

"America's Finest Inboard Racing Club"

## **MARINE PROP RIDERS**

DETROIT, MICHIGAN



Established 1951

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

March 2011

### **Special Guest - March 2nd Meeting**

Our guest speaker for the March 2nd meeting will be Bruce P. Benson, the Interim Executive Director at the Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum, Inc. in Mackinaw City.

Please join us for a presentation about the past, present and especially the future of the Icebreaker Mackinaw. After 62 years of service on the Great Lakes, the "Mighty Mack" is now a museum that welcomes 20,000 visitors from late May through early October. The Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum Board of Directors has charted a course to become a truly exciting and educational venue telling stories of the Icebreaker Mackinaw, the Straits of Mackinac and the northern Great Lakes. Bruce Benson, Executive Director, will be on hand to share some pictures of the Mackinaw and explain how the museum intends to become a visitor experience worthy of the Mackinaw! To find out more about IMMM, you can check out our website at [www.themackinaw.org](http://www.themackinaw.org)

### **It's time to renew your MPR membership**

This will be the last newsletter mailed to 2010 MPR members, please renew now so you don't miss any issues. A subscription form can be found on the inside back cover of this newsletter.

### **NOTICE!!! DUNK TEST DATE CHANGE!!!!**

**THE DETROIT AREA SAFETY CELL / DUNK TEST ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 9TH HAS BEEN CHANGED TO APRIL 16TH! MORE TEST DETAILS WITHIN.**

— ALSO —

Andy Guaresimo is looking for used / outdated capsule suits for use in his training exercises. Donations would be greatly appreciated and put to good use.

To contact Andy: EMAIL: [blwtrdvr@msn.com](mailto:blwtrdvr@msn.com) CELL: 586-242-0673 HOME: 586-779-4632



# MEETING MINUTES

## Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – February 9th – Meeting Minutes

**Meeting:** At Five Star Lanes in Sterling Heights. Called to order by MaryAnne Wilson at 7:32 P.M. 50-50 drawing this month conducted by Becky Wilson.

**President's Report** MaryAnne began by reviewing the goals and objectives for 2011, with a focus on not only acquiring new members through publicity and promotion, but getting all members involved in club activities.

**Approval of Minutes:** of December 1, 2010 General Meeting, and January 5, 2011 General Meeting. Motion to approve by Eli Whitney, seconded by Mike Weber.. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mario Maraldo reported the December and January financial activities as \$483.38 for display boat materials, \$102.69 for newsletter printing and mailing, and \$225 for website maintenance costs. These expenses leave a balance of \$11,147.74 Motion to approve by Todd McQuade, seconded by Red Mathis. No discussion; unanimous approval.

**Membership Report:** Paid membership stands at 93 as reported by Jennifer Grigg. Jennifer also pointed out the e-mail blasts which will be used to alert members to immediate issue, such as the cancellation of the meeting last week due to the snowstorm. Membership packets for new members are being developed which may include a letter of welcome, business cards, a MPR decal and a copy of the directory, which will be updated in the spring. Sponsors and patrons will be solicited to help defray the costs associated with the production of the directory.

A new quantity of the traditional MPR logoed decal has been costed out - 1000 @ \$670. including a one time plate charge of \$100. Motion to approve this purchase by Eli Whitney, seconded by Red Mathis. Motion approved. Discussion took place regarding the use and distribution of the decals, including on boats, trailers, cars and trucks. Also possible distribution to new and existing members and their sale at appropriate events.

**Publicity:** Brian Reed continues the enhancement of the web site and emphasized the need for more content providers for the newsletter..

**Entertainment:** Ray Dong was unable to make the meeting.

### Race Reports

**Walled Lake Thunder** Todd McQuade reported that all aspects of the race plans are proceeding according to schedule.

**Gold Cup** Mark Weber reported that necessary steps are being taken to hold another successful race, such as securing sponsors, etc.

**Dayton** Traditional testing and the APBA driving school will take place the week before Memorial Day, 2011.

**Waterford/ Quake on the Lake** MaryAnne Wilson reported that organizing committee continues to meet according to plans. Also noted that the Waterford location has been chosen to host the World Championships in 2012.

**Celina, Ohio.** Racing will take place as scheduled.

**Rocky Fork** Racing will take place as per the schedule.

**APBA Racing News / Region 6 News** Eli Whitney re-announced the Region 6 Spring meeting dates, Feb. 26-27, 2011 in Perrysburg Ohio, and passed out copies of the agenda for the two days. Also, that more referees are needed for the various meets.

**IRC Racing News** Jim Sechler introduced a discussion of the prize money structure which we utilize in Region 6 and its effect on the awarding of national meets to various venues. No action taken. Referred to possible discussion at the Region 6 spring meeting.

**Vintage News** Paul Poledink reported on the general safety discussion which took place at the National APBA Meeting in Dearborn. Mike Weber and Mark Weber commented that the rules are being revised for clarification.

### Old Business

**Static Display Boat** Work on the boat has been slowed by the extreme weather and worker availability. Mark Weber announced that the paint for the boat has been donated and is in possession by the club.

### MPR Show Participation:

**Autorama** Mark Weber, Contact Person Volunteers are needed to man the booth, especially since this event coincides with the Region 6 meetings.

# THE NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 2nd

**7:30 p.m.**

Second meeting at our new location

— **5-Star Lanes at 2666 Metro Parkway in Sterling Heights** —

On the South side of Metro Parkway (a.k.a. 16 Mile or Big Beaver) just East of Dequindre

www.5-starlanes.com - (586) 939-2550

## **Minutes (continued)**

**Detroit Boat Show** As part of the DRRA and Gold Cup display

**Novi Boat Show** Todd McQuade, Contact Person. Boats and booth volunteers are needed.

**Committee Formation** MaryAnne announced that the Awards Committee and the By-Laws Committee have been blended since their work runs in parallel in some aspects. Chris Ritz distributed copies of the existing by-laws which included several changes. After some discussion, it was moved by Mark Weber and seconded by Mario Maraldo to publish the by-laws with changes in the newsletter and vote yea or nay on their acceptance at the next general meeting.

**New Business** More discussion regarding the acquisition of MPR branded merchandise, especially shirts. Examples and samples will be researched for the next meeting. MPR Business cards are now available for member usage. Todd McQuade requested that the Spring Boating Expo at the Suburban Collection Showplace be publicized on the FaceBook page. Request will be met.

**Next Meeting:** March 2, 2011 at the **Five Star Lanes** @7:30 P.M. ..

**Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn by Todd McQuade @ 8:40 P.M. Seconded by Royce Richards. Unanimous approval.

**50-50 Results** The 50-50 drawing was won by Dennis Bemmell.  
Submitted by Paul Poledink for Tony Kallio

## **Event Schedule - 2011**

*Race dates and upcoming events (\*\* for MACH series events):*

**Dayton OH - Testing and Driving School**

**May/June 2011 (TBA)**

**Walled Lake MI - Walled Lake Thunder**

**June 11 & 12, 2011\*\***

**Detroit MI - APBA Gold Cup**

**July 8 - 10, 2011**

**Waterford MI - "Quake" - Inboard Nationals!**

**July 16 & 17, 2011\*\***

**Cambridge MD**

**July 2011**

**Hampton VA**

**August 2011**

**Celina OH - UIM World Championships!**

**August 27 & 28, 2011\*\***

**Shelby Twp MI - "Streak" - Stony Creek**

**September 2011\*\* (tent.)**

**Hillsboro OH - Rocky Fork State Park**

**September 17 & 18, 2011\*\***

**Alum Creek OH -**

**September 2011 (\*\*?)**

**MPR 60th Anniversary Awards Banquet**

**November 19, 2011**

# MPR By-Law Changes

At the recommendation of the BOD, the general membership voted to proceed with the process of approving changes to the By-Laws. Per the By-Laws these changes are being sent to the membership (within this newsletter) in advance of voting by the members in attendance at the April meeting.

A complete print-out of the proposed By-Laws are on the next 4 pages, these are the primary changes:

**PREAMBLE #3:** The word “exclusively” has been removed:

To increase prestige through belonging to a club made up exclusively of power boat drivers, owners, and interested parties.

**ARTICLE I Section I:** A sentence has been added at the end:

Members who have maintained their membership for 10 consecutive years and are over 65 years of age will be granted a lifetime membership.

**ARTICLE VI Section I:** This is an edit, replacing “three (3)” with “four (4)”:

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.

**ARTICLE VI Section IV:** This is a new article section:

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

A note about the last one is that an Awards Policy is currently being developed by a MPR committee. It was decided to keep the awards policy separate from the By-Laws because the non-high-point awards are subjective awards.

Minor grammar and typo edits that do not change the intent of the text have been made.

*The By-Laws have been printed in the center of the issue so that if you don't want to save the whole issue you can remove the center sheet and keep the By-Laws as a reference.*

*Don't miss the articles following the By-Laws*

# **Marine Prop Riders**

A Michigan Corporation

## **By-Laws – AS PROPOSED AT FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> 2011 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

# SAFETY CELL TESTING

## SAFETY CELL CERTIFICATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 2011

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 2011 (*DATE CHANGED!*)

**EAST DETROIT HIGH SCHOOL POOL**  
**(11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM SHARP) COST: \$35.00**  
9 MILE ROAD JUST WEST OF GRATIOT AVE  
ENTER FROM 9 MILE ROAD SIDE OF BUILDING  
EASTPOINTE MICHIGAN 48021  
(2 MILES WEST OF I-94, EXIT #227)  
NORTHEAST OF DETROIT  
***PLEASE HAVE YOUR APBA NUMBER WITH YOU***

**TESTING INSTRUCTOR:**  
**ANDREW C. GUARESIMO (BLUEWATER ANDY)**



**Andy recommends that those with their own air mask bring them to use for the dunk test - good for familiarizing yourself with your own equipment. You can also bring your tank for your annual inspection (\$15) or 5 year hydrostatic check (\$40), and he will get them back to you in a timely fashion.**

### **RSVP PLEASE - THANKS, ANDY**

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IF NO ANSWER PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE & SPEAK CLEARLY  
WE WILL RETURN ALL PHONE CALLS

## Blast From The Past

The October, 1995, Pit Patter included a survey to some of the racing kids, asking for their insight on racing in the future. A few of the comments were:

**Tony Weber** (age 12) – “If I stay in racing, I want to race 2.5 stock and hopefully move up to Grand Prix if I get a good enough job after college or maybe I can get my dad to sponsor me.”

**Jeff Bernard** (age 11) – “I want to race 2.5 stock – but I don’t think we should have to have safety cells if we don’t want to.”

**Bobby Kennedy** (age 10) – “I want to race an A boat because my uncle drives one and I will have experience with that size. I want to do the racing and not watch anymore. I don’t ever want to race the Miss Budweiser because it would cost too much to repair if you broke it. My uncle Georgie is my favorite racer and I want to be as good as him.”

**B.J. Maduri** (age 14) – “I want to be involved with racing and drive a 7 litre, hopefully dad will be my crew chief.” “I like to go fast, go places and have fun.” “I like racing because the whole family gets involved.” “Todd Roesch is my favorite racer, he drove our boat good this year.”

**Mike Maduri** (age 16) – “I would like to drive in a faster class, I like the competition and the way everyone helps each other.” Mike hopes the sport grows and he would rather be with the boats than to be involved with the politics of the sport.

**Evan Elston** (age 10) – “I don’t want to race, I have my mind set on something else, I want to be a Chef.” He says, “Just let me know what you need and I’ll cook the barbeques in the pits!” He says the best driver is Mark Weber and My Way.

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## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to open this month by saying THANK YOU to all that are helping out! There are so many things being worked on: race site preparation, new race site talks, MPR display boat, membership drives, MPR apparel and stickers, business cards, Autorama and of course, the upcoming season!

As I was digging through the old newsletters looking for a relic piece of information to include this month, I was struck by how much has changed, yet, how we are still facing the same challenges. The change is actually rather interesting – looking through old typewritten newsletters, yes I believe they were probably prepared on an old hunt 'n peck typewriter (maybe even the kind with no power?) and copied on a mimeograph machine (remember the ink messes from those things?). I also saw a comment that said, “I just got a new computer”, as if it were a revelation!

What really struck me though were the challenges written about over 30 years ago ... need more help with the newsletter, the upcoming Autorama display, Dayton testing, new race sites, articles about the upcoming Region 6 spring meeting, the APBA National meeting committee (interestingly enough chaired by Mark Weber), the MPR banquet (sure sounds like there were some good ones!), and on and on. All the same topics.

It makes me wonder ... to keep this club strong, we need to embrace the past but at the same time, bring it into the future. We obviously will continue to talk about those very same things as they are an important part of who we are, however, I believe our biggest challenge is how to grow our club into 2011. What new topics should we be talking about? What different things should we be looking at?

Yes, I know 30 years from now, someone will be reading this very newsletter and laughing about me typing this on a *Dell*, using *Microsoft Word* and then *emailing* it to Brian – who knows how things will be done then. I only hope the rest of the newsletter, and the things we are working on will prove just as interesting and we can continue to add new things to report on.

Mary Anne

**Derek Elston** (age 12) – “I would like to follow in my dad’s steps and drive some day, but I want to start in an easy class first and work my way up.” “My dad is my favorite driver.”

**Tim Collins** (age 16) – “I would like to drive but I can’t, my dad won’t let me.” He says he will just have to be satisfied watching his dad and hanging out at the races.

**Justie Schaller** (age 17) – “Realistically after we run the new boat and we’re done with that I will be out of racing. I want to concentrate on the business of making money. Boat racing isn’t what it used to be, it’s becoming more like a business than a backyard sport, the money you put into it you can’t get back and if you’re not having fun doing it you won’t make money at it.

**Mary Ann Schaller** (age 18) – “I really would like to stay involved with racing and hopefully find a man in it.” “I like being a rider with the skiffs.” She says it would be nice if she could meet a man who drives the skiff!” Her favorite racer is Steven David.

# Board Of Directors

## 2011

|                        |                         |                     |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>President</b>       | <b>Mary Anne Wilson</b> | <b>248-798-3188</b> |
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**\$20.00**  
**Active Club Racing**  
**Membership**

**Marine Prop Riders**  
**Membership Application**  
c/o Mario Maraldo  
25999 Ballard  
Harrison Township, MI 48045

**\$30.00**  
**Family**  
**Membership**

*Only one active driver per family membership! List all, indicate driver.*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliations: Owner / Driver / Mech. / Official / Media / Other \_\_\_\_\_

Boat: Class \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Name and # \_\_\_\_\_

What can you or your crew do to help at races?

Check here if this is a correction or address change. \_\_\_\_\_



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