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MARINE PROP RIDERS

DETROIT, MICHIGAN



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March 2015

Dear Fellow Prop Riders,

What a busy time of year. Race season is kicking itself off this weekend in sunny, beautiful Lakeland, Florida. I hope everyone has smooth water, fast laps, and enjoys the sunshine while we dig out of the snow here in Michigan.

While we're digging out, Rich Falcinelli has done a great job of coordinating the boats for Autorama, March 6-8. The Marine Prop Riders are well represented with four boats and need volunteers to work the booth. If you've never done it, ask someone who has. It's fun seeing the reactions of the kids, and talking to the adults about the sport we love so much. If you can volunteer some time, please contact Rich or Jennifer Falcinelli.

Speaking of volunteering – this issue contains a great article by Marty Hammersmith. He makes a lot of good points that we can apply to our club and boat racing alike. Thank you Marty for your input.

Alas, speaking of races, there are some unsubstantiated rumors flying around about Walled Lake & the Gold Cup. It seems it's a little premature to be throwing in the towel on these two great venues. There's a group downtown looking to raise the money and pull this off. Let's make sure that we, as Prop Riders, offer to help in any way we can to keep these traditions alive in the Motor City.

Lastly, this issue has a great read on our own Barry Pray. He has been a great asset to the hydroplane racing season – both limited and unlimited. His dedication is truly appreciated.

See you in the first turn,
Ritzy



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Happy St. Patrick's
Day and good luck to
all the race teams in
2015!

The Next Meeting Is March 4th

7:30 PM

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MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders - General Meeting February 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 is selling 50/50 Tickets tonight.

President's Report (Chris Ritz): Chris Ritz opened the meeting by introducing the "Out-of-Town Guest" accompanying, Rich Falcinelli, as Angel Giddens. Chris also was saddened to announce, there was a tragic accident on a ski hill this month, involving the sister of Brian Reed. Brian's sister, Janet Reed, was known by many members of this club. She is on YouTube at the Driver's school driving a Tunnel Boat. Chris confirmed that our members present tonight received their newsletters either by e-mail or through the postal service. Approval of December's Meeting Minutes: Rich Falcinelli, Seconded by: Eli Whitney.

Treasurer's Report (Mario Maraldo): January Deposits: \$354.95, \$250.00; January Disbursements: APBA Membership \$185.00. Balance: January Initial: 9,865.40 Final: \$ 11,540.80. February Disbursements: Promotional Cards \$337.21; APBA Hall of Champions \$250.00, Postage and Printing \$95.26.

Approved by Eli Whitney and seconded by Rich Falcinelli.

Side Note: The fundraiser at the banquet for the "Baskets" raised six hundred five (\$605.00) dollars, and the autographed Red Wings Jersey raised one hundred ten (\$110.00) dollars. Kathy Maraldo suggested the club send a "Thank You" letter to the Detroit Red Wings for the Red Wing Jersey donation. Kathy Maraldo and Ray Dong volunteered to make sure the club extends some appreciation (Thank You Letter/Card) for the Red Wing Jersey Donation.

Membership (Jennifer Falcinelli):	(2015)
Current Membership:	134
Primary Membership:	96
Family Membership:	20
Life Membership:	18
Vintage:	19
Newsletter:	Printed: 28
	Electronic: 86
	None: 26
	Archive: 1
Total Newsletters:	135

New Members: Thirteen (13) new members which includes eight (8) brand new members...Thank you (new members) for joining, and Welcome Aboard!

- Notes:
- a.) The current on-line T-Shirt drive will be in effect until February 16, 2015.
 - b.) Promotional cards have arrived, and sample cards have been distributed to those Marine Prop Rider members present tonight.
 - c.) Autorama sign-up sheets are available, and Rich/Jennifer Falcinelli are eagerly anticipating your participation at this fabulous show. Rich Falcinelli will be available to help with the move in, but is currently scheduled to be in Florida during the Autorama show dates. Happy Birthday Rich!
 - d.) Jennifer Falcinelli will not be at the next three (3) scheduled meetings. Rich Falcinelli has volunteered to take over the "membership" responsibilities during her absence. Jennifer will be attending a college course during her time of absence.
 - e.) Any Promotional Cards, after the Autorama, will be made available upon your request.

Publicity (Vallery Ritz): The deadline for newsletter submission will be February 20, 2015. Vallery mailed fifty five (55) newsletters out this month. Vallery Ritz has acquired a "Member Bio" for the next newsletter, we'll be looking forward to learning more about one of our members, should be interesting.

Entertainment (Ray Dong): Tonight's scheduled entertainment is not available yet; a look at the 1946 Gold Cup as shot and recorded by Texaco Oil Company will be available next month.

2015 Race Reports:

<i>Dayton Testing and School</i>		<i>To be determined</i>
<i>Walled Lake Thunder:</i>	<i>June 13-14</i>	<i>Scheduled</i>
<i>Gold Cup:</i>	<i>Cancelled on the Detroit River for 2015.</i>	
<i>Waterford Quake on the Lake:</i>	<i>July 18-19</i>	<i>Scheduled</i>
<i>Webster, MA :</i>	<i>Aug.</i>	<i>To be determined</i>
<i>Celina, Ohio:</i>	<i>Aug. 22-23</i>	<i>Scheduled</i>
<i>Festival of Speed</i>	<i>Aug. 22-23</i>	<i>Scheduled</i>
<i>Rocky Fork:</i>	<i>Sept.</i>	<i>To be determined</i>
<i>New Martinsville:</i>	<i>Sept. 25-27</i>	<i>Scheduled</i>

Note: Rising Sun is very interested in having inboards return to their facility.

APBA News (Mark Weber): Mark Weber is reportedly in his shop tonight working on a trailer, therefore he is not present for his report.

MACH News (Ray Dong): Ray Dong is contemplating, (although uncomfortable), asking A.P.B.A. for funding to build a MACH series website. This would be requested from the promotional funds available for inboards. Ray received the support of the group to ask for the funds, and hopefully A.P.B.A. will respond positively. On a separate note, Ray Dong reported that the Mark Tate Family, and Sun Coating, has donated an update to the Clock used at the race site. Since its original build, the clock was finished with a powder coat, and only through the careful handling and supervision of Steve Spisak, it has survived with only minor overall damage. Most of the damage has occurred on the corners. The Powder Coat has now been updated with an expensive, and a lot more durable ceramic finish. It was suggested, as a gesture of appreciation, Sun Coating and the Mark Tate Family be added to the Clock's Transport Trailer, and the Display Boat Sponsor Board.

IRC Racing News (Marty Hammersmith): No report

Region 6 News (Eli Whitney/Ray Dong): The Region Meeting is scheduled for Feb. 14-15 at the **HOLIDAY INN - FRENCH QUARTER 10630 FREMONT PIKE (US20 AT I-75) PERRYSBURG, OHIO 43551 PHONE: 1-888-874-2592 OR 1-419-874-3111.**

So far, registration is going slow. Make it a date to attend the banquet with your Valentine date. (Like Vegas...What happens at the banquet, stays at the banquet. Well maybe--Just Sayin') You need to show up, and vote. Region six (6) missed many important opportunities last year because of our poor attendance. Region six (6) missed placing one of our members on the I.R.C. board by only one vote. Without being on the board, there is no credibility in that group. It is ashamed we missed that opportunity last year, let's not allow that to happen again this year. Looking forward to seeing you there this year. Mark your calendar, and make it happen! Your club's secretary just realized the above plea for your attendance will be more apt to apply for next year's Region six (6) meeting, because you will receive this newsletter after this year's event has already taken place. Timing is everything!

National News (Eli Whitney)

Note: All the following are recommendations, and will need A.P.B.A. Board approval for their implementation:

a.) *E-Class Boats*: There was a change to the rules at the National meeting concerning the E-boat class. A legal E-Class Boat can race as a legal A-class boat, should they choose to do so. There seems to be a good parity for speed in these two (2) classes, and currently these two (2) classes can be combined to make a legal race.

b.) *Helmets*:

a.) *Color*: There was a discussion about helmet color. Many members are impeding the "Upper 50% safety color rule" with design work. Let it be noted, this rule as currently written, will be strictly enforced this year. There is an exception of a two inch by eight inch (2" x8") area above the face opening, which is designated for the use of Logos and Writing at your discretion.

b.) *Type*: ***No longer are D.O.T., A.N.S.I E.W.E. Mil-Spec., or SNELL Older than 2000 allowed.***

SNELL 2000 can be used thru Nov. 1, 2016 and obsolete thereafter.

SNELL 2005 and newer will be recommended after Nov. 1, 2016.

SNELL 2015 and SNELL 2016 are currently recommended.

c.) *Concussion*: Ken Smith from Region four (4) passed out a paper concerning the symptoms of a concussion. There were medical professionals present at the meeting, which concurred that the listed symptoms were correct. This list of symptoms will be made available for all A.P.B.A. members. A concussion protocol was formulated by the group, and will be submitted for A.P.B.A. Board approval. The protocol will include: Giving the authority to the referee the ability to direct a participant to sit out the day, or entire event, upon the direction of competent advice to the race director. The concussion protocol will be particularly applied to those incidences in which youth are involved.

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Meeting Minutes (Continued from page 3)

Vintage Report (Paul Poledink): The National Vintage meeting was held at the Airport Inn, with about twenty (20) members in attending, and lasted about two and one half (2 1/2) hours. Due to the politics of the Vintage group, they can only recommend suggestions and the A.P.B.A. Board of Directors will finalize decisions made at the meeting. The highlighted topics of discussion are as follows:

a.) *Additional surtax entry fee*: The vintage group is interested in having an additional ten (\$10.00) dollars added on to their entry fee at each race/event. The additional ten (\$10.00) dollars will be used to promote the activities of the Vintage group. This extra surtax will be sent directly to A.P.B.A. for their proper administration of the fund.

b.) *Stagnation of Membership*: Nationally, recent history of this class, shows the group size to have an average of three hundred five (305) members participating. There were forty (40) new members in the year 2014, however the total class size only grew by five (5) members from 2013. Sooo...Some of the members are taking it upon themselves to investigate the possible displeasure of those forty (40) past members, and attempt to have them rejoin A.P.B.A. in their respected class.

c.) *Inspections*: With the presence of Rich Evans (Vintage Chief Inspector), there was a discussion about the current inspection requirement. The current rule states: "That all vintage boats will be inspected at every race". The Vintage group is proposing: "The Vintage boats will only need to be inspected at the boat's initial race of the season, and once (1/mo.) per month thereafter". This will eliminate the need for some of the boats to be inspected weekly, as is presently occurring,

d.) *National High Point System*: There was a discussion about introducing a National High Points system in the Vintage Class. The discussion included participation points for;

- 1.) Showing up at race, and promotional events,
- 2.) The physical participation in a race.

This topic included discussion about boats that;

- aa.) Started a heat.
- bb.) Finished a heat.
- cc.) Those that had mechanical issues during the heat.
- dd.) Static Display at event only.

There was also discussion about a handicap point system, for those living and participating, in areas where fewer events are held, as well as, was the event a "Dual event" or "Vintage Only" event. The Vintage Group has many issues which need to be resolved, and hopefully soon, they will recognize a National High Points Champ for their class.

Old Business: Racer "Bob" Dabrowski: Racer "Bob" has apparently found a new friend named Waldo. Has anyone seen, or heard, from them? Where's Bob, the club is missing his presence at the monthly meetings. His boat is featured on the new promotional cards, however, he seems to have disappeared into the waves of the community.

Autorama: The initial three (3) boats scheduled to be displayed at this year's show have cancelled. Rich Falcinelli has scrambled, and got the commitment of the following three (3) boats; Miss Peg, White Lightning, and Lucky Lady. These boats are somewhat smaller than the original boat lineup, but will represent our club well. Rich Falcinelli seems to think at this point, we have lost the prime location we attained last year. A "Volunteer sign-up sheet" is available at tonight's meeting. For those of you not present at tonight's meeting, and are still interested in helping out at the Autorama, contact Rich Falcinelli at your earliest convenience. There are still many time slots available, which can have your name featured for this event.

Unlimiteds Detroit: Ray Dong (Current Unlimited Detroit President) and Ed Krupinski, are soliciting your participation with this group, and have sign-up sheets available at tonight's meeting. You are invited to join Chris Ritz, and John Bridge II, on the Unlimited Detroit new member roster.

New Business: After Brian Reed shared a few precious memories of his sister Janet with our group, Chris Ritz lead a moment of silence in her memory.

At the request from A.P.B.A., the Marine Prop Riders gave a two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollar donation to be used during the National meeting's Hall of Champions Banquet. In exchange, the Marine Prop Riders requested the Marine Prop Riders flag be displayed during this banquet, and the Marine Prop Riders be advertised in the Hall of Champions promotional material. A thank you to A.P.B.A. for promoting our club as requested! Mario Maraldo, Ray Dong, and Paul Poledink took the responsibility of making sure the flag was displayed at this banquet. Good work guys!!

Next Meeting: Date: March 4, 2015 at Juliano's in Warren, MI at 7:30 PM.

Adjournment: Time: 8:59 PM. Approval of Adj. Request: Approved by Eli Whitney, seconded by Jennifer Falcinelli.

Fund Raising: 50/50 winner: Ed Krupinski, Amount: \$16.00.

Respectfully Submitted by: Wayne Shagena

SPRING 2015—REGION 6 CAPSULE TRAINING SESSION

There will be two Safety Cell Certification sessions:

DATES:

- SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2015 and
- SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2015

COST:

- \$ 35.00 FOR APBA MEMBERS
- \$ 40.00 FOR OPA MEMBERS w/ SWIM TEST (offshore only)
- \$ 20.00 FOR SWIM TEST ONLY (offshore only)

***NEW LOCATION:** LANSE CREUSE HIGH SCHOOL POOL
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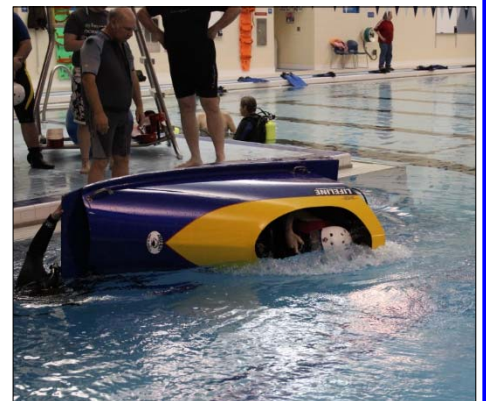
OTHER CAPSULE TESTING SESSIONS WILL ALSO BE DONE IN 2015 @:

- SEASIDE HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY - MAY 29TH & 30TH
- LAKE OZARK, MO JUNE 5TH & 6TH
- ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY - JUNE 19TH & 20TH
- ST CLAIR, MI. - JULY 25TH - 9:00 AM TILL NOON
- PORT HURON, MI AUGUST 8TH
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Submitted by Andy Guaresimo

Member Biography

Barry Pray



Why did you get into hydroplane racing and when?

Some 33 years ago, I was dragged to my first race; in Marine City. That's where I first met Einar, Ray Dong, and many others. It was (one of?) the first race Time Hueston ever ran the S-189 Camex. From that point on, I was hooked. It was over 25 years before I went to my next race as a spectator (I hated that). I've done pretty much every job there is to do between Inboard and Unlimited racing; Crew, Inspector, Referee, Pits, Announcer. You name it, I've probably done it; with the exception of driving. Maybe one day.....



2012 Gold Cup

What is your most memorable moment in hydroplane racing?

It's probably not the best, but I remember when the skid fin broke loose on the U-37 with J.W. Myers driving. Another driver made an illegal move (the referee's call, not mine), and it forced J.W. into the roostertail. While the integrity of the skid fin was questioned, it was never proven. The skid fin broke loose in the Roostertail Turn in Detroit. I was on the crew of the U-7, awaiting the next heat. J.W.'s boat wouldn't turn anymore & was headed right towards us. He cranked the wheel to the right. Not many drivers would have had the strength & presence of mind to do that. He wound up crashing into the seawall in front of the Roostertail. He broke his foot, but he undoubtedly prevented a catastrophe.

What is your most memorable traveling experience?

On the way back from Washington, I attempted to change my seat to an exit row. I need the extra leg room, you know. I spent hours trying to do this, with no luck. I even woke up the travel agent (3 hour time difference), who was not happy, nor willing to help me at 5 a.m. her time. I finally gave up, & resigned myself to the fact that I was going to be cramped for a four hour flight. Note to all: If your seat is in the 1st 10 rows on a 747 or larger, shut up & enjoy the flight. Turns out my original ticket home was in 1st class. I could get used to that.

What do you want to accomplish this racing season?

I would love to help make Quake on the Lake the most memorable Nationals ever.



St Clair



2012 Gold Cup

What are your accomplishments in boat racing? I think being recommended to be an unlimited inspector was pretty cool. I received a call out of the blue, saying I came highly recommended. To this day, I don't know who made that recommendation; I have an idea. But to whoever did that, thank you so much.

What is your favorite race course?

Any of them, past or present in the Mitten, of course. I wish we could get Ford Lake back. I also like Rocky Fork. Just went back there for the first time in 25 years. Almost forgot how beautiful that park is. Tri Cities is great too; like an oasis in the middle of a desert.

What is something no one knows about you?

I lived in South Africa for three years.

What are your other hobbies?

Golf, Woodworking, Home improvement, Snowmobiling. I love working in the yard. Have 2 able-bodied kids, but it's kinda therapeutic to be out there.

What's your occupation?

Controller

Where do you call home?

Canton, MI. Lived in MI all my life & wouldn't change that for anything!

Are you married and do you have any children?

Been married to Leslie for 28 years. Thankfully I've been racing for over 30, so she knew what she was getting into.



2014 Gold Cup



2009 Unlimiteds



Barry—man on a mission

WHAT TO DO ABOUT RACE VOLUNTEERS? WE NEED MORE!

Some Thoughts from Marty Hammersmith APBA IRC Commissioner – Region 6 Inboard

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I was asked to provide some input on how to get volunteers to help at races in Region 6. I hesitated to take on the task as I'm not involved with any of the Region 6 Race Committees, but I agreed to put some effort into it.

Outside of Official APBA needs such as scorers and such, I see four (4) areas where we always seem to be short on help. The biggest problem expressed by Jim Sechler, David Archibale, Mary Ann Wilson and Bob Wilson at one time or another is volunteers who don't honor their commitment to help. This tends to cause more disruption than never offering to help to begin with. The four greatest needs for volunteers seem to be.....

- 1) Race setup**
- 2) Race site perimeter security, especially controlling access to the hot pits**
- 3) Race course turn judges**
- 4) Race teardown**

1) RACE SITE SETUP

Race site setup help probably has to come from enlisting members of the host club as most racers are coming from out of town, and I would think most would be unavailable to come early the day or days necessary to help with setup. So, I see race setup help having to be drummed up by the core Race Committee members themselves. Unfortunately, the true people at the top are always being pulled in one direction or another to deal with detail after detail. My best thought is that the race committee might appoint one person, a Volunteer Coordinator to focus on making calls and politely nudging club members to come out and help with race setup. Maybe even ask for specific time commitments so certain aspects of course setup-assembly of the judges stand for example can be coordinated for a time when the appropriate amount of volunteers are available and committed. If the race committee could list the basic major setup projects where "extra" volunteer help is needed, the volunteer coordinator could put together and group volunteers for the specific needs.

EXAMPLE: The race Committee thinks they need 6 guys to assemble the judges stand and the plan is to do it Wednesday evening. The volunteer coordinator comes up with 6 people willing and able to do that sort of work but they are available for Thursday, only 3 can come Wednesday. Now the Race Committee knows what they have available for that project and can decide if they want to pull the trigger when they have the necessary help. Maybe they go mark the course Wednesday instead and the judges stand on Thursday. ANOTHER EXAMPLE: They think it takes 4 people to put up the hot pits fencing and would like to do that Friday night. The Volunteer coordinator finds 5 and assigns them that specific task. The rest of the Race Committee can focus on the other details.

2) RACE SITE PERIMETER

Race Site Perimeter is a tough one. Waterford probably had the right idea by enlisting the help of the local Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and I would encourage them to revisit that as a source for security help. One of the problems with teenagers telling adult boat racers what to do is that I have watched them bulldoze these kids over and they're only going to push back so hard. So, part of the solution for volunteers is to drive home to our members how incredibly critical it is that we follow our own rules and just how close we are to being uninsurable. I thought it was timely in the recent Propeller issue where Mark used his column to discuss the current state of our insurance. We cannot overemphasize the situation. You just can't. It's a hard sell but it has to be done. People think of insurance as a side note to all the other aspects of racing. They don't understand we're at a crossroads. Heck, I watched people glass over at the last Region 6 meeting when I brought up the subject for just a few minutes. These are supposed to be the active and best informed in our Region.

So for race site perimeter security,

a) I recommend trying to get the local Civil Air Patrol (CAP) units involved. Others have mentioned church groups or other social clubs, but they have no vested interest in our rules and are not groups based on authority structure like the CAP is. I really like them as a potential manpower source. The CAP is not just teens, there is an adult wing as well.

b) Signage that explains the tentative nature of our insurance posted at all hot pit entries.

c) Signage on the porta potties inside and out reminding everyone of the tentative nature of our insurance. Reminders of the basics: No Open Toe Shoes, No Alcohol, No Smoking and Stop Anyone without an arm band and help them find the waiver table to get one. We cannot over emphasize how important this is. This is NOT someone else's problem.

d) Discuss insurance at the Region meetings, provide handouts at race registration, discuss it at the beginning of driver meetings before people glaze over and publish in region notes.

My hope with all of the signage and conversation that there will be more respect of the CAP kids and other race committee volunteers when they point out someone's open toe shoes or remind someone about not smoking, etc. Insurance and securing the hot pits is not something we can continue to take so lightly.

3) TURN JUDGES

This is a little tougher because we can't generally take church group volunteers and toss them in a boat to serve as a turn judge. These volunteers generally have to come from within, from active race teams.

It should be mandatory that teams cough up a qualified member at least once per weekend to serve as turn judge. I know teams that have never volunteered or even directly turned down the request of the Race Committee to help out. Too many times the excuse is "I came here to race". I get that, we all have but something has to give. I think this also has a positive long term effect on getting more cooperation from race teams in the future too. I've spent my fair share bobbing around in a little boat turn judging and getting to listen to Race Control radio. It's easy to be standing in the water for 40 minutes holding onto a boat wondering what the heck are we waiting for, how incompetent are these people putting on the race. Listening to Race Control, it is clear everyone involved is working their butts off trying to make things happen. If more people could hear what was going on, perhaps they'd be a little more patient, a little more understanding and dare I say, maybe a little more cooperative?

So, my suggestion is that we begin to either charge each entry \$20 as a turn judge fee and find people to pay to be turn judges OR, each boat has to commit to providing a qualified member of their team to serve a specific stint as turn judge. It would be relatively painless if more people would take a turn.

4) TEARDOWN

Everyone just wants to go home! Racers, volunteers, we all just want to get going. I think teardown lands back on the hosting club and the Volunteer Coordinator. I have no idea how you get out of town people to stick around on a Sunday afternoon. I think it's a waste to try. Here I think the local club members and probably the CAP kids would excel here helping take down the race.

Outside of all of the above, there is going to be the odd local person who's not a boat racer, maybe not a club member who is interest in being involved. Here I think simple business cards like the ones Jennifer Falcinelli recently mailed with my 2015 MPR membership card are an excellent idea to have handy. A casual conversation turns in to a random, chance meeting with a boat racing enthusiast. Whip out a card so contact isn't lost and help get that person involved.



MARINE PROP RIDERS
Detroit, Michigan
Membership Application

- ☐ Electronic Newsletter Single Membership...\$20.00 ☐ Paper Newsletter Single Membership...\$25.00
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Primary Member Name:

(Required for drivers and MPR board members)

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RACE AFFILIATION: (Check All That Apply)

☐ Owner ☐ Driver ☐ Crew ☐ Mechanic ☐ Official ☐ Media ☐ Other: _____

BOAT AFFILIATION:

Class/Number: _____ Boat Name: _____

Is the boat part of the vintage category? Yes / No

Class/Number: _____ Boat Name: _____

Is the boat part of the vintage category? Yes / No

NEWSLETTER:

Please check how the primary member would like to receive the newsletter. (Check one only)

☐ Email: A color version of newsletter (You must provide an email address above.)

Or

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Marine Prop Riders can share my contact information with other MPR members. ☐ Yes ☐ No

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