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2024 Inboard Rule Change Proposal

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Note: Proposals must be submitted to the Inboard Office by December 1, 2023 to be considered. E-mail completed form to: inboardracing@apba.org
Check all that apply: General Safety Rule General Racing Rule Stock Class Technical Rule * Modified Class Technical Rule * □
Affected Class(es): ALL
<u>Specific Rule Information</u> : [Note: All fields must be completed for consideration.]
Author's VERY BRIEF Summary of Proposed Action: in the event National Championship event gets cancelled.
Affected Rule: 25.16

Proposed rule: In the event Summer National Championship is canceled the Inboard Racing Commission has the right to move the Summer National Championship anywhere of their choosing, using the following criteria. Nationals can be moved to any race site that is a minimum of 20 days after the original Summer National Championship date. Summer Nationals cannot be moved to a race where a conflicting race on the same date within the same division has already been approved. This is the ONLY situation where Rule 25.4 can be

overruled. The Inboard Racing Commission should do everything in its power to find a race site that does not conflict with any other races.

Reference Rule 25.4

25.4 The Inboard Chairman shall check all sanctions of Inboard races or Inboard classes scheduled on the same date as the Inboard Divisionals or Summer Nationals for conflict. No sanction application for the same date as a Divisional Championship shall be approved if the site of the proposed race is within the same geographical division. No sanction will be approved for race sites in your division (East or West as defined by APBA Inboard Rule Book [Rule 25.11]) on the same date in the same division as the Summer Nationals. Race sites in the other division may have a sanction approved, and race for points, provided that they have run on the same weekend for the past three years. For events held on tidal waters, they must have run approximately the same dates and provide a tide chart showing the tide is not favorable a weekend before or after the Summer Nationals.

Reason for change: Last year we ran into this problem with Hampton getting canceled the week of the event. This will allow the IRC in clear way to move the Nationals. Putting a limit of when the rescheduled event may be is important as I think this was a big hang up of not having Nationals in 2023. I think if we are going to say Nationals is the most important event in our category, we should make every effort to have Nationals fairly for everyone in event of cancellation.