November 2010

#### **The MPR 2011 Board of Directors**

Congratulations to the new MPR Board! Feel free to contact the board members, they would like to hear from you. Their phone numbers can be found on the inside back cover.

President - Mary Anne Wilson Vice President - John Grigg Treasurer - Mario Maraldo Secretary - Tony Kallio Publicity - Brian Reed Membership - Jennifer Grigg Entertainment - Ray Dong Member at Large - Paul Poledink Member at Large - Eli Whitney

## **Show and Tell - This Month!**

The Entertainment portion of the November meeting will be 'Show and Tell'. Please bring your favorite hydro items to show off and share with us!



Happy Belated Birthday Fred!
Barb Valleu (Ternan), Fred Alter, Ray Dong



#### Marine Prop Riders - General Meeting - October 6th 2010 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting at Crash Landing called to order at 7:58 by Eli Whitney.

Minutes – Motion to accept the September meeting minutes by John Grigg seconded by Cadi Reiss. Stands as printed. **Treasurers Report** – Mario Maraldo; September expenses of \$144.68 for the newsletter, a deposit of \$188.00 for a balance of \$11,563.25. Motion to accept by Andy Guaresimo seconded by Nancy Spanich. Stands as read.

Membership Report – Mario; finished the year with 105 members and already have 5 for the new year.

**Website** – Brian Reed; thanked Eli and Cadi for their help. No updates. Would like more teams to submit info for the team page. Eli mentioned Brian's previous request for someone to supply race reports for the newsletter.

 $\textbf{Entertainment} - Ray; Phil \ Kuntz \ photos. \ Next \ month, \ MPR \ membership \ show \ and \ tell. \ Bring \ some \ stuff.$ 

#### **Race Reports:**

**Quake** – Mary Ann; had a couple of meetings. Looking for volunteers and sponsors.

Walled Lake - Todd; hotel changed to Crown Plaza. Possibility of new sponsors.

**Stony Creek** – Racer Bob; maybe some info next month. **Celina** – Next year. **Alum Creek** – Maybe next year.

**Rocky Fork** – good race, 72 boats. Kudos to Rocky Fork for pulling it off.

Gold Cup – Mark; always a struggle. Marketing is ahead of last year. No date yet.

**APBA/IRC/R6** – Mark said the APBA Board of Directors will be meeting November 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the declining membership numbers. He will not stand for "status quo". If anybody has ideas, please submit them. Jim said there is talk of possibly getting a new piston for the 2.5 stock class. Mario said the appeal filed from an issue at Rocky Fork was turned down. Region 6 Meeting is October 23-24 in Perrysburg, Ohio. Sunday morning will be elections for IRC and Region officials. Safety cell testing is Saturday morning only.

Old Business – Eli mentioned the BoD meeting concerning the details of the Grant Ward Trophy and Racer Bob said he will not support the criteria as written. Trophy ownership, recipients, recipient determination, among other issues was discussed. Mark said the spirit of the trophy is okay, and he respects the Board's decision, but said the way the issue was brought up was wrong and he does not agree with it. Also, if it becomes a club trophy, club members forming an awards committee should decide upon the recipient(s). Mark Weber made a motion for the club to spend up to \$250 to purchase the trophy from Racer Bob and to allow Bob to be involved with the determination of the recipient for a period of five (5) years at which time his future participation would be reviewed. Andy Guaresimo seconded the motion; motion passed. Ray Dong made a motion to have the Grant Ward Trophy proposal rewritten to accommodate the discussed changes. Andy Guaresimo seconded the motion; motion passed.

The MPR Banquet will be November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Concord Inn. Bring a basket and get twenty (20) raffle tickets. Ray will be the emcee. Vegetarians need to notify Mario early if special requests are desired. There was a question about kid prices; he needs to check. It will be two days before hunting season, so no excuses. Opens at 6PM, dinner at 7, awards at 8-8:30, \$25. Mark said the club should invite the APBA Board of Directors that will happen to be in town at the same time.

New Business – Nominations for MPR BoD re-opened; Mary Ann Wilson was nominated for President by Andy Guaresimo, seconded by Tony Kallio. Eli declined his nomination for President. Racer Bob was nominated for Vice-President by Jay Guaresimo, seconded by Tom English. John Grigg was nominated for Vice-President by Jennifer Grigg, seconded by Mark Weber. John declined his nomination for Member at Large. Eric Pomber declined his nomination as Vice-President. Tony Kallio was nominated for Secretary by Paul Poledink, seconded by Stefanie Nettke. Paul declined his nomination for Secretary. Mario Maraldos' nomination for Treasurer, Ray Dongs' nomination for Entertainment Director, Jennifer Griggs' nomination for Membership Director, and Brian Reeds' nomination for Publicity Director, were documented in the September issue of the Pit Patter. Eric Hindbaugh (sp?) was nominated for Member at Large by Ray Dong, seconded by Mark Weber. Paul Poledink was nominated for Member at Large by Andy Guaresimo, seconded by Tony Kallio. Motion to close nominations by Eric Pomber, seconded by Tom Alfano. Results of contested offices; Vice-President – John Grigg, Member at Large – Paul Poledink. Eli Whitney becomes the second Member at Large as Past President. Motion to elect the remaining Board members by acclamation by Andy Guaresimo seconded by Eric Pomber; motion passed. Motion to destroy the ballots by Mark Weber seconded by Jay Guaresimo; motion passed.

Motion to adjourn at 9:43 PM by John Grigg seconded by Cadi Reiss

50/50 sold by Stefanie; \$46 won by Stefanie. She then donated it back to the club.

Submitted by: Tony Kallio

# THE NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 3RD!

7:30 p.m.

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

I-696 to Dequindre, then North on Dequindre a short distance 26620 Dequindre Road — Warren, MI 48091 — 586.751.4444

# The Future of MPR and APBA Membership

While the new MPR board is discussing how to implement some ideas towards building membership, Dan Kanfoush has posed a similar question for APBA members on the InboardHydros Yahoo forum. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/inboardhydros/message/35846

There is some good follow-up discussion, it's worth a read and thinking.

# **Event Schedule**

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

#### MPR 2010 Awards Banquet

2011

November 13, 2010

Detroit MI - APBA Annual Meeting

Region 6 Spring meeting

Dayton OH - Testing and Driving School

Walled Lake MI - Walled Lake Thunder

Detroit MI - APBA Gold Cup

Waterford MI - "Quake" - Inboard Nationals

Cambridge MD

**Hampton VA** 

Celina OH - Ohio Governor's Cup

Shelby Twp MI - "Streak" - Stony Creek

Hillsboro OH - Rocky Fork State Park

**Alum Creek OH -**

January 26 - 29, 2011

February 2011

May 2011

June 11 & 12, 2011\*\*

June or July 2011

July 16 & 17, 2011\*\*

July 2011

August 2011

August 27 & 28, 2011\*\*

September 2011\*\*

September 17 & 18, 2011 \*\*

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



November marks the beginning of another year for the Marine Prop Riders. But it's not just business as usual. I have talked to many of you and heard all the different things you'd like to see from the club. We have met as a board and are developing a plan that targets publicity, promotion and membership growth. Together, we are creating realistic and attainable goals in each of these areas.

One initiative we are reviewing this year is the establishment of a Marine Prop Riders static display boat. As we travel to the various boat shows, Autorama, race sites and parades, we usually must coerce a racer to drag his/her boat out of the shop so we can use it. Not an easy task in mid-January when most of our boats are torn apart and being worked on. Additionally, while this works for promoting the race team or their sponsor, it doesn't do much for club awareness. We are hoping that by having an official MPR display boat, we will spur questions from prospective members. Much more to come on this subject as we review our options, and of course, if you have any thoughts on this, please feel free to let me know.

Our most important goal this year is to focus on increasing our membership numbers. I think this is important because it gives us more potential helpers at our race sites, certainly more diversity at our meetings and who knows, we may even find another racer or official along the way!! I would like to throw this challenge out to each & every one of you ...... if you know someone that used to be a Prop Rider, invite them back. If you have a friend or neighbor you think would enjoy getting involved in our sport, ask them to come to a meeting! If each of us brings in just one new member, we can double our numbers (I know, pretty easy math, huh?)!!

The one thought I want to leave you with is to remind you, this is OUR club. If you have an idea on how we can improve, let me know! I'm pretty open-minded and am willing to listen to any & all ideas! Most importantly, please think about how YOU can help. Even helping in the smallest of ways will help spread the work out and make it more fun for everyone!

Best regards, Mary Anne Wilson

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The 2010 Region 6 Fall Meeting took place October 23-24 at the Holiday Inn – French Quarter in Perrysburg, Ohio. As at each previous fall meeting, and will happen again next fall (October 22-23, 2011, the date is already set up), elections were held for both region officials and national racing commissioners. Shall we list them? Of course, it's the news!

Region 6 Chairman – Tom Johnston; Officiating Committee: Chairman – Eli Whitney; Director – Jeff Williams; Alternate Director – Rich Evans; Club Committee: Chairman – Mark Wheeler; Director – Eric Pomber; Region 6 Inboard: Chairman – Tom English; Director – Steve Spisak; IRC Commissioners – Jim Sechler, Don Melillo.

Don and Rich Evans tied in the voting, Rich stepped aside with the hope that he will be appointed by IRC Chairman Dutch Squires (we hope so, too, as Rich is the IRC Inboard office). Take a second look, most all of the names above are Marine Prop Riders, says a lot in regards to this club's status and responsibilities in Region 6.

At the Inboard Category meeting Sunday morning, a bylaw proposal (allow specified out of region based racers to be considered for Inboard Region Hi-points awards) was rejected, while subsequently approving to consider a revision to the current bylaw regarding the region hi-points awards which will further clarify the determination of these regional awards (add wording to specifically designate Region 6 based racers as those eligible to win the region hi-point awards). Please note, this subject involves Inboard only; also, the bylaw will have a final vote at the Spring 2011 Region 6 meeting next February (February 26-27, 2011 to be exact). For those not aware of the Inboard procedure, when a bylaw change or addition is proposed and initially accepted by those Inboard members present at that meeting, final approval or rejection takes place at the next Region 6 Inboard meeting, allowing members additional time to consider the pros and cons to that measure.

Box 21 dunked a total of three drivers on Saturday. Three. That's all. There are plenty more drivers whose certificates are expiring as of November 1, 2010, gotta be, where were they? There are not very many opportunities to take the training during the year, and often forgotten is that facilities at a race are not conducive to the training and there is very rarely time available at a race for the rescue team to conduct the testing. Box 21 does the testing at the Region meeting as a convenience for drivers, but cannot do it as a donation to the drivers, three dunks does not come close to covering the expenses for Box 21. The tests this fall were held only one day (Saturday morning) due to money woes, and the lack of response only adds to the woes. Given the need for test days to cover the number of drivers, Inboard voted to subsidize Box 21 for two hotel rooms each Region meeting (Fall and Spring) to ensure testing is available two days each meeting; Box 21 in return reduced the individual test cost to \$20 from \$30. One more point, if both days are not used each meeting, we stand a good chance to lose the exclusive use of the pool for the testing, as the hotel is very gracious allowing our testing to proceed at the exclusion of regular paying guests (granted, only three hours early in the morning, but kids want to play and guests pay money to have use of the entire facility!). For those drivers in other categories who require the dunk testing, you are all still able to do so, and will pay the regular \$20 donation, nothing extra, you are not excluded and are most welcome. Oh yeah, if those who have not been kicking in their fair share in the past, how about doing so now, because that is another side of the excess costs to Box 21. If this testing process gets short circuited, where are you going to get dunked? Andy G. in Detroit can only have a couple of these sessions, it costs money and scheduling is difficult to get use of suitable facilities. Think on it, it's a long trip to Buffalo or Maryland or Seattle or Florida. Just a reminder, 2011 Region 6 Spring Meeting is February 26-27, 2011, and dunk testing will take place both Saturday and Sunday mornings.

For 2011 racing season, the various Inboard race committee reps discussed racing plans and dates;

Dayton Testing – either May 22-23 or June 4-5, will include the APBA driving school, dates to be solidified and announced in January (Dayton, Ohio – Eastwood Lake, the Hydrobowl).

Walled Lake Thunder – June 11-12 (Walled Lake, Michigan)

Waterford Quake on the Lake – 2011 Inboard Nationals – July 16-17 (Waterford, Michigan)

Celina Ohio Governor's Cup – 2011 Inboard World Championships – August 27-28 (Celina, Ohio)

Rocky Fork – September 17-18 (Hillsboro, Ohio)

Other races reported on were Stony Creek (no real news, speaking with prospective sponsors) and Alum Creek (need to find a new date and organize a business plan). Gun Lake had no news. Maybe we will hear good news on all three at the Spring Meeting. Would not that be something – six or seven races in Region 6? That would make it easier to justify to someone to join in and race! Might keep a few current racers more interested in keeping active, too. What would that mean? New members, plus not losing members. We'd like to get them to join the club, for sure, but also APBA. That's a win-win situation.

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### More 2010 Marine Prop Riders Awards Banquet Info

#### An important note:

Anyone with special dietary needs, desiring a vegetarian meal, or looking for a "kids meal" please contact Mario ASAP to make arrangements. We will do our best to accommodate you.

Who: All Prop Riders, boat racers, workers, APBA members, fans, friends, neighbors, etc.

#### What: 2010 Marine Prop Riders Club Awards Banquet

Hors d'oeuvres and bench races at 6 PM - Buffet dinner at 7 PM

Menu: Chicken and Beef, etc.; Cash bar; soft drinks, tea, coffee are complementary!

Awards at 8:15 PM: Racing class winners and special Prop Rider Trophies, minimal speechifying!

Cost: \$25 per person, same as last year! We're holding the line on costs!

Where: Concorde Inn, 44315 Gratiot Avenue, Clinton Township, Michigan 48036

When: November 13, 2010, Saturday evening!

#### How:

To get tickets: call Mario Maraldo 586- 468-3204

**To get there:** Concorde Inn is located just north of Mt. Clemens, Michigan on the west side of Gratiot Ave. For those using I-94, exit on west M59, aka Hall Road, proceed past Gratiot, make a Michigan left (for those who don't know, that's a u-turn through the median just past Gratiot, go back to Gratiot, take a right hand turn). For those using M59 (Hall Road) eastbound, turn right on Gratiot.

For those using Grosso Road, you already know how to get there or you're lost. No hope for you. The Concorde Inn is located about 3/8 mile south of M59, phone 586-493-7200.

**To dress:** dress up a little bit, this is a Saturday night out! Black tie very optional.

**To act:** Come, enjoy,!!!!! Celebrate the winners, commiserate misfortunes and almosts with the rest of us, but most of all, ENJOY! Door prizes might make you a winner, too!!!!!

### 2010 Region 6 Fall Meeting Notes

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For MACH series, only a few races were held in 2010, the schedule got cut into with the postponements of Celina and Alum Creek. It is expected that the series will continue with the usual Region 6 races above, however, a new event outside of Region 6 has been added to MACH with the dates September 24-25, expanding eastward into Region 2 with the *Hydrobowl on Seneca Lake* at Geneva, New York. Seneca Lake is one of the Finger Lakes of central New York, located between Rochester and Syracuse, a few miles south of the Thruway (I-90). Fall colors abound, and the area is a huge hotbed for motorsports (Watkins Glen, DIRT motorsports, NASCAR, drag racing, now boat racing returns).

Speaking of MACH, I was remiss last month in not mentioning Dave Sutton, who is the statistician for the series (keeping track of participation, points, boat owners, drivers, names and numbers). Dave is visiting the crash house for some minor repairs soon, stay well, Dave!



# 2010 AWARDS BANQUET

When: Saturday November 13th 2010 6:00 PM until midnight • Dinner at 7:00 PM

Where: ConCorde Inn (same place as 2009)
44315 Gratiot Ave • Clinton Township, MI 48036 • 586-493-7300
http://www.concordeinn.com

\$25.00 per person: Buffet style, cash bar Hors d'oeuvres

Chicken Piccata, London Broil and Farfalla marinara California mixed veggies and red skin potatoes Dessert cake, coffee, tea and soft drinks

RSVP to Mario or Kathy Maraldo 586-468-3204

Anyone who brings a gift basket will receive 20 tickets towards the cause

# Meet the Board

#### Part 1



President: Mary Anne Wilson

Admittedly, I came into this sport practically kicking and screaming. My husband, "Uncle Bob", had been trying to get me involved for quite some time. Between my career in commercial interiors (Business Interiors by Staples) and balancing motherhood too, I didn't think I had the time. After a few years, he finally got me to the Quake on the Lake with him. When I learned the proceeds went to The Rainbow Connection, which grants wishes for children with serious or life threatening diseases, my heart melted. I ended up volunteering on the Quake's committee. But that wasn't enough, so four years ago, we re-furbished & introduced the T-31 Miss Circus Circus. Our daughter Becky, now 18, is the driver. Her brothers, Kyle, age 25 and Charlie, age 11, are very supportive crew members. I continue to work on the Quake on the Lake committee and am proud of the fact that we have donated over \$100,000 in our 11 year history. We

are already looking forward to our 12<sup>th</sup> year and are actively preparing to host next year's APBA Nationals.

I am surprised but very excited about being this year's Marine Prop Riders President. When I think of the history of the club and the notorious people that have been here before me, I am humbled. We are one of the oldest clubs in the country and from what I hear, we used to be the largest. Now, with the overall decline in our sport, we have a true challenge on our hands. Many of you have shared your ideas with me and, with your support, I hope to get the Marine Prop Riders on track – I also hope we can have some fun along the way!!



Vice President: John Grigg Jr.

Inboard racing has been part of my life since I was a young boy crewing alongside my father on the family boat E 52 "Dads Dream", and in the early 90's I started driving my father's boat myself. I then stepped up to drive the GNH 52 "Wanna Bee Racing" which led to the opportunity to drive GP 6 "Xanadu Racing". A "Need for Speed" has always dominated my dreams, and "Go Fast or Go Home" is my life motto. Putting boat racing on hold for a few years, I started a new venture: owning and operating my own automotive and restoration shop, "Racer's Incorporated". Operating this business for the past 12 years has only fueled my ambition for racing. As life has it, I now own and race my own boats which are crewed by my children. To me boat racing has always been about the family sport.

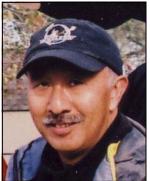
I have been a part of the Marine Prop Riders since I was a young boy. With a love for the

sport and a drive to see it succeed, boat racing is the part of my life that I wish to pass down to the future boat racers, and all young drivers wishing to participate in the sport. As Vice President I hope to aid in the growth of the Marine Prop Riders to ensure its viability and prestige for future racers.



Membership: Jennifer Grigg

My husband John introduced me to hydroplane racing in the earlier 90's. Developing a love for the sport, I wanted to become more involved with its internal details and workings. Volunteering on the judge's stand introduced me to score keeping, and with the support of the family I have been able to achieve the position of Chief Scorer. Through the years as the family has grown, so has the love for the family sport of inboard hydroplane racing. Working as a mechanical engineer and raising two kids has taught me patience, compromise and, that life needs a fun factor. Inboard hydroplane racing is the ultimate way of achieving this vital aspect of life. With this love for the sport I have become more involved with Race Officiating, Region 6, and Marine Prop Riders. I hope to use this elected position to aid in the growth of not only the club membership but of the sport itself.



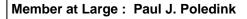
#### **Entertainment: Ray Dong**

Dear fellow Prop Riders: It is once again my honor and privilege to serve as your Entertainment Director. I joined the Marine Prop Riders in 1969 when I was 15. During these forty-one years, I have been on the Board of Directors at least half of the time. I've been President, Member-at-Large, and won a few racing championships too!

2011 promises to be a most challenging and exciting year. Marine Prop Riders will be assisting the "Quake" committee as host of the 2011 Inboard Summer Nationals. Walled Lake Thunder with Todd, Jim, and Johnny should be bigger and better than ever. Oh, and don't forget the 2011 APBA National Meeting in Dearborn.

I've really been blessed; so many of my pool of friends are associated with boat racing. There will be ample opportunities this year to volunteer, get involved, and make new friends.

Are you a spectator in the sport of life? Or are you a participant? Participate! Best of racing, always. Ray.



What's a Member-at-Large? Well, it's a position in an organization without any assigned responsibilities such as Treasurer or Secretary. As such, I am able to undertake a variety of responsibilities as are needed by the organization. And, in some ways, it's a very cool position to be in. For instance, this past year, my first in this position, I was able to represent the club at Autorama, the Novi Boat Show, and the Toledo Boat Show where we had MPR boats and displays. I was able to assist in the scoring at the Quake, as a turn judge, and as a general set up handyman. I was also able to fill in for the Secretary at the monthly meetings when called upon. It's sort of like a jack-of-all-trades position.

Everyone should have the opportunity to be a member-at-large for a year or two. You really get to know and appreciate what it takes for a club such as the MPR to function. Maybe someday I will master one, but until then, I will continue to enjoy the variety.

As a Prop Rider for three years now, my interest lies not only in supporting MPR racing activities, but also participating in the vintage class. I've almost completed the restoration of the vintage 5 Liter conventional hydro White Lightning and hope to have it at running our events this coming year. I'm also restoring a vintage Lyman Islander, a project which will allow a more quiet and sedate way of enjoying the water.

This coming year should be even more interesting with all the events on the calendar. Who knows what opportunities for service will emerge for the two MPR Members-at-Large? For me, not knowing is half the fun.



Member at Large: Don "Eli" Whitney

Eli is serving as our Past-President. He and Cadi Reiss, last year's Membership Director, keep busy with the GNH 515 One Way. They reside in Harrison Township.



Next month: Mario Maraldo, Tony Kallio, Brian Reed



Vintage "Happy Buddha" - 1968 Lloyd hull, Ford 302 (Five Liter) fully race-prepared, new out of the box in 2005 (less than 5 hours total running time). Hull completely restored over four-year period - 2000 to 2003. Includes excellent trailer, great boat cover and misc. bits and pieces. Turnkey, ready to run - just add gas and go. Boat is located in S.W. Michigan. See:

http://www.vintagehydroplanes.com/happybuddha.html Reason for sale: New boat. ----- Asking \$18K.

Ron Taylor: 269-926-8975, rjtaylor0134@yahoo.com



#### Computer help, tune-up & repair

Brian Reed - 586.751.3247 - www.reedonline.com Many issues can be taken care of using a remote login program - very easy! Super reasonable rates.

MPR members: Be sure to submit your classified ad for free listing.



#### Australian Racer Andrew Hagen Spoke at an MPR Meeting in Early 2010



A recent freep.com article (Oct 22), "One Lap Down" features Andrew.

A shortcut link is:

http://tinyurl.com/2dnh6bt

Also, Andrew was spotted at the 2010 Gold Cup one evening on top of pit tower, talking to a family of boat racing fans at length, a good half hour. I was just listening in then laughed out

loud when Andrew answered "yes, it's Winter in Australia now, but after living in Michigan I wouldn't really call it Winter".

# Board Of Directors

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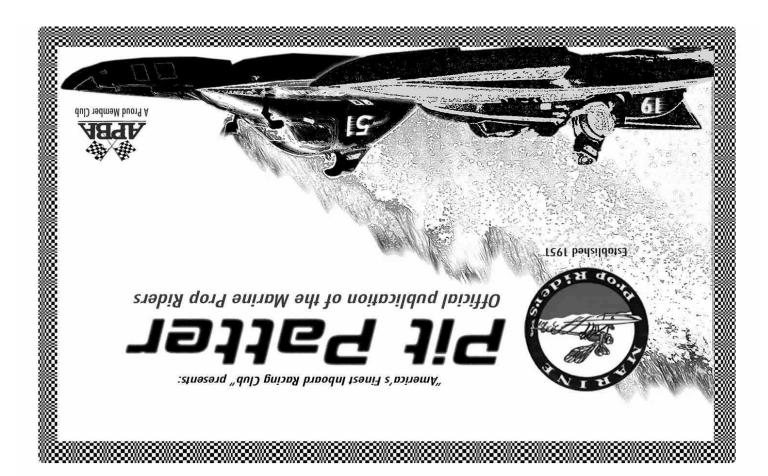
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\$20.00 Active Club Racing Membership Marine Prop Riders
Membership Application
c/o Mario Maraldo
25999 Ballard
Harrison Township, MI 48045

\$30.00 Family Membership

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

Name(s):		<del>-</del>
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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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