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 Changes from proposals sent out in April 2019 Propwash:
 - Proposal 6: Increase entries for class to be considered as national championship (Rule A.9)
 - Proposal 9: Pre-race and spot inspections for stock and G-Limited classes (Rule D.3)

8 - Safety

Remove pages: 1 - 2 (*dated 2/15/14*)
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Board of Directors passed proposal:
 - Forfeit of membership if operating RC model boat in area with swimmers (Rule A.9.a)

A - History


Remove pages: 1 - 3 (*dated various*)
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Added 2018-2019 Nationals locations

B - Hall Of Fame

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A. GENERAL

1. There will be a NAMBA Nationals held each calendar year. It will be a minimum of six-day to a maximum of eight-day meet and offer four rounds per class.
2. An additional NAMBA Electric Nationals can also be held each calendar year, where only electric classes are offered. When held it will be a minimum of three-day to maximum of four-day meet and offer four rounds per class.
 - a. This event will be separated from the NAMBA Nationals by 30 calendar days, unless both event CD's and a majority consensus of the Executive Board decide otherwise.
 - b. When a separate NAMBA Electric Nationals is held, any electric classes offered at the NAMBA Nationals that year will be considered as exhibition only and the winner not be recorded as a National Champion
3. Overall CD, Assistant CD, and all individual event CDs will meet the minimum requirements for a CD as set forth in Section 16 whenever possible. In addition, the District Director for the club or district holding the annual Nationals will certify that these persons are capable of performing the required duties.
4. To be classified as a Nationals a diversified selection of classes will be presented, which will adequately offer as many nationally approved classes that can be run during the event. Emphasis will be made on the classes which are popular in the area/district in which that Nationals is held.
5. Milling procedures will be advertised on the entry form and will be half mill, full mill, or both. One-quarter mill will not be allowed.
6. In case of any controversy involving the Nationals, the Contest Director or President will have the final authority in its disposition.
7. All events, etc. associated with the Nationals will meet all NAMBA requirements.
8. Vendors are not permitted to sell or advertise without the approval of the hosting club/district and payment of the appropriate fee.
9. There must be a minimum of five prepaid entries to make a class, if there are less the class can still be run at the discretion of the host club as exhibition only. In addition to be considered for a national championship there must be at least five boats that attempt to run in round 1 of the class, if less it will be an exhibition class.

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B. BIDS

1. Bids for the next annual Nationals should be received by the President no later than the start of the current year's Nationals.
2. Clubs/districts bidding for the annual Nationals who have never hosted a Nationals should receive preferential consideration.
3. The next NAMBA Nationals will be announced at the current awards banquet whenever possible.

C. FINANCES

1. General

- a. The hosting club/district will remit all single event entry fees and applications to the NAMBA office within 30 days of the end of the Nationals.
- b. Any racer who does not provide adequate funds for payment of entries or fees will be held financially liable and not allowed to compete in any future NAMBA event, district or national, until such debt is paid. This includes bank fees, interest, and any applicable late charges.

2. Loan

- a. NAMBA will provide an interest free loan to the hosting club/district of \$2,000 for use in preparing for the NAMBA Nationals.
- b. Every hosting club/district that accepts the Nationals loan will pay one half back to the NAMBA office prior to the start of the event.
- c. Every hosting club/district that accepts the Nationals loan will pay the balance back to the NAMBA office within 30 days of the end of the event.
- d. If the hosting club/district is unable to repay the loan, they must provide a comprehensive expense report to the NAMBA office within 90 days of the end of the Nationals, to show why they are unable to do so.

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D. SPECIAL CLASS CONSIDERATIONS

1. Scale Unlimited Hydroplane

- a. All unlimited boats entered will have a photograph showing the general configuration and paint scheme of the boat being modeled when it ran.
- b. Any exception to the above must be approved in writing by the National Scale Chairman prior to the event being run.
- c. Any unlimited boat that does not comply with a. or b. above will not be allowed to race and will forfeit the entry fee.

2. Kids "R" Boaters, Too

- a. Because the Kids "R" Boaters, Too class is designed for the beginner with little or no previous model boating experience, entrants in this class will not be permitted to enter any other class at the Nationals.

3. Stock and G-Limited classes

- a. Engines may be torn down and inspected following the conclusion of heat racing on that day. Only the top three finishers may be torn down for inspection. If any of the top three finishers are found to be in violation of rules those finishing below them will be moved up accordingly.

E. AWARDS

1. General

- a. One award will be given per each five entries, always rounding up to the next multiple of five, with a minimum of three awards given in each class. (see chart below for examples)

Number of Entries	Number of Awards
up to 15	3
16 – 20	4
21 – 25	5
26 – 30	6
31 – 35	7
36 – up	etc.

- b. The hosting club/district will provide a list of the top three finishers in each class to the NAMBA office within 30 days of the end of the Nationals.

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2. Kids “R” Boaters, Too

- a. All entrants will receive a trophy that is equally representative in size and quality of the other class awards.

3. Scale Unlimited Hydroplane

- a. Trophies will be awarded to all entrants who qualify and compete in the Unlimited Finals heat (main).

4. High Points Champion


- a. The High Point Champion award, if presented, will be given to the contestant who has accumulated the most points based on all the classes he entered.
 - i) For those classes that run a ‘Love Plan’ (where a concluding round which consist of a Consolation and Main is run) only the points earned in the previous four rounds will be added to the points.
 - ii) No points will be added for participation and/or finishing order for any Team Marathon class.
- b. No contestant may use any points accumulated from any class which he entered after the start of the first heat of the Nationals.
- c. No contestant may use any points accumulated from any class that he has switched names with a fellow contestant in order to increase the number of classes entered.

5. District Club Team

- a. Teams will be limited to a minimum of four and a maximum of eight members. They must all be from the same district. They must be registered as a team before the beginning of the first race.
- b. The entry fee for the team will be \$2 per member.
- c. Districts may enter as many teams as they wish.
- d. The winning team will be the one with the highest average points per boat. Average is determined by taking the total number of points earned by all boats entered and dividing it by the number of boats entered.
 - i) For those classes that run a ‘Love Plan’ (where a concluding round which consist of a Consolation and Main is run) only the points earned in the previous four rounds will be added to the points.

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- ii) No points will be added for participation and/or finishing order for any Team Marathon class.
- e. No team may use any points accumulated from any class which they have entered after the start of the first heat race of the Nationals.
- f. NAMBA will present the District Club Team patch to each member of the winning team.

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A. GENERAL SAFETY REGULATIONS


1. NAMBA members must have their NAMBA numbers on their boats and their backs for easy identification. Minimum number sizes will be 1-1/2" on the back and 1" on the boat, except where noted in specific class rules. R/C Combat ships do not require numbers on boats or members.
2. Every contestant entering NAMBA competition must show proper evidence of current NAMBA membership.
3. Every driver must have a pit person at all times, whether in practice or during a contest, who is also a NAMBA member and who is aware of all course conditions and NAMBA regulations. R/C Combat ships do not require a pit person or separate observer.
4. Only NAMBA members are allowed in the hot pit area. No persons other than those running a boat, those assisting with the running of a boat, or contest officials will be permitted in the pit area. For R/C Combat the pit is defined as the shoreline of the pond/lake. Other specific crowd control requirements are contained in the specific R/C Combat rules listed below.
5. All persons in the hot pit area, those driving a boat, or those launching or retrieving a boat, must at all times wear shoes which cover the entire foot.
6. At NAMBA events, no smoking will be allowed in the drivers stand area or hot pit area. The hot pit area is defined as the area where boats are started and launched.
7. At NAMBA events, the host club will provide a fire extinguisher in the hot pit area. The hot pit area is defined as the area where boats are started and launched. It is the Contest Director's responsibility to insure that the fire extinguisher is in place, readily available, and meets the following requirements. The fire extinguisher must be at a minimum BC rated and legally operational.
8. No alcoholic beverage consumption or illegal drug use is permitted while a NAMBA member is operating or assisting in the operation of a model boat, whether in practice or during a contest. Use of these substances by contest officials is also strictly prohibited.
9. Reasonable and proper provisions will be made for crowd control and for the safety of other members and spectators. Model boats will not be operated when anyone is in the water, except for those members who may be in the launch area in the hot pit area to launch or retrieve a boat. R/C Combat members may be in the water under certain circumstances. See specific rules regarding this in the specific R/C Combat rules listed below.

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- a. Anyone operating a radio controlled model boat in an area designated for swimming (such as a swimming pool, wading pool, and/or public beach) when people and/or animals are in the water (except as noted above) will forfeit NAMBA membership and will be barred from rejoining NAMBA for a period of 60 months.
10. No buoys will be set on the course closer than 50 feet to any shoreline. This may be reduced to 30 feet when the adjacent shoreline is such that a boat cannot travel more than its own length out of the water. This rule does not apply to R/C Combat.
11. A retrieve boat may not be in the water at any time when a model boat is running in the water. For R/C Combat, all other combat ships must stop and/or clear the area while another ship is being retrieved. They do not need to be removed from the water.
12. All rules, laws, ordinances, and regulations of any federal, state, county, and/or municipality will be observed at all times.

B. BOAT/RADIO OPERATION SAFETY REGULATIONS

1. No boat which has been run aground will be permitted to re-enter the water until the driver has demonstrated to the contest officials that the boat has not been damaged to the point where it might not operate safely. This rule does not apply to R/C Combat.
2. No boats will be started on tables or in the working pits with prop attached, unless it is properly shrouded and protected from accidental contact. No boats will be started in the working pits and then carried to the launching area.
3. Method of propulsion will be of the type that functions by propeller contact with the water or air. Air prop driven boats will be limited to "1/2 A" or "A" class engines only, see Section 10 – rule A.1. Boats propelled with air props must have the prop shrouded, and must have an underwater rudder or skeg of at least one inch square. Inertia reaction devices such as rockets or jets are prohibited.
4. A positive means of engine shut-off and/or positive throttle control is required of all boats.
5. Radio on/off switches will be positioned in such a manner as to prevent accidental shut off if bumped during handling, launching, or running.
6. Boats will have some means of positive buoyancy when open compartments are filled with water. Boats should only be retrieved by means of a retrieve boat or use of a retrieve ball. Under no circumstances should a person swim or dive to retrieve a boat. R/C Combat boats are designed to sink and must not have positive buoyancy. All other combat boats must stop and/or clear the area while a R/C Combat boat is retrieved.
7. The maximum size of boat will be 60". R/C Combat ships are not restricted in size.

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A. BACKGROUND

NAMBA International is a non-profit association of radio-controlled model boat clubs. A President, Vice President, and a number of District Directors are elected by the members, and serve a two-year term. The President also appoints knowledgeable chairmen in such areas as Electric, Offshore, Sport Hydro, Outboard, and Unlimited Hydro.

In 1959, the Westcoast Council of Model Boaters was formed. This group of boaters raced under the basic rules of the International Model Power Boat Association, and obtained insurance through the Western Associated Modelers (WAM), headed up by Don and Myrtle Coad. During 1969-1970, a group of these West Coast boaters saw the need for a new, national R/C boat association. Working in conjunction with WAM, Bill Young of Bakersfield set up a committee consisting of Ira McKay and Jim Riccio of Arcadia, Sally Stewart Komich, Russ Kominitsky, Wally Stewart, and Bill Young of Bakersfield, and Griff Parker of San Diego. They met on many occasions in Pasadena, decided on the name of North American Model Boat Association (NAMBA), and proceeded to come up with a basic set of rules, copies of which were sent to everyone who had indicated a desire for the national organization. From the replies received came the first official set of rules. NAMBA was enthusiastically adopted under the auspices of WAM by Executive Secretary, Myrtle "Mom" Coad. To give the West Coast group a national feeling, Gary Johnson, formerly of California but currently living in Honolulu, HI and racing with the popular "Hawaiian Horde," was appointed as the first President by the original committee.

In 1974, NAMBA expanded beyond the bounds of North America to include foreign countries, and became NAMBA International. Al Metelak of Chicago, IL was elected President in 1974 and served until 1980 when Stuart Russell of Wichita Falls, TX was elected. In 1985, Wally Stewart, one of NAMBA's founders was elected to the position, and served until 1987, when Gary Johnson was again elected to serve as President. James Henry was elected in 1989, and served until 1991. At that time, Doug Twaits was elected and served until 1993. Alan Hobbs was elected in 1993, and served until 2005. Al Waters was elected in 2005 and is currently serving in this position.

"Mom" Coad remained in the position of Executive Secretary until late 1988, when she decided to retire. At that time, Cathie Galbraith of San Diego, CA was appointed to take over the duties of this position, and is still serving in that capacity.

Ten years after the founding of NAMBA, the NAMBA Hall of Fame was introduced to honor those who had unselfishly contributed towards the growth and improvement of NAMBA over the years.

Each year, NAMBA holds a week long regatta in a different locale, so that all members may have the opportunity to participate with competitors from all over the country and the world. Past Nationals have been held in various cities throughout the United States and Canada, see

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table later in this section.

With the increasing interest in Electric racing it was decided to offer some electric racing at the nationals in Bristol PA in 1993. In 1996 it was decided to hold an all Electric Nationals each year. This event is drawing more and more boaters each time it is held, see table later in this section.

Our history is one of tremendous growth for NAMBA, from West Coast to National to International interest and participation. We eagerly anticipate equal growth in the coming years. We know that with model boating and with NAMBA, THE BEST IS YET TO COME!


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B. NATIONALS LOCATIONS

Year	Nitro/Gas	Electric
1972	Los Angeles, CA	
1973	Seattle, WA	
1974	San Diego, CA	
1975	Tulsa, OK	
1976	Baltimore, MD	
1977	Reno, NV	
1978	Naples, FL	
1979	Seaside, CA	
1980	Tacoma, WA	
1981	Amarillo, TX	
1982	Los Angeles, CA	
1983	Vancouver, British Columbia, CAN	
1984	Newark, NJ	
1985	Reno, NV	
1986	Fort Worth, TX	
1987	San Diego, CA	
1988	Wichita, KS	
1989	Camarillo, CA	
1990	Springfield, VA	
1991	Los Angeles, CA	
1992	Sacramento, CA	
1993	Bristol, PA	Bristol, PA
1994	San Diego, CA	
1995	Camarillo, CA	
1996	Los Angeles, CA	Randolph, NJ
1997	Manteca, CA	Tacoma, WA
1998	Springfield, OR	Los Angeles, CA
1999	Sayerville, NJ	Kissimee, FL
2000	Greeley, CO	Randolph, NJ
2001	Manteca, CA	Anchorage, AK
2002	Springfield, OR	Seattle, WA
2003	Carlsbad, NM	Fremont, CA
2004	Los Angeles, CA	Sanford, FL
2005	Rollingsford, NH	Milford, MI
2006	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Randolph, NJ
2007	San Jose, CA	Munroe, WA
2008	Greeley, CO	Nicolaus, CA
2009	Marysville, WA	Brighton, MI
2010	Reserve, LA	Greeley, CO
2011	Los Angeles, CA	Fort Pierce, FL

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Year	Nitro/Gas	Electric
2012	Rollingsford, NH	Los Angeles, CA
2013	Salt Lake City, UT	Nicolaus, CA
2014	Marysville, WA	Leonard, MI
2015	Nicolaus, CA	Greeley, CO
2016	Wichita, KS	Marysville, WA
2017	Las Vegas, NV	<i>*combined with Nitro/Gas</i>
2018	Carrollton, TX	<i>*combined with Nitro/Gas</i>
2019	Salt Lake City, UT	<i>*combined with Nitro/Gas</i>

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A. PURPOSE

NAMBA International continues to grow with the efforts of dedicated people who are willing to sacrifice their time, talent, and ideas for the promotion of model boating. Many people in NAMBA's history have shown outstanding leadership, devotion, and expertise in keeping NAMBA the great organization that it is. The Hall of Fame is not a popularity contest and is not politically motivated.

The NAMBA Hall of Fame was the brainchild of Al Metelak, NAMBA's second President. He requested that Gary Johnson create a program that would spell out the requirements for being a Hall of Fame member. The first nominees were inducted in 1981 at the Nationals in Amarillo, TX. Five inductees were honored with beautiful brass emblems mounted on a walnut and brass plaque. They also received a beautiful embroidered Hall of Fame jacket patch.

It is hoped that this special honor and thank you will make all of the time spent worthwhile, and encourage other members to strive and look forward to being honored in the Hall of Fame.

NAMBA International is proud to honor its members who serve and promote the hobby/sport of model boating. Included at the end of this section are brief resumes of the current members of the Hall of Fame. Their contributions are varied, and encompass all areas of the hobby. They have helped make model boating and NAMBA what it is today.

B. CHAIRMAN

1. The Chairman of the Hall of Fame shall be a current Hall of Fame member.
2. The position will have a term of two years.
3. Hall of Fame members will vote on this Chairman for each term.

C. PROCESS FOR NOMINATION AND INDUCTION

1. Qualifications

- a) Nominee must be a current NAMBA member, unless deceased, who has been a member for at least ten years.
- b) Nominee should have held some of the items listed on the nomination form. These items include, but are not limited to: national/district offices, national/district chairmanships, national/district championships, national records (oval and/or straight-line), and experience as a district/national contest director.

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2. Nomination

- a) Nomination must be made by a current adult NAMBA member, who has been a member for at least five years.
- b) The deadline for a nomination will be eight weeks prior to a scheduled induction ceremony.
- c) Must be made on the appropriate form, which can be received from the NAMBA office or from the Hall of Fame Chairman. Once completed the form must be returned to the Hall of Fame Chairman.

3. Voting

- a) The Chairman forwards copies of all nomination forms received by the deadline to all the current Hall of Fame members for voting.
- b) Nominees will be voted on by a simple majority of the returned votes from current Hall of Fame members.
- c) Only one person can be voted in during any given year.
- d) If a nominee fails to be voted in during a particular year, their name and application must be resubmitted for consideration in a following year.

4. Induction

- a) The induction ceremony is normally done at the banquet at the end of the Nationals.
- b) Each new inductee will receive a plaque and embroidered patch to commemorate their induction into the Hall of Fame.

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Tracy Osborne - Inducted 2018

Tracy started racing in 1982 in the Kids-R-Boaters series, and continued racing regularly at district and national through the 90s. Tracy's work for NAMBA started with helping her mom (former NAMBA Secretary and fellow HOF member Cathie Galbraith) and has continued ever since. She helped reformat our Rulebook in 2006 and continues to maintain it today. She has helped put on races at a district and national level, serving on several Nationals committees. She has maintained District 19s website and tracking their points since 2012 and currently serves as their secretary/treasurer.



Richard "Rags" Grenier – Inducted 2019

Richard has been a NAMBA member since 1995. He saw the need for a separate New England district in NAMBA and successfully petitioned for the creation of what is now District 11 and has served as its Director since. He has hosted many district races, making sure to communicate with his district via newsletters after each race, and provided several articles for NAMBA's national newsletter. He served as the contest director for the two NAMBA Nationals that District 11 has hosted.