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# Seattle Outboard Association PIT PREVIEWS

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Good to see everyone at last month's Moses Lake event! Remember to send me your new or old photos stories or content that you would like to see in the newsletter.

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*Jason Diamond*

SOA Pit Previews Editor

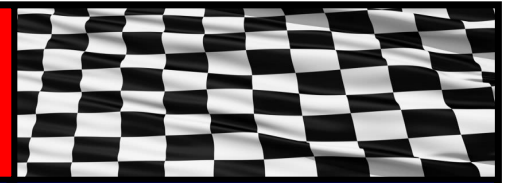
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# ***From the Commodore & Meeting Schedule***



## **Commodore's Comments**

Hello Members!

We are coming off our second event of the season at Moses Lake. A jam-packed weekend with the most beautiful. With 100 entries across our normal categories, we had no shortage of close deck-to-deck racing. J Runabout and J Hydro had THREE new drivers and two returning Junior drivers. It was great to see C Mod Hydro coming out of left field and being one of our biggest classes of the weekend! It is not easy to compete with the Stock category entries like CSH or 300SSH entries, but it did!

Thank you Johnny Adams and team for all the efforts for a successful weekend.

On a similar note, this was the first full race event, the new club truck has been absolutely fantastic. We have some ideas to make it even better, but the organization of the new truck is something we've needed for a long time.

As you all have heard, due to unforeseen circumstances, Scootney was postponed. Zach Malhiot and the BOD are working on pinpointing a date. We are disappointed, but we are excited that the city is looking forward to having us at another point sometime this year.

Thank you all for making the beginning of this year so great, and all the patience with Scootney!

*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.

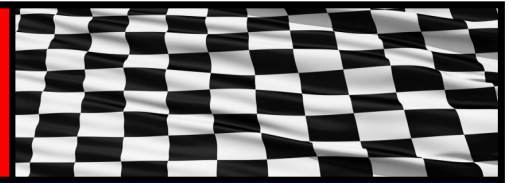
The SOA Board of Directors meets virtually on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.



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# ***SOA Contact Information***



## **2026 SOA Club Officers**

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

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**Director** - Matt Yarno - myarno1041@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***

***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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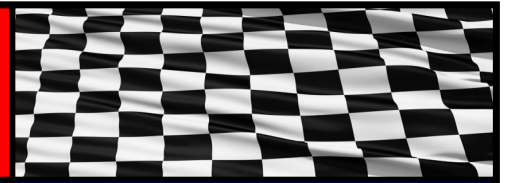


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## Commissioners Corner



### 2026 Championship Dates

**Stock Western Championships**  
April 24-26, Moses lake, Washington

**300ss Hydro North American Championship**  
May 23-24, Newberg, Oregon

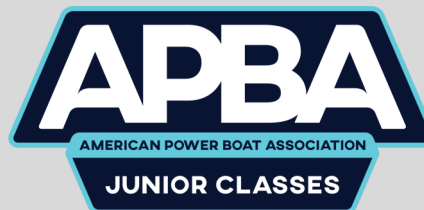
**Stock National Championships**  
July 17-19 Fulton, New York

**Stock Marathon National Championships**  
August 8-9 Indian River, Michigan

**Western Stock Divisional Championships**  
October 3-4, Bakersfield, California

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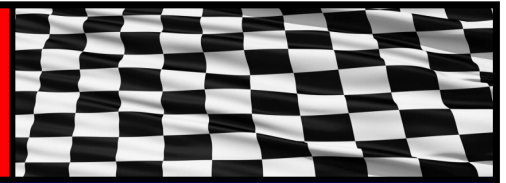


### 2026 Championship Dates

**2026 National Championships:**  
July 22-26, Constantine Michigan

**2026 North American Championships all four J Classes:**  
July 31-Aug 2, DePue, Illinois

**2026 Western Divisional Championships:**  
August 15-16, Moses Lake #2



## 2026 Championship Dates

**Western PRO Divisional Championships**  
June 20-21, Warrenton Oregon

**PRO National Championships**  
July 31-Aug 2, DePue Illinois

Note: The PRO rule changes for 2026 can be found on the APBA web page resources tab. There are two documents, "2026 PRO TECH MANUAL" and "2026 PRO RULEBOOK".

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**Mod Western Championships**  
April 24-26, Moses lake Washington

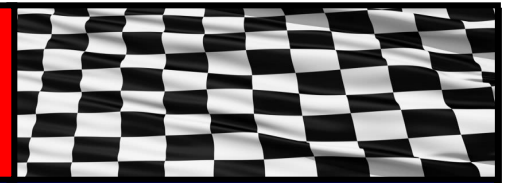
**Western MOD Divisional Championships**  
June 6-7, Everett Washington

**MOD National Championships**  
July 22-26, Constantine Michigan

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## 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!

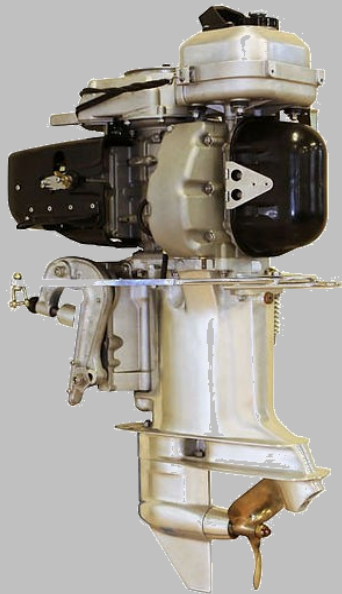
All proceeds from this raffle to go to future MORC purchases and/or projects to grow the category.

-  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.

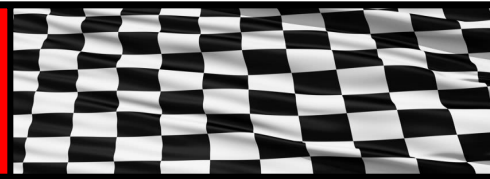
### For Sale:

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





**Commissioners Corner**



**KARTING TECHNOLOGY & DURABILITY**

# MOD 125 cc

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**COMPLETE ENGINES AVAILABLE**

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⚡ NO ROPE NEEDED ⚡

**CONSISTENT & REPRODUCIBLE POWER BETWEEN UNITS**

COMPATIBLE WITH A / FA / B / 15 RACE HULLS

**PRD**  
RACE ENGINES

MOD Chairman Daren Goehring  
360-540-2037  
mercguy63@comcast.net



# 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 - *Matt Yarno*

Member - *Jason Diamond*

### Publications Committee

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*

Member - *Rick Sandstrom*



Spring Moses Lake 2026.  
Madden Henshaw and  
Dave Trisko make re-  
pairs on a clamp bracket  
prior to the Friday test-  
ing session.

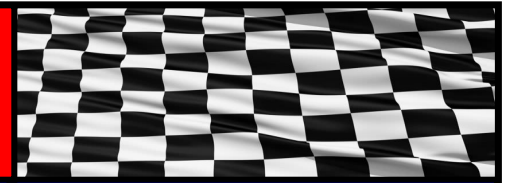


## 300 Super Stock Hydro

- 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*

**Postponed Date T.B.D.**

**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**

**NBC - 78th Annual Newberg Memorial Weekend Boat Races**

*Newberg, Oregon May 23-24, 2026 - 300ss NAC, F45 Nationals*

**SOA - 5th Annual Howard Shaw Memorial Regatta - Silver Lake**

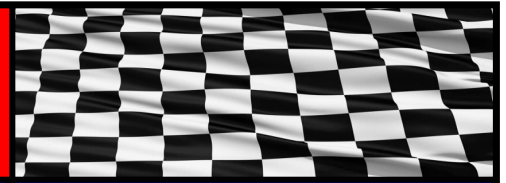
*Everett, Washington June 6-7, 2026 - MOD Divisionals*

**CORA - John Paramore Memorial Regatta - Cullaby Lake**

*Warrenton, Oregon June 20-21, 2026 - PRO Divisionals*



# News



## 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!



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## Junior Teams at Seafair H1 Race

If your Junior Hydro team is interested in participating at the Seafair H1 Unlimited event in Seattle on July31-August 2nd, please reach out to Matt Yarno at (503) 828-5919

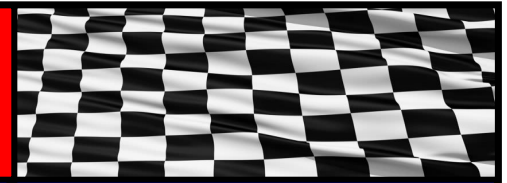


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# ***Race Report***



## **Spring Moses Lake April 24-26**

*By: Jason Diamond*

SOA members came out of winter hibernation and headed to the high desert of Moses Lake. Teams started arriving at the beautiful Cascade Park on Thursday where they were met by Race Director Johnny Adams who was wearing many hats including parking pit boss.

Drivers and teams were met with sunny skies during the day and below freezing temps on Thursday and Friday nights. Friday had drivers making their way through the New Trackside registration and check in process with help of Chief Scorer Kelsie Eagon prior to taking the water for insured testing. A breeze came up during testing and 350cc Hydro pilot Brian Nicholson took a scary spill in a backstretch blow over accident. Brian was transported for some hip pain which later required a surgical procedure, we wish Brian a speedy recovery!

Saturday racing included the Western Championships for Stock and Modified classes along with Race number one on the Northwest Challenge Tour. Saturday saw 93 Entries and Sunday checked in with a slightly lower 86.

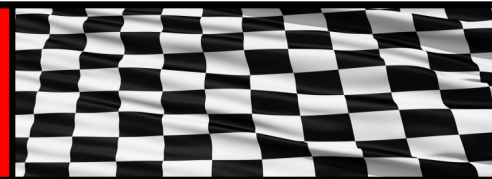
Thank you again to our Race Director Johnny Adams and his team who assisted with set up and tear down. Another big thanks to our Race Committee, Chief Referee Travis Kauth, Assistant Referee Ron Magnuson, Chief Scorer Kelsie Eagon, Assistant Rick Manager Kyle Bahl, and Inspectors Dave Tonge & Justin Menard.





# Race Results

*"Unofficial - Taken From Live Results"*



## 2026 Spring Mose Lake Results Saturday

### J Hydro:

1. Ameilia Malhiot
2. Asher Kelly
3. Keegan Miller
4. Bennett Malhiot
5. Aubrey Bahl

### J Runabout:

1. Asher Kelly
2. Bennett Malhiot
3. Aubrey Bahl
4. Keegan Miller

### AX Hydro:

1. Kolby Wyant:
2. Maysen McGregor
3. Ryder Burks

### AX Runabout:

1. Kolbe Wyant
2. Ryder Burks

### B Stock Hydro:

1. Rick Christensen
2. Sean Byrne
3. Preston Reitz
4. Carson Kelly
5. Neil Marvin

### 25ss Runabout:

1. Carson Kelly
2. Kyle Bahl
3. Alex Alejo
4. Trey Marquard

### K Pro Runabout:

1. Kolbe Wyant
2. Ryder Burks

### 20ss Hydro:

1. Carson Kelly
2. Ruck Christensen
3. Alex Alejo
4. Madden Henshaw
5. Jim Tryon
6. Sean Byrne
7. Brody Wyant

### C Stock Hydro:

1. J. Michael Kelly
2. Kyle Bahl
3. Ryan Gowin
4. Trey Marquard
5. Mike Perman
6. Arne Bailey
7. Brian Ursino

### C StockI Runabout:

1. J. Michael Kelly
2. Kyle Bahl
3. Trey Marquard
4. Mike Perman
5. Johnny Adams

### 300ss Hydro:

1. Dylan Lewis
2. Neil Marvin
3. Madden Henshaw
4. Tay Diamond
5. Jack Heiser
6. Jeff Ursino
7. Jarrod Miller
8. Arne Bailey

### D Stock Hydro:

1. Aaron Adams
2. Ron Magnuson
3. David German
4. Bryce Peterson

### Mod 125 Hydro:

1. Maysen McGregor
2. Kierra Marquard

### C Mod Hydro:

1. J. Michael Kelly
2. Ryan Gowin
3. Jim Tryon
4. Justin Menard
5. Ryan Magnuson
6. Dustin Knudsen

### Formula E Hydro:

1. Bryce Peterson
2. Jeston Burnett
3. Ryan Magnuson

### K Pro Hydro:

1. Ryder Burks
2. Kolbe Wyant
3. Asher Kelly
4. Ameila Malhiot

### OSY-400:

1. Carson Kelly
2. Madden Henshaw
3. Brody Wyant
4. Jim Tryon
5. Preston Reitz
6. Ryan Gowin

### 700cc Runabout:

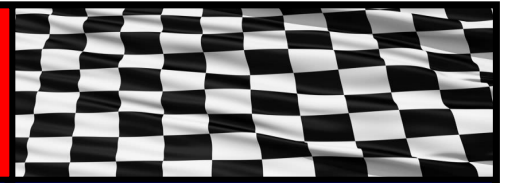
1. Mitch Sampson
2. Ryan Magnuson
3. Dohn Johnson





# Race Results

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## 2026 Spring Mose Lake Results Sunday

### J Hydro:

1. Ameilia Malhiot
2. Asher Kelly
3. Bennett Malhiot
4. Keegan Miller
5. Aubrey Bahl

### J Runabout:

1. Asher Kelly
2. Aubrey Bahl
3. Bennett Malhiot
4. Keegan Miller

### AX Hydro:

1. Kolby Wyant:
2. Maysen McGregor
3. Ryder Burks

### AX Runabout:

1. Ryder Burks
2. Maysen McGregor
3. Kolbe Wyant

### B Stock Hydro:

1. Rick Christensen
2. Preston Reitz
3. Sean Byrne
4. Jim Tryon
5. Neil Marvin
6. Carson Kelly

### 25ss Runabout:

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2. Trey Marquard
3. Kyle Bahl
4. Alex Alejo

### K Pro Runabout:

1. Kolbe Wyant
2. Ryder Burks

### 20ss Hydro:

1. Carson Kelly
2. Ruck Christensen
3. Sean Byrne
4. Alex Alejo
5. Jim Tryon
6. Brody Wyant
7. Madden Henshaw

### C Stock Hydro:

1. Kyle Bahl
2. Ryan Gowin
3. Johnny Adams
4. Preston Reitz
5. Trey Marquard
6. Mike Perman
7. Jeff Ursino
8. Arne Bailey

### C StockI Runabout:

1. Kyle Bahl
2. Mike Perman
3. Trey Marquard
4. Johnny Adams
5. Justin Menard

### 300ss Hydro:

1. Cayden Cole
2. Madden Henshaw
3. Jack Heiser
4. Neul Marvin
5. Dylan Lewis
6. Jeff Ursino
7. Tay Diamond
8. Jarrod Miller
9. Arne Bailey

### D Stock Hydro:

1. Ron Magnuson
2. David German
3. Bryce Peterson

### Mod 125 Hydro:

1. Kierra Marquard

### C Mod Hydro:

1. Ryan Gowin
2. Ryan Magnuson
3. Jeff Ursino
4. Dustin Knudsen
5. Justin Menard
6. Gavin Sharples

### Formula E Hydro:

1. Bryce Peterson
2. Jeston Burnett

### K Pro Hydro:

1. Kolbe Wyant
2. Asher Kelly
3. Harper Kelly-Moen
4. Ameila Malhiot

### OSY-400:

1. Carson Kelly
2. Preston Reitz
3. Madden Henshaw
4. Brody Wyant
5. Jim Tryon

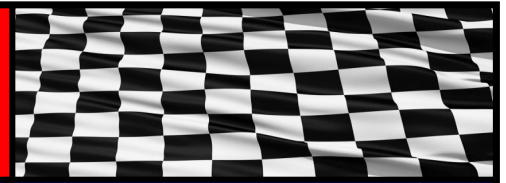
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1. Mitch Sampson
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3. Dohn Johnson





# Race Report



## Moses Lake Photos By: DIAMOND RACING

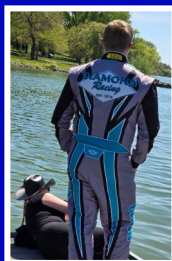




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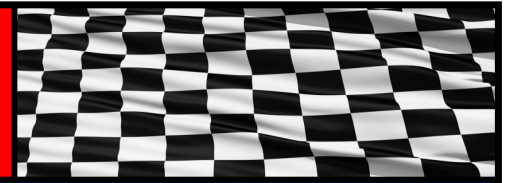


## Moses Lake Photos By: DIAMOND RACING





## ***Upcoming Race Updates***



### **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. Notes: Staging Saturday morning in the upper parking lot. Trailer parking will be more limited than in previous years. The paved sidewalk will need to be available for spectators to us. Our snow fencing will be on the eater side of the sidewalk path. Plan on tow vehicles needing to be moved out of the park into the upper parking are during the day. One security person has committed to staying in the park at night, we could use one more who is will to stay the night in the pits and keep an eye on things. The open hydro event will take place at the end of Sunday time permitting, register for this on site. Fencing stake installation and course set up may need to be moved from Friday afternoon to Saturday morning. Please read the sanction for additional information.



### **Connell WA, Scootney Reservoir - Postponed - Date T.B.D.**

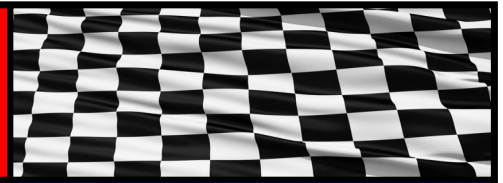
Our return back to the Othello area and Scootney Reservoir has been postponed to a date later in the summer that has yet to be determined.

There was an issue between some of the local jurisdictions, and the timeline to make notification of the closure of the water space was missed by one of our partners. We cannot hold the race on the weekend it was originally planned. However, the park and the local community are very excited to welcome us this year. Race Director Zach Malhiot is working closely with the SOA BOD and the park group to select a new date this summer where we can host the race.

We are disappointed to make a late change to an event, but are excited to have race sites that are excited to host us! The BOD is not considering a full cancellation of this event



**Race Promotion**



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*Annual*

# HOWARD SHAW MEMORIAL REGATTA

**June 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

SILVER LAKE  
Everett, WA

**SATURDAY - MOD DIVISIONALS**



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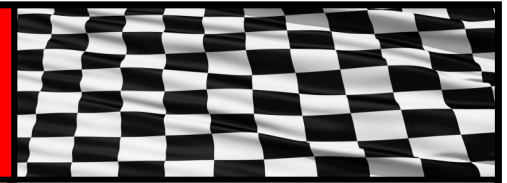


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*Julie A Sparrowgrove*





# Race Promotion



# NORTHWEST 2026



# CHALLENGE TOUR

OUTBOARD HYDROPLANE RACING SERIES

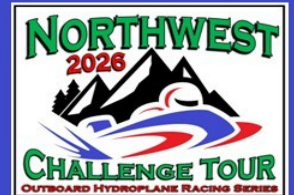
## 2026 TOUR SCHEDULE

### 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 - T.B.D.  
 Everett, WA - June 6  
 Warrenton, OR - June 20  
 Old Town, ID - July 18  
 Yelm, WA - Sept 26



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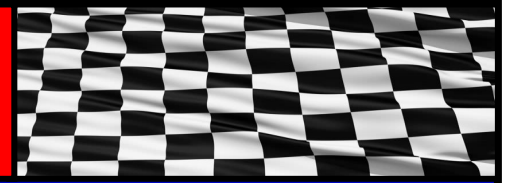
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# **2028 Stock and Junior National Championships**



## **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**





## 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



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not to worry, the Diamond Racing Trailer will have a full supply of AIM sensors, connectors and patch cables from WFO Motorsports on hand and ready to deliver to you. Just shoot us a message.

### SOA Drivers School Boat and Cart Storage Needed

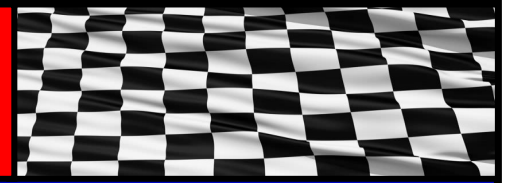
The SOA C Stock Hydro needs a new home. The club needs someone to store the hydro and cart and ideally would be able to bring it to select events where we could hold a small drivers school.

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





## Swap and Shop



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



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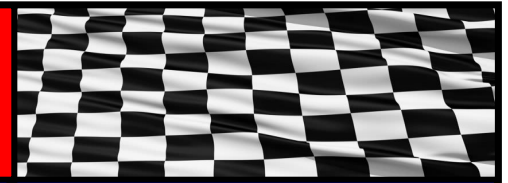


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## Member Profile



# Racing Family Connections *By: Craig Fjarlie*



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This past February, in our profile of Jan Shaw, she talked about her connections in racing and how she regarded them as her extended family. She specifically mentioned the Myers family—John Myers and his parents Bill and Ella Mae. Recently, J. W. Myers, the son of John Myers and grandson of Bill and Ella Mae, explained the connections from his perspective and additional connections he has made during his years in racing.

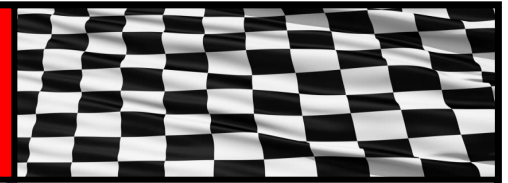
J. W., known as J Dub to his friends and family, was born on April 10, 1973, in Seattle. The fabled Sammamish Slough race was scheduled for April 8. John Myers wanted to compete in the Slough race and he was worried that his wife, Kathy, would give birth to J. W. in conflict with the race. “It was a big concern for my dad, that I was going to show up on the Slough race day,” J. W. explains with a laugh. “Fortunately, that worked out. I know he never won the race, but it was his favorite race.”

John Myers began racing in the A Runabout class in 1959. “Grandpa started racing probably in ‘62 or ‘63,” J. W. says. “It was a few years before my grandpa started racing. My grandpa only raced for about 10 years or so. My grandmother did not race.”

J. W. tells how his family became friends with Howard and Jan Shaw. “Howard got into racing because my dad was dating Howard’s sister. I think Howard was about five or six years younger than my dad. Howard came around, hanging out with my dad. I have videos of Howard at my grandparents’ house. He is riding shotgun with my grandparents, leaving to go to the race. I never knew this until I saw the 8 mm film. Howard had a ‘59 El Camino they put his A Runabout on. I’ve got a photo of it somewhere; it’s really cool.”



## Member Profile



The earliest memories that J. W. has of outboard racing was as a spectator at the Slough races. “I was a three- or four-year-old kid, sitting underneath the hood of my mom’s Volkswagen bug, watching the boat race.”

John Myers built outboard boats that his family drove. “My dad built my brother, Dick, a boat in ‘78. He ran that for a couple of seasons. Greg Hopp had actually run that boat as well, when he was running J. I started in ‘82,” J. W. remembers. “I had my brother’s first boat. My dad had built my brother a second boat in 1980 or ‘81. Then when I started in ‘82, I had his back-up engine and his previous boat. In ‘83 my brother didn’t race, so I got the so-called ‘good boat’ and was able to get Region High Points a couple times with that. My brother had done it as well, in J Hydro. We didn’t have a J Runabout class in the Northwest in the early ‘80s. Maybe once Mike Jones showed up with a whole fleet of J Hydros and J Runabouts and we’d all get put into boats. I ran J Runabout, I think, twice. My little sister, Kay, has the second J boat. That was her first race boat.”

J. W. moved up through a variety of outboard classes. “Eventually I started running 25SS with the long tower Mercury with a modern motor,” he says. “25 Runabout with the short Merc was definitely my favorite as I was growing up. I always wanted a really fast 1100 Runabout, which came much later.” J. W. says his racing heroes ran 1100 Runabout. He lists the names: “Robert Waite, Howard Anderson, Howard Shaw, my dad,

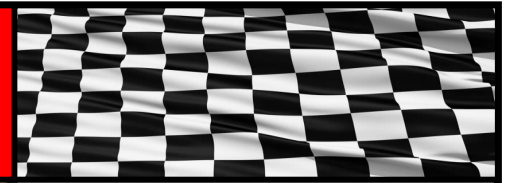
Jim Rea from Idaho, Jim Allen, and Kevin Christianson. There were a lot of really cool 1100 Runabouts in this region in the early and middle 1980s. That was always my thing.”



*At the Slough Exhibition April 11, 2026, J. W. Myers, talking with veteran outboard racer Drew Thompson. Photo by Craig Fjarlie*



## Member Profile



One of his fondest memories was winning a heat of 1100 Runabout at the Nationals in Constantine. “Chad Eagon and I worked on this thing for a long time to get it right, get it consistent. I built and designed a unique boat, my gear and propeller combination was unique, everything about it was unique. I only won one heat, but I drove through traffic in a full field. I remember Austin VanOver won that year. I got third or fourth—I don’t recall—but winning that single heat race was the coolest thing.”

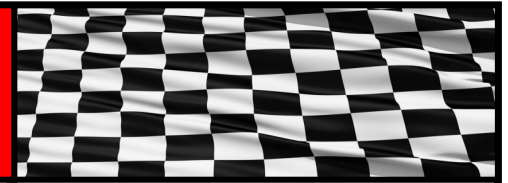
“I always wanted to drive an Unlimited hydroplane, like any other kid that grew up in Seattle, had gone through Seattle Outboard, and all that stuff,” J. W. admits. The opportunity came in 2003. Greg Hopp had been driving an Unlimited for Fred Leland. He was injured at a race in Madison, Indiana, and Leland needed a substitute driver when the series moved to Tri-Cities, Washington. J. W. finished the season driving for Leland.



*J. W. Myers' favorite class was 1100 Runabout in the PRO category. Here he races the R-7 in 350 Hydro at the 2010 UIM Worlds, Lake Alfred, Florida. Photo Credit: ©F. Peirce Williams 2010*



## Member Profile



J. W. later drove an Unlimited Light hydroplane and Unlimited hydroplanes. Initially, he worked on the crew of *Miss Budweiser*, starting in 1995. "I was the lead lug nut polisher and I was low level," he remarks. A couple of years later he worked on the crew of the Unlimited owned by Mike and Lori Jones, where he met driver Mike Weber. Following that, J. W. worked on the crew of Ken Muscatel's Unlimited. Jim Bakke introduced J. W. to Bob Larimore, owner of the Unlimited Light *Pegasus*, UL-23. Larimore gave J. W. a chance to drive the boat in San Diego. "With the exception of a 45SS, I'd never driven a race boat sitting down." Weber was on the radio and talked him through his first test laps. J. W. later drove the boat in competition.

In 2004, J. W. drove the Unlimited *Llumar* for Bill Wurster, who years before had raced outboards with Seattle Outboard Association. Then in 2005 he drove the Unlimited *Miss Elam Plus* for Erick Ellstrom. He scored a win at the regatta in Madison, Indiana. J. W. drove intermittently in the Unlimited class for a few more years, but by 2017 he knew he no longer had the passion for it and decided it was time to stop.

J. W. currently lives in North Carolina, but he remains involved with racing primarily as a boat builder. "I did a lot of J Hydros for the HRL in the Montreal area. They have a lot of those boats up there." He is also working on boats with electric power for Princeton University. "We set the electric kilo speed record of 114 in 2023, with Jon Peeters driving. I built them a new boat that should be well north of 140," he predicts. Peeters, a champion who competed against J. W. in outboard races, will be the driver for the next speed record attempt.

The many connections that J. W. Myers made through his racing family have given him a lifetime of friendships and success in his pursuits. His experience confirms what Jan Shaw stated about her racing friends: "That's family, and that is really important."

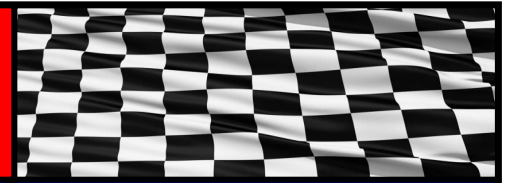
J. W. would certainly agree.



*A lot to smile about in J.W. Myers' racing career.  
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# A Look Back to 2012



As a tribute to long time Pit Previews Editor John Paramore who passed away in March, we are publishing his June 2012 copy of the SOA Pit Previews provided by another past editor Kyle Bahl. Fourteen years later, his copy has stood the test of time and could be published again today with very minimal changes. So take a look back at what was going on in June 2012 and enjoy John's work once again.



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### Cullaby!

Saturday 23 June 2012 :

**J-Hydro:**

- 1 Ryan Gowin Kent, WA
- 2 Jared Kaiser North Plains, OR
- 3 Maddy Martin Blk Diamond, WA

**K-PRO:**

- 1 Colin Rucker Mtlk Terr, WA
- 2 Daniel Korpe Kent, WA
- 3 Ryan Gowin Kent, WA
- 4 Ryan Thompson Renton, WA

**AX-Hydro:**

- 1 Jared Kaiser North Plains, OR
- 2 Ryan Thompson Renton, WA

**AX-Runabout:**

- 1 Sherri Hathaway Beaverton, OR
- 2 Jared Kaiser North Plains, OR
- 3 Daniel Korpe Kent, WA

**A-Stock Hydro:**

- 1 Aaron Peterson Renton, WA
- 2 Olivia Valentine Chehalis, WA
- 3 J Michael Kelly Puyallup, WA

**A-Stock Runabout:**

- 1 J Michael Kelly Puyallup, WA
- 2 Shane Thompson Renton, WA
- 3 Olivia Valentine Chehalis, WA



**20ss Hydro:**

- 1 Mike Perman Maple Valley, WA
- 2 Shane Thompson Renton, WA
- 3 David Sullivan Sequim, WA

**25ss Runabout:**

- 1 Mike Perman Maple Valley, WA
- 2 Kyle Hannon Hillsboro, OR
- 3 Aaron Salmon Shoreline, WA

**C-Racing Runabout:**

- 1 Jim Nilsen Edgewood, WA
- 2 Allen Thorsen Hillsboro, OR
- 3 Gene Laes Pt Townsend, WA

**C-Service Runabout:**

- 1 Jim Nilsen Edgewood, WA
- 2 Anne Baggenstos North Plains, OR
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## Cullaby Lake continued from Page 1

### Novice-C Hydro:

- 1 Ken McMurphy Happy Valley, OR
- 2 Glen Wesanko, Victoria BC
- 3 David Sullivan Sequim, WA

### C-Stock Hydro:

- 1 Kyle Bahl Snohomish, WA
- 2 Kyle Lewis Seattle, WA
- 3 Zach Malhiot Bremerton, WA

### C-Stock Runabout:

- 1 Kyle Bahl Snohomish, WA
- 2 Zach Malhiot Bremerton, WA
- 3 Drew Thompson Mukilteo, WA

### C-Mod Hydro:

- 1 John Maroney LaConner, WA
- 2 Aaron Peterson Renton, WA
- 3 Kyle Bahl Snohomish, WA

### OSY400

- 1 John Maroney LaConner, WA
- 2 John Peeters Arlington, WA
- 3 Kay Brewer Snohomish, WA

### D-Stock Hydro:

- 1 Daren Goehring Marysville, WA
- 2 John Peeters Arlington, WA
- 3 Bill Dingman Scapoose, OR

### 250cc Hydro:

- 1 Doug Reed Amanda Park, WA

### 350cc Hydro:

- 1 Kay Brewer Lk Stevens, WA
- 2 Zach Malhiot Bremerton, WA
- 3 Lee Tietze Canby, OR

### 45sst:

- 1 Daren Goehring Marysville, WA
- 2 J Michael Kelly Puyallup, WA
- 3 Jason Diamond, Kent WA

## Sunday 24 June 2012

### J-Hydro:

- 1 Ryan Gowin Kent, WA
- 2 Jared Kaiser North Plains, OR
- 3 Maddy Martin Blk Diamond, WA

### K-PRO

- 1 Colin Rucker Mtlk Terr, WA
- 2 Ryan Thompson Renton, WA
- 3 Ryan Gowin Kent, WA

### AX-Hydro:

- 1 Colin Rucker Mtlk Terr, WA
- 2 Ryan Thompson Renton, WA
- 3 Daniel Korpe Kent, WA

### AX-Runabout:

- 1 Ryan Thompson Renton, WA
- 2 Daniel Korpe Kent, WA
- 3 Ashley Rucker Mtlk Terr, WA

### A-Stock Hydro:

- 1 Olivia Valentine Chehalis, WA
- 2 Jared Martin Blk Diamond, WA
- 3 Mike Bartlett Forest Grove, OR

### A-Stock Runabout:

- 1 Kelly Hannon Hillsboro, OR
- 2 Shane Thompson Renton, WA
- 3 Brian Perkins

### 20ss Hydro:

- 1 Jerzee Holman Lk Stevens, WA
- 2 Ryan Johnson Renton, WA
- 3 Erik bender Bellevue, WA

### 25ss Runabout:

- 1 Mike Perman Maple Valley, WA
- 2 Kyle Hannon Hillsboro, OR
- 3 Shane Thompson Renton, WA

### C-Racing Hydro:

- 1 Allen Thorsen Hillsboro, OR
- 2 Jim Nilsen Edgewood, WA
- 3 Aaron Salmon Shoreline, WA

### C-Service Runabout:

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- 2 Glen Wesanko, Victoria BC
- 3 Ashley Rucker Mtlk Terr, WA

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- 2 Kyle Lewis Seattle, WA
- 3 Ryan Johnson, Renton WA

### C-Stock Runabout:

- 1 Kyle Bahl Snohomish, WA
- 2 Mike Perman Maple Valley, WA
- 3 Pat Gleason Lakewood, WA

### C-Mod Hydro:

- 1 John Maroney LaConner, WA
- 2 Aaron Peterson Renton, WA
- 3 Kyle Bahl Snohomish, WA

### OSY400

- 1 Jerzee Holman Lk Stevens, WA
- 2 Kay Brewer Snohomish, WA
- 3 John Maroney LaConner, WA

### :D-Stock Hydro:

- 1 Daren Goehring Marysville, WA
- 2 John Peeters Arlington, WA
- 3 Dave Anderson Kirkland, WA

### Formula-E Hydro:

- 1 Mark Allen Salem, OR

### 250cc Hydro:

- 1 Doug Reed Amanda Park, WA

### 350cc Hydro:

- 1 Zach Malhiot Bremerton, WA
- 2 Aaron Salmon Shoreline, WA
- 3 Kay Brewer Lk Stevens, WA

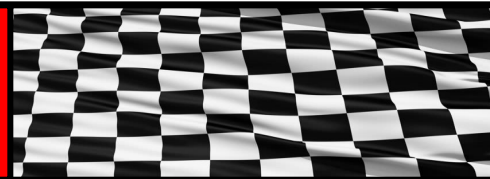
### 45sst:

- 1 J Michael Kelly Puyallup, WA
- 2 Jason Diamond, Kent WA
- 3 Daren Goehring Marysville, WA





# A Look Back to 2012



## Silver Lake Everett

Saturday 2 June 2012

### J-Hydro:

- 1 Ryan Gowin Kent, WA
- 2 Maddy Martin Blk Diamond, WA
- 3 Ryan Thompson Renton, WA

### K-PRO:

- 1 Colin Rucker Mtlk Terr, WA
- 2 Daniel Korpe Kent, WA
- 3 Ryan Thompson Renton, WA

### AX-Hydro:

- 1 Daniel Korpe Kent, WA
- 2 Ryan Thompson Renton, WA
- 3 Colin Rucker Mtlk Terr, WA

### A-Stock Hydro:

- 1 Daniel Korpe Kent, WA
- 2 Aaron Peterson Renton, WA
- 3 Colin Rucker Mtlk Terr, WA

### A-Stock Runabout:

- 1 Olivia Valentine Chehalis, WA
- 2 Jared Martin Blk Diamond, WA
- 3 Shane Thompson Renton, WA

### C-Racing Runabout:

- 1 Jim Nilsen Edgewood, WA
- 2 Allen Thorsen Hillsboro, OR
- 3 Alan Reick Edmonds, WA

### 20ss Hydro:

- 1 Eric Bender Bellevue, WA
- 2 Ryan Johnson Renton, WA
- 3 Ken McMurphy Happy Valley, OR

### Novice-C Hydro:

- 1 Mike Harmon Lacey, WA
- 2 Dave Salmon Shoreline, WA
- 3 Ron Magnuson Brier, WA

### C-Stock Hydro:

- 1 Kyle Lewis Seattle, WA
- 2 Kyle Bahl Snohomish, WA
- 3 John Peeters, Arlington WA

### C-Stock Runabout:

- 1 Kyle Bahl Snohomish, WA
- 2 Zach Malhiot Bremerton, WA
- 3 Drew Thompson Mukilteo, WA

### OSY400:

- 1 Jerzee Holman Lk Stevens, WA
- 2 John Peeters, Arlington WA
- 3 John Maroney LaConner, WA

### D-Stock Hydro:

- 1 Dave Anderson Kirkland, WA
- 2 Daren Goehring Marysville, WA
- 3 Todd Cragin Kirkland, WA

### S/E Open Hydro:

- 1 Daren Goehring Marysville, WA
- 1 Troy holmberg Edmonds, WA
- 2 Bill Dingman Scapoose, OR

## Sights @ Silver Lake:

Immediately right, Craig Fjarlie takes his Trusty Bergercraft D out of retirement for a gallop. and a soaking wet Mike Harmon celebrates his first win.



Below right, Daren Goehring leads Troy holmberg to win the Open Hydro Special event.

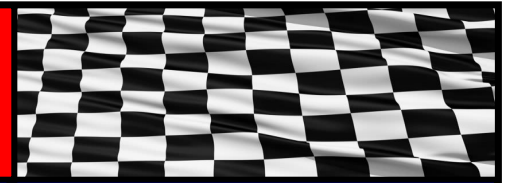


Top Right Kathy Myers Shows off Grand Daughter Lexi. If History and genetics kick in, the J-boys might be in serious trouble in about 8 years





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## CALENDAR

August 28th SOA Membership meeting. 7:30 p.m., Kirkland Eagles, 258 Central Way Kirkland, WA

September 11th SOA Board meeting 7:30 p.m., Kirkland Eagles, 258 Central Way Kirkland, WA

September 25th SOA Membership meeting. 7:30 p.m., Kirkland Eagles, 258 Central Way Kirkland, WA

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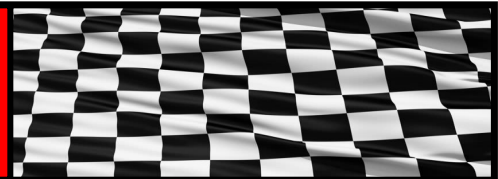
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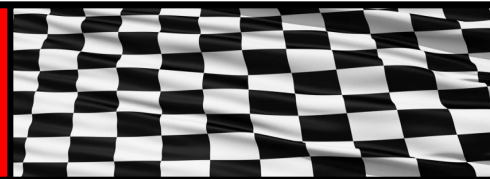
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## 2012 Class Reps

**JSH/JSR - Maddy Martin**

**K-Pro H - Ryan Thompson**

**ASH/ASR - Shane Thompson**

**ASXH/AXSR - Jared Martin**

**NOVICE C - Ron Magnuson**

**20ssH/CSH/OSY400**

Jim Nilsen

Jonathan Nilsen

**25ssH - Mike Bartlett**

**CSR/25ssR - Kyle Bahl**

**CMH/CMR - John Maroney**

**DSH - Dave Anderson**

**DMH/FEH - JW Myers**

**45ss - Jason Diamond**

**175/250/350H Zach Malhiot**

**500R/1100R - Dwight Malhiot**

**500/700/1100H - Cory Peabody**

**C-ServR/H - C-RacR/H - George Thornhill**



## 2012 SOA/CORA SCHEDULE

May 5/6	Silver Lk	Castle Rock, WA ●◆
May 19/20	With Inboards	Moses Lk, WA ▲
May 26/27	Willamette R	Newberg, OR ■
June 2	Silver Lk	Everett, WA
June 23-24	Cullaby Lake	Seaside, OR ●
July 14/15	American Lake	Tillicum, WA ●
Aug 25/26	Silver Lk	Eatonville, WA ●
Sep 8/9	Moses Lake	Moses Lk, WA ●
Sep 21/22-23	Lawrence Lk	Yelm, WA
Oct 13/14	D-Lake Kilos	Lincoln City, OR
Babcock race (Sunday) - - - - - ●		
Babcock race (Alternate/Tiebreaker, Sunday) ■		

▲ Classes: J-Hydro, 20ss Hydro, C-Stock Hydro, OSY-400, C-Stock Runabout, D-Stock Hydro  
Records course

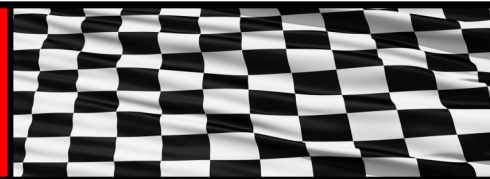
◆ New site replacing Mayfield Lk, MossyRock, WA

The spring Inboard Lawrence regatta was cancelled due to costs. In its place, inboard has scheduled an event at Moses Lake on May 18th and 20th with a records course that's open to the outboard classes noted above with ▲

Note that the date fills in for Kitsap Lake, which has been cancelled this year to accomodate a major construction project that will occupy the open area we've been using as pits.



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John Paramore, Editor



## Floyd Givens Equipment Fund

SOA's equipment fund is named in memory of Floyd Givens, who maintained our radios and worked for the club up to his passing.

**New for July, Thanks to Mike Zonich for stepping up with a \$50 donation to the Equipment Fund.**

Ashley and Colin Rucker began the fund with money donated from their savings accounts and members are encouraged to follow Ashley and Colin's lead by contacting Sheryl Rucker with donations in Floyd's memory.



<http://www.seattleoutboard.org>

Membership applications can be Downloaded from the SOA Website or through contacting John Paramore at the address, phone, or e-mail address noted above.

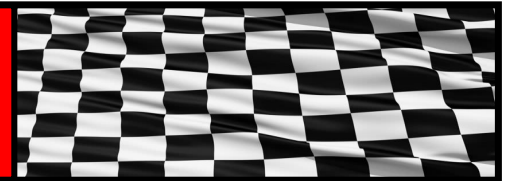
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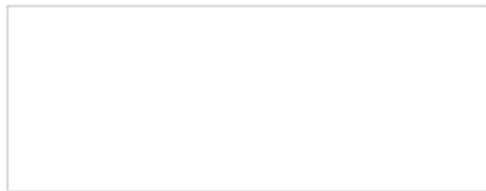
**SOA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 28th, 7:30 PM  
KIRKLAND EAGLES 258 CENTRAL WAY, KIRKLAND, WA**



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*The Next General Meeting is at 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday August 28th at the Kirkland Eagles  
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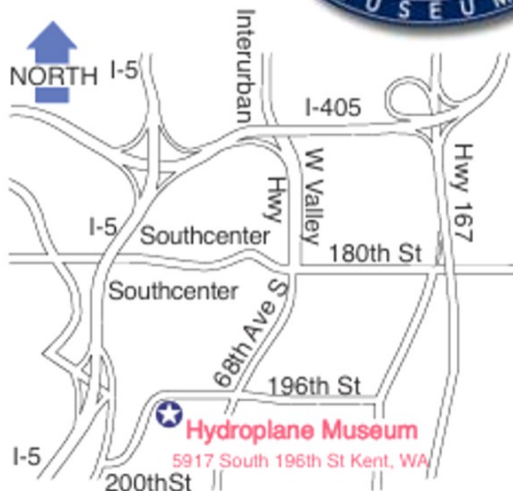


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