as a leader in motorsports. Thank you for your consideration.

Julian Rucki



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## RICH LUHRS

### Granite Quarry, NC

RICH LUHRS started boat racing in 1959 when he entered small outlaw outboard events in the northeast. He first joined APBA in 1964 and competed in the OPC division for the following 15 years. During that time, he campaigned successfully in the dual engine classes in such events as the Albany-NY Marathon, Orange Bowl 9 hour, Around Long Island Marathon, OPC Nationals, Grand Lake St Mary's Marathons, Milwaukee-Chicago-Milwaukee marathons, Havasu Outboard World Championships and many others. Later while competing in the MOD U and S tunnel boat classes, Rich became a member of **Team Mercury Canada**. His longtime business partner, **Don Lostumbo**, Champion 7 liter, SK, SS, and GP driver, gave him insight and introduction to the **Inboard division** as well. Because of his longtime involvement in both the USA and Canadian races, Rich was chosen as a **Charter member of the North American Championship Commission** as an APBA representative along with Bob Nordskog and Charlie Strang.



At the end of his OPC career Rich, Don, Elbie Kronenberg, and George Linder created the multi time **Offshore World Champion and record holding Shadow Cats** for Image Boat company, of which Rich was Managing General Partner. Later Rich, Don, and George, along with Ken Adams **formed Conquest Marine** and built a series of one-off World Champion Offshore Catamarans that are still legendary today. After the tragic death of World Champion racer Mark Lavin in one of the Conquests, Jesse James, Rich and George became **Founders and Charter members of the Lavin Cockpit Safety Foundation**, whose standards they developed, and which are widely adopted in both the APBA and UIM Offshore classes. This is his primary passion to this day.

From 1982 through 2001, Rich was the **"Video voice of Offshore Racing"** doing live to tape commentary of over 200 races. Later Rich and famed broadcaster, Dick Crippen, formed an announcing tag team for APBA Offshore and appeared on ESPN, ESPN2, Prime, MSG, TNN, Speedvision and The Speed Channel. Rich also was the **APBA Offshore Director of Television Broadcasts** under Gene Whipp.

**Rich campaigns various boats in APBA Vintage and Historic events**, and owns a 1961 Switzer Wooden Shooting Star, a 1968 original wood Eltro, and a 1961 JJ class PowerCat, among others. He has been a pioneer in bringing Outboards into V&H. He is also **on the BOD of the APBA Vintage and Historic Committee** and on the **BOD of the Florida Vintage Race Boat Club**.

Rich is a **Member of the NPBA Hall of Fame**, and holder of the **Clayton Antique Boat Museum's "Legends of Vintage" Award**. He was inducted into the **Honor Squadron 2025**.

Rich has been **Chairman of APBA Offshore Committee** for 4 years at the request of Chris Fairchild and has seen significant growth in that time span. In addition, he has forged a bridge between APBA Offshore and the UIM working as a **Commissioner in UIM's COMINOFF and PLEASURE NAVIGATION Commissions** and working closely with Bob Wartinger and Fred Hauenstein in some of the most critical times in APBA-UIM history.

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## ROBIN SHANE

*Havre de Grace, MD*

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### Candidate Goals and Vision

As a candidate, I believe it is essential to have a comprehensive understanding of all APBA categories to effectively evaluate the impact of rule changes and contribute to the future development of the organization. While I am well-versed in all categories except Offshore, I am committed to learning and engaging with all aspects of APBA. One of my top priorities is enhancing communication between the Board of Directors, Council, and APBA membership. Strengthening these connections will foster transparency, collaboration, and a more unified organization. Another key objective is the development of clear and effective job descriptions. This will help define roles, improve accountability, and streamline operations across APBA.

I am committed to asking the difficult questions and voicing the concerns and ideas of our members. I welcome innovation and am open to refining existing processes to better serve the organization and its future.



### Family

I'm married to Stuart Shane, and we have two amazing kids, Kelly Shane Allen and Jimmy Shane. I'm also a proud grandma to Colton, Sydney, Hudson, and Quinn.

### Education

I studied Accounting and Business Management at the University of Baltimore.

### Work Life

Back in 1983, Stuart and I started Shane Custom Metal Fabricators right here in Havre de Grace. We specialize in custom work with stainless steel, aluminum, and exotic metals.

### APBA Involvement

I've been part of the American Power Boat Association since 1976 and have worn a lot of hats over the years—Region Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Inboard Chair, Commissioner, Race Director, and Race Scorer.

I've served on the National Board of Directors in 2004, 2012–2014, and 2023–2025. As National Inboard Chairman from 2006 to 2010, I helped kick off several committees like the Technical Committee, Rules Committee, J Stock Committee, Co-Op Fund Committee, and the National Winner's Dinner. I also spent eight years on the National J Committee and was SLT Chairman from 2010–2012 and again from 2023–2025. One of my favorite projects was launching the East Coast J Project, which brought new racers into both outboard and inboard racing. I've also helped develop new races in Region 4.

### Racing Highlights

Racing has been a huge part of my life. I've set a World Record and earned titles like National High Point Champion and National Champion in the 1.5 Litre Class. I've been honored with the Bruce Broussard and Red Peatross Awards, and in 2024, I was inducted into the Honor Squadron. A candidate should be familiar with all categories to be able to see the effects of any rule changes and development of the future of APBA. I am familiar with all but Offshore. Communication is a must between the BOD, Council and APBA membership. Increasing this communication is a high priority. Developing job descriptions is also a major task and goal. I ask the hard questions and state what the members are telling me. I am open to new and refining existing ways of operating APBA.