



## AUSTRALIAN POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION

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To all State Councils and Affiliated Clubs

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Dear All,

At the National Meeting on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020 there were 2 Rule Changes that were discussed and agreed that even though Rule Changes cannot be accepted from State Councils and Clubs for a period of 2 years due the Rule Book being Frozen, changes made to the 2 following Rules were deemed as Safety Improvements, therefore discussed and moved by our National Safety Officer. The Outcome were as followed :

### **804 - Hulls and Machinery**

**804.26 - For Inboard Displacement & Drag Section Displacement Classes** – All Boats must be fitted with a ratchet-style gearbox release or free wheeling release, similar to an Algon/Stellings release, on the propeller shaft or gearbox output shaft.

### **1800 – Vintage / Veteran Rules**

**1804.1** The APBA Group 800 Safety Rules and the following safety matters apply to boats being put on the water. **Boats not exceeding 75mph are exempt from Rule 804.26**

These were voted on by the National Executives and Delegates at the meeting and were passed at 80% for the changes and 20% against or abstained from voting. Therefore they were passed due to Safety Concerns.

Please make sure all appropriate Clubs and members receive these Rule changes urgently as they are effective immediately.

Regards

Robyn Bull  
National Secretary  
On behalf of the Executives and Delegates of the National Council.