



*Inboard hydro racing at Black Lake, Washington.
Gleason Racing Photography*

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

August saw a lot of new National Champions crowned in several of our categories. To our new champions, CONGRATULATIONS—it is no easy task. To all the other competitors that participated, thank you each and every one for taking your time, for bringing your families to the events, for competing fairly and safely, and for your continuous support of APBA. I also want to wish you success moving forward, and hope your turn comes soon.

The BoD continues to work for you, the membership. We are currently writing by-laws to help with the Region Restructuring program. Our goal is to try to make this as seamless as possible for everyone, and to provide a platform for region elections that allows everyone to participate.

You will see several surveys coming your way. Our new Operations Director Sarah Ealy is certainly getting her feet wet. Among other projects, she has formulated

a demographics survey to help in the search for marketing ventures for APBA to partner with. Check your email. Please return that survey by August 13th and you may win a free 2019 APBA membership! That is one of the incentives for members to return the surveys we send out.

We also need to ensure that you have current information on file with APBA HQ. If you have an out-of-date email or phone number, there is no way to contact you. It is your responsibility to keep these up to date. Email will only become more essential. Going into the future, look for ballots and voting to occur in a format similar to what Survey Monkey allows. We can maintain the integrity and security of the ballot with this format, and also make sure that only one ballot is submitted per member.

As the racing wraps up for the National High Points chase and the elusive Hall of Champions, stay on top of your game. Give your equipment another look to make sure that it, you, and your competitor are safe while out on the water.

Best of luck to all.

—*Howie*



(L-R) Sabrina Haudek celebrated her 40-year APBA anniversary with High Points admin Cindy Minoletti, bookkeeper Linda Likert, Director of Operations Sarah Ealy, former Executive Director Gloria Urbin, former Sanctions admin Joanne Vollmer, and APBA President Howie Nichols. Congratulations, Sabrina!

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NATIONALS HIGHLIGHTS

You may have heard that Kyle Lewis of Seattle, Washington won four National titles at the Stock/Mod/J Nationals in Moses Lake. Among other wonderful stories were Ava Hearn, J Hydro Champion; Joe Johnson winning his first National Championship—850CCMR—in 30 years of racing (plus an 1100CCR North American title).

Below, the North American Championship 1100ccR team (L-R): deck rider Pat Brians, owner Rich Fuchslin, and driver Joe Johnson. Teri Ziemer photo



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RACE CALENDAR

REGION 1

8/26-26	Fall River MA	OS
9/8-9	Standish ME	PRO-SO-J CLSES
9/22-23	Kingston NH	PRO-SO-J CLSES

REGION 2

9/15-16	Redwood NY NY	MOD-SO-J CLSES
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REGION 3

9/1-3	Lock Haven PA	MOD-SO-J CLSES <i>Divisional</i>
9/8-9	Mays Landing NJ	INB
9/15-16	Landing NJ	INB
9/23-23	Lake Hopatcong NJ	OS
10/13-14	Millville NJ	MOD-SO-J CLSES

REGION 4

8/4-5	Ravenswood WV	OPC
8/31-2	Wheeling WV	VINTAGE
9/22-23	Wilson NC	MOD-SO-J CLSES <i>Divisional</i>
9/29-30	Hampton VA	INB <i>National Championship</i>
10/5-7	Historic Leonardtown Wharf MD	VINTAGE

REGION 6

8/4-5	Pittsburg PA	OPC-J CLSES
8/11-12	Springfield OH	VINTAGE-OPC-J CLSES-MOD-SO
8/11-12	Indian River MI	SO-TC-J CLSES <i>National Championship</i>
8/18-19	Kittanning PA	MOD-PRO-SO-J CLSES <i>North American Championship</i>
8/25-26	Dayton OH	MOD-SO-J CLSES <i>North American Championship</i>
8/25-25	Detroit MI	INB-UNL-VINTAGE
9/8-9	Hillsdale MI	PRO-MOD-TC-J CLSES <i>Divisional</i>
9/8-9	Grass Lake MI	SO-J CLSES
9/15-16	Big Rapids MI	SO-J CLSES
9/15-16	Waynesville OH	INB-VINTAGE
9/28-30	Duffy OH	SE-OS-PRO-MOD-SO-OPC-TC-J CLSES

REGION 7

9/1-2	Evansville IN	INB <i>Divisional</i>
9/1-2	Oshkosh WI	MOD-SO-J CLSES <i>North American Championship</i>
9/15-16	Beloit WI	MOD-SO-J CLSES
9/22-23	Madison IN	VINTAGE
9/22-23	Wausau WI	OPC

RACE CALENDAR

9/22-23 Rock Falls IL

PRO-MOD-SO-J CLSES

REGION 8

8/11-12 Detroit Lakes MN

OPC-MOD-SO

REGION 9

9/1-2 Shreveport LA

OPC

REGION 10

8/4-5 Seattle WA

VINTAGE-INB-UNL-OPC-J CLSES

8/18-19 Eatonville WA

SO-PRO-MOD-J CLSES *Divisional*

8/18-19 Pateros WA

VINTAGE-INB-OPC
Inboard Driving School 8/17

8/25-26 Lewiston ID

SE-JRR

8/25-25 Saint John WA

SE-JET SPRI

9/2-3 Grants Pass OR

OB RR

9/8-9 Spanaway WA

INB-OPC-VINTAGE *Divisional*

9/8-9 SeaTac WA

SO-MOD-PRO-KPH-J CLSES

9/15-16 Oak Harbor WA

VINTAGE-INB-IE-OPC

9/15-16 Yelm WA

PRO-MOD-SO-J CLSES

9/22-23 Lincoln City OR

SE-INB-IE-PRO-MOD-SO-OPC-J CLSES

9/22-23 Manson WA

VINTAGE-INB-OPC

REGION 11

8/18-19 Klamath CA

OB RR

9/22-23 Nicolaus CA

VINTAGE-INB-PRO-MOD-SO-OPC-J

10/27-28 Lathrop CA

INB-PRO-MOD-SO-OPC-J CLSES

REGION 12

9/14-16 San Diego CA

UL-UNL

10/12-14 Bakersfield CA

INB-IE-PRO-MOD-SO-OPC-J CLSES

NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Junior Classes North American Championships have been moved to Dayton, OH August 25-26.

An Inboard Driving School has been added to the Pateros, Washington regatta on Friday, August 17th. Registration is limited; applicants may sign up at <https://apbashop.com/t/inboard-driving-school>

*Driving School graduate David Ingham ready to rock in a 300SSH at Mossdale Quarry.
Jean Mackay-Schwartz photo*



QUAKE AT THE QUARRY

***Mossdale Quarry, Lathrop, California
June 16-17, 2018***

Mossdale Quarry was the setting for the “Quake at the Quarry” hosted by East Bay Boat Club on June 16-17. Building on the strength of last year’s Oct 27-28 event, this year’s program attracted 600 spectators, attending the first “Quake at the Quarry”. The crowds were entertained by the announcing of Dean Wilson as he explained powerboat racing and heat-by-heat action. As nine C Stock Hydros charged around the course, Dean brought the crowd to their feet as they cheered on their local favorites. Highlights of the weekend included a driving school offered each day during the event, six 300SSH entries, and a driver award/taco party Saturday night.

The driving schools, coordinated by the Wilde Ones (Steve, Daniel, Pam), plus Joe Johnson, Jean Mackay and Stuart Ford, offered newbies two different setups depending on age and skill level—a J/AX Hydro rig for the youngsters, and a 300SSH rig for the older kids and adults. Under the watchful eyes of Joe Johnson, Daniel and Pamela Wilde and Darrell

Sorenson, and with their patient guidance, six driving school students hit the water.

Several of the spectators were able to take advantage of the driving school program, trying the out the rigs with a mentor on the course. One lucky spectator, after testing the 300SSH with his son, purchased the rig onsite.

Welcome, David Ingham, to our racing family!

David is from the Pittsburg, California area. He has a racing background and has purchased race safety gear from Ernie Dawe. He looks forward to attending the NCOA race at Minden in September.

The J/AX youngsters' "J-Bird" program, with equipment donated by Jerry Croft and the Banducci family, was coordinated by Daniel Wilde with Pamela assisting. Together they were able to put three youngsters on the water for test drives.

Racing returns to this excellent site with another Quake at the Quarry, Oct. 26-27, 2018. Late-season points, anyone?



Driving schools drive the sport's growth. East Bay Boat Club photo

REGION 6-INBOARDS RETURN TO ROCKY FORK, OHIO!

APBA REGION 6 RACING HEATS UP!

Rocky Fork State Park (Hillsboro, Ohio) enthusiastically welcomed back 39 Inboard and Vintage raceboats on one of the most picturesque sites on the racing circuit 21-22 July. This event came together in about six weeks of concentrated teamwork among local committee members, community reps, and Inboard racers. They include Jim Sechler, Barry Pray, Greg & Kevin Kreitzer, Dan Kanfoush, Mike Weber (Referee), Chris Ritz (Inspector), Katelyn Shaw (Scorer), Ron Snyder, Box 21, Marine Prop Riders, Kathy and Royce Richards, Kathy Schuler and Earl Stilson, Jerry Terry (in memory of Doc Terry), Dayton Motorboat, the Bruns, Jason Branham, and a host of others. Weather? Got some rain, but raceboats are supposed to get wet; and with Mother Nature regrooming the track surface, all the races got in both days, featuring close competition for the fine crowd of spectators!

T – Reid Melowic – hang in there, bud, you got here, ready to rock!

S – Keith Fickert S-17 All In

Y – Tim Collins Y-1 with Stevie Kuhr up – this guy drives everything! A chip off the old block, swept all heats!

A – Norm Cameron / Jim Aid A-33 In Cahoots Again – four wins, clean sweep!

E – Jeff Sankuer E-17 Modern Drummer – first time clean sweep, four heat wins!

NM – Tom Newman NM-100 with Tony Black up edged out BJ Maduri's Wild Viking (Mike Monahan piloting) by a mere 5 points!

GNH – Steve Kuhr GNH-317 the Irishman – he's the block, see above! Cal Phipps grabbed 3 race wins, but experience & endurance overcame Cal's exploits this time!

Vintage – kudos for the beautiful boats and we hope Graham Coddington (GP-17 Midnight Miss) from Down Under got his trailer hitch in order!

Looks like next year, and the next four after, are on the docket for Rocky Fork!

REGION 6 RACING HEATS UP EVERY WEEKEND IN AUGUST!

4-5 AUGUST– Pittsburg, Pa., the Three Rivers Regatta, OPC (SST45/120/200)

11-12 AUGUST– Springfield, Ohio at the new liquid oval adjacent to the Clark County Fairgrounds features F1 Tunnels with a couple of Stock and Mod classes and a J Hydro demo

11-12 AUGUST– Top O' Michigan Marathon Nationals– the annual toughperson endurance race on the waters of Michigan's Inland waterway (Burt Lake, Mullet Lake, Crooked Lake, Crooked River, Cheboygan River, and Indian River) over two days! Runaboats and Thundercats galore! Everyone competing is a Tough Person!

18-19 AUGUST– Kittanning, Pa., Jeff and Mary Williams say, this is a Riverbration, as Stocks, Mods, PROs, and J Classes compete on the Allegheny River in downtown Kittanning! North American Championships in 125MR, 350MR, 125MH.

25-26 AUGUST – Dayton, Ohio on Eastwood Lake – the annual Dayton Record Runs! Stocks, Mods, and J Classes run for records on a 3/4-mile oval Saturday and a 1-mile course Sunday! North American Championships will also be contested for 750MH, JH, JR, AXH, and AXR! Be there!

24-26 AUGUST – Detroit, Michigan, on the infamous Detroit River course, hosts the Metro Detroit Chevrolet Dealers HydroFest 2018. Join Honorary Race Chairpersons Happy and Bill Rands, Grand Marshall Matthew Greiner, Mark Weber and the volunteers of Detroit Riverfront Events, Inc. as they present Unlimited Hydros vying for the most prestigious award in boat racing: the historic APBA Gold Cup! Action all three days includes support of an invitational GP class event and Vintage hydros.

Keep tuned by consulting the APBA website for schedule details on races. September action in Region 6 includes the annual Michigan outboard doubleheader 8-9 September at Grass Lake (Stocks) and Hillsdale (Mod, PRO), MHRA at Big Rapids, Mi 15-16 September. And, that same weekend, near Waynesville, Ohio (a little southeast of Dayton), Caesar's Creek State Park will see Inboard racing action! Nearby activity in Regions 4 & 7 will include Inboard Eastern Divisionals Labor Day weekend at Evansville, Ind., Vintage in Wheeling, WestbygodVirginia (Labor Day weekend), and Vintage in Madison, Indiana (15-16SE).

Gotta go, I am SPUN OUT for August!

—Don (Eli) Whitney
APBA Region 6 Chairman



At the PNC Bank Roar on the River in Trenton, Michigan, Thundercats (above) take off from the dock and (below) SST 120s line up.





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BEST SITE AWARD

A Project of the APBA National Promotional and Marketing Committee

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APBA PROMOTIONAL & MARKETING COMMITTEE

*By Jean Mackay-Schwartz and
Sherron Winer, co-chairs*

Introducing the APBA Best Site Award

Every year APBA sanctions hundreds of events across the United States, covering every APBA category, plus Special Events. It is APBA clubs that produce these races, primarily with volunteers, often with the assistance of the local government and the business community. As APBA members, we enjoy their efforts; many of us take time to say thanks, but as an organization, we have never honored the venues' conducting organizations, the backbone of our organization—the clubs. Without them, as some drivers have pointed out, none of us would have "a place to play."

APBA BEST RACE SITE AWARD: The national Promotional and Marketing Committee has developed an award to honor the clubs, to acknowledge and encourage excellence, while improving relationships between the racing clubs' venues and APBA. Venues can be nominated by any attending APBA category, class or team. For example, the Stock and Mod National Championships can be nominated by any attending

APBA member, by a group, by any class named on the race sanction, or by either the Stock or Mod Commission. The Promotional/Marketing Committee will choose one overall best site from the nominations. That site will receive recognition in Propeller and a trophy/plaque. The conducting club for that site will receive a free APBA club membership for the following year. Our sponsor, Powerboat Superleague, will pay the cost of the dues and provide the trophy. The top three nominated clubs will be advised in advance of the 2019 APBA Convention so that they can attend the award presentation as part of the traditional Friday evening celebration.

What makes a race site a winner? Use the bullet points below to develop reasons why your favorite racing venue deserves to be chosen as APBA's Best Site. Provide the Promotional/Marketing Committee with materials, examples and testimonials (from teams and the local community) to make your case.

- Excellence in overall production, including following insurance guidelines
- Excellence of officiating
- Participation and support from teams
- Local/regional event marketing and publicity
- Inclusion of APBA in venue promotion pre-event, on-site and post-event
- Creative use of social media
- Attendance by the public

The nomination form is available on the [APBA website](#) or from any committee

member. Deadline for submissions is October 31, 2018, the end of the APBA calendar racing calendar.

Interested in nominating your favorite race venue? Are you confused by the nomination process? Need a nomination form? Help is a simple email away. You can contact your category chairs, or email [Robin Shane](#), [Mark Wheeler](#), [Jeff Williams](#), [Jean Mackay-Schwartz](#) or [Sherron Winer](#) – all members of the committee.

Do you need help with marketing decisions? Can we assist with planning flyers, posters, or schedule cards? Do you need sponsorship suggestions? We are always an email away; part of our effort, through APBA's Promotional and Marketing Committee, to get you from HERE (an idea) to THERE (a successful race).

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