

District 7 Propwash

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Directors Message

The 2004 season is getting started out on the West Coast. Dale Roberts, Hank Mullin, Jerry Wright, Gary Gould and I, traveled out to Scottsdale, Arizona to race with NAMBA District 19. Lenny Blake was the Contest Director and he put on a great race with 145 boats entered. Several District 19 boaters have expressed interest in coming out to race with us during the season in Carlsbad.

At the annual meeting in October 2003, Hank Mullin stepped down as District Director. A vote was held for his replacement and I was chosen. I have been active in the district since rejoining in 2000. I am always open to suggestions and hope that we can all work together to help this district grow.

Gary Gould was appointed the Assistant Director. Jerry Wright, Tom Balliet and Jim Pelezo all kept their respective positions.

The Rules Director position is a new position that was created to oversee the documentation of current rules in use as well as the implementation of any new rules in the future. Bob Deavers of Fort Worth has accepted this position.

Dale Roberts of Albuquerque accepted the Nitro Chairman position. He will oversee the running of the Nitro (inboard and outboard) classes within our district.

The race turnout in 2003 was down from that in 2002. At the annual meeting, a ruling was passed so that NO RACES will be dropped in the District Points Championship in 2004.

In 2004, NAMBA District 7 will have the Competition Marine Design and BH Hanson Highpoints Championship. This new series will be run in conjunction with the standard District Highpoints. More information on this series can be found within the Propwash. Along with the highpoints rules, you will also find the 2004 District Race Schedule. 6 District Races are slated for 2004, and I hope to see each and everyone of you there.

NAMBA Membership Renewal

Its that time again. Don't forget to renew your NAMBA membership for the 2004 Season.

If you wait too long, there is a chance you will lose your current NAMBA Number.

Membership cards will be checked at the first race of the season in Andrews, Texas. Make sure you have your card with you when you attend each and every race.

You can download a Membership form from the National Website at www.namba.com or from the District Website at www.namba7.com.

DISTRICT 7 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, October 25, 2003
The Elks Club, Carlsbad New Mexico

The 2003 District 7 Annual Meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by District Director Hank Mullin.

1. District 7 Treasurer's Report & 2003 NAMBA Nationals Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jerry Wright presented the Treasurer's Report. District 7 has an account balance of \$2,600.00.

The NAMBA Nationals bank account has a balance of \$5,017.00. After paying NAMBA Headquarters back for the \$1000.00 seed money and another \$473.00 for boat entry fees, we are left with \$3,600.00. A motion was passed to donate \$1,000.00 to the City of Carlsbad for its help with the Nationals and for the work of Jill Higgins on that event. A motion was also passed to reimburse Gary Gould \$150.00 for repairs to his boat which was used during the Nationals. After these expenses, approximately \$2,500.00 will be left to put into the District 7 treasury.

Gary and Loretta Gould will contact Jil Higgins to determine where the City of Carlsbad wants to apply the \$1,000.00 District 7 donation.

2. 2004 Race Schedule Committee

Jay Stone suggested that a committee from each race site group meet to establish the schedule for next year. The suggested committee would be:

Andrews/Odessa	Jim Pelezo
Lubbock	Greg Wood
Carlsbad/El Paso	Gary Gould
Ft. Worth	Bob Deavers

With Tentative Sites at Amarillo and Clovis to be considered.

3. Proposed District 7 Operation Guidelines

A motion passed approving these Guidelines, with the Boat Rules Director in charge of refining them.

4. Election of Officers

By unanimous vote, Jay Stone was elected District 7 Director. He will appoint the other Directors and Officers for his term.

5. Other Business

A motion passed to count all races during the year, so that no races will be eliminated during the racing season. The finals will not be weighted and will count as one race.

It was proposed that District 7 run five rounds for each race instead of four. The Rules Committee and the Race Committee will discuss this proposal and give their recommendation at a later date. Running five rounds was contingent upon their being enough time in the day to run the extra round. Objecting was the out of town people who have a long way to drive on Sunday.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Hank Mullin
District 7 Director

Safety Directors Message

- Tom Balliet

Another racing season has ended. Many of us are now repairing our old boats and building a few new ones. Some of us may be testing at the pond. Please keep in mind that while the race season may have ended, the season for safety continues 365 days a year.

The 2004 season is just around the corner. With new boaters entering races, let's make a conscious effort to help them learn safety first and foremost. We want these racers to enjoy their new hobby.

I only have 2 eyes and 2 ears. In 2004 I ask that you help lend your eyes and ears to the safety effort. If you see a safety concern, please say something. It does not matter who the person is, myself included. Please do not let the concern go unmentioned. Sometimes in the heat of racing someone may forget a safety rule, please speak out and let's become a district that is proactive when it comes to safety.

I hope that everyone has a very Happy New Year, and I ask that we all work together to make 2004 a safe season.

Club News - Lubbock Powerboaters

-Keith Todd

Hello from Lubbock. A few changes within our club have taken place. Greg Wood resigned as president. All new elections were held, and I was voted in as President, Stan Stallings as Vice President, David Stallings as Secretary/Treasurer. 2003 was a rough year for our club. We now have 3 new members, giving us 10 members in the club. We are all excited about 2004 and our race on May 22-23. We hope to beat the heat. The race will still be at Buster Long Park. We have a new local sponsor and will be raffling off a few items. I plan to display the items and start selling tickets in Andrews. We are also looking at giving away door prizes. I look forward to seeing everyone again. You can email me at k2racing04@aol.com

Club News - Rio Grande Racers

- Jay Stone

The Rio Grande Racers will be hosting 3 Races in 2004. With no water in El Paso available for our use, we have adopted Carlsbad as our second home. We were originally planning to have 2 races in Carlsbad in 2004, but with the Fort Worth club deciding to not host a race in 2004, that left an open date for us to take in June.

The club has gained 5 new members. Sandy Balliet, JC Greenlee, Victor Fulladosa, Gary and Loretta Gould are now new members of the Rio Grande Racers. Our membership count is now up to 15 members. The 2004 Officers have been elected, Tom Balliet will remain President, while Al Giron will take over as Vice President and Sandy Balliet will take over the Secretary/Treasurer duties.

The club is currently searching for water in El Paso to use for local functions. Our next club meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 17 @ 6:30 pm at Griggs Restaurant, 9007 Montana Avenue. More info can be found on our website at <http://www.namba7.com/rgr>

Club News - Odessa Radio Control Association

- Steve Harrison

The 2003 race season is finished and everyone is in the cleanup, repair and/or refurbish mode for the 2004 season. And be assured that there probably are some new hulls in the planning stage or on the work bench right now!

Congrats to all the District 7 competitors and winners for the 2003 season from the ORCA crew!

Our first club meeting of 2004 is scheduled for the second Saturday in January and that is when we traditionally elect new officers for the year. Other items we will be working on is absorbing a local radio control car club which will more than double our present membership. Also, we will be working to improve our present club pond in 2004 (the addition of water would be a big step).

See y'all at the first race of 2004 in April at Andrews.



2004 Race Schedule

<u>Function:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Club:</u>	<u>Contest Director:</u>
Race #1	April 24-25	Andrews, Texas	ORCA	Steve Harrison (432) 367-1560
Race #2	May 22-23	Lubbock, Texas	LPBA	Keith Todd (806) 797-0996
Race #3	June 19-20	Carlsbad, NM	RGR	Jay Stone (915) 877-3412
NATS	July 10-17	El Monte, CA	District 19	Tony Rhodes (310) 549-6810
Race #4	August 21-22	Carlsbad, NM	RGR	Tom Balliet (915) 751-9372
Race #5	September 25-26	Andrews, TX	ORCA	Steve Harrison (432) 367-1560
FINALS	October 9-10	Carlsbad, NM	RGR	Gary Gould (505) 382-2197

All races count towards district championship. No Races will be dropped for the 2004 Race Season.

Other Area Races...

In 2004 there will be several races around the area that do not interfere with our race schedule. The season out west will get started in February with a Nitro (Outboard/Inboard) race taking place in Scottsdale, Arizona on February 21-22. The Tucson Model Boaters will be holding a Gas Race on April 3-4. That weekend is the weekend we wanted to start off our race season, but with the NASCAR Race at Texas Motor Speedway and the Tucson race - we decided to start later on in April. The Tucson Model Boaters will also be hosting a Nitro (Inboard/Outboard) race on April 17-18.

The North Texas Model Power Boaters host their Annual Muscular Dystrophy Race on September 4 & 5. This is an IMPBA Event and draws many of the best boaters in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. This is a great race!

On September 18 the Southern California Scale Thunderboat Association will be hosting the Muncy Memorial Cup. This race is run in conjunction with the Full Size Unlimited's. This Race is held in San Diego California in Mission Bay. Unlimited Lights (Sport 40's) and 1/8th Scale Classes draw nearly 70 entries. Entry to this race gets you full admission to the Unlimited Races.



NAMBA District 7 has purchased 4 engines to be given away at the District Finals. Competition Marine Design has stepped in as a title sponsor and helped us with a 20 MAC Outboard Powerhead, MAC 45sf Inboard Engine and a MAC 67 Inboard Engine. BH Hanson has also stepped in as a title sponsor and has helped us with a Stock G-260 Zenoah Engine. We appreciate the support of these fine companies. We ask that if you order anything from these two sponsors, that you please let them know that you appreciate their support and that you are a participant in their High Points Championship in NAMBA District 7.

Championship Series Rules:

Top 3 from the following divisions:

- 1) All outboard classes
- 2) .20 & .40 Size Classes
- 3) .60 & .90 Size Classes
- 4) Gas Classes

Must attend the District Finals to be eligible

No more than 2 of 3 three highpoint contestants can come from the same class

Chances of winning are weighted as follows:

- Earn 1 chip for finishing Top 3 in Points.
- Earn 5 chips for attending all district races.
- Earn 1 chip for every 1st place heat race finish.

Outboard Class Breakdown:

The top 3 eligible contestants from the following classes (A OPC, A MOD OPC, B OPC, B MOD OPC) will use their chips in a drawing for a brand new in the box Competition Marine Design MAC 21 Outboard Power Head.

20-40 Class Breakdown:

The top 3 eligible contestants from the following classes (A Mono, A Hydro, B Mono, B Hydro & Sport 40) will use their chips in a drawing for a brand new in the box Competition Marine Design MAC 45.

60-90 Class Breakdown:

The top 3 eligible contestants from the following classes (C Mono, C Hydro, X Mono, X Hydro, Sport 60 & Open Nitro Cat) will use their chips in a drawing for a brand new in the box Competition Marine Design MAC 67.

Gas Class Breakdown:

The top 3 eligible contestants from the following classes (G1 Mono, G1 Catamaran, Open Crackerbox, G1 Hydro, GX1 Catamaran, Open Gas) will use their chips in a drawing for a brand new in the box Zenoah G260 Gas Engine.

NAMBA District 7 Rules

General Rules:

The District Final Meeting shall be held Saturday night of the District Finals Weekend.

There will be a fund to pay the District Director for all reasonable expenses incurred. This will include postage, telephone, and other necessary expenses.

The District Treasury will be used only for expenses incurred by the District for awards, newsletter and expenses by the District Director as written in the District by-laws. The treasury will not be used to cover expenses or be a loaning institution for race sites. Those expenses will be the responsibility of the CD of those sites, whether prepaid in advance or due upon race day.

District 7 entries shall be \$12.00 per racer and \$5.00 per boat. \$3.00 per racer and \$2.00 per boat goes to the district treasury. Kid's class entries race free with current NAMBA membership.

District 7 Finals entries shall be \$15.00 per racer and \$7.00 per boat. \$3.00 per racer and \$3.00 per boat goes to the district treasury. Kid's class entries race free with current NAMBA membership.

In case of a point tie upon completion of 4 rounds, the 1st place tied boaters will run a 5th round (runoff) to determine a winner. Any runoffs will be determined according to heat racing rules. There will be no points awarded for the runoff. Boaters can also elect to flip a coin.

Unless advertised otherwise, the accepted deadline for entering a district race will be 9:00 PM Wednesday preceding the race. All entries received after this deadline may be accepted but a class will not be considered a legal class to be counted for championship points if there were not 3 entries prior to the 9:00 PM Deadline.

NO Races are dropped when counting the District Championship.

For a class to be counted for District Championship awards, it must make a minimum of 3/5 of district races.

Prop guards must be present on boat stand or starting table. Use of starting equipment for prop guard is not allowed. The District will provide a few prop guards for use, but it is your responsibility to make sure you have one for use on your starting table.

Tables must all face same direction. Prop guards shall be on the end of the table opposite the waters edge. All boats must be started with the front of the boats pointing towards the water.

All boats must be started off of a boat stand. Boat must be completely on the table while being started.

The Hot Pit Area shall not be used as a cold pits as well. No occupancy of the hot pits will be allowed to work on boats while heats are running.

Any race in which gas classes are running, a fire extinguisher must be accessible to racers in the hot pits.

Transmitters must conform to FCC, AMA, and NAMBA rules. No vision obstructing flags may be attached to antennas.

Frequency ID must be attached to the transmitter body or antenna base.

And driver or pit person drinking alcoholic beverages before he is finished participating for the day, shall be disqualified with loss of all points earned for the day. There shall be no alcohol in the PIT AREA prior to the awards ceremony.

Novice class will be offered at all district races. You may run Inboard Mono, Outboard Mono or Tunnel Hulls, but no cats or hydros. A novice boater must move out of novice class after he/she has won 5 races.

The CD will determine number of boats run per heat with the lake size in mind.

No Gas Powered boats shall be allowed to run in the same heat as nitro powered boats at sanctioned events.

All sanctioned events shall have at least one restroom facility available, whether permanent or portable. Facilities must be clean. Failure to provide a facility will result in being denied a sanction for the following year.

All outboard engine upgrades and / or changes by the manufacturer must be available to the general public for 60 days before the changes become legal.

If it is discovered that a boater raced without current NAMBA membership at a sanctioned event, that boater will not be allowed to participate in any District 7 sanctioned events for one year from the date of discovery.

District 7 offers an OPEN Nitro Catamaran Class. This allows for any size catamaran powered by any size nitro engine to compete. The use of engine cowling is preferred, but not mandatory.

District 7 does not allow Nitro Catamarans to compete in the A, B, C or X Hydro Classes.

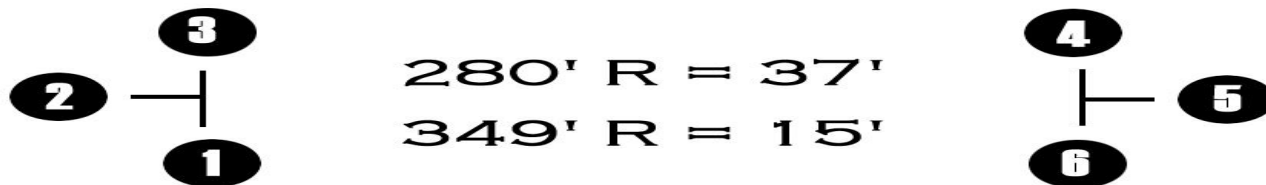
Any individual entering a race and not paying the entry fees will NOT be allowed to enter, race or receive District points at ANY event until the entries are paid.

Trophies and / or plaques will be awarded at the end of the race day.

RACE RULES:

Maximum allowable noise limit shall be 92 db measured by the District db meter placed 50 feet back from the shoreline.

District 7 calls races based on buoy number. Buoy 1-2-3 for the first turn and buoy 4-5-6 for the second turn. The race course used by the district is the 3-buoy turn course.



STANDARD 6 LAP COURSE

For safety purposes only, a pit person may momentarily assume driving responsibilities during a race if the driver becomes incapacitated. If the driver cannot resume his position within 1 lap, the boat shall be brought in and 0 / 25 points awarded as earned.

A heat may be restarted prior to the start of the 30 second clock should a safety or course obstruction be present. No records may be set on the restart.

Any boat hitting a safety net or going ashore out of control at ANY TIME during a race, CANNOT be re-launched and will only receive 0 / 25 points as earned.

Brushing or touching of buoys will result in a lap penalty.

All District Heat races will use a half course mill, with all boat launches and re-launches initially going around turn one.

The following classes will be offered at each District race:

Saturday:

B Mono, X Mono, B Hydro, C Hydro, B OPC Mod Tunnel, A OPC Tunnel, Sport 40, Sport 60, Open Crackerbox, G1 Mono, G1 Catamaran, Novice Class, Kid's Class

Sunday:

A Mono, C Mono, A Hydro, X Hydro, B OPC Tunnel, A OPC Mod Tunnel, Open Nitro Catamaran, GX1 Catamaran, Open Gas, G1 Hydro

2003 Point Series Champions

A-OPC Tunnel	-	Jim Pelezo
B-OPC Tunnel	-	Greg Wood
B-OPC Mod Tunnel	-	Dale Roberts
A Mono	-	Bob Deavers
B Mono	-	Jerry Wright
C Mono	-	Creston Watson
X Mono	-	Dale Roberts
A Hydro	-	Dale Roberts
B Hydro	-	Dale Roberts
C Hydro	-	Jay Stone
X Hydro	-	Tom Balliet
Open Nitro Catamaran	-	Dale Roberts
GX-1 Catamaran	-	Jerry Wright
Open Gas	-	Rip Holdridge
G1 Mono	-	Rip Holdridge
Crackerbox	-	Steve Sides
Eli Points	-	Dale Roberts

Miscellaneous...

- Jay Stone

It is my goal to send out quarterly newsletters. I would like to send out another newsletter right before the Nationals. If you have any thing you would like to write about, please feel free to submit the article to me. I am looking for Tech Tidbits, Race Recaps, Funny Stories, etc.. Jack Garcia sent in a bunch of articles, in the next newsletter look for at least one article from him.

Speaking of Jack, he will soon be leaving the district. Jack and Rosie are moving to Orlando, Florida. We want to wish them the best and hope that they can withstand the horrible sunny weather. Jack has been a huge contributor to model boating and has always lent a helping hand.

Ray & Jim Strnad are also leaving District 7. They will soon be moving to North Carolina. Ray and Jim have kept racing alive in Andrews, Texas. We are surely going to miss them at the races. I would like to wish them the best.

I would like to also remind Club Presidents about NAMBA Rules. Please remember that NAMBA Rules apply to testing and play days. NO ALCOHOL/DRUG use will be tolerated. I hope that you will keep an eye on your club members and make sure that no members run any boats or pit for anyone after consuming alcohol. This includes one (1) beer. Zero tolerance is in effect on this issue district wide. I ask that we all work together to keep *our* district safe.

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West Texas & New Mexico *District 7*
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2004 General Race Entry Form

NAME: _____ **NAMBA #:** _____
ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____
STATE: _____ **ZIP:** _____
PHONE #: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

Saturday:				Sunday:			
Class:	Freq:	Alt:	Fee:	Class:	Freq:	Alt:	Fee:
A-OPC			\$5.00	A-OPC Mod			\$5.00
B-OPC Mod			\$5.00	B-OPC			\$5.00
B-Hydro			\$5.00	A-Mono			\$5.00
C-Hydro			\$5.00	C-Mono			\$5.00
Sport 40			\$5.00	A-Hydro			\$5.00
Sport 60			\$5.00	X-Hydro			\$5.00
B-Mono			\$5.00	Open Nitro Catamaran			\$5.00
X-Mono			\$5.00	G-1 Gas Hydro (No Cats)			\$5.00
Open Gas Crackerbox			\$5.00	GX-1 Gas Catamaran			\$5.00
G-1 Gas Mono			\$5.00	Open Gas (No Riggers)			\$5.00
G-1 Gas Catamaran			\$5.00				
Kids Class or Novice Class			Free				

Entry Fees are as Follows: \$12.00 for entry and \$5.00 per boat. \$12.00 entry is waived for Novice Class Entries, but the \$5.00 class fee is required. Kids class is free. Kids & Novice Racers must also have a current NAMBA membership.

NOTE: Entry for race can be made by phone, internet or by US Mail. You are not required to remit payment at the time of entry. Prior to the start of the race you must pay your entry in full. If you entered the race and do not show up, you must pay that entry before you can race another sanctioned race in the district. **NOTE: District Finals - \$15 per racer, \$7 per boat.**

_____ **Classes X \$5.00 + \$12.00 =** _____ **Total Amount Enclosed**



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See you at the Races!