All STOCK members of record as of October 31, 2006 and those of record two (2) weeks before the ballot mailing date shall be eligible to vote on the following proposal approved by the Stock Outboard Racing Commission. To be counted, the ballot with member's signature and membership card number must be returned in the enclosed envelope to the American Power Boat Association, P. O. Box 377, Eastpointe, MI 48021-0377, POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 29, 2007. Page numbers refer to the 2007 Stock Outboard rules.

The effective date will be November 1, 2007

PROPOSAL

Add a new Rule: Rule 21 - Administration -- add a NEW C, pg. 34

- A. In Order for a racing class to be recognized with National standing and be eligible for all awards for a racing season, there must be at least 35 participants in the preceding racing year.
- B. Participants will be defined as any driver who garnered points in a SO class during the racing year.
- C. Should a class not have 35 participants in a racing year, the class will be deemed a local/regional class for the next racing year. The class will not be eligible for National High Points, National Championships, Winter Nationals Championships, Divisional Championships, Waldman & Menzies Awards. Further, no activity in the class will count toward the Hall of Champion points.
- D. If the class reaches a minimum of 35 participants in the year it is designated as a local/regional class, it will be reinstated as a National class for the next year. If a SO class falls below 35 participants for 2 consecutive years, that class will remain as a Local/Divisional class and be placed on probation. To be removed from Probation and return to National standing for the next racing season, a class must meet the minimum of 35 participants during the Probationary year.

Reason: Currently Stock Outboard has no method for moving a class from national status to regional or local status based upon participation. The previous rule requiring a minimum number of 50 participants in order to participate at the closed course national championships the following year was removed from our rules several years ago. This rule would move any class that does not have at least 35 participants during the year from national status to local or regional status without any national awards for the following year. Based upon last year's participation numbers, 3 Stock Outboard Classes would be affected by this rule.

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