



AUSTRALIAN POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION
National Authority Affiliated with the Union Internationale Motonautique

National President: Glenn Banks

National Secretary: Marie Baker

AUGUST 2009 NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Alterations to Rule Book (Racing and Safety Rules)

- Motion No: 1** **Discuss Rule 605 Overtaking and Rule 604 Overlap**
- Reason:** With increasing speeds and the prevalence of reinforced cockpits, it seems to be asking drivers to judge 30, 36, 42 feet while also trying to check gauges, watch for flag and water conditions. In addition, there are always many differing and often confusing interpretation on these Rules.
- MOTION 1 – LEFT ON THE TABLE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.**
- Motion No: 2** **ADD as NEW Rule 606.06:**
- 606.06** In the event of an incident on the course, any boat travelling at race speed past the scene of an incident while under RED FLAG conditions will be disqualified from that heat.
- 34 in favour, 3 against – MOTION CARRIED**
- Motion No.: 3** **DELETE Rule 604.42 entirely.**
- 29 in favour, 7 against – MOTION CARRIED**
- Motion No: 4** **AMEND Rule 801.04 to read:**
- 801.04** **HELMET RESTRAINTS AND/OR BREAKAWAY CLIPS FOR DRIVERS AND RIDING CREW IN ALL INBOARDS AND OUTBOARDS NOT FITTED WITH A REINFORCED COCKPIT.**
- 801.041** **From 1 January 2010 – All Drivers and Riding Crew MUST wear either:**
- A helmet restraint, of a type that restricts movement of the head and secures to the body or arms by straps or other means; or
 - A plastic-type break-away clip on the standard helmet strap
- 801.042** The wearer is entirely responsible for the effectiveness of the restraint or breakaway clip.
- 28 in favour, 6 against – MOTION CARRIED**
- Motion No.: 5** **WITHDRAWN**
- Motion No.: 6** **WITHDRAWN**
- Motion No.: 7** **AMEND all references to 6 Litre Restricted Displacement in the Rule Book to read ProStock.**
- 20 in favour, 1 against – MOTION CARRIED**



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- Motion No: 8** **AMEND Rule 801.06 to read:**
- 801.06** **BALLISTIC PANTS FOR DRIVERS AND RIDING CREW IN ALL INBOARDS AND OUTBOARDS NOT FITTED WITH A REINFORCED COCKPIT.**
- 801.061** **From 1 January 2010 – All Drivers and Riding Crew** in addition to the protective clothing mentioned in 801.05 **MUST** wear pants (either long or short) made of an approved ballistic type material.
- 32 in favour, 1 against – MOTION CARRIED**
- THERE WILL BE CLARIFICATION AS TO WHAT IS “BALLISTIC TYPE MATERIAL” PRINTED IN THE RULE BOOK.**
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- Motion No: 9** **ADD as NEW Rule 804.26:**
- 804.26** **For all Inboard, Outboard and Formula Future classes – Left and Right hand mirrors are permitted to be used. Mirrors must be effectively secured to the hull.**
- 23 in favour, 0 against – MOTION CARRIED**
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- Motion No.: 10** **WITHDRAWN**
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- Motion No.: 11** **WITHDRAWN**



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Motion No.: 12 THAT THE ASSOCIATION ADOPTS A "DUTY OF CARE STATEMENT" AND PRINTS A COPY OF THE STATEMENT IN THE LICENCE BOOK

DUTY OF CARE STATEMENT

It is my duty to advise you that:

Powerboat racing can be dangerous, your equipment could be damaged or destroyed and you may suffer serious personal injury or worse.

If there is any aspect of this race meeting that causes you concern for your personal safety or that of any member of your crew whether it be on the racecourse, the venue or the manner in which the meeting is being conducted:

- It is your obligation to bring those concerns to the attention of a Senior Race Official.
- If after doing this, those concerns are not addressed to your satisfaction, you are advised to withdraw from this race meeting.

DOES EVERYBODY UNDERSTAND HIS OR HER OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS IN THIS REGARD?

It is also my duty to advise you that:

The APBA insurance is a liability policy that covers your liability to the public and non-competitors and that you and your equipment are not covered by any other form of insurance unless you have obtained separate insurance cover.

Scrutineering is a compliance check and the responsibility for the safety and mechanical condition of your boat and equipment is yours.

Random drug and alcohol testing may take place as well as boat / engine measuring for class compliance.

If you have any doubts about your ability to pass such a test or your boat not complying, you should withdraw from this race meeting IMMEDIATELY.

ANY QUESTIONS?

In your attendance at this briefing (*and if applicable: signing of an attendance sheet or book*), you understand the Duty of Care Statement and agree not to take any legal action against the **<insert name of club>**, any of its officers and members or any other competitor regarding this race meeting.

35 in favour, 1 against – MOTION CARRIED

Motion No.: 13 ADD as NEW Rule 304.10

304.10

The **Duty of Care Statement** **MUST** be read out at every driver's briefing on sanctioned race days.

34 in favour, 2 against – MOTION CARRIED



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- Motion No: 14 ADD as NEW Rule 304.11**
- 304.11** Every Drivers Briefing **MUST** be recorded and the recording kept for as long as required, especially in relation to accidents, injuries or deaths.
- 18 in favour, 17 against – MOTION CARRIED**
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- Motion No.: 15 REMOVE ALL offshore-specific rules throughout the APBA Rule Book, including Group 1400 Rules and insert the following under Group 1400 – Offshore Rules:**
- 1401.00 The specific rules of offshore powerboat racing (Offshore Rules) are set, collated and administered by the Australian Power Boat Association Offshore Council and are complimentary to the rules of the Australian Power Boat Association.
- 1402.00 All boats, drivers and events must comply with both the rules of the Australian Power Boat Association and the Offshore Rules.
- 1403.00 Where there is a conflict between the rules of the Australian Power Boat Association and the Offshore Rules, the Australian Power Boat Association rule is to take precedence.
- 1404.00 The Offshore Rules must be submitted annually to the Australian Power Boat Association for the records of the Australian Power Boat Association.
- 27 in favour, 3 against – MOTION CARRIED**
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- Motion No.: 16 WITHDRAWN**
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- Motion No.: 17 AMEND all references to “outside a 10 Kilometre Radius” in Rules 806.02, 806.021 and 806.022 to read:**
- “... outside a 20 kilometre radius ...”
- 9 in favour, 18 against – MOTION LOST**
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- Motion No.: 18 WITHDRAWN**
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- Motion No.: 19 Rule 1202.41 – Mono Hull Classes**
- AMEND all reference to '1800cc Class' to read:**
- '2000cc Class'
- 24 in favour, 0 against – MOTION CARRIED**



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- Motion No.: 20** ADD to Rule 1204.01 the words 'Mod VP' so that the rule reads:
'STANDARD MOTOR, MOD VP & 1250CC SUPER STOCK CLASSES'
20 in favour, 1 against – MOTION CARRIED
- Motion No.: 21** DELETE 1204.03 – This rule is a duplicate of rule 1204.01
20 in favour, 0 against – MOTION CARRIED
- Motion No.: 22** DELETE from Rule 1204.04 the words 'Super Sports Classes'
4 in favour, 15 against – MOTION LOST
- Motion No.: 23** ADD as NEW Rule 102.076
102.076 Medicals issued by Ski Racing Australia (SRA) will be acceptable as a substitute to the APBA Medical.
36 in favour, 0 against – MOTION CARRIED
- Motion No.: 24** ADOPT NEW MEDICAL FORM 22 FOR 2010-2011 SEASON AND BEYOND
35 in favour, 0 against – MOTION CARRIED
- Motion No.: 25** REMOVE THE FOLLOWING RULE GROUPS FROM THE RULE BOOK
GROUP 1500 – Cruisers and GROUP 1700 – Inflatables
POST THESE GROUPS IN A “RULES” SECTION ON THE APBA WEBSITE

GROUP 1800 – F1 Commission Rules – remove references to F1 Commission and its inner workings and setup. Leave Group 1800 Rules in the Rule Book and rename as **Group 1800 – Formula Racing Rules**
35 in favour, 0 against – MOTION CARRIED
- Motion No.: 26** Rule 1202.62 – Open Hull Classes – AMEND all reference to “1800cc” to read “2000cc”
27 in favour, 0 against – MOTION CARRIED



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Motion No.: 27 ADD as NEW Rules 904.40 and 904.41

904.40 Flags must be of a size that can be easily seen by competitors.

904.41 All Course boats MUST, as a minimum have a Red Flag and a Caution Flag. It is recommended that Course Boats also have a Chequered Flag and a Black Flag onboard.

THIS MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN

HOWEVER, THE COUNCIL ASKED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE SIZE AND LOCATION OF FLAGS OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS

Motion No: 28 ADMEND Rule 802.14 to read:

802.14 Approved Cut out switches are the types produced by the various outboard manufacturers and Nauti-Haul type switches.

36 in favour, 0 against – MOTION CARRIED

Motion No.: 29 ADMEND Rule 1002.24 to read:

1002.24 Glass is not permitted.

35 in favour, 0 against – MOTION CARRIED

Motion No.: 30 ADMEND Rule 1102.05 to read:

1102.05 Any boat fitted with a stern drive *and using power trim* must have a *working* trim indicator fitted in a position clearly visible to the driver at all times.

32 in favour, 0 against – MOTION CARRIED

Motion No.: 31 ADMEND Rule 1202.10 to read:

1202.10 Any boat fitted with power trim must have a *working* trim indicator fitted in a position clearly visible to the driver at all times.

32 in favour, 0 against – MOTION CARRIED