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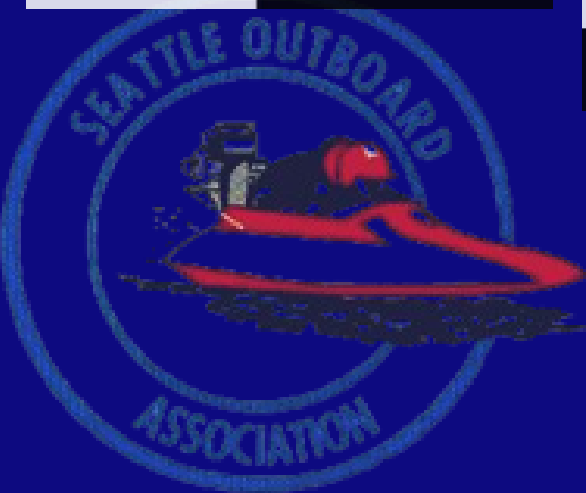
Hi SOA!

Race season is almost here! It's been a long winter, but the end is in sight. Our first sanctioned event is less than a week away, and we are less than two weeks away from hitting the water for our first points race at Moses Lake.

The BOD has been busy working on a few important decisions for the club. Please be sure you read the entire newsletter for details on our race schedule and for the updated entry fee breakdown.

See you soon!

Kelsie Eagon
2025 SOA Secretary



Race Updates

Kenmore

The Kenmore Slough is next Saturday April 12. Remember to register via Jotform... You can find the link on the sanction or on the SOA website!

The Slough is a historical SOA event and is well loved by the community. Even if you aren't participating, we encourage you to swing by and check it out! We will need a few volunteers for kicker boats, and it's truly the best seat in the house.

Discovery passes are required in the park itself, and there is additional parking across the street at Rhododendron Park! See you there.

Link to Sanction: https://www.apba.org/old/internal/print_sanction.php?EditID=14106

2025 SOA Schedule

- April 12 - Kenmore
- April 18-20 - Moses Lake
- June 7-8 - Everett WA
- September 12-14 - Lawrence Lake



Race Updates

192 Night

192 Brewing is hosting Hydro Night again! The owner of 192, Derek, has been a huge supporter of SOA for many years and loves our boat show night. If you are able to bring a boat for display, we'd love to have it. If you can't bring a boat, swing by from 6-8 and have a beer and hangout with your racing friends! It's important that we continue to support people who support boat racing.

Moses Lake

Our first race is coming up!

Race Director Johnny Adams is looking for a little bit of help getting the club equipment to the race site. If you have a tow vehicle with an extra bumper, please let him know!

Registration is available on the SOA website and the sanction. Jason Diamond is running a roll call on the Region 10 Outboard Facebook Page. Taking a few minutes to respond to both is helpful!

Testing will be on Friday as usual. Please make sure to read the entire sanction for all the details you need!

Link to sanction: https://www.apba.org/old/internal/print_sanction.php?EditID=14083

Everett

The Parks Board of the City of Everett met this last week on April 1, and voted in favor of issuing our two day permit for this event. Registration and trailer check in details will be ready likely after Moses Lake.

Race Updates

Lawrence Lake

If you haven't heard, this year's Lawrence event will be a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile course! We haven't ran the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile in many years, so we are looking forward to the possibility of setting many records.

Brewster

The BOD was presented with an opportunity to host an event in May in the City of Brewster. The city hosts an inboard event every year, and loves the boat racing organizations. The city was willing to approve our application for the event, even with a quick turnaround. Brewster is home to a major summer fishing season, which makes the addition to the calendar very difficult. We would be unable to safely hold the event during fishing season, which is why we were shooting for a race date in May.

As you know, there was a survey sent out to see what sort of participation we would receive from our members. The BOD used this information to determine the financial viability of the event, and the budget was almost perfectly at a break even point.

Ultimately when the event went to a vote, the BOD was split with 4 yes, 5 no, and 1 abstained vote. Some of the reasons given for a no vote were the tight turnaround time to plan without a race committee finalized, and the risk of losing money during a year where the club is trying to be financially risk adverse.

The BOD is unanimously in support of starting the planning now for a 2026 event, and are hopeful it will be on our calendar. If you are interested in helping on the event let a board member know!

Race Updates

Next Season

Over the last few years, SOA has seen changes to their race schedule. It's the unanimous agreement of the board of directors and has been heard from the members that we should be working on new race sites. There are two new race sites with strong viability being explored for 2026, Brewster and Bebee Bridge. Hopefully one or both of these events make it to the calendar!

New race sites will be no good if we do not have the support to host the events. Race Directors, referees, scorers, and inspectors are in short supply. There are a lot of people who are willing to help teach new blood for these positions.

If you have an idea for a race site, please bring it to the Board! The most helpful first steps anyone can make is reaching out to the local municipalities and asking questions about what city or park permits would be required, and what sort of special event items would have to be considered. Reach out and get some information, and let the board know what you learned!

Race Registration

APBA is working on getting Trackside up and running for race registration. In the meantime, we will continue running race registration via Jotform.

Links for registrations are available on sanctions, the SOA website, or below.

Kenmore: <https://form.jotform.com/250424155471148>

Moses Lake: <https://form.jotform.com/250415208107143>

Everett: Coming Soon

Lawrence: Coming Soon

SOA, Region 10, and APBA Official Business

SOA Officers and BOD

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The official SOA emails for the Commodore and the Secretary remain active. commodore@seattleoutboard.org and secretary@seattleoutboard.org

Emails to the entire board of directors can be sent to board@seattleoutboard.org and everyone will receive the email without you typing in their individual email addresses.



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Fire Extinguishers

The club would like to thank Dave Anderson for his continued support of the club in many ways! Dave donated the servicing on our fire extinguishers kept in the club truck, saving us \$135.

Committees

We've heard from members about the need to revive some of the committees as listed in the bylaws. These committees do exist and the BOD is looking at them to fill them out. The committees are listed in the bylaws. If there is something you are interested in helping with, let us know!

Club Truck

As you know, the BOD has been discussing for many months about the current club truck. The truck we own now is older, and continues to be a large annual expense for repairs and maintenance. There will be fundraising opportunities throughout the year, including 50/50 raffles at our races! Look forward to those opportunities as the year progresses.



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Entry Fee Adjustement

With the increasing costs of hosting events, and running the club, the board made the decision to increase entry fees. There was a deep analysis on the best entry fee structure to limit the impact to racers and cover the rising costs to the club. If you have any questions, the BOD is happy to answer.

The age-based entry fee has been eliminated, and replaced with a flat rate decreased entry fee for those classes with a maximum age. Racers of any age participating in the open aged classes will pay the same rates, while the junior racers starting out still have a lower cost.

The 2025 entry rate structure will be as follows. These values are per class, per day:

First Entry: \$65

Second Entry:\$50

Third Entry and beyond: \$40 each

JH, JR, KProH, KProR: \$35 each



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Class Reps

Class reps are a point of contact for classes to organize their participation in events. If you are willing to fill one of the gaps, let us know!

- JH - Kolbe Wyant
- JR - Kolbe Wyant
- AXH - Kolbe Wyant
- AXR - Kolbe Wyant
- ASH -
- BSH -
- 20ssh - Lee Sutter
- 25ssr - Pat Gleason
- CSH - Lee Sutter
- CSR - Kyle Bahl
- DSH - Ron Magnuson
- 300ssh - Trey Marquard
- 125 mod - Trevor McGregor
- FAH
- FAR -
- CMH - Justin Menard
- CMR - Jason Diamond
- DMH -
- FE -
- 125ccH -
- 350ccH -
- 700ccR - Zach Malhiot
- 1100ccR - Zach Malhiot
- CServH - Jim Nilsen
- CServR - Jim Nilsen
- CRacH - Jim Nilsen
- CRacR - Jim Nilsen
- OSY400 - Ryan Gowin
- KProH -
- KProR -



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SOA Membership Update

If you haven't joined SOA yet, the rates have increased as of April 1. The BOD has increased the late fee for ALL membership types (other than life) to be \$30. Updated forms are on the SOA website.

Membership cards will be printed soon. There will be an email sent to all active members of SOA in the next few days to inform them of their membership status as a blanket confirmation to everyone.

Historical Society Highlight

SOA Lifetime Member Craig Fjarlie is an active member of the APBA historical society. His latest article highlights another lifetime member Don "Dewey" Anderson. Check it out!

<https://apbahs.org/don-dewey-anderson/>

Meeting Schedule

The BOD is discussing the need for an April meeting, and the appropriate venue. An announcement will be made as a decision is made.



Advertisements

Advertisement Info

YOUR BUSINESS HERE!!! Advertise your business to almost 200 members and support the SOA Promotional Fund. Advertisement options are below. Costs are good for the season. If you would like to have an advertisement in the Pit Preview please reach out to secretary@seattleoutboard.org.

Payment will be coordinated with the SOA Treasurer before ad is included.

Swap and Shop - Quick notes about equipment for sale - Free

Business Card - \$15

1/4 page - \$25

Half Page - \$50

Full Page - \$100

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