

Marine Prop Riders

A Michigan Corporation

By-Laws – As approved at the April 2011 general meeting

PREAMBLE to the By-Laws

The purpose of this club shall be:

1. To benefit and promote boat racing and safety.
2. To secure, through club membership, certain privileges that are available with the American Power Boat Association.
3. To increase prestige through belonging to a club made up of power boat drivers, owners, and interested parties.
4. To encourage the knowledge and learning acquired through this association with fellow members who are participants in marine racing.
5. To provide the opportunity to voice an opinion in open discussion and hear other opinions expressed for the absolute improvement of the sport.

ARTICLE I

Section I

Membership in the Marine Prop Riders shall be open to all persons. All memberships shall be classified as Active or Honorary, at the discretion of the membership. Members who have maintained their membership for 10 consecutive years and are over 65 years of age will be granted a lifetime membership.

Section II

Only active members in good standing shall have the right to vote, hold office or serve as Chairman of Standing Committees. Any member thirty (30) days in arrears in payment of dues shall not be considered a member in good standing.

Section III

The board may, from time to time, establish uniform rules fixing the amount of initiation fees and dues subject to approval by not less than a majority of the active members present at a regular or special meeting of the club.

Section IV

Written notification of all proposed rule or other changes shall be mailed to the membership thirty (30) days prior to the meeting designated for such approval.

Section V

Whenever the conduct or character of any member, or guest, shall injure, or be likely to injure the welfare, reputation, interest, character, or property of the club, and a complaint be made in writing by three (3) members, the Board shall enter a resolution upon its record for investigation of such charges against said person, which shall set forth the charges and fix a time and place for the hearing of the same before the entire board.

Section VI

Upon recommendations of the Board, there will be a show cause hearing before the general membership within fifteen (15) days. At that time the recommendations of the Board will be heard and a majority vote will decide the question. The Board shall not have a power of vote pertaining to membership expulsion, except in the event of equal division of votes of the membership, at which time the Board, as a whole, shall constitute and cast one (1) vote.

ARTICLE II

Section I

The fiscal year of the Club shall end on the 31st day of October, on which date, all membership dues shall be payable. There shall be an annual meeting of the members of the Club on the first Wednesday of October of each year for the election of officers and for such other business that may come before it.

Section II

At all meetings, the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Call to order by the presiding officer.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes by presiding officer.
3. Reading of minutes and date of previous Board of Directors meeting.
4. Report of Treasurer
5. Report of Director of Publicity
6. Report of Director of Membership
7. Report of Director of Entertainment
8. Committee Reports
9. Old business
10. New business

ARTICLE III

Section I

The club shall be managed and controlled by a Board of Directors of nine (9) members. Actions or decisions of the Board can be reversed by a majority vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting. Candidates for positions on the Board of Directors should be nominated the month preceding the annual meeting.

Section II

At each annual meeting, the membership shall elect, by majority of legal votes cast, the President, who shall constitute the initial member of the Board of Directors. Also, at every annual meeting, the membership shall elect a new Board of Directors, which shall consist of:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Director of Membership (Primary goal to increase membership)
6. Director of Publicity (Monthly newsletter)
7. Entertainment Coordinator (Monthly meeting entertainment)
8. President Ex-Officio (Not filled if outgoing President holds other Board position)
9. One or Two Members-at-Large (as necessary to create Board of nine members)

Clarification: The outgoing President will automatically be selected as the President Ex-Officio. In the event the outgoing President is elected to another board position, a second Member-at-Large will be elected to create a Board of nine (9) members. The President Ex-Officio will retain the position for one (1) year. In the event the current President is re-elected, a second Member-at-Large will be elected, as there is no candidate for the President Ex-Officio position.

In each election, the members having the highest number of legal votes cast shall be declared elected. The Board shall have the power to fill vacancies in its membership until the next election.

Section III

Five (5) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. And Director being absent from three (3) consecutive Board meetings without an approved excuse may be dismissed from the Board by the concurrence of any five (5) members thereof.

Section IV

The Board shall appoint the Chairman of the various committees it deems necessary and make the rules and regulations under which these committees shall function. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be Ex-Officio members of the Race Committees.

ARTICLE IV

Section I

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and all general meetings. He/She shall sign all necessary documents of the Club and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of President, but at all times, with advice and guidance of the Board.

The Vice President or, in his/her absence, the Secretary shall in the absence of the President, assume the President's duties.

Section II

The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board. All official records of the Club shall be available to the Board and, upon request, to the membership at large.

Section III

The Treasurer shall be custodian of the funds of the Club. The President or Secretary and Treasurer shall have general supervision of the account of the Club. The Treasurer shall collect the dues, fees, and accounts due to the Club. He/She shall make a monthly report to the Board of Directors and a monthly report to the general membership on the condition of this office and of the funds of the Club. A committee elected by the board shall audit the Treasurer's accounts prior to the date of the Annual meeting.

Section IV

The Director of Membership's primary goal shall be to maintain and increase the Club's membership and shall keep an accurate record of the names and addresses of all the members of the Club.

Section V

The Director of Publicity shall provide a monthly newsletter prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Other duties shall include providing information and/or articles to the media and race committees.

Section VI

The Director of Entertainment shall provide appropriate entertainment at each regularly scheduled meeting.

Section VII

The President Ex-Officio shall act as an advisor to the President and provide a smooth transition of the office while leading cohesion and continuity to the Board of Directors.

Section VIII

The Member(s)-at-Large shall be present to observe the workings of the Board, advise, express opinions, and have an equal vote.

ARTICLE V

Section I

The Board of Directors may propose amendments or repeal of the By-Laws. Any seven (7) members of the Club may propose amendments or repeal of the By-Laws by submitting timely written notice thereof to the Secretary. The amendments or repeals shall be brought before the general membership at any regular or special meeting of the membership. Written notification of such amendments shall be mailed to the membership thirty (30) days prior to the meeting designated for action by the membership. Approval of the amendments or repeals shall require a majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE VI

Section I

Club high points will be scored on a national points basis. However, in order to qualify for an award, you must attend five (5) races in Region Six or four (4) Marine Prop Riders club meetings during a race calendar year.

Section II

Any points accumulated before the date a member joins the Marine Prop Riders will not be recognized for a Marine Prop Riders award.

Section III

To receive the annual high point award, a 500 point minimum is to be acquired.

Section IV

All other Marine Prop Riders awards shall follow the criteria as set forth in the Awards Policy.

ARTICLE VII

It shall be the intent of the Marine Prop Riders to participate in the planning and race day activities of all races where it is geographically possible to do so. Each race must be considered individually and on an annual basis. The Club may only co-sponsor races by receiving a majority vote of the Board of Directors and the membership. No contract may be considered without this approval.