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Wishing you, your teams and families the happiest of holidays!

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Historical Files

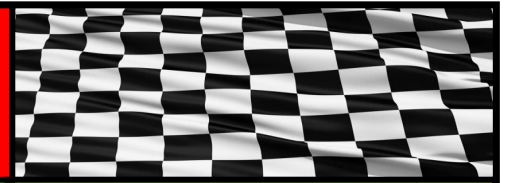


Howard Anderson Jr, overall winner of the 1959 Sammamish Slough Race in Unlimited Class. Photo by Bob Carver. Photo and description taken from the APBA Historical Society article "An Interview with Howard Anderson Jr." Dec 23, 2022





From the Commodore & Meeting Schedule



Commodore's Comments

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Board of Directors election—voter numbers were up compared to the Officers election, and we appreciate the strong engagement.

The Officers have already been hard at work preparing for the 2026 season and will be updating the newly elected Board of Directors as we move forward.

As mentioned during the general meeting, the bylaws are currently being cleaned up. You can expect a ballot in the future once those revisions are ready for membership review.

Enjoy the holiday season! Don't mind the quiet—we're still working behind the scenes, and everything will be back to normal in January.

Travis Kauth

2026 SOA Commodore



Raffle Items

If you were a 2025 SOA Class Representative, please start coordinating with your class to provide a raffle item for the Commodore's Ball on January 24, 2026.

It will be here before you know it!



SOA Meeting Schedule

Note: No General Meeting in December

Seattle Outboard Association General Membership meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

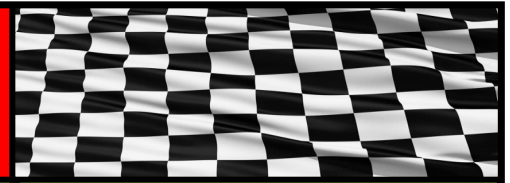
General Membership meetings are available virtually at this time.

The SOA Board of Directors meets virtually on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.





SOA Contact Information



2026 SOA Club Officers

Commodore - Travis Kauth - randomhero1195r@hotmail.com

Vice Commodore - Kyle Bahl - racerkyle@hotmail.com

Secretary - Kelsie Eagon - kels.eagon21@gmail.com

Treasurer - Doug Martin - pbjmartin@msn.com

Sergeant at Arms - Tay Diamond - diamond.tay@yahoo.com

2026 SOA Board of Directors

Director - Ron Magnuson - mgnsnron@aol.com

Director - Matt Yarno - myarno1041@yahoo.com

Director - Jason Diamond - jasondiamond713@yahoo.com

Director - Zach Malhiot - zach.malhiot@gmail.com

Director - Rick Sandstrom - info@propshopltd.com

Director - Justin Menard - Justinmenard@comcast.net

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.*

SOA Class Reps (2025)

Junior and AX Classes - Kolbe Wyant

20ssH and CSH - Lee Sutter

25ssR - Patrick Gleason

DSH - Ron Magnuson

300ssH - Trey Marquard

MOD125H and R - Trevor McGregor

CMH - Justin Menard

CMR - Jason Diamond

OSY400 - Ryan Gowin

700cc/1100ccR - Zach Malhiot

C Service Classes - Jim Nilsen

*Note: ASH, BSH, FAH, FAR, DMH, FEH, 125ccH, 350ccH
Had no Volunteers to be reps.*

Next Month:

- January General Meeting at HARM
- APBA National Meeting Updates
- Commissioner Updates



Established
1929



Scorers Report



Scoring Updates & Year-End Reminders

Paint Job & Number Visibility

As you prep for winter rebuilds and fresh paint, please remember:

Boat numbers must meet APBA rule book requirements — or be larger and clearer.

If your numbers are hard to read from the judges' stand, your points may not be recorded correctly.

Clean, high-contrast numbers = accurate scoring.

APBA Points Finalization

APBA is currently finalizing the 2025 points. If you believe there is an issue with your totals, the **first step** is to contact:

- The scorer from the race in question, or
- The Region 10 Secretary, who has all the 2025 scoring packets:
secretary@apbar10.org

Since points are **currently entered manually**, errors can happen. Please reach out early if you have a concern so it can be corrected at the source.

Trackside System Update

The **APBA Trackside Committee** continues to make progress on a new, modernized system that will simplify registration, scoring, and points reporting.

The goal is a streamlined process that reduces manual entry and eliminates the kinds of point-tracking challenges we encounter today. More updates will be shared as the project advances.

Call for Help: Scorers Needed

SOA is actively looking for:

- Chief Scorers
- Assistant Scorers

No experience is required — **we will train!**

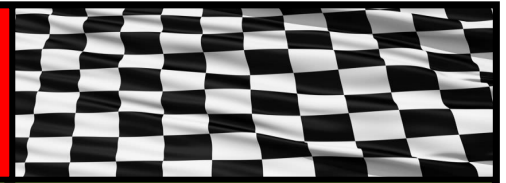
If you enjoy organization, numbers, or want to get more involved behind the scenes, scoring is a great way to support the club and our racers.

Kelsie Eagon
2026 SOA Secretary





Club Elections & Awards



Club Elections



The 2026 Seattle Outboard Association Board Of Directors that were elected into office at the November 25th, 2025 General Membership Meeting are:

Board Member - Jason Diamond

Board Member - Matt Yarno

Board Member - Zach Malhiot

Board Member - Rick Sandstrom

Board Member - Justin Menard

Board Member - Ron Magnuson

SOA Perpetual Awards



If you have been fortunate enough to have earned an SOA club award, please make arrangements for their return if you haven't done so already.

Please reach out to Kelsie Eagon at: **SECRETARY@SEATTLEOUTBOARD.ORG**

Getting these awards back in a timely manner is a huge help in being able to have them engraved for the next winners.



Club Committees



2026 SOA Committees

Note: The Club Commodore is a member of all committees

By-Laws Committee

Committee Chairperson– *Kyle Bahl*

Member - *Kelsie Eagon*

Member - *Jason Diamond*

Member - *Matt Yarno*

Publications Committee

Member - Jason Diamond

Member - Kelsie Eagon

Member - Kyle Bahl

Officials Committee

Committee Chairperson– *Travis Kauth*

Entertainment Committee

Member - Kelsie Eagon

Equipment Committee

Committee Chairperson – *Kyle Bahl*

Member - *Ron Magnuson*

Member - *Rick Sandstrom*

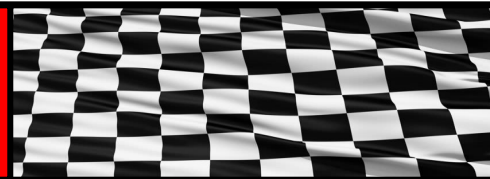


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Race Schedules



Seattle Outboard 2026 Schedule

TENTATIVE

April 11

Kenmore, WA

Kenmore Slough Exhibition Runs 12-4pm

Junior - Stock - MOD - PRO -

April 17-19* or May 1-3**

Moses Lake, WA - Spring Race #1

Junior - Stock - MOD - PRO

Insured Testing Friday

**First option, **Second option*

June 6-7

Everett, WA—Silver Lake

Junior - Stock - MOD - PRO

August 15-16

Moses Lake, WA - Moses #2

Junior - Stock - MOD - PRO

Sept 18-20* or Sept 25-27**

Yelm WA - Lawrence Lake

Junior - Stock - MOD - PRO

1mi or 1.25mi World Records

Insured Testing Friday

**First option, **Second option*

Date To Be Determined

Connell WA - Scootney Reservoir

Junior - Stock - MOD - PRO

Other APBA Region 10 Outboard Events

TENTATIVE

Newberg, OR - May 22-24

Willamette River - NBC

SC N.A.C. / F45 Nats**

Richland, WA - June 27-28

Columbia River - NWPBA

Select Outboard Invitational

Warrenton, OR - June 20-21

Cullaby Lake #1 - CORA

Olympia, WA - July 11-12

Black Lake - PNBRA

1.25 Mi Records Select Outboards

Pateros, WA - Aug 15-16

Columbia River - PNBRA

Select Outboard Invitational

Warrenton, OR - Sept 12-13

Cullaby Lake #2 - CORA

Lincoln City, OR - Oct 10-11

Devils Lake - CORA

Kilo & 1/4 Mi Time Trials

**Bid Required*

Next Up:

SOA - Commodores Ball and General Membership Meeting

Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum, Kent WA - January 24, 2026

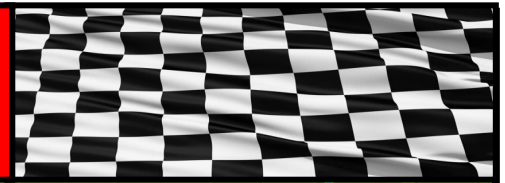
APBA - National Meeting

New Orleans, Louisiana - January 28th - 31st





News



SAVE THE DATE

2025

SEATTLE OUTBOARD ASSOCIATION COMMODORE'S BALL

JANUARY 24, 2026

At HARM (Hydroplane & Raceboat Museum)
Time & additional details to follow



We're excited to announce the **2025 Seattle Outboard Association Commodore's Ball**, happening on **January 24, 2026** at the Hydroplane & Raceboat Museum (HARM)!

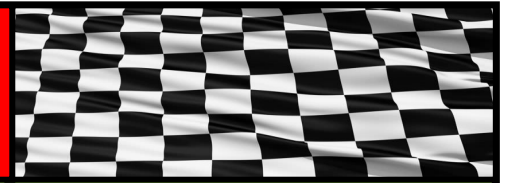
Please **save the date** as we come together to celebrate the 2025 racing season, recognize our award recipients, and enjoy an evening with the SOA community. Time and additional event details will be shared soon

Interested in Sponsoring the Event?

Sponsorship of the Commodore's Ball helps us keep ticket prices down and ensures we can host a memorable evening for our entire membership. If you or your business would like to support the event, please let us know - we'd be grateful to partner with you.



News



Club Truck Update

Total cost of acquisition of our “new to us” club truck including minor repairs, preventative maintenance, and projected costs to build out storage in the box \$13,000.

Current fundraising efforts have reached \$7,600. Thank you to all who have and who continue to contribute to this necessary vehicle upgrade!

Regarding club donations:

It has been brought to our attention that “Donations to a non profit organization made directly out of an IRA account are non taxable to the person making the donation and apply to RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) requirements”.



SOA Drivers School Boat and Cart

The SOA C Stock Hydro needs a new home. The club needs someone to store the hydro and cart and ideally would be able to bring it to select events where we could hold a small drivers school.

If you believe that you can help out with this please reach out to:
Secretary@seattleoutboard.org

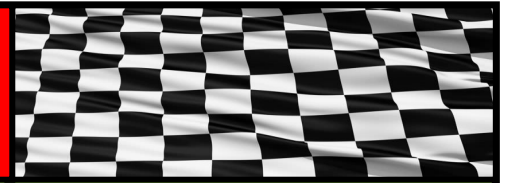
Race Director Lawrence Lake

This was Dwight's last year as race director at Lawrence. If you have interest in learning the race director job, please reach out to:
Secretary@seattleoutboard.org





Advertisements



Advertising Information

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 - Free

Business Card - \$15

Quarter Page - \$25

Half Page - \$50

Full Page - \$100

Let's Chat Medicare !
Turning 65 or retiring in 2025?
My office or Yours, Phone or Zoom
Never a fee to you

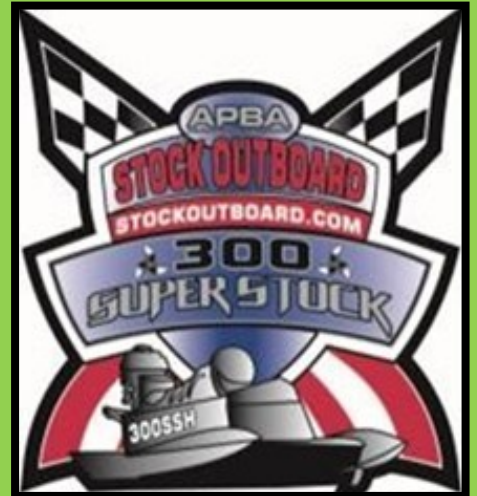
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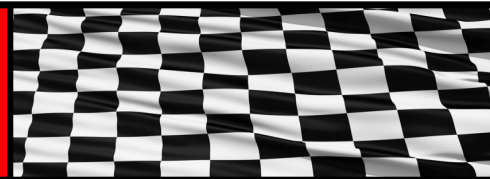
509-321-4227
KIM@KIMACACIOAGENCY.COM

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PRD
RACE ENGINES

MOD Chairman Daren Goehring
360-540-2037
mercuguy63@comcast.net



Swap and Shop



Complete 300ss Rig For Sale

Sealed Yamato 321 engine and a Lewis Custom Hydros fully rigged, race ready 300ss hull. Boat, Motor, Cart, APBA 2 blade leased propeller, everything you need. Very fast outfit, Currently driven by Ryan Gowin,. This outfit is a former North American Champion, APBA 300ss High Point Champion, and 300ss Northwest Challenge Tour Champion.

\$6500 obo

Contact Carl Lewis
mrlou40@msn.com

Yamato 102 C Mod For Sale

Note: Magneto has one bad coil.

Complete Yamato 102 C Modified motor with Mod tower, exhaust header, pipe, bracket and gearcase. Gearcase is complete with nose cone and water pick up. Located in Kelso, WA.

\$1600

Contact Mike Zonich
(360) 560-0900



The Northwest Challenge Tour is now accepting class sponsors for the 2026 Tour. Do you want your class to be run on the Challenge Tour? Reach out to Jason with your 2025 boat count and your 2026 expected boat count and we can discuss if your class is a good fit for the Tour format.

The MORC has a Yamato 321 in stock, fresh from overseas. You must be a MOD member to purchase one The selling price is \$3995 ea. Exhaust kits, pipes, short MOD towers and gearcase nose cone kits are all readily available from manufacturers. Contact Category Chairman Daren Goehring or any MOD Commissioner to set up purchase and pickup / delivery. Both motors are located on the East Coast.