



April 2023

April Newsletter Letter from the President

Hello Fellow Prop Riders,

Happy Spring. I know we all have been waiting for this time of year and I think I can speak for all of us.....bring on boat racing season. As we get closer to our events, I hope everyone is getting excited as this year brings on new adventures and happenings for our club. With two approved races and the work that is being done behind the scenes, we can all look forward to a successful season we can be proud of.

I want to give a special shout out and welcome back to those members who have participated in our recent monthly meetings that we have not seen in a while. You know who you are, and this is exactly the kind of support our club and hydroplane racing needs to not only make a comeback but to thrive. Please keep it going and call on your fellow members to show up and participate.

On that note, it was great to see the younger/next generation show up as well. You are the future and if you have a passion for the sport, eventually you will have to be the ones that run it. I know our meetings aren't the most exciting way to spend an evening for a young person sometimes but trust me it's necessary to keep our sport alive. So why you may not know it, your presence is vitally important for our goals and mission. I would encourage every young member that has been to a meeting to keep showing up because we would love to see you as well as encourage you to become even more active. Better yet, recruit some friends to join and come out, get involved, ask questions and before you know it you will have your own peers and friends along for the ride. Our club is full of members who are, in their own rights....legends of the sport.....and learning from them and taking advantage of their experience will help you get to where you want to be with invaluable knowledge. I know we are willing and eager to teach, we just need students with passion to keep it going!

I hope everyone has a blessed Easter and we will see you all at the next meeting.

John

Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – 01MR2023 – Meeting Minutes
Meeting at SIMPLE PALATE called to order by Pres. John Grigg at 7:32 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Moment of Silence for a trio of those associated with MPR and boat racing in general: **Dennis Turner's** mother who passed away last week; **Ron Zaremski**, a UD club member, R/C racer & organizer; **Ken Warby**, our Australian Region 6 Vintage activist, the fastest human on water (*world record holder measured mile top speed 317.58 mph, 08October1978, Blowering Dam, NSW Australia* (per Wikipedia), that's hustlin'!). Guests tonight: **Bobby Kennedy, Patty and David Hayes and the boys (they are of age to race, look out!)**, Welcome!!!

FEBRUARY 2023 MEETING MINUTES: Motion to approve as printed in newsletter, **Rick Falcinelli**; second, **Dave Muczinski**; motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – MARIO MARALDO: **Mario Maraldo** submitted the treasurer's report, noting various deposits including \$300 for memberships and initial Autorama expenses; balance is \$12,423.02. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report, **Vic Butvila**; second **Steve Linn**; motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – NANCY SPANICH: **Nancy's** monthly report finds: 57 primary, 13 primary family, 2 honorary, 14 lifetime, 3 lifetime family for a total of 89. Five of the total increase are new!

PUBLICITY – TINA WILSON: **Nancy Spanich** filled in for the March issue, great job! Doesn't like folding, stapling, addressing, and stamping. At all. Might mutilate somebody to get even.

ENTERTAINMENT – RAY DONG: **Ray Dong** has a DVD of photos/video from Guntersville, Rocky Fork, and Madison for viewing, Mario brought his laptop to enable. Bench racing lies will provide suitable atmosphere.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Social Media / Website / Facebook:** these are being revitalized, with much work already done. **Scooter Grigg, Brian Reed, and Dillon Goodell** are working on all of this stuff. **Steve Read** spoke of the need to direct Facebook viewers to the website and capture contact information so promotional material for our races can be forwarded. Also suggested is a need for a individual members to step up and report on races, history, educational info about boat racing, technical, where to go in Region 6 to watch, get stuff, etc., and for sale equipment; the commitment is to submit a short article each month from that club member. **Remember to keep positive if commenting on information regarding the new races; no keyboard wars!!!!**

2. **Steve Read** – new race search committee, reminds all that if a committee asks for help, try to pitch in!: **A. Belleville Lake** – race date is **24-25June 2023**, **Steve Linn, Mike Horvath, Steve Read, Phil Goddell**; following check list closely; meeting with Belleville YC soon; looks like 3 classes plus limited vintage for racing program. More coming! **B. Ford Lake** –JAYCEE's chairman, **Barry Pray**, and **Vic Butvila**, awaiting park meeting; race date 05-06AU2023; need decision soon as time is running out to get everything required done; more next month. **C. Mott Lake's Crossroads Village (Flint area) - Dave Muczinski and Cassie Briggs;** race date **12-13AUGUST 2023**; Genesee Parks and Rec plus DNR has OK'd the race plan; continuing work with the Mott Foundation, looking for \$\$\$. **D. Quake:** **Ray Dong** and **Steve Read** will be meeting with the White Lake Twp supervisor to continue efforts to revive racing on Pontiac Lake.

3. **Autorama:** Six hydroplanes, larger space, videos, simulator, all contributed to great display at Autorama 24-25-26February 2023; good job all. John Grigg reminded all that not near enough individual members did time at the display, leaving a lot of work for just a handful of members. Need more participation in the future. Rick Falcinelli opined that a T boat and a Junior Hydro need to be included to be attractive to potential youthful racers. A new MPR banner and club flyers have been obtained and present at Autorama; motion to reimburse Autorama expenses (banner, flyers, etc.) **Barry Pray**; second **Rich Falcinelli**; motion carried. On a more positive note: our own **Dennis Scott** was inducted into the Autorama Circle of Champions, recognizing his efforts for Autorama over the many years; worth an Attaboy or two!.

4. **Audit (actually a financial review of MPR records):** **John Grigg, Nancy Spanich, Ray Dong, Ray Dong and D. Whitney** will join **Mario** to review the club finances, date TBD.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Box 21 Spirits Raffle:** **Rachel Anspach** has tickets for \$10 for a drawing on 20April23, prizes are for age 21+ consumption and are of good taste; proceeds support Box 21 rescue services for boat racing!

2. **Dunk tests April 1st in Lincoln Park, Mi!** **Scuba Centers of Michigan3280 Fort St, Lincoln Park Mi 48146.** Please call 269 569 3765 **Kevin Thomas**; the cost is \$35.

3. **Display Boat – Phil Goodell:** cost will be \$1222; bright red color; DMBRA and R^IRA has pledged \$300 each to help defray cost.

4. **IRC – Tim Collins:** Actions by IRC: Lakeland, Fla awarded Eastern Divisionals 21-22October23; Black Lake (Olympia, Wa) awarded Western Divisionals 08/09July23; Minimum water depth in the racing lanes provision was deleted (unenforceable), rewording of rule is likely rather than complete deletion; minimum driver age lowered to 15 for S (2.5L stock) class provided driver has completed 16 heats in the T (1.5L stock) class; vote on head and neck restraint proposal rejected mandatory usage for restrained drivers, discussion continues.

Next Meeting: 05April2023, SIMPLE PALATE, 7:30 pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN: **Steve Linn**; second, **Vic Butvila.** Meeting adjourned at **8:27 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by D. Whitney (Eli)

Race Committee Meeting – January 27, 2023 – Meeting Minutes

Attendees – Dave Muczinski, John Grigg, Vik Butvila, Phil Goodell, Mike Horvath, Mario Maraldo, Eli Whitney, Steve Linn

Race Committees

Belleville Lake – Steve Linn, Mike Horvath, Rich Falcinelli

Ypsi – Vik Butvila and Barry Pray

Mott Lake Dave Muczinski and Cassandra Briggs

Ypsi – Vik Reported

- Ann Arbor Jaycees are on board
- Ford Lake Park not yet locked up
- Vik to take a trip down to Ford Lake Park to see if he can get proceedings broken loose. Currently no timing on Park approval. John Hines.
- Vik also to get ahold of Jaycees to see what other things can happen in parallel with Park approval – ie Budget, begin to work on Checklist, begin to secure sponsorship, etc. Jeff Bradley
- Setting budget is a priority
- Vik now has sample budget from Mott Lake
- Feel the Jaycees are not showing sense of urgency to get ready.
- Others will assist if required to have meetings with Jaycees. Perhaps major checklist items with a timeline to show urgency is required??

Belleville – Steve Linn reported

- Steve emailed updated checklist to Scott at BYC. Output from meeting last week. Next meeting March 7.
- Steve wants BYC to assign names to tasks – not just BYC
- Spoke about radios. Steve Spezak (sp) has 5, Region has 15 and Box 21 has their own.
- Need to make an agenda item of who is on what frequency and how each group can be contacted. Patrol boats, turn judges and referee typically on same channel – Channel 1. Safety Patrol boats and Box 21 need to be on the same frequency. Pit Boss usually on Channel 2
- Police and Fire will have their own frequency. Need to be able to contact them from the judges stand. Can police and fire use one of the Region Radios so they can be contacted???
- Dave from Box 21 is usually by Judges Stand
- Box 21 fees for Belleville are \$2200 due to lower boat count.
- Need to confirm if \$2200 includes rescue boat, jet skis and divers.
- Ambulance will be separate – provided by BYC
- Typically Box 21 is covered by the racers at \$40 per day. (Assuming a healthy boat count) \$10 to Salvage, \$10 Region Equipment and \$20 for Box 21
- There is a \$100 Rental Fee as well that needs to be covered by the Race Committee
- Belleville is currently counting on Wayne County Dive Team for Salvage.
- There was talk about how many days prior to the event things need to get firmed up – ie when to finalize and pay for sanction, insurance, etc. This is to avoid late fees.
- Steve spoke of a RT530 Crane that may be narrower to allow boats to bypass in the pits. This was confirmed as a Rough Terrain Crane which has to be trailered in and is very expensive.
- Back to regular cranes – some boats will be land locked on the causeway.
- Steve is going to try to have a budget draft available for March 7 – it will be a living document.
- It was confirmed that 30 days before the event – all critical moneys need to be paid to the MPR. This way we can assure critical items will get paid. ie Sanction, Insurance, cranes, etc. Some may have to be paid prior to this.
- Officials – Referee – Barry Pray, Assistant Referee – we need someone to take the test and become an assistant. Rich Falcinelli for Inspector and possibly Jennifer Grigg for Scorer.

Mott Lake – Dave Muczinski reported

- The Genesee County had a quorum at meeting Feb 21 and unanimously approved having the event on Mott Lake.
- Based on this – Luke from the DNR will approve
- Dave will be Grant writing in March – will need additional support from Cassandra to keep things moving forward. Steve Read will support as well.
- Best road to success with Mott Foundation is to have others donate services so they feel it is a real community event – not something they are alone covering.
- Need to meet real soon with County Commissioner to gain contacts with Fire, Police, EMS, etc. Want this to be an in-person meeting. Hoping some of these services can be donated – to assist with the Mott cause.
- Need to work with a local group(s) to assist with manpower and local connections. Lions??
- Best to have some connection with Northern Flint. Can be more than one group.
- Feeling is to try and close road on back side of course to persuade people to view from the beach.
- Dave reached out to Kettering – no real response yet.
- Discussion if gate fees getting into park may help defray Parks and Rec Fees. – More discussion on this with Patrick.
- Official fees are noted in the Region bylaws – Eli and Mario sent out a note on 02-28-22 to confirm this information.

It was also confirmed Insurance is due 60 days before event, Sanction approval is 60 days before event, race course approval is 75 days prior to event.

Please advise if I missed anything.

Steve Read



2023 Inboard Rule Change Proposal

Name: Chris Fanaris

APBA #: 74022

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Telephone: 206-900-2455

Date: 11-05-2022/Updated 01/25/2023

Note: Proposals must be submitted to the Inboard Office by December 1, 2023 to be considered.

E-mail completed form to: inboardracing@apba.org or melildon@yahoo.com

US mail to: APBA Inboard Office, 8039 Stone Barn Dr, West Chester, Ohio 45069

Check all that apply:

General Safety Rule

X

General Racing Rule

Stock Class Technical Rule *

Modified Class Technical Rule *

Affected Class(es): Capsule Boats/ JSS/ Cracker Box

Specific Rule Information: [Note: All fields must be completed for consideration.]

For 2023 racing season, Frontal Head Restraint (FHR) safety equipment required for seatbelt restrained drivers.

Author's VERY BRIEF Summary of Proposed Action:

Update required safety equipment for race drivers and riders

Affected Rule: 3.5.3

Drivers/Riders not in restraint capsules shall wear helmet support straps (lanyards) secured to the driver's/rider's body as required or a Frontal Head Restraint (FHR) device. APBA will make no recommendation on which device to use. This solely on the driver.

Proposed rule:

3.5.3 FRONTAL HEAD RESTRAINT (FHR)

As of March 1, 2023, all seatbelt restrained competitors (drivers and riders), are required to wear a Frontal Head Restraint (FHR) system that complies with SFI 38.1 or FIA 8858 standards. The FHR should be of the lower profile design behind the head and use quick release tether fasteners. Quick release fixing posts that disconnect the device via a 'tab pull system' for FHR's are mandatory.

It is the responsibility of the wearer to ensure that the FHR device that they are using is suitable for the application that they will be wearing it for, and consideration of use should be given to FHR devices that are easy to release and have a low upright section at the back of the head.



“2023” Race Schedule

EAST	DAYTON TEST & TUNE,Waynesville, OH	April 29 & 30	
EAST	Edgewood, MD(NEW)	May 13 & 14	
EAST	Bellville, MI (T NEW)	June 24 & 25	Classes TBA
EAST	Guntersville, AL	June 23,24,& 25	GP & E350
EAST	Madison, IN	June 30, July 1, & 2	GP & E350
EAST	Cambridge, MD	July 22 & 23	
EAST	Hillsboro, Oh	July 29 & 30	
EAST	Genesee, MI Mott Lake (T NEW)	Aug. 11, 12, & 13	
EAST	Mays Landing, NJ	SEPT 9 & 10	
EAST	Lake Hopatcong, NJ	Sept 16 & 17	
EAST	Hampton, VA	Sept. 23 & 24	SUMMER NATIONALS
EAST	Caesars Creek, OH	Sept. 30 & Oct. 1	
EAST	Lakeland, FL	Oct. 21 & 22	EASTERN DIVISIONALS
WEST	Buckeye, AZ	March 11 & 12	CB
WEST	Oroville, CA	April 15 & 16	CB
WEST	Yelm, WA	April 29 & 30	
WEST	Lake Chelan	May 6 & 7	
WEST	Copperopolis, CA	May	CB
WEST	Nicolaus, CA (Lake Minden)	June 3 & 4	CB
WEST	Soap Lake, WA	June 17 & 18	
WEST	Richland, WA	TBD	
WEST	Olympia, WA(Black Lake)	July 8 & 9	WESTERN DIVISIONALS/(CRACKER NATIONALS Day 2)
	TriCities, WA	July 28,29,& 30	GP, 2.5 Stock, E350
WEST	Pateros, WA	Aug. 19 & 20	
WEST	Brewster, WA	Sept. 2 & 3	
WEST	San Diego, CA	Sept. 15, 16, & 17	CB, GP, & 1 LTR
WEST	Oak Harbor, WA	Sept. 23 & 24	
WEST	Lake Chelan	Sept. 30 & Oct. 1	
WEST	Copperopolis, CA	Oct. 7 & 8	CB
WEST	Nicolaus, CA (Lake Minden)	Oct. 14 & 15	CB
WEST	Buckeye, AZ	Oct. 21 & 22	CB



Cell testing in the Greater Detroit Area

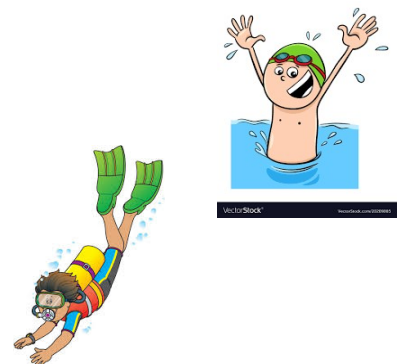
Date: April 1 2023

**Location: Scuba Centers of Michigan
3280 Fort Street**

Lincoln Park, Michigan 48146

Cost: \$35.00

Contact: Kevin Thomas @ 269-569-3765



Trailer Talk

With the 2023 racing season upon us it's time to take care of things related to the stuff that the fun police impose on us.

Club and APBA memberships and the condition of our safety equipment, as well as things that are equally important that are usually not on our mind.

The boat naturally will take precedent as far as condition and readiness. The next thing that many of us take for granted is the trailer that our boat sits on. When was the last time the wheel bearings were looked at or have been re-packed as well as the hub seals condition. Trailer brakes, if the trailer is so equipped, should also be checked for the condition of the lining on shoes and the condition of the magnet if you have electric brakes. Trailer lights should all be working not only to comply with any legally imposed requirements but in my opinion to make the trailer visible. I like a lot of lights on the trailer and all of them working as they should. Turn signal, stop, and running lights as well as trailer brakes if equipped are all subject to the most frequent electrical problem that being the grounding circuit between the trailer and the tow vehicle. Check the condition of the ground connections on the trailer as well as the tow vehicle.

On older trailers the spring shackles, shackle bolts, and u-bolts need to be checked for wear and for broken leafs on the leaf springs. The condition of the tires and tire air pressure on all of the tires including the spare is sometimes neglected and can leave us stranded on the way to or from a race.

With fewer races close to home we will be traveling further from home to race and the condition of the tow vehicle and trailer require our taking a more serious attitude toward trailer and to vehicle condition.

Thank you Mario
Excellent information

“2023” Autorama



The Autorama was a success thanks to the many that brought their boats and volunteered to help at the show.

Thank you!!!



MARINE PROP RIDERS

2023 Membership Application



- ☐ **Primary Membership: Electronic newsletter (color) - \$20.00**
- ☐ **Primary Membership: Paper newsletter (b&w) - \$25.00**
- ☐ **Family Membership: \$30.00 - Check box for paper newsletter ☐**

Primary Member Name: (Required for drivers and MPR board members)		
Family Member Name(s): (non-voting member(s))		
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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

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

Checks should be payable to: Marine Prop Riders
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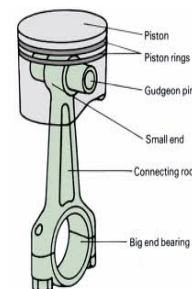
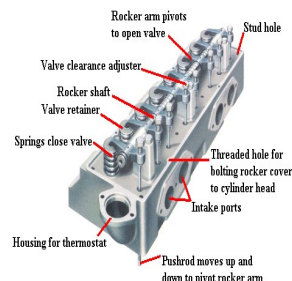
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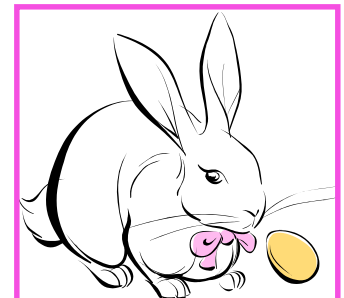
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