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Hints Of Spring Are In The Air.

Spring and our racing season are just around the corner! With the time change we have started seeing sunsets after 7pm.!!!. I've been hearing lots of reports of boat projects that are underway. Get those rigs freshened up for Moses Lake. Please email me with any content ideas you would like to see in the newsletter. New or old photos and stories etc. that you would like to have considered should be sent to:

Publications@seattleoutboard.org

Jason Diamond

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Historical Files



1985 Capitol Lake, Olympia WA. Howard Shaw in his R&D 1100cc Hydro.



1985 Capitol Lake, Olympia WA. Chris Christensen, Larry Oberto, Mike Schlewie and Steve Buckley



From the Commodore & Meeting Schedule



Commodore's Comments

Hello everyone!

I hope everyone is enjoying the last little bit of our offseason. I have seen and heard a lot of projects in the works. I am excited to see the debut of new drivers, the reveals of new boats, and drivers switching up classes for a change of scenery.

Our season kickoff is right around the corner at the Kenmore Slough on April 11th. Jan has been working hard with the city to put on another great event. Thank you, Jan!

We have a lot of things happening for the upcoming season.

One being the progress of our new club truck! Things are coming together quite nicely. Thank you to Ron, Rick, Kyle, and the Adams Family for all the work.

The other thing being the upcoming use of the new Trackside system! The Trackside system should be in effect as soon as the Slough and will be used throughout the season. Thank you to our R10 scorers Jan, Kelsie, and Denise for all of the work so far and in the future to make this as seamless as possible for us.

That's all I have this time around. Until next time!

Travis Kauth

2026 SOA Commodore

SOA Meeting Schedule

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.

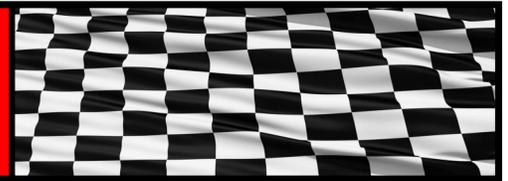
Historical Files



Bob Rhodes in his R&D class C-D-F Hydro with a ZAK Konig at the PRO Nationals in Winona, MN 1976. Today this would be a 500cc/700cc/1100cc Hydro. This hull still exists in a private collection.



SOA Contact Information



2026 SOA Club Officers

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Director - Rick Sandstrom - info@propshopltd.com

Director - Justin Menard - Justinmenard@comcast.net

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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.*

*The Pit Previews Editor may be reached at: **publications@seattleoutboard.org***

Next Month:

- Race Information Kenmore Slough
- Race Information Spring Moses Lake
 - By-Law Ballot Results



Scorers Report



Scoring Update: Trackside is coming to SOA

Posting from the Pit Previews Vol 131 Jan-Feb 2026

I'm excited to share that Trackside is coming to an SOA race as part of an upcoming testing program. While we don't yet know which event it will be, Seattle Outboard will be among the clubs helping introduce this new system once final configuration is complete.

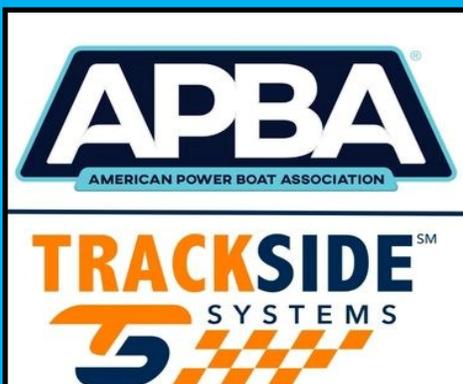
Trackside is a new registration and race management platform being developed by American Power Boat Association to modernize how registration, scoring, and race-day data are handled. Once implemented, race registration for the test event will be run through Trackside, giving racers and officials an early look at what's coming next.

From a scoring perspective, this is an exciting step forward aimed at reducing manual processes, improving accuracy, and making race days smoother for everyone involved. As with any new system, there will be a learning curve, and that's exactly what these test events are for. Our scoring team is preparing, and I appreciate everyone's patience as we work through something new together.

In the meantime, members can and should register now for their APBA membership, which will be required for Trackside registration. If you need help or have questions, please reach out to Kelsie, Jan, or Denise...we're happy to help!

More details will be shared as soon as an event is selected and registration information is finalized. We're proud to be part of this effort and excited to help shape the future of race operations in Region 10.

Kelsie Eagon
2026 SOA Secretary



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APBA Junior Racing Committee Reposting from the Pit Previews Vol 131 Jan-Feb 2026

Notes from the 2026 APBA National Meeting

Equipment

13 complete four stroke motors in stock and available from APBA at a cost of \$2600 plus shipping. 6 Mercury short blocks are on the shelf, zero complete 2 stroke motors and zero OMX / J / AX gearcases available.

New OMC gearcase are being produced by APBA with an updated water pump and are expected to be for sale late in 2026 at a target price of \$1995.

John Korbus and Brown Tool Machine have both designed 4 stroke steering bars, throttle cable brackets and kill switch assemblies for the 4 stroke J engine.

Rule Changes

Four stroke minimum weight will be 345lbs. AX height moved to 1.75" to help control the speed of the class. Four stroke engines will run an APBA standard prop with the sharp tips removed.

Championships

National Championships:

- 2026 Constantine Michigan
- 2027 Wakefield Michigan
- 2028 Moses Lake, Washington

Western Divisional Championships:

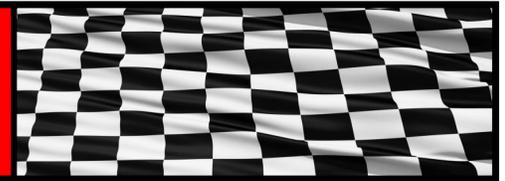
Moses Lake #2 August 15-16, 2026

North American Championships all four J Classes:

DePue, Illinois July 31-Aug 2

*Selections transcribed from meeting minutes by Jason Diamond on behalf of:
Region 10 Junior Committee Members*

Jim Nilsen & Matt Garno



APBA Stock Outboard Racing Commission

Reposting from the Pit Previews Vol 131 Jan-Feb 2026

Notes from the 2026 APBA National Meeting

2026 Races Approved

Western Championships – Moses Lake, WA - 4/24-26/26

Divisional Championships – Bakersfield, CA -10/3-4/26

National Championships – Fulton, NY - 7/15-18/26

North American Championship – 300SSH – Newberg, OR – 5/23-24/26

2028 Races Approved

National Championships – Moses Lake, WA - July 2028

2026 Rules

25xs 2nd Generation engine Probationary in 25ssR class – Approved

25SSR

1. Raise weight from 415lbs to 425 lbs. and Restrictor plate from 9/16” to 3/4” plate. Passed
2. On 405 lbs. weight, increase Restrictor plate from 1/2” to 9/16” plate. - Passed
3. Plates will be available In March 2026

Proposals

1. Tuck Rule – No Motion
2. Drop All Engine 1/4” – No Motion
3. 10 boat #eld of boat – Failed
4. DSR Marathon Mercury 60 HP 4stroke – No Motion (See OPC)
5. CSH To Lower weight from 440 lbs. to 420 lbs. – No Motion
6. 300SSH Raise weight from 420 lbs. to 435 lbs. – No motion
7. 20ssH – Raise weight from 400 lbs. to 410 lbs. – Passed
8. Minimum races at East/West Championship races and Divisional Championships from 8 boats to 6 boats for double points and HOC Points – Passed

News

Sidewinder is building more parts, pistons are currently available!

Region 10 Stock Outboard Commissioners

Carl Lewis & Lee Sutter



APBA Modified Outboard Racing Commission Reposting portions from the Pit Previews Vol 131 Jan-Feb 2026

Notes from the 2026 APBA National Meeting

4-Stroke Mercury Raffle (J motor)

See your Mod Commissioners (Justin Menard and Laurie Eriks) for tickets, and more information. \$25 a ticket. Will be raffled at Constantine.

Equipment Available

The MORC has a stock Yamato 331 for sale, and multiple 125 powerheads.

MOD125H

The Mod125 Hydro minimum age was lowered to 12.

Divisional Championships and Format Change

With the trackside updates we received during the meetings we made some changes to the Divisional format.

There will now only be two divisions. Eastern and Western. The J/Stock categories also changed their format to Eastern/Western only.

Eastern: Awarded to Creighton, PA for 2026 hosted by Three Rivers Outboard Association. Date TBA

Western: Awarded to Everett, WA June 6-7 hosted by SOA. Any racer can attend and receive bonus points at either divisional regardless of region.

2026 East / West / National Championship Updates

2026 Eastern Championships: Jessup, GA spring race

2026 Western Championships: Moses Lake, WA April 24-26

2026 National Championships: Constantine, MI July 22-25

2027 / 2028 Updates

2027 Mod National Championships will be hosted in Wakefield. MI.

2028 Mod National Championships will be hosted in DePue, IL.

2028 Mod Western Divisionals will be hosted in Moses Lake in conjunction with the Stock and Junior Nationals.

Region 10 Modified Outboard Commissioners

Laurie Eriks & Justin Menard



Commissioners Corner



MORC ENGINE RAFFLE!

The Modified Outboard Racing Commission is raffling off a brand-new Mercury 15/20HP 4-stroke engine—a \$4,800 value!

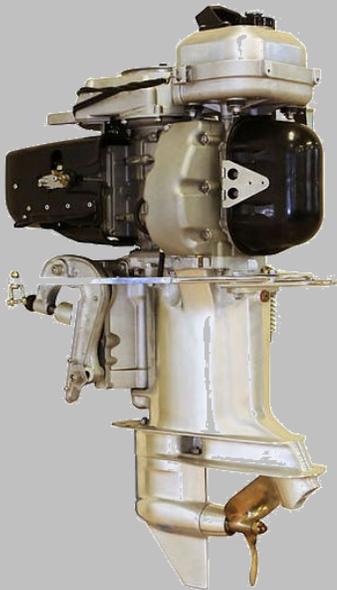
All proceeds from this raffle to go to future MORC purchases and/or projects to grow the category.

-  Tickets: \$25 each
-  Winner drawn at the 2026 Modified/J Outboard Nationals in Constantine, Michigan.
-  Winner does NOT need to be present—just have someone there to pick up the engine.

This engine comes set up as 20HP, and includes the restrictor and ECU to run as 15HP for J classes. It also includes factory tiller handle and an optional electric start kit. Short-shaft and race-preferred.



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For Sale:

The MORC has a Yamato 331 in stock, fresh from overseas. You must be a APBA 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. The motor is located on the East Coast.

For Sale:

Two new VRP 11:17 gearcases for MOD125 hydro or runabout set ups. \$1200 each. Reach out to Daren Goehring at: mercguy63@comcast.net





Commissioners Corner



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APBA Professional Outboard Racing Commission

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Notes from the 2026 APBA National Meeting

Seattle Outboard Association Members Honored at APBA National Meeting!

The Seattle Outboard Association (SOA) had a commanding presence at the recent APBA National Meeting, with our members bringing home some of the sport's most prestigious awards.

A Huge Congratulations to Our SOA Award Winners!

We are bursting with pride to announce that longtime SOA member and dedicated official, Denise Johnson, was honored with the 2025 Officials Award! This is a tremendous and well-deserved recognition of her tireless commitment, expertise, and invaluable contributions to powerboat racing. Thank you, Denise, for everything you do for our sport and our club! The celebration didn't stop there! A massive congratulations to SOA's own Brody Wyant and Carson Kelly on their induction into the 2025 Pro Hall of Champions. Their incredible skill and stellar seasons have rightfully placed them among the sport's elite.

Key Updates for the 2026 Season

The Pro Commission was also hard at work finalizing the rules and event calendar for 2026. Here are the highlights:

- **Rule Changes:** Key adjustments were made for the 2026 season, including an increased weight for OSY-400 to match UIM rules (418lbs), a new waiver option for young drivers advancing to 125ccR, and a modified points rule for bore and stroke classes. A full list will be available in *Propeller Magazine*.
- **Western Pro Divisionals:** The 2026 Western Pro Divisionals have been awarded to CORA at Cullaby Lake June 20-21st.

Let's give one more round of applause to our outstanding SOA members and get ready for another thrilling year of racing

Region 10 PRO Outboard Commissioners

Zach Malhiot & Steve Greaves



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*
Chief Scorer - *Kelsie Eagon*

Entertainment Committee

Member - *Kelsie Eagon*

Equipment Committee

Committee Chairperson – *Kyle Bahl*
Member - *Ron Magnuson*



300 Super Stock Hydro

- 2026 North American Championships
- Newberg, Oregon - May 23-24, 2026
- 78th Annual Memorial Weekend Boat Races



Race Schedules



Seattle Outboard 2026 Schedule

April 11

Kenmore, WA

*Kenmore Slough Exhibition Runs 12-4pm
Junior - Stock - MOD - PRO - Select OPC*

April 24-26

Moses Lake, WA - Spring Race #1

Junior - Stock - MOD - PRO

Insured Testing Friday

Western Championships Stock / MOD

May 16-17

Connell WA - Scootney Reservoir

Junior - Stock - MOD - PRO

June 6-7

Everett, WA—Silver Lake

Junior - Stock - MOD - PRO

Mod West Divisionals - MOD125H NAC

August 15-16

Moses Lake, WA - Moses #2

Junior - Stock - MOD - PRO

New Folks In Boats Driving School

September 25-27

Yelm WA - Lawrence Lake

Junior - Stock - MOD - PRO

1mi or 1.25mi World Records

Insured Testing Friday

Other APBA Region 10 Outboard Events

Newberg, OR - May 23-24

Willamette River - NBC

SC N.A.C. / F45 Nats / 300ss N.A.C.

Richland, WA - June 27-28

Columbia River - NWPBA

Select Outboard Invitational

Warrenton, OR - June 20-21

Cullaby Lake #1 - CORA

Western PRO Divisionals

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

Next Up:

SOA- Kenmore Slough Exhibition

Kenmore, Washington— April 11, 2026

SOA - Spring Moses Lake - Western Stock and Mod Championships

Moses Lake, Washington April 24-26, 2026



News



Club Truck Work Party

Step one in the renovation of our new club truck took place on February 21st.

A small group made up of Kyle Bahl, Ron Magnuson and Rick Sandstrom made a floor plan, assembled and installed a new rack and tote system, built shelving and a box for the clock. The truck is currently being fit for exterior boxes to hold some heavier items such as anchor weights.

A huge thank you goes out to the Adams Racing Team for the assistance with building the exterior boxes on the new truck, and emptying contents / taking inventory of the old club truck.

Transfer of all of the existing equipment from the old club truck to the new one will take place during a club work party. The date for the work party will be on **March 29th at 9am at the Adam's.**



Club Truck Fundraising

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 \$7,362. Thank you to all who have and who continue to contribute to this necessary vehicle upgrade!





News



Nationals Return To Moses Lake in 2028!

At the 2026 APBA National Meeting in New Orleans, your Seattle Outboard Officers and Directors went before the Junior Committee as well as the Stock and Modified Outboard Commissions to bid on the 2028 Nationals Championships for Moses Lake, Washington.

This would coincide with SOA's 100th year of racing, with the club being formed for the 1929 season.

With the Modified Category previously committing their 2028 Nationals to DePue, IL, we were able to secure both the Junior and Stock Nationals for the event. The MORC did award us the 2028 Divisional Championships to add to our event.

The club plans to place further bids next year for a number of Modified North American Championships for the event as well.

Watch for more updates as we get closer to the 2028 event!

See You In Moses Lake!

July 10-16, 2028

APBA Stock & Junior National Championships Western Modified Divisionals

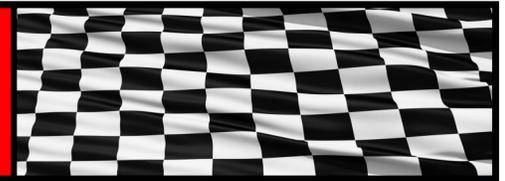


SOA 100 Years Racing





Race Reports ***Early Events***



Kenmore Slough - April 11

The 10th annual Kenmore Hydroplane Cup is set for April 11th. Race Director Jan Shaw reports that the event will be Saturday April 11th with exhibition runs from 12-4. Opening ceremonies are set to begin at 10am at the Kenmore boat launch. A Friday evening boat show is being scheduled at the Northshore Pub in Kenmore. More details and times to follow. Watch for club communications for details as the event nears.

Spring Moses Lake - April 24-26

Race Director Johnny Adams has submitted necessary paperwork, and the event is on schedule for April 24-26. This will be the Western Championships for Stock and Mod classes. Race #1 on the Northwest Challenge Tour. Thursday move in time has yet to be established with Friday set to be an insured testing day. Testing will be compressed into a smaller time window to help control the costs of the ambulance. Link to hotel room block at the Ramada with a discounted rate can be found on the SOA website www.seattleoutboard.org

Connell WA, Scootney Reservoir - May 16-17

We are headed back to the Othello area and Scootney! Race Director Zach Malhiot is full steam ahead. Zach will be making his way to Scootney Reservoir in the next week to photograph the area for insurance purposes. Zach will also be promoting the event by delivering posters to businesses in the Connell, WA area. Huge thanks to Zach for taking this project on.

Silver Lake Everett - June 6-7

Race Director Travis Kauth reports that the event is on schedule and will be hosting the Western Mod Divisional Championships and the Mod125H North American Championships. Look for more information to come as the event gets closer.

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- 2026 National Championships
- Newberg, Oregon - May 23-24, 2026
- 78th Annual Memorial Weekend Boat Races



Race Promotion



NORTHWEST 2026



CHALLENGE TOUR OUTBOARD HYDROPLANE RACING SERIES

2026 TOUR SCHEDULE

CMH - 300ss - CSR

Moses Lake 1, WA - April 25
 Newberg, OR - May 22
 Everett, WA - June 6
 Warrenton, OR - June 20
 Moses Lake 2, WA - Aug 15
 Yelm, WA - Sept 26

125cch - 1100ccR

Moses Lake 1, WA - April 25
 Connell, WA - May 16
 Everett, WA - June 6
 Warrenton, OR - June 20
 Old Town, ID - July 18
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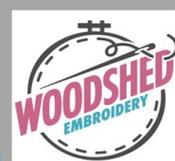
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EXHIBITION RUNS SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

12 NOON - 4PM

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KENMORE BOAT LAUNCH RAMP 10:00 AM





Race Promotion



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Seattle Outboard Association 2025 Spring Moses Lake Regatta

Testing Friday April 24
 Junior - Stock - Modified and Pro Categories
 Western Stock and Modified Outboard Championships
 Race #1 on the Northwest Challenge Tour





Race Promotion



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SOA Drivers School Boat and Cart Storage Needed

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





Swap and Shop



Equipment For Sale

Enclosed trailer carries 3 a motors, 2 a hydros, 1 runabout, has three carts, needs some carpentry work. \$900.

9'3" Sorensen Jackel J, AX, A, runabout, complete \$1,100

Shoei RF-1400 Small yellow helmet, no evidence of use. Excellent condition \$250

SRP racing life jack, fits up to 34-35 chest \$175

Yellow cut suit for small individual, pants 32"Wx26" Inseam, Very good condition \$300

Pop up canopy, Tidy Cove Tidy Tent Xtra, 18"x46" folding sitting pad, and Free Misc tool boxes, Large prop box. lets talk\$

Contact:

Bob Smiley 68R rsmiley2@centurylink.net Kingston, WA OR 360-434-7505 Leave a message.





Member Profile



By Craig Fjarlie
Photos are from the collection of Jan Shaw

*Featured article as posted on the
APBA Historical Society page Feb 23, 2026*

Jan Shaw is one of those people who are perpetually busy. She has spent most of her life on the administrative side of boat racing, as a timer, club officer, region leader, and APBA Board member. She let others take to the racecourse while she focused on the critical duties—before, during, and after the events—that allowed the regattas to happen. Accordingly, she has been respected and honored for her devotion.

Jan Morgan (her name before she married Howard Shaw) was born in 1951 in Fort Lee, Virginia, where her father was stationed in the Army. The young family moved across the country as her father was stationed in different locations. Finally, he was assigned to Fort Lawton in Seattle, where he was discharged.

It was there when Jan became aware of hydroplanes. “My dad raced cars,” she recalls, “and he was involved with Unlimiteds in the ‘50s. He used to put the gas in the boats, before the turbines. He always took two or three of us to Lake Washington to watch the races. We were right there; we lived in that area.”

Jan graduated from Mountlake Terrace High School, just north of Seattle, in 1969. There she met her future husband, Howard Shaw, a classmate who was racing outboards. “He was part of the Myers group: Bill, Ella Mae, and John Myers. We went racing with those guys,” she explains. While she was going to the races, she also studied to become a nurse. “I went in the U.S. Army student nursing program at Seattle Pacific College (now Seattle Pacific University) and the University of Washington. I worked for 35 years in a hospital.”

Jan became a member of Seattle Outboard Association and tried racing. “I was in the Powder Puff,” she remembers. “I took a boat out a couple of times in C Stock with Lee Sutter and Rick Sandstrom, and I didn’t like it. Racing wasn’t something I wanted to do. Penny Rautenberg and Millie Laird decided that since I was up at the crack of dawn at Lake Lawrence one year, I should become a timer. I became a timer with Jimmy Benson, and I’ve done that ever since.”

In those years, timing the boats was a labor-intensive task. “We timed each individual boat with stopwatches on a board. It took two people to manage 12 boats on the course, if that’s how many we had. It was pretty complicated in those days. Jimmy Benson had a sheet we filled out and, in the back of the old rule books, it showed the time and what the speed should be. It was not computer-driven; it was simply in the book. We went by what was listed. Most of the time, we didn’t even know if somebody had set a record somewhere else. So, it may have taken a day.”

Jan had an early experience with inboards when Howard became involved with a Crackerbox in the early 1970s. “He was the navigator,” she says. “At that point, it took three guys in a Crackerbox, not just two like now. He either was the navigator, or he pushed (the lever) down for the fuel to be delivered. You had to push it down every time the driver hit the throttle.” Jan timed both inboard and outboard races. “I started doing Black Lake, because we had records set there. Then we started to combine inboards and outboards, off and on, so I tried to be out there if they had outboards on the schedule.”

Howard then focused his racing on outboard classes. “He started in A Stock Hydro, A Stock Runabout, then went to B Outboard Hydro,” Jan remembers. “Actually, John Myers, Bill Myers, and Howard made up the B Outboard class in the early ‘70s. Then he went to D Outboard Hydro, F Outboard Hydro, and then went over to F Racing Runabout, what we currently call 1100 Runabout.” Jan tried riding with Howard in his F Racing Runabout, because it held two people in the cockpit. “I was there a few times, but I wouldn’t call it riding,” she laughs. “It wasn’t my thing to do.”

Racing was something Jan’s younger brother, Leslie “Butch” Morgan, wanted to do. He began racing outboards and participated for a number of years.

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Member Profile



By Craig Fjarlie

Photos are from the collection of Jan Shaw

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The Shaws were briefly involved with a 1-Litre inboard hydroplane. “We got Mark Mallory with the boat,” Jan says with a smile. “Kayleigh Perkins was our driver at the time. She’s Kayleigh Mallory now. So, we did dabble a little bit in that.”

Although she was busy working as a nurse, Jan took on another project when she founded Woodshed Embroidery. “That was in the days when we had to put all the embroidery, the patches, on all the suits,” she says. “We outsourced it for awhile and I decided it cost too much money, so Howard and I decided to buy a fancy embroidery machine. Started with one machine. I ended up with seven over 35 years. I could sew everything, but doing embroidery by hand sucks, so did it by machine. Made a business out of it. I still own Woodshed Embroidery and I still do a little, but not very much anymore.”

Jan added other obligations to her schedule, moving into various official positions with Seattle Outboard Association and APBA. “I was SOA Secretary, off and on, over about a 10-year period. I was also the Region 10 Secretary for 15 years. Jim Codling was the Region Chairman at the time, and I think Rick Sandstrom might have been Region Chairman afterward. I ran against Jim Codling because I was tired of him telling me what to do. I ran for Region Chairman in 2012 and served to 2014. Nobody had told me I couldn’t serve in a regional office and a national office. I ran for the national APBA Board of Directors in 2014 and won. I couldn’t stay on as Region Chairman, so that went back to Rick Sandstrom. I’ve been a Board member for APBA ever since. I represent seven categories in APBA. It’s all paperwork, for the most part.”

More recently, Jan has been working with H1 Unlimited. She describes her duties as “Jack of all trades.” She explains, “I’ve done everything. With H1, you get to do a lot of stuff. At one point, I was the administrator. I set up the hotel rooms, determined where you fly in, fly out, the money, the expense reports. I worked with the race sites, specifically to set up what the Unlimiteds were bringing and what we needed to add to it so they could make some money off the race.” She mentions one expense few casual spectators understand. “The cranes for Unlimiteds and inboards cost \$9,000 per race.” She continues with the list, “On race day, you have to register everybody; everybody has to belong to APBA. You have to make sure we have rescue on the water.”

One of the most difficult times in Jan’s life occurred when Howard passed away suddenly on December 30, 2022. “Boat racing was the life that I had with him for 50-some years,” she says. “Everybody was calling me, checking on me. Well, we just keep going on and doing stuff.” Seattle Outboard Association developed a memorial trophy that will be awarded annually for five years to the person who embodies the spirit of Howard Shaw. “One more year for that,” Jan remarks.

A month after Howard’s passing, Jan was given the greatest honor of her life. She was inducted into the APBA Honor Squadron, when the annual meeting was held in Seattle. “That’s so cool,” she exclaims. “You have to receive more than one nomination. I’ve had, over time, three years when people were nominating me. They finally accepted the nomination and voted me into the Honor Squadron. That is the coolest award you can win in APBA, in my opinion. I couldn’t quit smiling for a week.”

As she looks back at her years in APBA, Jan offers thoughts on the state of boat racing. “H1, I thought five years ago they wouldn’t still be here, but they are. Inboards are struggling, but outboards are not. They have J’s coming up. You have whole families coming up. Overall, APBA was kind of in a non-growth pattern, but right now we’re into growth, especially in Region 10. We’re a large region, and once you leave the metropolitan areas there are not as many members. But we are plenty strong.”

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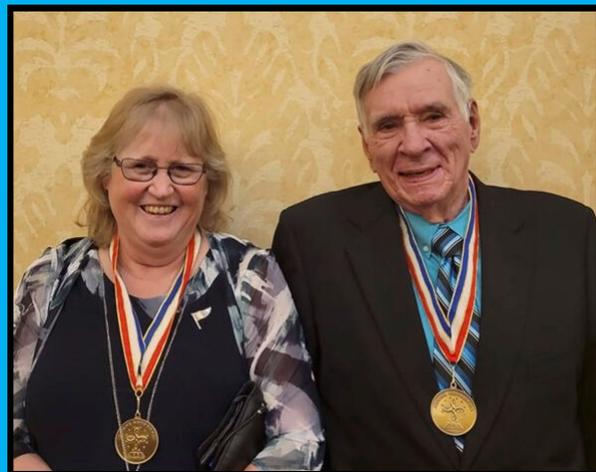
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When asked how long she plans to remain involved, Jan has no reservations. "Unless my family starts yelling at me, I'll stay as long as I can. I'm still running around, I'm still going places. I just had some health issues that knocked me down a little bit, but I'm back up. I'm already committed to H1, and I've committed to one or two (races) with Seattle Outboard Association. This is my family. I enjoy watching a good boat race. It doesn't even matter if I'm working or sitting in a chair. All the little kids that started in J's are now young adults, or even 40-year-olds. They all come and talk to me. Make sure I'm okay, make sure I'm still around. That's kinda cool. We are family, and that is really, really, important.



Howard and Jan and crew, with Howard's 1100 Hydro in 1986.



Jan Shaw and John Fitzgerald were inducted into the APBA Honor Squadron in 2023.



Jan took Kyle Bahl's boat out for an exhibition run at a recent SOA event.



Jan, second from right, with H1 officials.

Jan with Rick Sandstrom at the 2016 Kenmore Slough Exhibition.

