

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



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May 2009

ABRA to Rejoin APBA Immediately

After a five year separation, the American Boat Racing Association and the American Power Boat Association have reached an agreement that will once again make unlimited hydroplane racing a part of the APBA.

Sam Cole of ABRA: "I want to personally thank our Board of Directors for supporting this agreement and working to move the sport forward in these tough economic times," added Cole. "And I would be remiss without acknowledging Mark Weber and Charlie Strang for their commitment and resolve in getting this job done."

For the full story visit <http://www.abrahydroplanes.com>.

THE NEXT MPR MEETING IS MAY 6TH!

7:30 p.m.

— **Crash Landing, on Dequindre between 11 Mile and I-696 in Warren** —

Take I-696 to Dequindre, then go North on Dequindre a short distance

From the North or South: I-75 to 696 East to Dequindre, then left/North on Dequindre a short distance
26620 Dequindre Road — Warren, MI 48091 — 586.751.4444

Upcoming Events Schedule

Dayton Testing with APBA Driving School	May 29, 30 & 31, 2009
Walled Lake	June 13 & 14, 2009
Detroit - APBA Gold Cup	July 10, 11 & 12, 2009
Waterford - Quake On The Lake (Easterns!)	July 17, 18 & 19, 2009
Celina OH	August 22 & 23, 2009
Shelby Township - Streak On The Creek	Sept 19 & 20, 2009
Perrysburg OH - Fall meeting - Region 6	Oct 24 & 25, 2009



MEETING MINUTES

Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – April 1st 2009 – Meeting Minutes

Meeting at Crash Landing called to order at 7:42 by Eli Whitney.

Minutes – Motion to accept the March meeting minutes as printed Todd McQuade seconded by Eric Pomber. Stands as printed.

Treasurers Report – Mario Maraldo; expenses of \$15.00 for postcards, \$50.00 for the website, \$152.43 for the newsletter, with deposits of \$437.20 and \$285.00 for a balance of 13,465.73. Motion to accept by Racer Bob seconded by Royce Richards. Stands as read.

Membership Report – No Stefanie; Mario said about 77 current members.

Website – Brian Reed; Updated race info on website, local race pages. Looking at rebuilding site. Please submit team info.

Entertainment – Ray Dong; DVD of Unlimiteds from the '60's. Dr. Sam Fullerton in June.

Guests – Paul Poledink. Bought Tony's "White Lightning", CE-52. Leslie Metzger with Doc Truax.

Race Reports –

Dayton Testing – May 30, 31. No news.

Walled Lake – June 13, 14. Todd; everything is "peachy". Roostertails website has countdown clock. Permits are approved, survey is done, working on golf carts. Three classes are already fully sponsored, and there will be a new crane company. Ray mentioned possibly changing the name to "Bayside Thunder".

Gold Cup – July 10, 11, 12. No news.

Quake – July 17, 18, 19. Racer Bob; going okay. Working on sponsors. All is good.

Celina – August 22, 23. No news.

Stony Creek – September 19, 20. Racer Bob; there may not be a race this year. They are approaching a new service club. We should treat this as a new race concerning prize money.

National News/ Region News/ IRC – Jim; working on getting GP's at Waterford. Some technical issues, mainly out west. Working on toning down an experimental engine for the T class, and there were some 2.5 engine issues. Mario said that bringing the Canadian GP's will also bring boats from all other classes. There are some complicated issues concerning rules between boat racing organizations on either side of the border. Eli said Rich Evans is available for inspections and that Rocky Fork will happen (Aug. 29-30). MPR personnel are going down to help.

Old Business – Banquet; Mario left a deposit with the Concord Inn for Saturday, November 14th. Open at 6 PM and serving at 7 PM. Buffet style, less than \$30 with a cash bar. \$109 rate for Jacuzzi rooms. There will be a larger variety of food than in the past. Jim suggested that everybody who comes to the banquet should bring someone (or more). Eric said the Autorama was a success and that there were good crowds. Thanks to all of the boat owners that displayed this year. The J hydro was a good magnet and the flyers worked well. It was the same die hard members as usual that showed up to help at the booth. He thanked Nancy for the sign and mentioned that we should consider a thank you plaque for Mr. Forton. Todd said the Novi Boat Show is within 20 miles of two of our races and he worked out a deal for space with a trade for advertising at our races. Team Giéco allowed us to share a spot at show center but the crowds were low. John Sema supplied the literature girls and connections allowed us to have a better display. Eli said Andy will be having a cell test April 25th at EDHS. Ray mentioned that Lori Weber's dad passed away. There was a moment of silence.

New Business – Eli said volunteers are needed. We have minimum support so far. A letter was sent to the SLT group asking them to join our club. The Board of Directors authorized a new MPR sign for the new chrome stand. Jim opened a discussion about opening the Region 6 high-point awards to all regions. There was a big discussion on both sides of the issue

Motion to adjourn at 8:44 PM by Todd McQuade seconded by Red Mathis.

50/50 sold by Red, \$16 won by Greg.

Submitted by: Tony Kallio



A LETTER
FROM THE

THE PRESIDENT

News and views for this month of May, 2009: Life is ups and downs, and this past month have some. While the economy is beating us up, let's think about boat racing. Race season is coming, as a matter of fact, it has started in more suitable climates than here! Some of our members have found success already, so congratulations!

MPR has received reimbursement from the APBA Inboard Promotional Fund for printing our racer flyers!

On a sadder note, **Sherman (Sherm) Polamus** (Tiger N-72) recently passed away at the age of 80. Sherm drove the Tiger N-72 (225 class) in the 1970's; he returned to the sport in the vintage group by driving the boat at Celina in 2008. Our sympathies and remembrances go out to his family and friends.

Locally, another promotional display occurred April 24, 25, & 26 at the JYC and the Nautical Mile in St. Clair Shores, as the Mile held its annual spring boat show. Becky Wilson's T-31 displayed proudly under the new MPR Banner sign and stand, alongside the APBA Driving School's newly acquired 5L Inboard Hydro (E-81 Southern Comfort) and the DRRA Gold Cup Unlimited Hydro show boat. Thanks to several people, Bill Miller of the JYC and MPR, and the Wilson's (Becky, Mary Anne, & Bob) for the opportunity to again promote our races.

Dayton testing is coming up May 30-31. As usual, it is at the famed Dayton Hydrobowl, with a good testing course setup. The new APBA Driving School is part of this event, please note the school sold out the 25 available spots, and I know of a particular MPR member who has signed up for this experience (he is ordered to have fun with it and better write an article about it for this newsletter!)! The testing cost is \$200 and does not have to be prepaid. Billy Noonan (APBA Region 6 Inboard Chairman) has asked that anyone planning on testing to please contact him **502-396-3120** or willy-tapba@yahoo.com so that plans can be made for the Saturday evening "racer's pit party"! This event is being put on by the Region 6 Inboard and APBA's driving school, so let's give it support.

Rich Evans has offered to perform the 2009 racing inspection for any racing or vintage boats before the advent of any racing or testing events, to save time and consternation. To take advantage of this, contact Rich at 419-396-1819 or InboardOffice@yahoo.com; Rich will work with you! Guest pit passes are available to race boat owners now from the Inboard Office. Please note, these are for one time guests, not to be used for the regular crew, we need to realize when we can hurt our sport and when we are helping.

June 13-14 has Walled Lake Thunder in the forecast! Things are progressing well for this race, but, where are our volunteers????? The needs have been published in the past newsletters, they are NOT going away. We, as a club, need to support these local races, which is part of the club's reason for being. We need to live up to our purpose. Again, call any board member with your desires for volunteering, we will use you. The reward: guess what, it is volunteering, there is none but the satisfaction of participating and supporting our sport. We seem to volunteer our opinions frequently, let's volunteer some sweat.

June 20-21 finds a new Region 6 event at Alum Creek (near Columbus, Ohio). This event is primarily vintage now, but is possibly going to include some exhibition running of racing hydros. Call Billy Noonan for participating info. Those who are not going to Syracuse, NY for their race (same weekend) should think about this Alum Creek, because it can be another excellent Region 6 Inboard racing site. The Creek is a reservoir located north of Columbus (near US23), excellent water potential, easy access from anywhere. To survive, our sport needs race sites, and given the likely future of the economy and towing costs, sites within our region are critical.

Speaking of other sites, locally the **Quake** is marching onward with Gran Prix Hydros being added to the schedule. Blown alky hydros on Pontiac Lake are a motorhead's dream. The current 1 mile world record for GP was set a few year's ago by GHP7 (Casino), which also included a 120 mph average lap. Haulin' butt that day was the name of the game. Think **APBA Inboard Eastern Divisionals, July 17,18,19!**

Rocky Fork (Ohio) had a successful kickoff meeting recently, the new for this year date of August 29-30 looks good for them and some cost cutting will let this event continue. Contrary to previous rumors, Region 6 Inboard purse minimums are going to be maintained, good news for participants. How are costs cut? By axing the costly frills which do not help the event, but keeping the core entertainment functions.

Stony Creek has had positive feedback for community support, with details still too early for release here, but news will be forthcoming in the next month or so. Our club's support, as in the past, is critical for this event, and is being counted on by this year's planners. We will stick together and deliver, as in the past.

Well, that's enough for today, my brain's frazzled and I need to weld up some headers!

Don Whitney (Eli) (President, Marine Prop Riders)

From APBA Office: Correction on New Jersey boating certificate requirements for drivers

The last EAlert regarding New Jersey boating safety requirements stated that anyone intending to race in NEW JERSEY must have taken the NEW JERSEY Boating Safety test. That is not correct. If you have a boating safety certificate **from your own state**, that will work for racing purposes in New Jersey.

On <http://njsp.org/maritime/faq.html> you can find more information. It states,

"Out-of-state residents are not exempt from the education requirement listed above; however, the law states that an out-of-State resident who is at least 16 years of age and who will be in this State for less than 90 days may operate a power vessel on the waters of the State of New Jersey if they possess a boat safety certificate issued by their state of residence, or if they possess written proof of successful completion of a boat safety course approved by another state, the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (N.A.S.B.L.A.) or the United States Coast Guard."

It may be useful to have a copy of the above with you at a New Jersey race, along with your certificate from your boating safety class.

Robin Shane checked out online reports that boat racers were exempt. Not so. She received confirmation from the New Jersey Marine Services Bureau:

Robin, If you are at least 16 years of age and you will be in this State for less than 90 days you may operate a power vessel on the waters of the State of New Jersey if you possess a boat safety certificate issued by your state of residence. There are no exemptions for racing events that exempt participants from the provisions of 12:7-61 "Operation of power vessels, personal watercraft; boat safety course requirements; violations."

(Racers are exempt from certain other laws regarding noise, etc.)

Check out www.uscgboating.org/safety/courses.htm for U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary-approved courses in your state.

For NASBLA-approved courses, visit www.nasbla.net/courseListing.php

In some states, you may be able to take a free online course. Visit www.boatus.org

Boating safety course at Lake Hopatcong

The State of New Jersey now requires all racers to have a Boating Safety Certificate on hand in order to race. You can get certified as follows;

- 1) You can receive a boat safety certificate from your home state. Visit one of the accredited providers listed on the websites above, select your state and take the course. Once you pass your state's test, you may print a confirmation. You will need to keep that with you until your card arrives. This is allowed as long as you are not staying in New Jersey more than 90 days.
- 2) If you are over 27, you can opt out of the class and take the test at Lake Hopatcong Saturday morning at 8:00 AM, May 16th. The cost will be \$25.00 (less than the online/in-person 8-hour test). Once you pass, you will get your card, which is good for New Jersey residents and out-of-state people, as well as Canadian racers.
- 3) If you are under 27 and your state does not allow you to take the first portion of their test online (not listed) you must first take the New Jersey test online, and then bring your confirmation to Lake Hopatcong so you can take the final test and get your certificate.

Note that the cutoff for opting out of the 8-hour class is June 1, 2009; so if you are going to Wildwood, Mays Landing or other New Jersey race, you will need to take the 8-hour class if you don't take the course at Lake Hopatcong.

Also, you need to let me know if you are going to the class. Please e-mail me at coderedracing@msn.com if you are attending. There will be no walk-ins!

Bill Pierce, Race Director LHRA

APBA Race Circular

Sanction ID 2264

Regatta **APBA Driving School and Region 6 Test & Tune**

Date **2009-05-30** thru **2009-05-31**

Sanction Status **Approved** Region # **6**

Conducting Club **AMERICAN POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION** Club# **417**

Co-Host **Region Six Inboard Fund**

Application Date **2009-04-07** Approved on **2009-04-21**

Place **Dayton , OH Eastwood Lake**

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

Accommodations **Comfort Suites, 5220 Huberville Ave. - (1/2 mile from race site) 937-425-6498 - - \$86.95 per night**

Classes: None Found

***** TESTING ONLY *** INBOARD: ALL CLASSES * * * OUTBOARD: ALL CLASSES IN STOCK, MOD, PRO, J CLASSES * * * OPC: ALL CLASSES * * * VINTAGE: ALL CLASSES * * * APBA DRIVING SCHOOL CLASSES: JSH, C STOCK HYDRO, SST 120, 5 LITRE**

Format/Rules **Approx. 1.25 mile oval. We will put in a shorter course for the smaller classes if needed.**

Prizes **None**

Registration **SATURDAY, 5/30 - 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. * * * SUNDAY, 5/31 - 9:15 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. NOTE: TO RUN ON SUNDAY, YOU MUST BE REGISTERED BY 10:00 A.M.**

Drivers 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.**

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

Entry Fees: **\$200.00 PER BOAT FOR WEEKEND. * * * JUNIOR CLASSES: FREE ENTRY.**

Officials

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Notes: **For information on the APBA driving school, go to www.APBA-Racing.com**

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. Vintage Representative: Tom Bertolini, 35839 Bal Clair, New Baltimore, MI 48047-2457 Vintage Inspector: Richard Evans (see below) Thanks to FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS and EASTWOOD METROPARK & LAKE.

This Regatta is Sanctioned through the APBA

All prizes are the responsibility of the conduction club. APBA does not guarantee nor is it responsible for payment of prizes. You are advised 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 you contact the race sponsor prior to your departure to ensure this event will take place.

MARK J WEBER

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2009

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Active Club Racing
Membership

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

\$30.00
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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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