



MARCH 2009

Seattle Outboard Association

# PIT PREVIEWS

Celebrating SOA's 80th year of Bringing Boat Racing Excitement to the Pacific NorthWest

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## FOR SOA'S 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

Get ready racers! Our February meeting marks SOA's 80th Anniversary. We need a big turnout of current members and Old-Timers to celebrate this major milestone for the club. There'll be a pile of snacks and goodies on hand to share along with great stories, pictures and memorabilia we hope you'll bring to show and talk about. To help ensure turnout, spread the word by calling at least four members or past members to help fill the room.

And please don't forget to bring along canned or packaged foods as donations to go along with SOA's good neighbor cash contribution to Northwest Harvest's food bank.

# Meeting Minutes

27  
January  
2009

## Activity Reports:

### Stock:

Tony Perman presented members with a long list of items and upcoming stock category changes that were a product of the recent APBA national meeting. Among immediate moves were an agreement by APBA to purchase and maintain a reserve supply of D-Stock Tohatsu motors as a motor support measure to help establish the product, and a relocation of Nationals for 45ss to Chowchilla, CA from Grass Lake. The relocation was due to concerns regarding water depth for 45s.

Among those items proposed to be phased-in next year are a return to cut-suit and life-jacket inspection and manufacturer tagging, BSH/BSR renamed 15ss, 25ssR renamed BSR and 20ssH renamed BSH in 2010, and replacement of the Mercury 15 with the Sidewinder in A-Stock after November 2010. Details will be noted in Pit Previews separately.

At the National meeting, Jason Seather was named APBA Stock outboard rookie of the year.

Coming ballots include a potential change in CSR weight, and an advisory measuring member opinion to set a permanent site for Stock Nationals as PRO did with DePue.

Dave Anderson added that SCOC (Southern California Outboard Club) was restarting racing with a March regatta at Puddingstone reservoir.

### Mod:

Darren Gohring noted two safety items, Mirrors required on lay-down hydros and specific colors on helmets. Mirrors must be minimum 4 in (rectangular) 3 inch (round) and mounted ahead of the drivers field of vision. Helmet colors are recommended restricted to orange or yellow (no red) as a solid single color on at least the upper 50% of the helmet. Darren noted Mod Divisionals at Oroville on June 6th/7th with Sunday racing

on a records course. He also outlined the latest news regarding the Tohatsu in D-mod.

### PRO:

Steve Greaves announced awards/inductions at the National meeting; Ashley Rucker and Jim Nilsen to Hall of Champions, Ashley willer of the George Townsend Medal.

Steve also announced the Category's award of PRO Divisionals to Moses Lake, Nationals to DePue and bumping OSY and K-PRO at DePue to Sunday in a move to support Stock Nationals near overlapping dates. He announced a request submitted for world's championships for O125, O175 and O350 at Lake Alfred, Fl, new rules recommending reinforced cockpits per UIM Spec, a change that might allow 350cc and bigger to step up to 700cc, and the addition of head clearance standards for capsule boats. Steve told members that DVDs of PRO Nationals sold out quickly, but are still available through APBA, and noted a change effective to those racing Mercury 15 hp, that makes any piston ring legal.

### Other APBA

### The J-fiefdom:

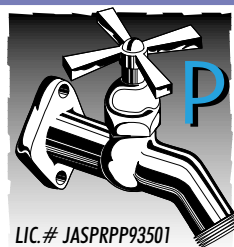
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## Race Management:

Patrick Gleason told members of a pair of changes made by the APBA race management committee. The first allows divisional championships scheduled for Sundays to revert back to Saturday results should the Sunday schedule be aborted by circumstances beyond race committee control. And the yellow card rule was expanded beyond action on the racecourse to include bad behavior in the pits. Patrick also noted a historical society grant to CORA to complete the component digital clock.

## PRO Officials Award:

Between Sheri Greaves, Susan Rautenberg and Sheyrl Rucker a story was told to members of the award's presentation to Penny Anderson. The typical secrecy associated with awards led to catching everybody out, with family members scattered in all directions on sightseeing trips and eventually lead to a lengthy stalling exercise during the general meeting to get all the players rounded up and the award presented.

## Cookbook:

Sheryl Rucker told members of a cookbook produced to fund a J-racer scholarship. The book, featuring racer recipes, is a project aimed at funding the \$1,000 scholarship, which will be awarded annually to an member of APBA who is Age 25 or younger, has raced & scored points in the J category Entrants must write and submit an essay stating

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why they think they are eligible and what APBA did to enhance their lives and provide two references. Deadline for this year's applications will be Jan. 1, 2010.

Donations can be made to the scholarship fund by sending them to the APBA historical society marked as for the scholarship. The cookbook may be obtained by contacting Sheri Runne (srunne3@verizon.net) or Jill Glossner (jglossner@comcast.net). There is a Volume 2 is in the making, and you may contribute recipes by sending them to Jan Shaw 13530 Cascadian Way Everett, WA 98208 or emailing info@woodshedemb.comcastbiz.net.

#### *Safety Seminar:*

Rick Sandstrom described a variety of efforts under way, such as working toward a universal scoring system, to consolidate APBA operations for economy and better member service. He also described a National meeting safety presentation by Bob Wartinger and others that eventually led to his announcement of a similar all-class safety seminar to be presented at the Hydro museum on 28 March. The seminar will begin with a general discussion on safety led by inspectors from different racing categories and will include these topics; Helmets - belts, life jackets, cut suits, cockpits, canopies, head & neck restraints and much more. Presentation will be by a variety of speakers including race product manufactures' representatives.

#### **Old Business:**

##### *Commodore's Ball:*

Dwight Malhiot reported to membership on the club party, its activities and awards, and handed out minor awards to race officials who were unable to attend the party.

#### **New Business:**

##### *New race sites:*

Tony Perman reported the latest news regarding Silver Lake Eatonville, noting that little had changed and odds for a return at this time still looked unfavorable. In response, Sheryl Rucker told members of two

potential sites in Oregon, at Milwaukie and West Linn that might stand-in for Eatonville. West Linn appears least likely due to it's date proximity to Nationals.

##### *By Laws:*

Sheryl spoke about expected bylaw changes, telling members to expect ballots sometime after the February general meeting.

##### *Committees:*

Sheryl also asked any members interested in working on an SOA committee (By Law, Finance, Safety, Entertainment, and more) to attend the February board meeting where committees will be appointed. Likewise, Sheryl invited all interested in becoming a race director or assisting and learning the job, to attend the Fed 21st 1 p.m. Race Directors' meeting at the Anderson home, 711 Olympic Ave, Edmonds.

##### *SOA 80th:*

Sheryl reminded members that the February meeting would mark the club's 80th anniversary, and another old-timers get together and asked for opinions regarding frequency of such celebrations, suggesting five year periods between them. J-Dub Myers passed along a suggestion to generate turnout by getting word out via a phoning plan where every member calls to remind 4 others.

##### *Region Meeting:*

Pat Gleason reminded members of the February 7th region 10 meeting to be held at the Hydro Museum. The meeting begins at 1 p.m., and among items to be discussed are region By Law changes and term limit proposals.

##### *Audit:*

Susan Rautenberg announced that the audit performed by her with Rebecca Nilsen went well, noting that a number of club jobs require a lot of effort, and thanking Rebecca for an excellent job as treasurer. Susan also asked that members and officials take the extra step to note all the information needed to make her job easier.

#### **Raffle:**

Flashlight & Scratch Ticket: Tony Perman

*Candles:* Ron Jones Jr

*Cotton Candy & Scratch Ticket:* Mike Perman

*Five Dollar Scratch Ticket:* Darren Gohring

*Small Wrench Set:* Darren Gohring

*Candy-Cane Roca & Candles:* J-Dub Myers

*Organizer:* Ron Jones Jr

*Carabiners:* Rocky Peterson

*Beer:* Steve Greaves

*Blanket:* Rocky Peterson

**Pass the Pot:**

Bruce Reins  
Bob Waite  
Bob Wartinger

*No winner.*

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# INFO NEEDED



Don Peterson's working up a book about SOA members from 1929 -2009 and needs your help with information.

He's Looking for info on S.V.B. Miller, first SOA Commodore (What did S.V.B. stand for?)

Does anybody have records of winners of Samammish Slough winners from 1929 on?

Contact: Donald W. Peterson  
4501 Addy St, Space 45  
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# 2009 RACE SCHEDULE

Here's your 2008 racing schedule. For the time being, consider the schedule tentative due to some dates and sites not yet fully established.

\* = Tentative

\*\* = Testing/novice rides

April 4/5 Lk. Lawrence Yelm WA (Inboard)

May 2/3 Mayfield Lk. Mossyrock WA

May 16/17 Kitsap Lk. Bremerton WA

May 23/24 Willamette R. Newberg OR

May 30 Silver Lk. Everett WA

**June 13/14 Willamette R Milwaukie, OR \***

June 27/28 Cullaby Lk Astoria OR

July 10\*\*/11/12 Capitol Lk. Olympia WA

**July 18/19 West Linn OR \***

Aug. 22/23 Lk Lytle Rockaway OR

Sept. 12/13 Moses Lk. WA SOA *PRO Divs*

Sept. 18\*\*/19/20 Lk Lawrence Yelm WA

Oct. 10/11 Kilos Lincoln City OR

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# Commodore's comments:

I hope everyone is starting to think boat racing as the spring is going to approach us fast! The February meeting will host the "old timers" gathering and there will be appetizers so we hope you all can make it as SOA will be celebrating 80 years this year. Please bring non perishable food items for SOA to donate to the Northwest Harvest for those in need. February 21st at 1pm is the race directors meeting. It will be held at 711, Olympic Ave, Edmonds WA 98020 (The Anderson House). I need to have the entire board there, along with race directors and anyone who wants to help out in the race director capacity, so the opportunity to be a co-race director this year and learn the ropes will be available and I hope some of you step up to the plate as we definitely need the volunteers! If you will be attending, please email me and let me know, so I have enough seating etc. See you there!

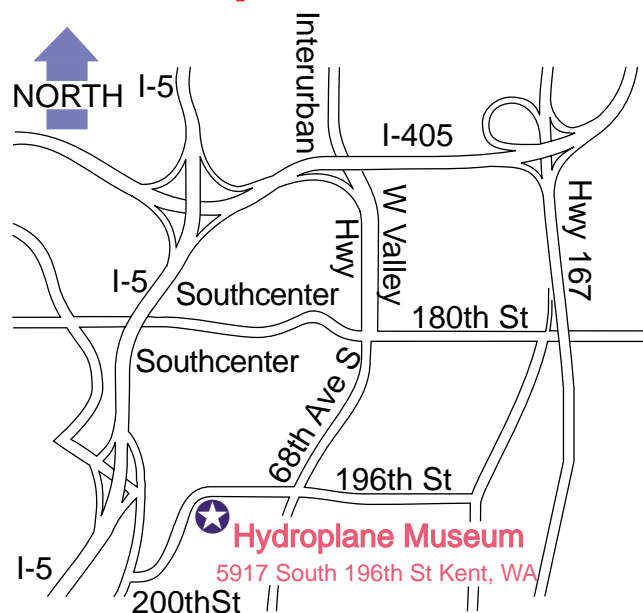
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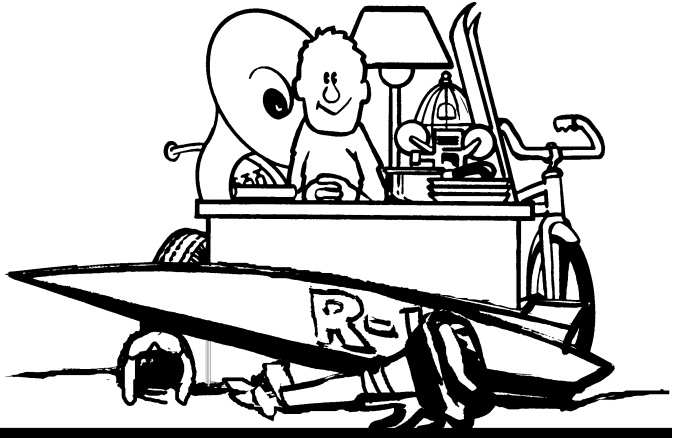
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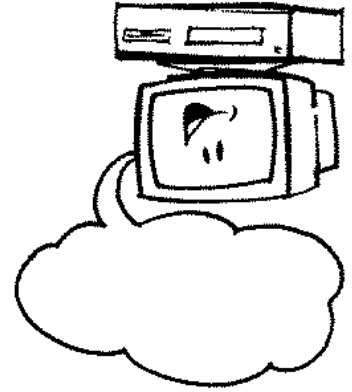


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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 GENERAL MEETING KIRKLAND EAGLES 7:30 p.m.	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Hydro ( ) Runabout ( ) Class: \_\_\_\_\_

## Critical Items (Must be OK to Race):

Item	OK	NOT OK	Comments
Skid Fin / Bracket _____			
Cables (clearance thru combing) _____			
Steering Wheel Hub _____			
Steering Bar Secure _____			
Steering Carabiners Fastened _____			
Steering Pulleys / Back Plates _____			
Sufficient Number Cable Clamps _____			
Throttle Working / Screws _____			
Kill Switch Operational _____			
Dashboard Secure _____			
Lead Bolted Down _____			
Transom Secure to Boat _____			
Engine secure to Transom _____			
Windshield / Trim _____			
Adequate tie-down rope _____			
Full butterflies in carbs (Div) _____			
Paddle (as required) _____			
Helmet (10 years) _____			
Racing Life Jacket (3 years) _____			

## Important Items (Must be corrected by next race):

Item	OK	NOT OK	Comments
APBA Stickers on Hull _____			
Handle / Bow eye _____			
Proper Numbers on Boat _____			
Cockpit Sides Rigid _____			
Cockpit Clear of Sharp Objects _____			
Rub Molding Secure _____			
Gas Tank Secure _____			
Excessive Duct tape on Hull _____			

Additional Comments:



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