



APBA ELECTION RESULTS

On September 21, the American Power Boat Association held its Annual Meeting in Eastpointe, Michigan, to announce the winners of the 2016 Board of Directors election. This year we received 2298 votes, divided between 13 candidates and 24 write-ins. Below are the Annual Meeting minutes.

American Power Boat Association Annual Meeting – Election Purposes

Meeting called to order at 8:30 am. September 21st, 2016 by APBA President Mark Wheeler.

Attendees: Patrick Mell, Sabrina Haudek, Linda Likert, Cindy Minoletti, Mark Wheeler.

Ballot results from LGK and Associates – Independent Accounting Firm:

Candidates for Board of Directors/Votes Received

Howie Nichols	342	David Shaw	156
John Runne	255	Katelyn Shaw	<u>151</u> (Tie)
Chris Fairchild	215	Bill Thompson	<u>151</u> (Tie)
Jean MacKay-Schwartz	<u>196</u> (Tie)	R, Scott Schatz	139
Matt Yarno	<u>196</u> (Tie)	Dan Bunting	77
Jan Shaw	184	David Richardson	71
Gary Miller	165	Write-in Votes	28

President Wheeler accepted member proxies and votes accordingly, and acknowledged a tie for the fourth and final Board of Director's position. Because APBA Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order are silent on how to break a tie, a coin toss was to be used. It was agreed that "Heads" would mean Jean MacKay-Schwartz would be the winner, and "Tails" that Matt Yarno would be the winner of the fourth Board position.

Patrick Mell flipped the coin and it came up Heads, determining that Jean MacKay-Schwartz was elected to the fourth and final Board of Director's position. The coin was verified by P. Mell, S. Haudek, L. Likert, and C. Minoletti.

President Wheeler acknowledged the newly elected Board members Howie Nichols, John Runne, Chris Fairchild and Jean MacKay-Schwartz. He asked that this information be published on the APBA website, emailed to the candidates and included in the upcoming issue of the APBA newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

STEVE DAVID STEPS DOWN

On Sept. 19th, the longtime racer, former APBA President, H1 Unlimited Chairman wrote:

To Our Racing Friends,

Thank you for your kind support over the decades of my racing career. Thru the wins and losses, crashes and recoveries, you stuck with me.

Two years ago I was asked to lead H1. I committed to restore their financial position, clean up the balance sheet, increase fan engagement, establish new race sites, and create a more collaborative environment amongst our stakeholders.

I did my best, yet there is more to do. So yesterday at San Diego where I retired from driving four years ago, I stepped down as Chairman.

I'll work with H1 to find a new leader to hand off the baton and build upon the promises of the future. I truly believe the sport is on track for a return to significance in the motorsports world.

With sponsors as strong and committed as Homestreet Bank, Mikes Hard Lemonade, All Access, Peters and May, Graham Trucking, and several others my confidence remains strong. New race sites such as Phoenix and Guntersville will expose our sport to new audiences and new relationships. The H1 team is an awesome group of people. Volunteers with hearts the size of Texas.

The book of life has many chapters, and if we don't turn the page, we'll miss experiencing all that God has readied for us.

Today, Sabrina and I begin that next chapter. We both hope your lives will once again meet us on the new journey. Take care!

—Steve and Sabrina David

JIM SECHLER IS NEW INBOARD CHAIR

Jim Sechler is the new IRC chair, and will complete the two-year term of Mark Weber, who resigned. Jim's term began on Friday afternoon (Sept. 30, 2016) and will end on October 31, 2017.

Following APBA bylaws, Jim was elected by the elected members of the IRC. Jim received all of the 8 votes cast. Four elected members of the IRC did not vote in the election.



No one can prepare you for a loss. It comes like swift wind. Take comfort knowing that Mark and Steve are in the arms of the Lord. They will be terribly missed here on earth.

God Speed, Friends

SAD NEWS

Sad news came from Taunton, Mass. on Sept. 10th. A 3-boat collision at the Taunton Cup and Bill Giles Memorial Regatta took the life of Mark Greene; and Steve Joy later died of his injuries in the hospital. Our hearts go out to the families and friends of these two racers.

If you would like to make a donation in support of Mark Greene's family, please visit:

<https://www.gofundme.com/2xaa7jm4>

REGION 4 NEWS

The first week of August was an action-packed week of racing in Region 4. Both Outboarders and Inboarders raced in championships in our region. One team even attended and supported both events that week! A huge round of applause for the Carolina Virginia Racing Association and all its members for hosting the Stock/Mod/Junior Nationals the first week of August in Hinton, WV. The race was very successful, with teams traveling from all over the United States and Canada to enjoy racing on beautiful Bluestone Lake. The event was loads of fun, packed with great racing. Congratulations to Ed Donnelly for winning the J Hydro Raffle Fundraiser! Mr. Donnelly gifted the rig to Region 3's up-and-coming J driver Austin Jennings. Thank you, Ed, for your support of the future of boat racing; and thanks to all who purchased raffle tickets to support a great event. Congratulations to all the champions, and thanks to all who traveled to Region 4 to race in the Nationals!

On Friday afternoon, I headed to Hampton, VA for the Inboard Eastern Divisionals August 6th and 7th. Inboard teams from across the U.S. and Canada also traveled to Region 4 to attend one of the oldest events in the country.

Tyler Price not only won the J Hydro Nationals in Hinton, WV, but his family then traveled down I-64 to Hampton, VA for Sunday's racing. In Hampton Tyler added another win and 400 points to his season. Nicholas Wheeler won Saturday's J heat with Courtney Fike in 2nd. The two of them tied for 2nd on Sunday.

Scott Liddycoat, driving Ray Lynn's Budget Buster Racing NM-30, swept Saturday's heats to win the Divisional title, but sat out Sunday's competition. Tom Newman's NM-100 "Sum Toy" took 2nd place in both heats Saturday and a 1st in Sunday's heat. William Whitlock took 3rd in the Divisional, plus a 2nd and a 4th on the weekend. Unfortunately Region 4's own Greg and F.N. Craig had some issues in Hampton with Steve "The Shoe" Kuhr at the wheel. They placed 3rd in the Divisional qualifier but were unable to compete in any other heats.

Five 2.5 Litre Mod class hulls competed for the Eastern Divisional title. Doug Havell, coming off his Summer Nationals win two weeks prior, had mechanical issues that kept him out of the title race after taking a 3rd in the qualifier. Chuck "Whoopie" Miller also had issues that left him with a DNS and DNS. It was great to see Gordon Oakley Jr. return to the APBA circuit. He competed in both the 2.5 Litre Mod and 5 Litre classes to re-qualify as a driver in his new hull, recently purchased from Bobby Lamanna. Oakley placed 3rd in the 2.5 Mod Eastern Divisionals. That left Kevin Kreitzer in his family's A-64 "Blue Devil" and John Shaw in the Thompson Brothers Racing A-35 to compete for the title. Shaw got the inside lane and the victory in both heats on Saturday.

In the 5 Litre class, Todd Liddycoat took the Eastern Divisional title, and 2nd in both qualifiers. Unfortunately, Todd's E-97 "Team Extreme" suffered major damage in the Sunday qualifier and was unable to compete in the final. John Shaw in TBR's E-35 "T.M. Special" took three 1st places on the weekend and 2nd in the Eastern Divisional Championships. Dave Kidd (E-67) took 3rd in the Divisional and in Sunday's qualifier, and a 2nd in Sunday's final. Gordon Oakley is still learning his new E-723 and its gremlins and could not finish. Carl Adams came to Hampton with his E-323 to take 3rd in Saturday's qualifier and a 4th in the Championship heat. He also suffered from some issues and took

a DNF in a Sunday heat.

Four 2.5 Stock entries showed for the Eastern Divisionals. Saturday's heat results were mirror images of each other, with Howie Schnabolk in the S-80 "On the Edge" taking 1st, Doug Martin in his S-33 "Sunday Money" taking 2nd, Matt Henning in Charlie Williams' S-216 "Sea Land Specialties" taking 3rd and Al Thompson's S-92 "Tenacity" taking 4th. On Sunday, however, Howie and his S-80 not only FOUND THE EDGE but took a flying leap OVER THE EDGE, entering turn 2 in the final heat after taking 2nd in the qualifier. Apparently Howie felt that the Region 4 Rescue Team had stayed dry all season and needed to cool off from the Hampton heat. I am glad to report that Howie is fine! The same cannot be said of the boat. The team had to withdraw from the rest of the races this season as they work on repairs. Charlie Williams' entry also had issues on Sunday forcing them to take a DNF and DNS. That left Al Thompson to take 1st in both of Sunday's heats and Doug Martin with a 3rd and a 2nd.

Hats off to the Region 4 Rescue Team for keeping all of us safe on the water! You are truly the best in the business!

The 1.5 Litre Stocks had their usual showing of boats. John Shaw, driving Wayne Hagatha's T-5 "Trophy Hunter," took the Eastern Divisional trophy, sweeping Saturday's heats. Matt Henning drove the boat to a 2nd and a 3rd on Sunday. Courtney Stewart's T-720 took 2nd in Saturday's final after a 3rd in the qualifier. She took two 1st places Sunday. Sam Ewancio took two 2nds and two 3rds in her final race of the season before turning the wheel over to younger brother Max. Sam has started her freshman year at Rochester Institute of Technology. Good luck, Sam; enjoy! Kevin Gunther took three 4ths and had an unfortunate DNS in Sunday's final.

Four Cracker Boxes continued their crosscountry trek, heading to Hampton from Waterford. Eddie Solis's P-9 had a perfect weekend. Michael Schatz's P-92 took four 2nds. Bob Nyland's P-38 had three 3rds. Scott Schatz's P-300 had a 4th and two DNFs. A big thank you to the Cracker Box guys for traveling from Southern California to support the show at Hampton. The crowd loved the class!

The Sportsman Entry class also had four boats compete for the championship. Jim Clauss's SE-29 "J&J Marine" with Jeff Clauss driving could not start in the qualifier. He came back to edge

out Parks Jones in Joel Jones's SE-57 at the line in the Eastern Divisional final. Joel Jones and Mike Aimers' SE-88 swapped 2nd and 3rd on Saturday. Katelyn Shaw in her SE-127 took 1st in the qualifier and 4th in the final. The class was unable to compete on Sunday due to several boats having mechanical issues.

The strongest field of 1 Litres the East Coast has seen in the past few years showed up to race in Hampton, and they did just that. Thanks to Region 6's Tim Collins, Chris Ritz, Scott Melowic, and Jeff and Kathleen Maurer, as well as Region 10's Nick Bononcini, for supporting the Eastern Divisionals. These teams, combined with Region 4's own 1 Litres, made up the second largest class in Hampton. As always with the Y-boats, several boats can win any given heat. The Y-41 and Y-6 had to put substitute drivers behind the wheel, as their primary drivers J. Michael Kelly and Jimmy Shane had some sort of prior commitment. Greg Isaac loaned his driver, Steve Kuhr, to Tim Collins for a few heats. Team Bononcini called on Scott Liddycoat to fill their empty cockpit. While Liddycoat had 1 Litre experience, Kuhr was brand new to a tough class. The Y-6 took a 1st, a 2nd, a 3rd, and a 4th on the weekend. Steve Kuhr looked like an experienced 1 Litre driver with three 1st and a 3rd. John Shaw, driving Ed Thompson's Y-35 "T.M. Special," took three 2nds but came away with the Eastern Divisional Title. Keith McMullen driving Bob Wilson's Y-80 "Outlaw" took a 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. Robert Weaver's Y-563 "Lobster Boat" with Chuck Miller driving took two 4ths on Saturday but was unable to compete on Sunday. Chris Ritz took a 2nd and a 3rd on Saturday but did not finish on Sunday. Kathleen Maurer drove the Y-B'16 "Da Bomb" to a 3rd, a 6th, and a 5th for the weekend. Scott Melowic continues to make gains in his Y-40 each heat he goes out. Hometown favorite Valerie Wilson struggled on Saturday with her Y-54 "Pink Panther" but her crew got the issues straightened out for Sunday and she came away with a 5th and a 6th.

The Jersey Speed Skiffs had the largest field in Hampton. Rob Garratano and Keith McMullen only competed on Saturday, taking 1st in both heats and winning the title. Bill Darby returned to APBA racing at the wheel of Matt Santomenna's JS-777 "Race City Marine," taking two 1sts and two 2nds. Li'l Billy Sewell, driving his dad's JS-991 "Bound for Glory" took a 1st, 3rd, 4th and a 6th. Tom Petterson took two 3rds and two 4ths. Courtney Stewart's JS-1 "Go'n Skiff'n Crazy" took a 3rd, two 4ths, and a 5th. Jimmie Stewart in the JS-10 took a 2nd, 3rd, and 6th.

Gary Thompson worked on completing his rookie heats in the JS-61, taking a 4th and two 5ths. Rob Presley's JS-9 "Kentucky Blue" took two 2nds and a 7th. Keith Gunther's JS-23 faced issues all weekend and was unable to complete a heat of racing. Dave Greenlaw and Tom Petterson continued their quest for the National High Points title. Greenlaw's JS-99 took a 1st, a 2nd and a 3rd. Petterson's JS-77 took two 3rds and two 4ths.

The Region 4 meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th in Cambridge, MD. More details will follow. Once again, thank you to the Region 4 clubs and members who host our races. Without your dedication and hard work we would not have a sport. See you at the next race!

*Richard Shaw,
Region 4 Chairman*



TIM SEEBOLD RETIRES: Yes, it is hard to believe, but there will be no Seebold on the water in 2017. Look for a career profile of champion OPC racer Tim Seebold in an upcoming issue. Paul Kemiell photo

RACE CALENDAR 2016 www.apba.org

REGION 3

10/8-9 Millville, NJ Regatta
Modified Outboard, Stock Outboard, Junior Classes

10/15-16 Berwick, PA Riverfest *Special Events*

REGION 4

10/9 Ocean City, MD Grand Prix *Offshore*

10/29-30 Tabor City, NC 2016 Halloween Regatta
PRO, Modified Outboard, Stock Outboard, Junior Classes

REGION 5

11/19-20 Tavares, FL - Fall Thunder Regatta *Special Events*

11/19-20 Englewood Beach, FL - Waterfest/OPA Worlds
Offshore, Superlight Tunnels

REGION 10

10/1-2 Chelan, WA Mahogany and Merlot *Special Events*

10/1-2 Lincoln City, OR - Rockey Stone Memorial Kilos and
John Myers Memorial Quarter Mile
*Special Events, Inboard, Inboard Endurance, PRO,
Modified Outboard, Stock Outboard, Junior Classes*

REGION 11

10/1-2 Antioch, CA Delta Thunder VII
*Special Events, Inboard, PRO, Modified Outboard,
Stock Outboard, Outboard Performance Craft*

10/15-16 Lathrop, CA - 3rd Annual Bob and Stevie West Regatta
*Special Events, Inboard, PRO, Modified Outboard,
Stock Outboard, Outboard Performance Craft, Junior Classes*

10/29-30 Nicolaus, CA - Lake Minden Halloween Spooktacular
3 days of points in 2 for Stock, MOD, PRO and J Classes
*Inboard, PRO, Modified Outboard, Stock Outboard,
Outboard Performance Craft, Junior Classes*

REGION 12

10/29-30 Parker, AZ - 336 Enduro *Special Events, Inboard Endurance*

BOB AND STEVIE WEST REMEMBERED

The East Bay Boat Club is hosting the 3rd Annual Bob and Stevie West Memorial Regatta in Lathrop, CA on the weekend of 15-16 October. The Wests devoted much time and energy to the establishment of boat racing and racing venues in California, especially Region 11. Stock Outboard, Modified Outboard, PRO and the J Classes will be featured.

Three days of racing in two days are planned for PRO, MOD, Stock and J Classes. The Cracker and Sport C's will run their North American Championship while the SST 45s will run 5 laps.

Vintage fly-bys will also be part of this event. So far, Gloria Crim is planning to put her 2.5 litre USAC Pinto powered Cobra on the water. Jerry Croft plans to run his vintage Cracker Box on the lake, and Banducci will have his 2.5 Litre Stock hydro out there, too. All Vintage boats are invited to do fly-bys or participate in a static display.

One of those iconic Region 11 Saturday night driver parties will be held in conjunction with the awards ceremony. This is a good one, folks. Mark your calendars!

We are hoping that our Sport C class will be represented in their North American Championship, as a couple of them have been on the sick list. Mike "Mike Big" Biglow ended up in the hospital for a heart procedure. He's back home and anxious to get out in the yard to take care of that business, but his racing for this season is over. Mikey Breslin was admitted to the Veteran's Hospital in San Francisco due to heart issues. He experienced a "Code Blue"! They brought him back, thank goodness! Congestive heart failure took a lot of steam out of him, but he is resting and anxious to head back home to Lake Port.

—Francesco Luigi Banducci

HAS IT COME TO THIS?

Has it come to this? Have we gone full circle?

Are the midnight carburetor adjusters, fuel line cutters, and gas tank saboteurs back in action? 30-40-50 years ago we had to put everything away every night for fear that someone would tweak your carb, loosen your throttle cable screws, close the gas tank vent, or put your choke on.

If you cannot beat them on the race course, maybe you need to flatten your bottom or do a little more testing. That's how sportsmen compete—not by sabotaging others' equipment.

This is BS. If I find out who is doing these things they will be up for a red card for unsportsmanlike conduct. Watch out for the nanny cam.

—Tom Johnston, Modified Outboard Chairman



Mikey Pavlick/5V signals at the Nationals in Hinton, WVA. Jean Tennell photo



Stephen Lisius being presented with the High Points Champion trophy by Lynda Pozzuto, Vice President, Alle Kriski Strong Chamber of Commerce.

On behalf of Three Rivers Outboard Racing Association, I'd like to thank all those who participated in the Kittanning Riverbration Regatta. It has been many years since we have raced at this site. Thanks to Mary and Jeff Williams and the Alle Kriski Strong Chamber of Commerce, it appears that this Regatta will now be an annual event. In my opinion and that of many others I spoke wth, this is the best race site for spectator viewing that we have ever seen. For the second time this season, TRORA crowned a high points champion. Stephen Lisius of Redford, Michigan beat out the competition for this honor. Pictured is Stephen Lisius being presented with the trophy by Lynda Pozzuto, Vice President of the Alle Kriski Strong Chamber of Commerce.

—Larry Stenander