

"America's Finest Inboard Racing Club"
MARINE PROP RIDERS
 DETROIT, MICHIGAN



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April 2015

Dear Fellow Prop Riders,

Spring has finally sprung and racing season is here! It's time to see if all of that off-season hard work paid off. We have Dayton testing fast approaching and I hear that the ice has subsided! It looks like the boat count will be very good for this event - even requiring 2 cranes! This sure is a good sign of things to come this year.

It's also that time of year to be thinking of the MPR Display boat. As most of you know, it's in need of some TLC from normal wear and tear. Ever thought of volunteering in the club? Now is your time. We would like to get it sanded and repainted for the parade and display circuit this year. Look for a date to be announced soon for a "work day".

In this issue, Eli provides some great information on concussions that he received from Ken Smith of Region 4 Rescue. Please read through the info on page 8 and 9 so we are all aware of the signs and symptoms of a head injury. Remember drivers, "when in doubt, sit it out" and listen to the recommendation of the EMTs and rescue personnel.

See you at the races!
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The Next Meeting Is April 1st

7:30 PM

**Juliano's Restaurant
 at 27380 Van Dyke in Warren**

On the East side of Van Dyke about 1/4 mile North of I-696

<http://www.julianosrestaurant.net>
 (586) 754-8383

I would like to thank all of our members that volunteered and worked our booth at this year's Autorama. We had a great display set up this year.

First place was awarded to Jack Hines for his entry Miss Peg, second place was awarded to Paul Poledink for the White Lightening, and in Third place was the only current race boat we had displayed, the E13 Lady Luck.

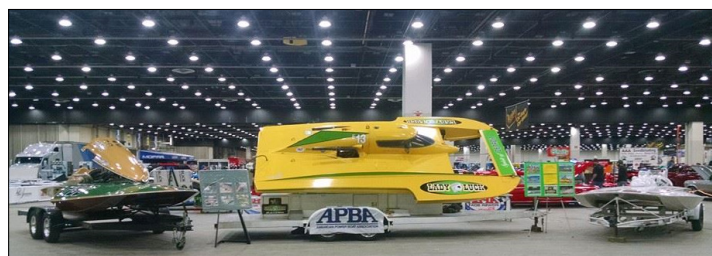
I know all the entrants had worked very hard to get their boats ready for the show with other boats that backed out at the last minute. I appreciate the effort all the teams put into making our display the best it could be.

I already have plans on how to improve our display for the coming years. Lastly I would like to say thank you to my sister Jennifer Falcinelli for her endless dedication to the promotion of this club and the sport of boat racing. I couldn't have done it without you Sis.

Sincerely,
 Rich Falcinelli

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Autorama display from left: Miss Peg, Lady Luck and White Lightening.



MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders - General Meeting March 4, 2015 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Held Juliano's in Warren, MI. The meeting was called to order by Chris Ritz at 7:32 pm. Fund Raising Activities: John Bridge II is selling 50/50 Tickets tonight.

President's Report (Chris Ritz): Tim Sutton and Jack Hines are present at our meeting tonight. They are in town to display their boat (Miss Peg) at the Autorama. Paul Poledick delivered his boat (White Lightening) to the Autorama this afternoon. Paul spent so much time cleaning, polishing, and repairing the White Lightening, he ended up missing tonight's meeting, so that he could spend some time with his wife and family. Kent Keogh and crew delivered the only competitive active racing hull displayed at the Autorama this year. The Marine Prop Riders would like to (!!!)thank(!!!) those Owners and Crews displaying their boats at this year's show. I'm sure most of us don't realize the work it takes to get the boats de-winterized, cleaned, polished, dug out of the snow banks, and delivered to this show...only to have to re-clean, and re-polish upon arrival thanks to the nicely salted Michigan roads at this time of the year. The club would also like to thank Rich Falcinelli for his efforts in coordinating the boats displayed, and the volunteers required, to represent the Marine Prop Riders at the Autorama. As I understand, Rich Falcinelli is going to reward himself with a trip to sunny Florida to watch a grapefruit league game or so, and recover from his Birthday party...Happy Birthday Rich!

There is one memorial to mention tonight: Chris is sad to announce Ted Dudley lost his mother this month. We shared a moment of silence in her behalf.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Eli Whitney, Seconded by: Rich Falcinelli.

Treasurer's Report (Mario Maraldo): February Deposits: 263.00; February Disbursements: Postage and Printing \$95.26; Promotional Cards \$337.21; Sponsor-Hall of Champions A.P.B.A. Banquet \$250.00; Awaiting Receipts: (1) \$75.00 and (2) \$75.00. Balance: Initial \$11,540.80; Final \$11,121.33.

Treasurers' Report approved by Barry Pray and seconded by Rich Falcinelli.

Membership (Rich Falcinelli for Jennifer): (2015)

Current Membership: 141
Primary Membership: 103
Family Membership: 20
Life Membership: 18
Vintage: 19
17 new members for 2015

Newsletter: Printed: 28
Electronic: 87
None: 26
Archive: 1
Total Newsletters: 135

Approval of Membership Report by: Dick Delsner, seconded by: Kent Keogh.

Publicity (Vallery Ritz): Deadline for next month's newsletter will be March 20, 2015. Val Ritz thanked Barry Pray for his submission of the "Member Biography" posted in the last newsletter. Then, we (the group) were tested about the information shared in the Member Biography. Good thing that Juliano's serves alcohol...at least that gave the rest of us an excuse for failing the test so miserably. That's our excuse, and we are sticking with it!! If you see Mary Ann Wilson, just say; "MAKE QUAKE ON THE LAKE, THE BEST RACE EVER!". Between you, and me, that is your get out-of-jail free card! (Mary Ann Wilson never reads the newsletter).

Entertainment (Ray Dong): Ray Dong has brought along a slideshow on Michigan Motor Sports Hall of Fame, Prop Riders Banquet 2015, and Celina, Ohio race.

2015 Race Reports:

<i>Date:</i>	<i>Location:</i>	<i>Series:</i>	<i>Notes:</i>
March 6-8	Lakeland, FL	(E)	
April 25-26	Dayton Testing:		
May 16-17	Stuart, FL	(E)	
June 6-7	West Milford, NJ		
June 13-14 (Tent.)	Walled Lake Thunder:	(M)	
June 27-28	Kent Narrows, MD	(E)	Eastern Divisionals
July 18-19	Waterford/Quake on the Lake:	(M)	Summer Nationals
July 25-26	Cambridge, MD	(E)	
August 8-9	Hampton, VA	(E)	
August 15-16	Tonawanda, NY		
August 22-23	Celina Ohio:		
September 12-13	Mays Landing, NJ		
September 19-20	Lake Hopatcong, NJ		
September 19-20	Rocky Fork, OH		
September 26-27	New Martinsville, WV:	(M)/(E)	
October 3-4	Wildwood Crest, NJ:	(E)	

APBA News (Mark Weber): Dayton Testing is on schedule (Think Spring). All classes are invited. There has been a change in Hotels for this year. If you are going to Dayton, consider using Residents Inn and Fairfield Inn. They are dealing with A.P.B.A. for better rates. They are located along I-75 at Miller Lane, and are about fifteen (15) minutes from the lake. They are offering a great rate on a double suite with kitchenette facilities, should you be inclined to share expenses on such an accommodation.

A.P.B.A. personnel are working on the eleven (11) issues added to the “to-do” list at the Annual Convention. These issues should be resolved shortly, and A.P.B.A. will keep us updated.

Due to the recent changes in the 5L class, no records will be recorded in the class this year.

EPIC is looking for support, and should be a good for racing in the future. The West Coast has made a failed (?) attempt to acquire financial support, but don’t count them out in the future. Any group that helps get our racing participants more payout at the races should be supported. Hopefully, the three (3) groups (MACH, EPIC, and West Coast) work together, and make racing as an overall program more viable/affordable for the racing participants.

Rule Book changes for 2015 should be posted on line very shortly.

MACH News (Ray Dong): Trophies and Awards were distributed at the Regional meeting. No award total was announced during this meeting.

- New Martinsville, WV will be both an EPIC and MACH Race. BONUS!!!
- Kent Narrows, MD Eastern Divisionals will be an EPIC race. This is a salt water race on Chesapeake Bay. Kent Island Yacht Club is a great host.
- Walled Lake Thunder (June 14-15) is not cancelled, or scheduled at this date. Kent Keogh and crew are working with the “owners” (whomever that may be at this time) to still have the race at their facility. Both parties/”owners” are interested in the race at this time. Should the race be scheduled please be prepared to volunteer some time to make this race possible. Timing of final approval may make time available for final details a crucial issue. Go/No Go deadline may be as late as thirty (30) days before scheduled race date. Todd McQuade (Marine Prop Rider’s “Mr. Walled Lake Thunder”) has moved to Florida for his professional life, and supposedly enjoying the “warm” weather.
- Gold Cup: Hang on to your hats. All is up for grabs at this date.
- Quake on the Lake is not one hundred percent (100%) guaranteed at this point. The race committee is still seeking sponsorships to make this race happen. Planning is still continuing assuming sponsorship can be attained. Please clear your schedules for these dates, there are many volunteer opportunities still available. Current plans are as follows: a.) Friday Night Testing has been eliminated, b.) Saturday will be the Nationals, c.) Sunday all other racing, d.) There will be a meeting for Volunteers and Team Leaders at Oakland County Executive Building on Tuesday March 24. The address is 1200 Telegraph. The committee is looking for a few drivers to attend this meeting, if possible. Mary Ann Wilson brought presents, and passed out a small version of the poster for this race to all those attending the meeting.
- Festival of Speed is cancelled. No further details discussed.
- Celina, OH August 22-23 Word from Ron Snyder is; “All on schedule, things are going good at this point”.
- Rocky Forks Sept. 19-20 To be determined. Their committee has a June 1, 2015 deadline.
- New Martinsville, WV September 26-27 Boat classes invited this year are; S, Y, E.

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Meeting Minutes (Continued from page 3)

IRC Racing News (Marty Hammersmith): No report

Region 6 News (Eli Whitney): Eli thanked all of those who attended. There were seventy three (73) people who attended the banquet. This helps keep the banquet, and meeting room use, on track at this facility.

Eleven (11) people took the Assistant Risk Manager Test.

In-Board By-Law changes were approved as follows:

- National High Points will be awarded to Owners who are residents within the boundaries of, or assigned to, Region 6.
- Helmets approved for racing will be Snell 2000 Minimum.

Ray Dong commented on the completion of the ceramic coating added to the Official Race Timing Clock by Mark Tate. This clock has been in existence for thirty (30) years, and even went swimming one (1) time in Sylvan Lake. With this coating, and a little care in handling, this clock is expected to live another thirty (30) years. Thank you to Mark Tate for your effort in making this asset a working legend.

Vintage Report (Jeff Sutton/Jack Hines): Jeff Corrigan has his Vintage boat at John Jenkins shop for a major reconstruction. The boat has been stripped to its bare bones, and is not expected to be completed this year. Steve Phillips (flat bottoms) has a conglomerate of race motors for sale. John Bridge II, and Chris Ritz, invited him to pay his Marine Prop Riders Membership dues, and in return, we would be glad to run an on-going classified section to help him sell his menagerie of race motors and parts.

Old Business: Autorama is once again upon us, and I would plead for volunteers, but just as last month, you will get this notice, in the newsletter, long after the event has taken place. The Demographics of this show is right for our club, therefore our efforts to show boats, and advertise the club, are best placed at this show. Thanks again to Rich Falcinelli for his efforts in coordinating boats, and volunteers at this show! Thanks to Tim Sutton, Jack Hines, Paul Poledink, Kent Keogh and their Crews for making their boats available at this show!

New Business: The display boat is not available for the Autorama, and needs some attention soon if it will be available at all this summer. It was suggested that a date be picked, and a volunteer work party be made, to get this boat prepared for paint. Stickers can be removed, and it could be repaired and sanded in preparation for the paint in which the Washtenaw Community College has volunteered to spray for us. A “wrap” was suggested, but the current surface will still need to be restored, and the “wrap” would cost about fifteen (\$1500.00) hundred dollars. The boat is currently in Bartush’s shop located in downtown Detroit. Chris Ritz and Mr. Wilson will coordinate the work party. An E-mail will be sent out to notify those who might be interested in joining in on the work party.

Earl Stilson and Kathy Shuler are heavily involved in a program with “Veterans Returning Home”. This is a Michigan based non-profit organization that is a transitional facility for homeless Veterans. Sandy Bower, the founder, has purchased the building (old Red Cross building) at I-696 and Gratiot in Roseville, Mi. The building is a fifty (53) three room facility in which the founder has completely funded on her own for one (1) year until she received her non-profit 501(C)3 status last December. Now she has the opportunity as a non-profit organization to raise funds to continue to support her mission in transitioning homeless veterans to active, participating members in society.

There will be a fund raiser on March 28, 2015 at the Royalty House. The address for the Royalty House is; 8201 E. Thirteen Mile Road, Warren, MI 48093. One Hundred (100%) percent of all ticket sales, donations, and raffle proceeds will go directly to the Veteran facility. The Royalty House is donating their Facility, Banquet Food, and all Labor involved for this cause. There will be a Wonderful Dinner, Cash Bar, Live Entertainment, Dancing, and Raffles. Since this is a non-profit organization, your tickets are tax deductible. Tickets are twenty five (\$25.00) dollars per person, (thirty five (\$35.00) dollars per person at the door), or a Table of ten (10) for Two Hundred Twenty Five (\$225.00) dollars in advance. Doors open at 6:00pm, and dinner served at 7:00pm. Live entertainment will be provided by “Charity Case”, which is a live karaoke band. With a donation, anyone can sit in with the band and showcase your talent. They are honored to have Robert Smith, a 4-Star Major General USA (retired) scheduled as their guest speaker. Please visit their website at <http://vetsreturninghome.org> to purchase tickets, and/or make donations. Please share this information as widely as possible to help promote this event.

Next Meeting: Date: April 1, 2015 at Juliano’s in Warren, MI at 7:30 PM.

Adjournment: Time: 9:20 PM. Approval of Adj. Request: Approved by Eli Whitney, seconded by Rich Falcinelli.

Fund Raising: 50/50 winner: Rich Falcinelli, Amount: \$51.00. Status: Pocketed

Respectfully Submitted by: Wayne Shagena

APBA Race Circular

Regatta: APBA /IRC Driving School and Region 6 Test & Tune
Conducting Club: RIVER RATS RACING CLUB #452
Region: 6 **Sanction ID:** 12528

Event Date: 4/25/2015 – 4/26/2015
Approved Place: Dayton , OH Eastwood Lake
Received Date: 2/27/2015 **Approved Date:** 3/18/2015

Directions: State Rt. 4 @ Harshman Rd., Dayton, OH

Accommodations: When calling Hotels, Use group name: Hydroplane test and tune. Host Hotel: Residence Inn, 7227 York Center Dr, Dayton OH. Call 937-890-2244 - Studio Suites \$99, One Bedroom suite \$109, Two bedroom suites \$169. All suites have a pull out sofa sleeper. Check out hotel and amenities at: <http://www.marriott.com/dayri>

Overflow Hotel: Fairfield Inn, 6960 Miller Ln, Dayton OH. Call 937-898-1120 - King or Double \$89.

Cut off date for rooms is 4-3-15.

Course: Approx. 1.25 mile oval. We will put in a shorter course for the smaller classes if needed.

Start Type: N/A

Safety / Rescue: Box 21 / Region 6 Safety Team

Classes:

Saturday, April 25, 2015

00800 VINTAGE	01000 INBOARD	04000 PRO OUTBOARD
05000 MODIFIED OUTBOARD	06000 STOCK OUTBOARD	07000 OPC
10000 SUPERLIGHT TUNNELS	11000 J CLASSES	

Sunday, April 26, 2015

00800 VINTAGE	01000 INBOARD	04000 PRO OUTBOARD
05000 MODIFIED OUTBOARD	06000 STOCK OUTBOARD	07000 OPC
10000 SUPERLIGHT TUNNELS	11000 J CLASSES	

Prizes: None

Registration: Saturday, 4/25 - 8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Sunday, 4/26 - 9:15 A.M. - 10 A.M.
NOTE: TO RUN ON SUNDAY, YOU MUST BE REGISTERED BY 10 A.M.

Driver Meeting: Saturday & Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Those who arrive after Drivers' Meeting must see the Referee to review what was explained at the Meeting.

Entry Fees: \$200 PER BOAT FOR WEEKEND. JUNIOR CLASSES: FREE ENTRY

Send Entries To: Do Not Send. E-mail Billy Noonan at willytapba@outlook.com or call 502-396-3120 and tell him you are coming and what class of boat you are bringing.

Officials:

Race Director (55) MARK J WEBER, 65655 MT. VERNON RD, WASHINGTON TWP, MI
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Inspector (50115) RICHARD T EVANS, 4992 COUNTY HIGHWAY 96, CAREY, OH
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Risk Manager (57218) LORI WEBER, 65655 MT VERNON RD, WASHINGTON TWP, MI

Notes: For information on the APBA Driving School, go to www.apba.org/inboard/school

PLEASE READ: APBA racers will have the water Saturday morning until noon. Saturday afternoon we will start the APBA Driving School. The water time will be limited in the afternoon, but shared. On Sunday, we will share the water time with the Driving School all day, going back and forth between APBA racers and the APBA Driving School. If you have any questions on how this will work, please call Mark Weber @ 586-206-8894.

If you arrive after driver's meeting on Saturday or Sunday and do not see the Referee prior to going in the water you will be DQ'ed for the weekend. If a driver gets in any boat and has not properly filled out ALL necessary paper work with scorer for the boat you are driving, both the owner and driver will be DQ'ed for the weekend.

No four wheelers, golf carts or mopeds allowed on park grounds.

No vehicles allowed in pit area unless it is used to tow boat around the pit circle and has been approved by race committee.

Thanks to FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS and EASTWOOD METROPARK & LAKE.

This Regatta is Sanctioned Through APBA

All prizes are the responsibility of the conducting Club. APBA does not guarantee nor is it responsible for payment of prizes. You are advised that this event may be canceled prior to the race due to circumstances beyond the control of this association. If you plan to travel a long distance, it is recommended that you contact the race sponsor prior to your departure to ensure this event will take place.

Vintage Views

The Big Brown Speedboat on the Wall

As part of our annual wedding anniversary remembrance, my wife Alice and I go out for dinner, and for the past several years we have gone to the **Bayside Sports Bar and Grill**. The food is excellent, and I always make it known to the manager on duty that we appreciate their sponsoring of the summer hydroplane races. And, that patronizing **Bayside** is a concrete way of showing our appreciation. We decided to go home to South Lyon after a recent dinner a different way, by going north on Pontiac Trail and turning left on Maple Road.

Right on the southwest corner is a Murray's Auto Parts store, and on the store's large sidewall wall - to my surprise - was a mural of a vintage triple cockpit runabout with a happy couple in each set of seats. The mural invited the viewer to go to Walled Lake Park, the Picnic Wonderland. In the background was a roller coaster and Ferris wheel. OK, cool. But, there is no Walled Lake Park - at present. There WAS a Walled Lake Park which I went to as a kid, but I vaguely remembered that it closed down a long time ago, in the 50's or 60's. So what was this mural promoting? Time for some historical detective work.

Good ol' internet search engine came through. I entered in some key words, and verified that there was of course a Walled Lake Amusement Park, which was operational from 1919 through 1968. It had a dance hall, the Casino, a world class roller coaster, a picnic area, all sorts of amusement park rides, and some water/beach attractions. It was located on the south end of Walled Lake, to take advantage of a natural swimming area, and then in one paragraph of the article I was reading, there it was, buried at the end of a listing of Park attractions, ". . .and speed boat rides for fifteen cents."

Another reference revealed that "Extending out from the point were two 500 ft. boardwalks where thrill seekers could get a speed boat ride for 15 cents." A third writer thought that the speed boats were "criscrafts." So that's what the mural was promoting, these speed boat rides and picnicking. But . . . the mural was not old and faded; it was fresh and vibrant and, well, sort of retro-modern. What's the story here?

Another internet search found a local November 2011 newspaper headline stating "Murray's Gets Historic Mural." And, according to the newspaper account, the mural was partially supported by the Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority and a Federal Facade and Sign Grant, to replicate a popular poster of the old park.

At this point, I thought it would be interesting to talk to the owner of the Murray's to get a feel for his reasons for placing the mural on his building. The owner, Karl Blair, now retired, met with me for a half hour or so and gave his side of the story. He said he looked at the vast expanse of blank wall facing Maple Road as a location for some auto parts store type of advertising signage, but was told by the city that he couldn't use it for this purpose. Not giving up, Karl suggested the placing of some sort of community spirit message on the wall. How did he come up with the boat mural? It came to him, he said, after reviewing some local historical pictures, postcards, and posters at the Walled Lake City Hall. And, he stated that he bore much of the cost of the painting of the mural himself - and, that it wasn't cheap.

Who painted the big brown boat mural? Peter Flores, a commercial sign painter from Dearborn, who had a contract to paint the signs for many of the Murray's Auto Parts stores, now absorbed by O'Reilly Auto Parts to a great extent. Peter related that it took him about two weeks to paint the mural to the wall, and that he copied the theme from an old poster picture given to him by Karl.

Aside from the grandeur of this mural, my disappointment in this search was that although I found many photos of the Park and its attractions in its heyday, there were no actual pictures of the thrilling "criscraft" speedboats. I'm guessing that although WE like to think that driving or riding in any fast boat is beyond description, the operators of the park and attendees were more enthralled by the conventional rides - the Green Dragon Roller Coaster, the Tilt - a-Whirl, the Dodge'em Cars, and so on. The references state that many of the rides at the park were sold to other amusement parks when Walled Lake Park closed – the Roller coaster was demolished, and the Casino dance hall eventually burned down– but what happened to the boats? And, is this big brown boat in the mural an accurate rendition of a Chris Craft triple cockpit speedboat? Is there any meaning to the three stars on the burgee? Who drove and maintained these boats?

And finally, did the people who went for these \$.15 thrill rides have to sign a waiver? Get a wrist band? Or wear a life vest or PFD, or orange helmet? Wear closed toed shoes? Driver have a physical? Boats inspected? Don't think so.

Life was simpler then, I suppose. More carefree, but probably more dangerous. Those good ol' days that many older folks refer to. But, were they truly better? The couples in the big brown "criscraft" triple cockpit sure look pretty happy.

Thanks for listening.

Paul Poledink



Link to the mural's story: <http://www.woodyboater.com/blog/2012/05/16/classic-boat-roadside-art-sorry-no-velvet-elvess/>



CONCUSSIONS

BROUGHT TO YOU BY APBA SAFETY & RESCUE



RISK



Power boat racing is a sport. As fun as it is, participation in any sport, let alone one that includes maneuvering a 1500 pound projectile at speeds in excess of 100 mph comes with some risk. Every year racers from all over the country suffer a suspected head injury. Racers can sustain a head injury in incidents such as blow overs, barrel rolls, wing outs, collisions, stuffs, cartwheels, hard landings or any combination of these.

WHAT IS A CONCUSSION?



A concussion is a form of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) which disrupts the way your brain functions. The kinetic energy, momentum and velocity or violent shaking of the head forces the brain to slam against the inside of the skull causing injury and swelling. The head injury can also cause tearing of blood vessels, injury to nerves and can cause chemical changes making the brain more sensitive until it recovers. During a heat, the racer's head is rotated in all directions watching the course and other boats. A sudden acceleration and / or deceleration combined with rotation and flexation makes the racer even more vulnerable to injury.

CONCUSSION FACTS



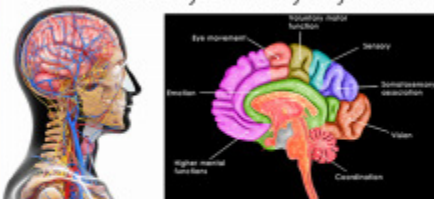
- All concussions are serious.
- A concussion cannot be seen.
- All suspected head injuries should be evaluated by emergency personnel.
- Not all concussions result in a loss of consciousness.
- Not all concussions are alike. They will affect each racer differently.
- A racer may have a concussion and not realize it.
- Never ignore a possible concussion. Even though it may appear normal at first, it could take hours, days or even weeks before the full extent of the injury is known.
- Recognizing a possible concussion and responding properly when they first occur can help prevent further injury. When treated correctly, most concussions heal. Left untreated, a concussion can result in permanent damage and worse, can even be fatal.

HEAL

- Repetitive brain injuries, when not managed promptly and properly, or permitted time to heal, can slow recovery and may cause permanent damage to your brain.
- Racers who have had a concussion at any point in their lives, have a greater chance of getting another concussion.

WHY REPORT IT?

- Besides all of the reasons already mentioned, it is your brain that controls all of your body's systems.



The one thing that controls your judgement, hand-eye coordination, vision, response times, and every one of the skills you use as a driver is now in need of repair.

The racing community prides itself on being close. You all do your best in the pits to help each other to get back out in the water. If there is a broken part, you fix it.

Sometimes racers need repairs too! What if that racer with a suspected concussion goes back out and is seriously injured? Or injures another racer, possibly a close friend or family member of yours. That racer knowingly went back out putting fellow racers in jeopardy because they ignored, didn't recognize or are too macho to admit their skills may not be up to par.

Risking the safety of others is NOT their decision to make. Fellow racers, crew members, officials and rescue all must share the responsibility for keeping the sport as safe as possible.

Be that role model everyone thinks you are. When in doubt . . . Sit it out!



For more information visit:
cdc.gov • nlm.nih.gov • nih.gov

RECOGNITION



Any racer who received a blow to the head or any significant acceleration / deceleration type force to the head should be presumed to have a possible head injury and should be thoroughly evaluated.

To help recognize a concussion, you should watch for and ask others to report two things:

1. A forceful bump, blow or jolt to the head or body that results in rapid movement of the head.
2. Any concussion symptoms or change in behavior, thinking or physical functioning.

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- There is no single indicator for a concussion.
- Please indicate which signs and symptoms were observed.

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| • Headache or "Pressure" in head | • Slow reaction time | • Saw flashing lights |
| • Confusion or Disorientation | • Can't recall events PRIOR to incident | • Answers questions slowly |
| • Dazed or Stunned | • Can't recall events AFTER incident | • Sensitivity to light |
| • Moves Clumsily | • Vomiting and / or Nausea | • Sensitivity to noise |
| • Concentration issues | • Complaints of tiredness | • Just "not feeling right" |
| • Loss of consciousness (even briefly) | • Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy or groggy | • Neck pain |
| • Mood, personality or behavior changes | • Ringing in the ears | • Feeling having lost time |
| • Memory problems / Amnesia | • Forgets instructions | • Sleep disturbances |
| • Double or Blurry vision | • Dizziness | • Other signs that feel worrisome |
| • May experience balance problems | • Saw all white, all black or stars | • Unusual behavior |



- Fluid / blood leaking from ears / nose
- Change in consciousness or alertness
- One pupil larger than the other
- Slurred or incoherent speech
- Weakness, numbness, decreased coordination
- Unusual eye movements
- Inability to wake up
- Fever
- Symptoms that worsen

If the following danger / warning signs present, call 9-1-1 and take the injured immediately to the emergency department.



GETTING BETTER

- Most people with a concussion recover quickly and fully
- Some signs and symptoms can last for days, weeks or longer
- Exercising or activities requiring a lot of concentration such as working on a computer may cause symptoms to reappear or worsen.
- After a concussion, physical AND cognitive activities should be managed and monitored by a healthcare professional.
- It is normal for a racer to feel frustrated, sad and even angry because they cannot return to competition right away or with daily activities. Talk with them about these issues and offer support and encouragement.
- Healing and recovery will take some time. Do not rush it.



MARINE PROP RIDERS
Detroit, Michigan
Membership Application

- ☐ Electronic Newsletter Single Membership...\$20.00 ☐ Paper Newsletter Single Membership...\$25.00
☐ Family Membership...\$30.00

Primary Member Name:

(Required for drivers and MPR board members)

Family Member Name(s):

(non-voting member(s))

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