

## **PLEASE FOLLOW OPC RULES!**

We are well into the racing season. The competition and action have been fierce and exciting.

We must take a step back and remind ourselves that APBA has rulebooks to protect the integrity and fairness of our competition. The drivers have voted to have these rules followed by drivers, crews and officials. The officials are to refresh their memories by taking another look at the rulebook. There are many category special series rules, but the General Racing Rules take precedence, unless the category rule is more restrictive. There have been changes since last year: some new rules have been added, some rules have been moved or combined with others, and some have been removed.

Remember, referees are there to assist the race committee in making a smooth-running regatta, as well as to help avoid and correct errors. He/she must choose at least one drivers' representative at the drivers' meeting.

The race committee is made up the race director, timer, scorer, starter and inspector. All questions and disputes that may arise are decided by the race committee. The referee may overrule decisions made by the race committee. The referee's ruling may be appealed to the commission, except for on-course infractions.

Special attention is required by the scorer. He/she must check for proper APBA registration, capsule training, proper boat numbers and on-course scoring. He/she advises the race committee and referee when needed.

The inspector needs to provide proper pre-race boat and safety inspection. He/she must make sure boats and motors follow the published technical specifications, and any violations are reported to the referee.

Race officials are to work with drivers to provide a "level playing field" along with keen competition and enjoyable racing. Drivers, crews and race officials must work together to further our sport of boat racing and APBA.

## **CLUB SUPPORT DOCUMENTS**

Just a reminder for APBA Clubs to take advantage of, and utilize, the APBA Club Support documents. The Club Support documents are available to current APBA Clubs and Race Promoters to help them solicit new race sites and local sponsors for their events.

The documents are available on the APBA website on the main page under "[CLUB SUPPORT](#)". To access to these documents on the APBA website you will need the username and password. Those can be obtained by contacting Patrick Mell at 586-773-9700 or by email at [pmell@apba.org](mailto:pmell@apba.org).

Below is a list of documents that are available. The documents can be downloaded from the APBA website in PDF format.

If you would like the documents in Word format that can be easily modified, please let Patrick Mell know the name of your club, your name and email, and what documents you would like emailed to you.

APBA Demographics

Sample Event Budget

Event Checklist

DNR/Coast Guard Support Document

Sample Ambulance/Supplier Agreement

Sample Host Site Proposal

Sample Host Site Contract

Sample Sponsor Proposal

Sample Sponsor Contract

Clubs are the backbone of APBA. Thank you for all the hard work, and please use the resources available.



**2017**

**Top O' Michigan  
STOCK OUTBOARD  
MARATHON NATIONALS**

**AUGUST 12TH & 13TH  
INDIAN RIVER, MICHIGAN**

**Stock and J Classes  
JR • AXR • ASR • BSR  
CSR • 25SSR • DSR  
All Thundercat Classes**

**Top O' Michigan  
Outboard Racing Club  
[www.tomorc.org](http://www.tomorc.org)**

**OPC Nationals  
Grand Prix of Louisiana  
September 1-3, 2017  
Shreveport, Louisiana**



Powerboat Nationals Series Champions  
Jeff Reno 2014, John Ludwig 2015, Lee Daniel 2016

[www.powerboatnationals.com](http://www.powerboatnationals.com)

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# RACE CALENDAR 2017 [www.apba.org](http://www.apba.org)

## REGION 1

8/27	Fall River, MA Grand Prix	OFFSHORE
9/9-10	Standish, ME Fall Regatta	PRO, MOD, STOCK, J
9/15-16	Wolfeboro NH Vintage Race Boat Regatta	SPECIAL EVENTS
9/23-24	10th Annual Kingston NH Fall Classic	PRO, STOCK, J

## REGION 2

9/15-17	Redwood, NY - Crystal Lake Regatta	MOD, STOCK, J
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## REGION 3

9/2-4	Lock Haven PA Labor Day Regatta	PRO, MOD, STOCK, J
9/9-10	The Mary Ann and Daniel J. Murphy, Jr. Memorial Regatta Mays Landing, NJ - Lake Lenape	INBOARD
9/24	Lake Hopatcong NJ Grand Prix	OFFSHORE
10/7-8	Roxbury, NJ - New Jersey State Championships	INBOARD
10/14-15	Fall Millville NJ Regatta	MOD, STOCK, J

## REGION 4

8/5-6	Ravenswood, WV - POWERBOAT NATIONALS Gulf Cup Series Stop #2 - Constellium Ohio River Grand Prix	OPC
8/19-20	Cambridge, MD - Thunder on the Choptank	SPECIAL EVENTS, INBOARD, J
9/1-3	Wheeling, WV - Vintage Raceboat Regatta	SPECIAL EVENTS
9/10	Ocean City, MD - Grand Prix	OFFSHORE
9/23-24	Hampton, VA - Hampton Cup Regatta	INBOARD
10/7-8	Wilson, VA - Buckhorn Reservoir Regatta	

## REGION 5

8/17	Key West, FL - Lucas Oil Ocean Cup	OFFSHORE
8/19-20	Islamorada, FL - Grand Prix of the Seas	OFFSHORE
11/17-19	Tavares, FL - Fall Thunder Regatta	SPECIAL EVENTS
11/18-19	Englewood, FL - Beach Waterfest	OFFSHORE

## REGION 6

8/4-6	Pittsburgh, PA - EQT Three Rivers Regatta	OPC
8/12-13	Indian River, MI - Top O' Michigan Marathon Nationals	STOCK, THUNDERCAT, J
8/19-20	Kittanning, PA - Tri-Star Riverbration	PRO, MOD, STOCK, J
8/26-27	Detroit, MI - Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers HydroFest	INBOARD, UNLIMITED
8/26-27	Springfield Ohio - F1 Grand Prix	OPC
8/26-27	Dayton, OH - Great American Outboard Race- Dayton Record Runs Regatta	MOD, STOCK, J
9/8	Grass Lake, MI - Wild Ones Regatta	STOCK, J
9/9-10	Hillsdale, MI - American Legion Championships	PRO, MOD, Thundercat
9/9-10	Russells Pt, OH - Indian Lake	INBOARD
9/16-17	Big Rapids, MI - Mecosta County Regatta	STOCK, J
9/30-10/1	Duffy, OH - RegattaFest	SPECIAL EVENTS, INBOARD, OPC, J

## REGION 7

9/2-3	Oshkosh, WI - Shake the Lake 2017	PRO, MOD, STOCK, J
9/2-3	Evansville, IN - HydroFest	INBOARD
9/16-17	Wausau, WI - POWERBOAT NATIONALS - Gulf Cup Series Stop #5 - Grand Prix of Wisconsin	OPC
9/16-17	Beloit, WI - Thunder on the Rock	MOD, STOCK, J
9/23-24	Madison, IN - Vintage Thunder	SPECIAL EVENTS

## REGION 8

8/12-13	Detroit Lakes, MN - Jerry Simison Memorial, Quake on The Lake 11	OPC
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## REGION 9

9/2-4	Shreveport, LA - POWERBOAT NATIONALS - Grand Prix of Louisiana - U.S. OPC NATIONALS	OPC
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## REGION 10

8/5	Burley, ID - WARP Sprint Track	SPECIAL EVENTS
8/5-6	Seattle, WA - Albert Lee Cup at Seafair	SPECIAL EVENTS, INBOARD, OPC, UNLIMITED
8/12-13	Pateros, WA - Hydro Classic	INBOARD, OPC, VINTAGE & HISTORIC
8/19-20	Oak Harbor, WA - HYDROS FOR HEROES II	INBOARD, INBOARD ENDURANCE, OPC
8/19-20	Eatonville, WA - Smilin George Memorial Regatta	PRO, MOD, STOCK, J

## REGION 10

8/20	Gold Beach, OR - Lower Rogue Outboard Challenge	SPECIAL EVENTS
8/25-7	Lewiston, ID - THUNDER ON THE SNAKE (TOTS)	SPECIAL EVENTS
9/4	Grants Pass, OR - Labor Day Regatta	SPECIAL EVENTS
9/9-10	Spanaway, WA - Yapachino Memorial Regatta Nationals	SPECIAL EVENTS, INBOARD, INBOARD ENDURANCE, OPC
9/9-10	SeaTac, WA - 2nd Annual Frank Hansen Memorial Regatta	PRO, MOD, STOCK, J
9/16-17	Yelm, WA - Lake Lawrence World Record Regatta	PRO, MOD, STOCK, J
9/23-24	Lincoln City, OR - Devils Lake - Rocky Stone Memorial Kilos	SPECIAL EVENTS, INBOARD, INBOARD ENDURANCE, PRO, MOD, STOCK, J
9/30-10/1	Manson, WA - Norm Evans Memorial Apple Cup	SPECIAL EVENTS, INBOARD, STOCK, OPC

## REGION 11

9/2-3	Redding, CA - Redding Outboard Racers Group Labor Day Regatta	INBOARD, PRO, MOD, STOCK, OPC, J
9/30-10/1	Nicolaus, CA - Lake Minden Bonus Points Regatta	INBOARD, PRO, MOD, STOCK, OPC, J
10/28-29	Lathrop, CA - 4th Annual Bob & Stevie West Regatta	INBOARD, PRO, MOD, STOCK, OPC, J

## REGION 12

9/15-17	San Diego, CA - Bayfair	INBOARD, INBOARD ENDURANCE, UNLIMITED, J
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# WHAT'S GOING ON

The Mod/PRO Nationals drew almost 300 entries in breezy but decent conditions at Constantine. A few thrills, spills and restarts (and do-overs do not benefit everybody...). Congratulations to the winners, and to the race committee for a smoothly run regatta. Thanks to Jan shaw for posting day by day. See final results at <http://www.apba.org/node/8619/results>.

For the latest from **Seattle Outboard Association**, check out the [July newsletter](#).



The 67th annual PNC Bank Trenton River Roar on the River presented by the Trenton Rotary Club was amazing. For the first time, the World Championships, Gut-buster Marathon and Taste of the Races happened without longtime race director Fred Miller. However, a lovely tribute to Fred was held Saturday evening, with Laurie Vidal

presiding. Family and friends filled the tent to share stories, laughs and tears. After nightfall, a spectacular fireworks display lit up the sky over the Trenton channel. The first volley contained a little of Fred Miller, rising high and coming to rest in the water where he had presided for decades. Race in peace, Fred. Congratulations to 2017 champions Mark Schmerbauch, Chris Fairchild and Terry Rinker. Find OPC Formula 1 Trenton results [here](#); plus [Formula Lights \(SST 45\)](#) and [TriHulls](#) results thanks to the NGK F1 Powerboat Championship.

As this issue of SPIN goes out, the **Stock/J Nationals** are done roaring around Grass Lake, Michigan. Congratulations to the 2017 champions, and kudos to Michigan Hydroplane Racing Association for a fun, smoothly run event. See [Facebook](#) for photos and early (unofficial) results.

The world's fastest boats compete in Eastern Washington July 29-30 on the Columbia River in the **Tri-Cities Water Follies HAPO Columbia Cup**. Leading the list of contenders will be the winner of last year's race in the Tri-Cities and reigning three-time national champion, the U-1 *Miss HomeStreet Bank* driven by Jimmy Shane. The U-9 *Les Schwab* from Seattle is a definite threat to win the HAPO Columbia Cup. Driven by Michigan resident Andrew Tate, last year's Rookie of the Year, the team won the Indiana Governor's Cup in July. Another top contender will be the U-12 *Graham Trucking* now owned by longtime boat sponsor Rob Graham. In a career that started in 2000 as the

Miss Budweiser, the boat, which is now based out of Milton, Washington, has collected three national championships and 23 race victories, including last year's APBA Gold Cup. It was extensively rebuilt over the winter and will be driven by J. Michael Kelly of Bonney Lake, Washington.

Also in the thick of things will be the U-16 *Obert*, the newest boat on the Unlimited circuit. It will be campaigned by the Ellstrom family of Seattle, which has been in the sport since 1994 and has won a total of 23 race victories and two national championships. Driver J.W. Myers of Burien, Washington returns to racing after being out of the sport for the past five seasons.

Other Unlimited hydroplanes sure to add to the excitement will include the U-11 *Miss J&D's* with Tom Thompson of Cambridge, Maryland, at the controls; the U-21 *Payne West Insurance* with Brian Perkins of North Bend, Washington, driving; the U-3 *Grigg's Ace Hardware* with Jimmy King of Wales, Michigan, in the cockpit; the U-99.9 *Miss Rock* with Greg Hopp of Lake Stevens, Washington; and *Bucket List Racing*, driven by Dustin Echols of Sultan, Washington.

The unlimited hydroplanes have been racing on the Columbia River at the Tri-Cities since 1966. The event has featured the fastest and most competitive racing during the season.

For an updated schedule and ticket information, go to the Tri-Cities Water Follies [website](#).

The 2017 Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers HydroFest takes place Fri., Aug. 25 – Sun., Aug. 27. The race will feature an updated format with two sets of preliminary heats on Aug. 26 and a winner-take-all final for the President's Cup, followed by three sets of preliminary heats on Aug. 27 with a winner-take-all final for the prestigious APBA Gold Cup, the oldest active trophy in all of the motorsports. Single and weekend tickets are on sale now. To purchase tickets or for sponsorship opportunities, call the office of the Detroit Riverfront Events Inc. at 313-329-8047. For complete details, visit [www.detroitboatraces.com](http://www.detroitboatraces.com)

Here is the poster designed by Lawrence Tech student Daniel Stack, 22, from Farmington Hills, MI.

And there's much more! Check the race calendar, and enjoy the show!





# AWARD NOMINATIONS ARE DUE OCT. 1

## THE DON ALLEN SR. MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

is presented each year during the APBA Annual Meeting. This award honors service contributions to the American Power Boat Association in the areas of leadership, officiating, safety, or other activities contributing to the benefit of the APBA not directly related to the racing of a specific boat.

The contribution may be judged on the efforts of a single year, or over a period of years, at the judgment of the selection committee. The selection committee is chaired by the sitting APBA President, and shall comprise the previous five surviving selectees. It is not required that there be a selectee each year, but it is encouraged that there be a selection process each year.

Any member may submit a detailed written nomination to APBA Headquarters. All nominations must be received no later than **October 1st**.

## THE APBA HONOR SQUADRON

is the highest non-racing award that the APBA offers each year. Nomination reminders will be in *Propeller (SPIN)*, and on the APBA website.

Nominations are due **October 1st**.

Ballots and copies of the nominations are mailed to the Honor Squadron Committee by **October 15th**.

Ballots are due **October 31st**.

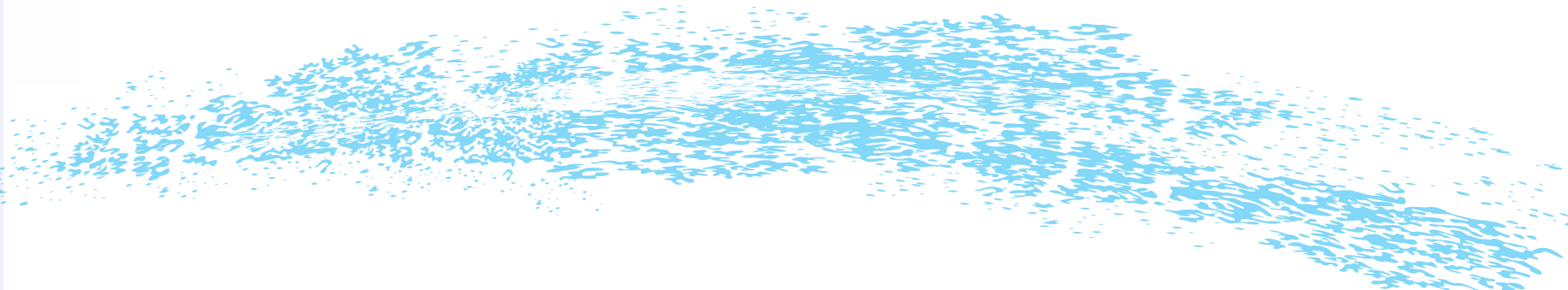
To be a candidate for induction, the nominee must receive a vote of at least 50% of the Honor Squadron Committee members.

A maximum of two (2) nominees will be selected by the Committee for induction into the Honor Squadron, for presentation at the next APBA Annual Banquet. In case of a tie, the chairperson will resolve it with her/his vote.

### CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF CANDIDATES:

Extensive service and contributions to APBA and powerboat racing such as:

- (a) major boat race promotion accomplishments (new race sites; race sponsors);
- (b) major structural improvements in APBA's organization;
- (c) major contributions to APBA's functioning through rule restructuring, driver and official recruitment, committee activities;
- (d) major technological improvement to one, or several, aspects of the sport;
- (e) exceptional long-term racing accomplishments may be considered. The description of each contribution, exceptional service, or accomplishment must be specific.



# KIRKLAND NABS FIRST CAREER WIN; SANDERSON ENDS STREAK

After 4 years of competing on the Cal-Ore River Racers hydroplane circuit, and earning honors in his maiden season, 32-year-old Cameron Kirkland (#68) captured his first victory of his career Sunday winning the Yurok Tribal Government sponsored event on the Klamath River.



You can follow Cal-Ore online for schedule, results, standings, driver bios, and history at <http://caloreriverracers.com/>.

From top: Cameron Kirkland, Roger Sanderson and Jesse Reinhart. Photos courtesy of Cal-Ore River Racers

Kirkland, of Grants Pass, Oregon, sponsored by Sunworks, won the fifth race of the summer series in Klamath, California. He thus won two of the 5 legs, snapping (CORRA) Cal-Ore Champion Roger Sanderson's 6-race win streak.

Sanderson (#B200) of Hoopa, California got a late start on the opening leg and finished third on the first leg behind Hoopa's Jude Hostler (#50) and Kirkland.

Four-time champion Sanderson did win legs two and four, and finished a close second on the day to remain atop the CORRA Points Standings.

Hostler finished third behind Kirkland and Sanderson.

Kirkland started the day in 6th place in the points race, but moved up to third with his memorable win. Sanderson maintains the top spot with two races remaining on the tour.

Only 3 of the 13 boats that lined up for the start managed to finish, as all but one encountered mechanical problems.

Jess Reinhart (#17), who is in second place in the points championship race failed to start the race. Michael Dickson (#20) broke down on the first leg, and entered the weekend third in points ahead of veterans Dereck Ely (#11) and Jeff Lewis (#007) who both did not race.

Buck McCovery (#AR15), Edward Mitchell (#55RK), and Rocky Jones (#34) were all in the running early, and finished the first two legs until going out.

The Cal-Ore series continues in Gold Beach for a weekend of racing on the Rogue River August 19-20th. The season winds up Labor Day weekend in Grants Pass with the Cal-Ore U.S. Championships.

