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RULE CHANGE BALLOT - STOCK OUTBOARD

All STOCK OUTBOARD members as of October 31, 2010 and those of record two (2) weeks before the ballot mailing date shall be eligible to vote on the following proposals approved by the Stock Racing Commissions. 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, 2011**. Effective date of all rule changes will be November 1, 2011 unless otherwise indicated.

Proposal 1: Add the following sentence to the end of Category Racing Rule 3, Records, paragraph 4: *Stock Outboard shall also recognize one-quarter (1/4) mile straightaway records. These record events must be run in the same manner as kilometer records except with the one-quarter mile distance and the entrant must run the equipment in "competition set-up"*.

Explanation: The APBA general racing rules already permit the establishment of one-quarter (1/4) mile straightaway records. However, Stock Outboard has never recognized these records. This proposal would recognize an already-approved APBA record.

149 Approve 89 Disapprove

Proposal 2: Change Category Racing Rule 25, Awards, paragraph 3(A)(2)(h) by adding the words (... *except a quarter mile straightaway record...*) so that one-quarter mile records would not qualify for additional Hall of Champions "bonus" points under the Stock Outboard Hall of Champions criteria.

Explanation: In the event Proposal 1 is approved by the members, this proposal would then not grant additional "bonus" points for the establishment or breaking of a quarter mile straightaway record for the Stock Outboard Hall of Champions. Currently, anyone who is otherwise eligible for the Hall of Champions can receive two (2) additional points for the setting a record. In the event Proposal 1 fails, Proposal 2 would be moot.

147 Approve 88 Disapprove

Proposal 3: Add a new paragraph 12 to Category Racing Rule 3, Records, which reads as follows:
12. *All current SO records are grandfathered. To establish a new record, the driver must establish a speed that is 95% of the grandfathered record. Once a new record for a particular course is established, it must thereafter be broken as set forth in the APBA General Racing Rules. Any record set at 95% of the old record would not be eligible for Hall of Champions "bonus" points.*

Explanation: Over the past two decades, all Stock Outboard Classes have had various rule changes for either safety or parity purposes or both which have slowed the speeds in the classes thereby making the establishment of new records in Stock Outboard virtually impossible. In fact, last year no Stock Outboard Records were broken. This proposal would set any new records at 95% of the existing ones. Thereafter, in order to set a new record, the old record would have to be set in the usual manner. This is a similar rule adopted in the PRO Category with respect to capsule classes.

155 Approve 80 Disapprove

Proposal 4: Add the following sentence to Rule 4, Start & Finish, paragraph 9: *At Stock Outboard Divisional and National Championships, in the event of a camera or film failure, the heat should be re-run.*

Explanation: This rule would not require the re-running of a heat in the event of a camera or film failure but would express the SORC's recommendation to the Referee that the heat should be re-run, if possible.

182 Approve 57 Disapprove

Proposal 5: Add a new paragraph 11 to Rule 11, Stock Outboard Marathons, as follows:

11. In the event a boat starts the heat but does not finish it, that boat shall be scored in the next available position behind all other boats which have finished the heat. In the event multiple boats start the heat but do not finish it, those boats not finishing shall place according to the distance in the heat they have traveled under power.

Explanation: This would allow boats that start a marathon heat but do not finish it to receive points according to the distance they travel under power during the heat. Currently, a failure to finish a heat would result in zero points being awarded to that boat regardless of the distance travelled.

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Disapprove
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Proposal 6: Change all appropriate Stock Outboard Rules so that the Category would have the following classes with the following engines eligible for competition in each class beginning with the 2014 racing season:

Class	Legal Engines	Weights	Restrictions/changes
ASR, ASH	Current engines (OMC, Merc, Sidewinder)	No change	No changes except those already approved by Parity Committee
BSR	Hot Rod A (15SS); Sidewinder 15H and 20S	No change	Reduction of Sidewinder 15H min.cc by 1.0 cc.
BSH	Same as BSR plus Yamato 80 and 302 with current restrictor	Same weight as existing for the engine use.	Same as BSR plus 1-3/8" height restriction for Sidewinder 20S
CSR	All current CSR and 25SSR engines. Engines with lighter weights, must use a restrictor (including Mercury)	Weight 475 lbs. 430 lbs uses 9/16" restrictor; 405 lbs uses 1/2" restrictor; HotRod, Sidewinder and Merc at 390lbs.	Changes recommended by Parity Committee
CSH	Use current engines plus Merc with restrictor	Yamato: current weight; Merc 415 lbs.	Changes recommended by Parity Comm.
DSR, DSH	Current engines	Current weights.	No changes unless recommended by Parity Comm.

Explanation: Stock Outboard Category membership has declined to critical levels, which no longer support 11 classes. To promote consistent National growth and rebuild the category and class membership contraction is necessary. The proposal is to support a class structure comprised of A, B, C, D classes in both Hydroplanes and runabouts. The class structure would be implemented in the 2014 racing season to allow racers to prepare for the transition. If the motion carries an oversight committee will be formed immediately to insure parity between the existing motors and new motors. The following table provides a basis for the class combinations that will meet the A,B,C,D format. If the motion carries all applicable rules to support the class structure will be modified.

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