



NOTICE OF APBA ELECTIONS

This year APBA will elect five (5) board members for a two-year term. There are six (6) council-at-large members up for election this year.

Anyone wishing to be nominated should send a letter of intent (or email to pmell@apba.org) and brief personal profile to the Nominating Committee, c/o APBA Headquarters, prior to **June 15**. This will place your name on the nomination ballot that will be sent to the Nominating Committee.

Prior to **July 15**, the Nominating Committee, which is made up of the Board of Directors and Category Chairmen, will nominate candidates; and APBA Headquarters shall notify the nominees.

By **August 1st**, candidates must submit an acceptance letter to APBA Headquarters.

Proxies will be mailed to each member entitled to vote on or before **August 20th**.

AWARD NOMINATIONS

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 **September 30th**.

The **APBA HONOR SQUADRON** is the highest non-racing award that the APBA offers each year.

Nomination reminders will be in *Propeller*, 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.

RACE CALENDAR 2017 www.apba.org

REGION 1

6/10-11	Milton, NH	PRO, Stock, Junior Classes
7/8-9	Thompson, CT	PRO, MOD, Stock, Junior Classes
8/27	Fall River, MA - Mount Hope Bay	Offshore
9/8-10	Standish, ME	PRO, MOD, Stock, Junior Classes
9/23-24	10th Annual Kingston, NH Fall Classic	PRO, Stock, Junior Classes

REGION 2

6/3-4	Whitney Point, NY - NE Divisionals	MOD, Stock, Junior Classes
9/15-17	Redwood, NY - Crystal Lake Regatta	MOD, Stock, Junior Classes

REGION 3

6/17-18	Thunder in The Mountains, West Milford, NJ	Special Events, Inboard
6/24-25	Berwick, PA Area Regatta	MOD, Stock, Junior Classes
9/2-4	Labor Day Lock Haven, PA Regatta	PRO, MOD, Stock, Junior Classes
9/9-10	The Mary Ann and Daniel J. Murphy, Jr. Memorial Regatta Mays Landing, NJ - Lake Lenape	Inboard
9/16	New Jersey State Championships, Roxbury, NJ	Inboard
9/24	Lake Hopatcong, NJ Grand Prix	Offshore
10/14-15	Fall Millville, NJ Regatta	MOD, Stock, Junior Classes

REGION 4

6/17-18	New Martinsville, WV Vintage Regatta	Special Events
7/22-23	POWERBOAT NATIONALS Huntington, WV	OPC
7/28-30	Leonardtown, MD - Southern Maryland Boat Club Regatta	Special Events
8/5-6	POWERBOAT NATIONALS - Ravenswood, WV	OPC
8/19-20	Cambridge, MD	Special Events, Inboard, Junior Classes
9/01-03	Wheeling, WV Vintage Raceboat Regatta	Special Events
9/10	Ocean City, MD Grand Prix	Offshore

REGION 5

6/3	4th Annual Jacksonville, FL Grand Prix of the Seas	Offshore
6/17-18	St. Pete Beach, FL Grand Prix of the Seas	Offshore
7/1-2	33rd Annual Sarasota, FL Powerboat Grand Prix	Special Events, Offshore
8/17	Key West, FL - Lucas Oil Ocean Cup	Offshore
8/19-20	Islamorada, FL - Grand Prix of the Seas	Offshore
10/7-8	Fall Jesup, GA - Lake Lindsay Grace	PRO, MOD, Stock, Junior Classes
11/17-19	Tavares, FL - Fall Thunder Regatta	Special Events
11/18-19	Englewood, FL - Beach Waterfest	Offshore

REGION 6

6/7-11	Springfield, OH - Solar Splash: The Intercollegiate Championship of Solar/Electric Boating	Special Events
6/17-18	Constantine, MI	MOD, Stock, Junior Classes
6/23-25	Constantine, MI - MOD/ PRO Nationals - J NAC	PRO, MOD, Junior Classes
7/8	POWERBOAT NATIONALS Marietta, OH	Inboard, OPC
7/15-16	Trenton, MI - 67th Annual PNC ROAR ON THE RIVER	Stock, OPC

7/24-30	Grass Lake, MI - Stock & J National Championships	Stock, Junior Classes
7/30	St Clair, MI - River Classic	Offshore
8/12-13	Indian River, MI - Top O' Michigan Marathon Nationals	Stock, Thundercat, Junior Classes

8/19-20	Kittanning, PA - Tri-Star Riverbration	PRO, MOD, Stock, Junior Classes
8/25-27	Detroit, MI - Detroit HydroFest	Inboard, OPC, Unlimited
8/26-27	Dayton, OH - Great American Outboard Race	MOD, Stock, Junior Classes
9/8	Grass Lake, MI - Wild Ones Regatta	Stock, Junior Classes
9/9-10	Russells Pt, OH - Indian Lake	Inboard
9/16-17	Big Rapids, MI - Mecosta County Regatta	Stock, Junior Classes
9/30-10/1	Duffy, OH - RegattaFest	Inboard, OPC, Junior Classes

REGION 7

6/3-4	Huntington, IN - Harry Brinkman Memorial Regatta	PRO, MOD, Stock, Thundercat, Junior Classes
6/10-11	La Porte, IN - Maple City Grand Prix	OPC, Junior Classes
6/17-18	Lawrenceburg, IN - Whiskey City Regatta	OPC
7/1-2	Madison, IN Regatta	Inboard, Unlimited
7/8	Rock Falls, IL - River Chase	MOD, Stock, Junior Classes
9/1-3	Evansville, IN HydroFest	Inboard
9/16-17	Beloit, WI - Thunder on the Rock	MOD, Stock, Junior Classes
9/16-17	Wausau, WI - POWERBOAT NATIONALS - Grand Prix of Wisconsin	OPC
9/23-24	Madison, IN Vintage Thunder	Special Events

REGION 8

6/3	Lake Ozark, MO - Lake Race	Offshore
6/10-11	Forest Lake, MN - Ron Baker Sr. Regatta	OPC
7/21-22	Hastings, MN - River Town Days	OPC

REGION 9

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

6/3	Burley, ID - WARP Sprint Track	Special Events
6/3	Everett, WA - Silver Lake Regatta	Special Events, PRO, MOD, Stock, Junior
6/9-11	Richland, WA Regatta	Special Events, Inboard, Inboard Endurance
6/17-18	Warrenton, OR - Cullaby Lake Regatta/Western Stock and J Divisionals	PRO, MOD, Stock, Junior Classes
6/24-25	Rogue River, OR - Rooster Crow	Special Events
7/2	Gold Beach, OR - Lower Rogue Outboard Challenge	Special Events
7/8	Olympia, WA - NW Championship presented by Seattle Drag & Ski	Special Events, Inboard, Inboard Endurance, MOD, OPC, Junior Classes
7/15	Burley, ID - WARP sprint track	Special Events
8/5	Burley, ID - WARP sprint track	Special Events
8/5-6	Seattle, WA - Albert Lee Cup/Seafair	Special Events, INB, OPC, Unlimited
8/18-20	Eatonville, WA - Smilin George Memorial Regatta	PRO, MOD, Stock, Junior

8/19-20	Oak Harbor, WA - Hydros for Heroes II	Special Events, Inboard, IE, OPC
8/26-27	Lewiston, ID - THUNDER ON THE SNAKE (TOTS)	Special Events
9/4	Grants Pass, OR - Labor Day Regatta	Special Events
9/9-10	SeaTac, WA - Frank Hansen Memorial Regatta	PRO, MOD, Stock, Junior
9/9-10	Spanaway, WA - Yapachino Memorial Regatta	Special Events, Inboard, OPC
9/23-24	Lincoln City, OR - Rocky Stone Memorial Kilos	Special Events, Inboard, Inboard Endurance, PRO, MOD, Stock, Junior

REGION 11

6/10-11	Willow Creek, CA - Newt Grant Memorial	Special Events
6/10-11	Copperopolis, CA - A Nice Summer Race	INB, PRO, MOD, Stock, OPC, J
6/17-18	Hoopla, CA - Hydro Heritage	Special Events
7/15-16	Nicolaus, CA - Lake Minden	Inboard, PRO, MOD, Stock, OPC, Junior
7/16	Klamath, CA Regatta	Special Events
9/2-03	Redding, CA Labor Day Regatta	Inboard, PRO, MOD, Stock, OPC, Junior
9/30-10/1	Nicolaus, CA - Lake Minden	Inboard, PRO, MOD, Stock, OPC, Junior
10/28-29	Lathrop, CA - Bob & Stevie West Regatta	INB, PRO, MOD, Stock, OPC, J

REGION 14

6/3	Knoxville, TN Powerboat Classic	OPC
6/17-18	Nashville, TN - Thunder on the Cumberland	OPC, Junior Classes



Winter's over—time to race!
Inboard action at Yelm, Washington.
Gleason Racing Photography

FROM HERE TO THERE *A road map for finding sponsors, creating events, marketing, and publicity*

Since the Marketing Seminar in January at the APBA National Meeting, we have been assembling tools for APBA members. A series of articles in both SPIN and PROPELLER appeared as a supplement to the seminar. The articles provide in-depth information on critical issues, such as finding sponsorship, how to construct a proposal, as well as event publicity, marketing and promotion. We aim to provide a road map to finding sponsors, troubleshooting event problems, and dealing with issues in the fast lane.

Currently we are focusing on sponsorship. The days of sticking out your hand and asking for a donation are gone, but you need money to hold a race. In the no-free-lunch world of event production, the answer is sponsorship.

Seeking sponsorship at any level is a tough job. You need persistence, knowledge and passion—and it may be helpful to read and keep *From HERE to THERE* articles for future reference. There are no guarantees, but the information can help you choose a strategy; and the step-by-step format should point you in the right direction to uncover the resources required to create a successful event.

The January Marketing Seminar included an overview: The Universal Event Guide, a Storehouse of Information—the Means and Methods of Getting from Here (an idea) to There (a successful event/race). It is currently available on the APBA website: <https://www.apba.org/file/2017apba-marketing-seminar>.

The conversation started with APBA and how using our national sanctioning organization is critical to your success. Subsequent articles pointed out the need to establish brand identity and discussed how each of us can be a part of promoting the APBA brand.

Understanding that money (or the lack of money) is on everyone's mind, a two-part, in-depth exploration of sponsorship benefits has been developed to explain how to maximize them and why they are important. The first part can be found in the May issue of PROPELLER.

Part two of creating sponsorship benefits, "Blue Chip Investments," will appear in the July issue of Propeller.



Future articles will provide information on funding and income resources, writing effective media releases, and answering questions that you may have.

Need specific help? Ask. We are available via email:

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Sherron Winer – winer.sherron@gmail.com.

We encourage you to set new goals, imagine new possibilities, expand your races and make them successful. There is no magic—no mystical formula behind creating a great event with solid funding and sponsorship as long as you have two things: enthusiasm and a road map.

You supply the enthusiasm, we offer the road map—essential information in a practical, easy-to-use format that will get all of us From Here to There.



A NICE SUMMER RACE – SALT SPRINGS RESERVOIR *by Jean Mackay-Schwartz*

On June 10 & 11th, East Bay Boat Club (EBBC) will be hosting “A Nice Summer Race” in Copperopolis, at the Salt Springs Valley Reservoir, located just 25 miles from the historic town of Angels Camp, California.

Stock, MOD, PRO, Cracker Box, Sport C, and SST45 will be featured, with a DUX boat exhibition rounding out the program. The 2- and 3-cylinder outboards and Inboards will run on an approximately 1-mile course. An exceptionally wet California winter has filled the reservoir beyond full capacity, allowing the setup of an excellent course for competition as well as testing for upcoming divisional and national events.

Opening ceremonies will start at 11 AM, with races beginning at noon and running until about 4 PM. The best viewing area will be on the levee overlooking the course. Following the races on Saturday, Ryan Morris and Brian Rodrigues will host an “Old Fashioned Saturday Night Family BBQ.” The menu features tri-tip, hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, corn, green salad and beverages.

Region 11 was recently selected by the Stock Outboard Commission to be part of building the 300SSH class and growing driver numbers. The 300SSH program, with the support of the APBA Historical Society, promotes the APBA mantra, “breaking down the barriers to entry” for new racers. A new 300SSH rig—complete with boat, engine, prop and cart—will be available at an event to race, and may be purchased onsite. The buyer can take it home and race it at the next event.



With special thanks to RJ West, EBBC will be unveiling its new Composite Craft 300SS Hydro at Salt Springs, complete with engine and prop. Some special thanks also to Tom Johnston, who works tirelessly standardizing, sealing and shipping the 300SS Yamato engines; and to Vic Brinkman for building the propellers. Thank you, Jeff Brewster and the Stock Outboard Commission, for

making this possible in Region 11.

The history of EBBC conducting races at Salt Springs goes back over 50 years, to as early as 1965. While the racing at this venue has not been continuous, it has been popular with Region 11 racers testing equipment for upcoming races.

Angels Camp is located in the Gold Rush country of Central California. Beginning in 1848, surface gold was mined by a population of 4,000 miners. This source played out quickly, but hardrock mining kept the gold industry flourishing until very recently. The entire town rests on a honeycomb with miles of mine tunnels. Popular attractions in the area include the Moaning Caverns, an immense limestone miracle with a main cavern large enough to hold the Statue of Liberty. The Caverns are open to the public for trips and rappelling.

Three days of racing in two days are planned for Stock, MOD, PRO and J Classes. This will be the Region 11 season opener, and promises to be a good one. Mark your calendars!



At left, C Stock Hydro action at Salt Springs by Gloria Crim.
Below, the beautiful Salt Springs site.