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President's Message

By Richard Romero
 NAMBA President

Full Speed Ahead: NAMBA Kicks Off an Exciting 2026!

As we bid farewell to 2025, the excitement in the air is electric. 2026 has arrived, and it's shaping up to be another unforgettable year for the NAMBA community. From thrilling races and dedicated volunteers to inspiring champions, there is no shortage of passion, energy, and innovation driving our hobby forward.

Reflecting on an Incredible 2025

Looking back, 2025 was another banner year for NAMBA. The 2025 NAMBA Nationals, hosted by District 3 and the Space Coast Rudder Busters in Melbourne, Florida, delivered an action-packed week that left lasting memories for everyone in attendance.

The site experienced record rainfall, and to say the race site was a little wet would be a massive understatement. Despite the challenging conditions, the host crew worked tirelessly, bringing in gravel and hay to make the pits workable and keep the event moving forward. Their dedication ensured racers could stay focused on the competition while spectators continued to enjoy the action.

On the water, competitors pushed their limits while fans cheered from the shoreline. The event showcased the very best of the RC boating community and highlighted the incredible support from our sponsors.

The Nationals Committee and volunteers deserve a tremendous round of applause for their tireless work. From preparing the race course and managing merchandise to coordinating raffles and ensuring accurate scoring, these dedicated individuals helped make the event seamless and unforgettable. Their commitment demonstrates what makes NAMBA more than just a hobby; it's a family built on passion and a shared love for RC boating.

I would also like to personally thank the 2025 NAMBA Nationals Committee members: Eric and Kelly Canto, Richie Lind, Ralph Almirola, Ken Haines, Raul Rodriguez, Alan Terry, and Al Waters.

The 2025 Nationals also marked the first event powered by the Race Entry System (RES), and it performed exceptionally well. A special thank you goes to David Santistevan for his tireless efforts, dedication to our hobby, and his generous sponsorship and donations that helped make last year's event possible.

Champions and Our First NAMBA Nationals Sportsmanship Award Recipient

The 2025 Nationals delivered some truly jaw-dropping performances, with first-time champions stepping into the spotlight and unforgettable races that kept spectators on the edge of their seats.

One highlight for me personally was the marathon race. This was the first time I had been invited to participate as part of a marathon team. Our team consisted of Eric

Canto, Alan Terry, Gary Leshner, and myself. With Eric and Alan on the water and Gary and me handling the pits, we were able to pull off the win. It was truly one of the highlights of the entire event for me. In years past, I had only watched from the shore, so being part of the team was a tremendous honor and an experience I would jump at again in a heartbeat.

Moments like these capture the competitive spirit and camaraderie that make our community so special.

Equally memorable were the moments spent recognizing the pioneers and legends who continue to shape NAMBA. The 2025 NAMBA Nationals Sportsmanship Award was presented to Kelly Canto from District 3. I can't think of a more deserving recipient. Kelly's dedication, work ethic, and passion for the hobby are inspiring to both seasoned racers and newcomers alike. I was honored to help present the award as she celebrated with family and friends.

Growing Our Community

NAMBA's greatest strength lies in its people. In 2025, several districts experienced meaningful membership growth, and we finished the year with just shy of 1,500 members.

I would also like to thank everyone who participated in last year's odd-numbered district elections. Your involvement truly matters and helps guide our organization toward a bright and successful future.

Looking ahead, 2026 brings elections for all even-numbered districts. This is your opportunity to step forward, make your voice heard, and help guide NAMBA's continued growth. Nominations and the required signatures should be submitted to the NAMBA office by the official deadline later this year. If you've ever considered serving as a District Director, now is the perfect time to step up and be part of shaping the future of our hobby.

Technology and Innovation: RES and Beyond

Behind every great race is a system working quietly behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly. Thanks to David Santistevan, the Race Entry System (RES) has made event registration and scoring more efficient than ever.

David is also developing a new storefront tool that will bring merchandise and event offerings online, giving members even more ways to engage with NAMBA. In addition, he is currently working to integrate the transponder system used in District 19 with RES. Innovations like these continue to modernize our events and enhance the overall member experience nationwide.

Volunteering: The Heartbeat of NAMBA

While championships and high-speed racing often capture the spotlight, the true backbone of NAMBA is its volunteers. From race announcers, judges, retrieve boat operators, raffle organizers, and the many individuals responsible for setup and teardown, countless hours of hard work go into every successful event. Their efforts ensure that races run smoothly and that every participant enjoys a safe and welcoming environment. Be sure to thank the volunteers at your next club or district event; they truly are the heartbeat of our community.

I would also like to recognize the members of NAMBA's Rules Committee and the Board of Directors, who volunteer their time each month to participate in meetings and discussions that help move our organization forward.

Looking Ahead to 2026

The 2026 season promises to be another thrilling year for NAMBA. Clubs and districts across the country are already preparing for exciting races, Arrive-and-Drive events, and Test-and-Tune days.

Whether you are a seasoned competitor, a dedicated volunteer, or someone brand new to the hobby, there are countless opportunities to get involved, sharpen your skills, and

create lasting memories on the water.

This year marks the 55th NAMBA Nationals, which will be hosted by District 8 in Tri-Cities, Washington, from July 18th through July 25th. This year's Nationals Committee members are Jeff Barnhart, Mike Hughes, Mark Anderson, Eric Bourlet, J.R. Caines, Alan Terry, Karl Loveless, and Al Waters. I want to extend my sincere thanks to these outstanding individuals for the countless hours of work and dedication they are investing to deliver another first-class, memory-filled NAMBA Nationals for our entire community.

This year's Nationals will offer a truly unique experience, as attendees will also be able to enjoy the Tri-Cities Water Follies, featuring H1 Unlimited Hydroplanes, Limited Hydroplane heat racing, and the STCU Over the River Airshow. It promises to be an incredible combination of RC racing and world-class full-scale hydroplane action, a fantastic way to celebrate a NAMBA Nationals event.

Be sure to mark your calendars for this must-attend event and keep up with the latest Nationals news and updates through nambanationals.com and our social media channels. The coming year will be packed with adrenaline, camaraderie, and opportunities to see both familiar faces and new talent take the spotlight.

A Call to Action

As we launch into 2026, let's take a moment to celebrate everything that makes NAMBA special: the racers, the families, the volunteers, the champions, and every member who contributes to the growth of our hobby.

Every race registration, every volunteer hour, and every cheer from the shoreline help keep NAMBA vibrant and thriving. So, gear up and get ready to hit the water. Whether you're racing, volunteering, supporting fellow members, or simply enjoying the excitement of the hobby, 2026 is your year. Together, let's make it one for the record books.

See you on the water!



JOIN US FOR THE 55TH ANNUAL NAMBA NATIONALS!

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Thank you to J.R.Caines for web site and graphics development

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- **NAMBA** Single Event Insurance is available for races for an event walk-on. (The cost will apply towards full membership.)
- **NAMBA** Arrive and Drive Program for spectator walk-ons.
- A new **NAMBA FM-based PA system** has been developed to help clubs modernize their race event audio and improve communication during competitions. This wireless system connects to the **NAMBA** race system via Bluetooth and broadcasts through an FM transmitter. The setup allows clubs to place multiple battery-powered speakers around a race site, each capable of operating for up to 20 hours and easily expanded over time. With a microphone range of about 200 feet and an FM broadcast range of roughly 1,000 feet, racers can even listen through any FM radio, including speakers in their race trailers. The system includes wireless microphones, a mixer, pre-programmed audio clocks, and a weather-protected hub, all designed for simple setup with a single power connection. **NAMBA's** new system has already been adopted by several clubs and praised for its sound quality, coverage, and ease of use. This is just another advantage of becoming a **NAMBA** club and providing the best experience for its members.

The Benefits of the NAMBA Race Entry System (RES)

The **NAMBA Race Entry System (RES)** was created specifically for model boat racing to modernize race management and improve the experience for drivers, race organizers, and spectators. By combining powerful race management tools with real-time information access, RES helps make races more organized, efficient, and engaging for everyone involved.

What RES Brings to Model Boat Racing

- **Professional Race Management for Any Club**
RES gives even the smallest clubs the ability to host a high-tech race with professional-quality results, bringing advanced race management tools to events of any size.
- **Simple Online Race Registration**
Drivers can register for races, select classes, and manage their entries online before arriving at the race site.
- **Real-Time Race Information**
Drivers and spectators can see race progress, heat schedules, and class standings as they happen.
- **LiveFeed Race Displays**
LiveFeed provides a real-time view of race progress and standings that can be viewed on phones, tablets, or computers. It also supports kiosk displays on large screens at the race site.
- **MyFeed Personalized Driver Dashboard**
Drivers have access to a personalized race view showing their classes, standings, and upcoming heats, helping them stay organized throughout the race day.
- **Improved Race-Day Organization**
Drivers can quickly see their heat order and class progress, reducing confusion and helping events run more smoothly.
- **Accurate and Efficient Scoring**
Digital race management and automated scoring reduce manual work and improve accuracy in race results.
- **Better Communication for Everyone**
RES provides a central place for race information, keeping drivers, race officials, and spectators informed.
- **Access From Anywhere**
Because RES is web-based, race information can be accessed from any phone, tablet, or computer.

By bringing modern tools and real-time information to the pond, the NAMBA Race Entry System is helping move model boat racing into the future while making races easier to run and more enjoyable for drivers and spectators alike.

When it comes to RC Model Boating, NAMBA is the clear choice.

NAMBA Records

By Mark Grim
NAMBA District 5 Director
NAMBA Records Chairman
NAMBA Nitro Chairman

NAMBA ended the 2025 race season with quite a few records being set. District 2 had three heat races and kept lowering the records at each race. After the final race and lowering the records at each race, here is the final outcome.

Tyler Davis in P Catamaran and P Mono.
Terry Davis P Limited Catamaran and P Limited Mono.
Dan Beardslee 1/10th Scale Vintage Unlimited Hydroplane.
Tony Martin from District 9 lowered the GX-2 Outrigger time to 64.85 miles per hour.

At the November Turkey time trials in Huntsville, Alabama we had several records set.

Bruce Jacobs came down from Indy and set both the Superboat 2-lap and SAW records.
Adam Grim with his G-2 Sport Hydro lowered the record to 19.108 seconds.
David Hall testing his new T Tunnel handed me the transmitter and asked me to drive it around the course so he could take a good look at it. So I set the 2-lap record in T Tunnel.
David also set the S and T SAW records at 64.488 MPH for S tunnel and 75.34 mph for T Tunnel.
Wally Duarte from North Carolina traveled with his gas Catamarans and Monos. He raised the G-Limited Mono record in SAW to **70.29 mph**.

We are currently scheduled for three Time Trials in Huntsville, Alabama for the 2026 year. April 12-13. June 28 and November 29-30. I will also be traveling out to District 19 and putting on a NAMBA 2-lap time trial event at Legg Lake, S. El Monte September 26-27.

It will be nice to see all the West Coast speed demons again. So come on out to an event and have a great time.



Scale Unlimited Hydro Chairman

By John Borden
NAMBA Scale Unlimited Hydroplane Chairman

Editors Note: John Borden is taking over for Kevin Traboulay who has served as the NAMBA Scale Unlimited Hydroplane Chairman since 2018.



John Brandon Borden on the left and pit man / dad John Borden on the right.

Hello NAMBA Members,

My name is John Borden, and I am honored to serve as your new Scale Unlimited Chairman. My involvement in RC boating spans more than five decades. Throughout that time, scale hydroplanes have always remained my greatest passion within the hobby.

My love for scale began in 1975, when I attended the NAMBA Nationals in Tulsa, Oklahoma and saw an exceptionally crafted Thriftway scale unlimited hydroplane. That moment left a lasting impression and set me on the path I continue to enjoy today.

Over the years, RC boating has become a family pursuit. I now race alongside my son, John-Brandon, and assist him in driving our scale boats. His achievements in the sport include winning the 2016 and 2017 Gas Scale Unlimited National Championships, followed by the 2018 1/8-Scale Nitro National Championship. Sharing this hobby with him has been both rewarding and inspiring.

As the NAMBA Scale Chairman, my commitment is to support all members and districts as we work together to strengthen and grow NAMBA's scale classes. I look forward to collaborating with clubs, district leaders, and racers nationwide to ensure a strong and thriving future for Scale RC boating.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

The North America Model Boat Association (NAMBA), as a tax-exempt social club under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, reserves the right to establish and enforce reasonable membership criteria consistent with its stated purpose. Admission may be limited or denied based on factors including, but not limited to, organizational capacity, alignment with NAMBA's recreational and social objectives, and adherence to the Association's values, rules, and code of conduct. All membership decisions shall be made in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, and shall not be based on any form of unlawful discrimination.



Chris Denslow
1969-2025

Editors Note: Information on Chris Denslow was located on the RC Unlimiteds Facebook page. Chris was a NAMBA member since 2011.

H1 is deeply saddened to share the passing of our longtime official photographer, Chris Denslow, who passed away on the evening of August 31 following complications from a short illness.

For more than 20 years, Chris quietly but passionately captured the very essence of our sport. Though never one to seek the spotlight, he was among those who truly made hydroplane racing possible. Through his lens, Chris documented not only the action on the water, but also the spirit, tradition, and community that define H1 racing. His photos have become part of our shared history and will continue to inspire future generations.

Growing up in Tri-Cities, Chris knew firsthand how central the Unlimiteds were to the life of the region. What began as a summertime tradition became his lifelong contribution, preserving the moments that bring this sport to life.

H1 has lost an irreplaceable member of its family, and our thoughts are with Chris's family and friends during this difficult time.

A Look into NAMBA District 3

By Eric Canto
NAMBA District 3 Director

District 3 continues to build momentum as we move into another exciting racing season. One of the biggest highlights for our district was the incredible success of the recent 2025 NAMBA Nationals held in Melbourne, Florida. The event was a tremendous accomplishment and a true showcase of what our hobby and community represent.

A special thank you goes out to Richie Lind, the entire Space Coast Rudder Busters club, and the NAMBA Nationals Committee for their hard work and dedication in organizing such a successful event. The amount of preparation, coordination, and volunteer effort that goes into an event of this scale cannot be overstated, and their efforts resulted in an outstanding week of racing.

District 3 would also like to recognize Ken Haines and Kelly Canto for organizing the social events throughout the week. These gatherings gave racers and families the opportunity to relax, connect, and enjoy the camaraderie that makes NAMBA racing so special.

Another highlight of the Nationals was the weather and water conditions. Uncharacteristically calm Melbourne water made for excellent racing conditions and allowed competitors to really showcase their skills. Just as important, NAMBA's incredible culture of sportsmanship and friendship was on full display, leading to new friendships while strengthening old ones.

We would also like to thank District 3's own Fire Chief Ralph Almirola for leading the Water Babies ceremony. Ralph made the ceremony memorable and unique, adding a fun tradition that racers will remember for years to come.

The momentum from the Nationals has carried directly into the start of the 2026 race season. The 2026 Winter Nationals held at District 3's newest racing site with the Water Bandits in Clermont was a great success and an exciting way to kick off the year at a fantastic new lake. Shortly after, the 2026 Superboat Shootout delivered another outstanding event with strong participation and competitive racing.

District 3 continues to grow with a full schedule of exciting events ahead. This year we will host seven District Points races, the popular VIP Race in Miami, along with many excellent club races being organized by our dedicated local clubs. The commitment from our clubs and volunteers continues to strengthen racing opportunities throughout the district.

The 2026 District Points Championship season has already started with strong participation and competitive racing. It is shaping up to be an exciting points battle across multiple classes. If you have been thinking about getting involved in the points series, it is not too late to join the competition.

Make sure you sign up for the next District race and come be part of the action. District 3 racing continues to grow thanks to the passion of our racers, clubs, volunteers, and supporters. We look forward to seeing everyone at the lake.



In Memory of Gary Moll... Gary is pictured with his wife Nancy. Both of whom have been NAMBA model boaters since the early nineties. An all around great guy. He will be missed.

Driver Information

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
District # _____ Club Affiliation _____ NAMBA # _____
Email _____ Number of Nationals Attended _____

GAS Team Marathon Entry Form

Boats will be limit to G-1 Mono. Entries limited to first 7 entries. Entry Fee on first page.
Team consists of four people – two drivers and two pit people

Team Name _____
Driver #1 _____ Pit Person #1 _____
Driver #2 _____ Pit Person #2 _____

Kids-R-Boaters Entry Form

Name _____ Age _____ NAMBA # _____ Frequency _____
Name _____ Age _____ NAMBA # _____ Frequency _____
Name _____ Age _____ NAMBA # _____ Frequency _____

National District / Club Team Entry Form

A team must have a minimum of four and a maximum of eight members. All member must be entered in this contest.
Team member must be from the same district. The entry fee is \$2.00 for each team member. All members from the winning team will receive an award.

1- _____ 2- _____ 3- _____ 4- _____
5- _____ 6- _____ 7- _____ 8- _____

Event Rules will be posted on the NAMBANationals.com site

Class Entries – Fill in monies owed in column to register. Subtotal and total at the bottom

Date	Class	Due \$20
Saturday July 18th, 2026	B Hydro	
	A Mono	
	P Sport Hydroplane	
	GX2 Crackerbox	
	GX2 Sport Hydroplane	

Date	Class	Due \$20
Sunday July 19th, 2026	X Hydro	
	P LTD Tunnel	
	G1 Catamaran	
	G LTD Mono	
	Kids R Boaters	

Date	Class	Due \$20
Monday July 20th, 2026	A Mod Tunnel	
	P Mono	
	GX2 Outrigger	
	G1 Mono	

Date	Class	Due \$20
Tuesday July 21th, 2026	Sport 20	
	C Mono	
	P Hydro	
	GX2 Catamaran	
	G1 Outrigger	

Date	Class	Due \$20
Wednesday July 22th, 2026	C Hydro	
	Multi Engine Nitro	
	P LTD Mono	
	G1 Sport Hydroplane	
	Jersey Skiff	
Open Mono		

Date	Class	Due \$20
Thursday July 23th, 2026	A Hydro	
	B Mono	
	Sport 40-2	
	P Catamaran	
	GX2 Mono	
GX Twin		

Date	Class	Due \$20
Friday July 24th, 2026	A Stock Tunnel	
	P LTD Sport Hydroplane	
	1/10 Modern Scale	
	1/10 Vintage Scale	
	GX Tunnel	
Thunderboat		

Date	Class	Due \$20
Saturday July 25th, 2026	1/8 Nitro Scale	
	1/8 Electric Scale	
	Gas Scale	

Subtotal #1 - \$ _____

Subtotal #2 - \$ _____

Subtotal #1 + Subtotal #2 - \$ _____

Tuned Pipe Design

By Lohring Miller
NAMBA Safety Chairman

The one component responsible for at least half the power of our engines is the tuned exhaust system. The way the system does this is by creating high - and low - pressure pulses that are timed to the engines porting. Computer engine simulation programs simulate these pressure waves and use this information to estimate a particular engine design's power. See <http://www.vannik.co.za/EngMod2T.htm> for the simulator used in these examples.

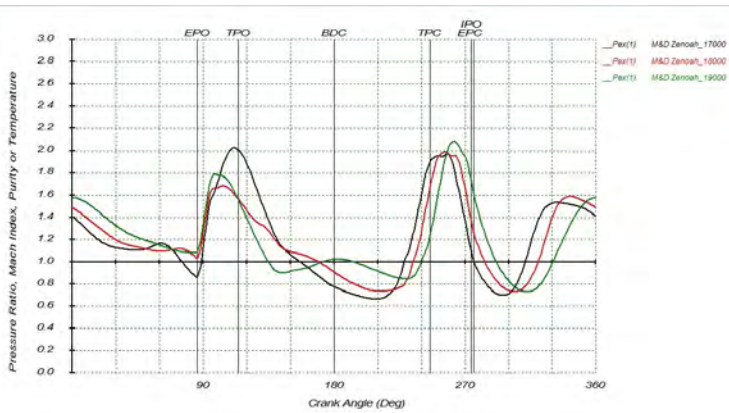
There are three areas in the tuned pipe to produce the pressure waves shown below. The slowly increasing section of the pipe, called the diffuser section, creates the low-pressure wave. This area of the pipe starting at the exhaust flange and running to the biggest diameter expands the exhaust gas to a lower pressure that is reflected back to the exhaust port. Its length and maximum diameter determine the strength and timing of the low-pressure wave.

Ideally, the diffuser section would be shaped like a horn. The term, horn coefficient, describes the shape of this horn. A high horn coefficient describes a section with a smaller "waist", while a small horn coefficient describes a fatter diffuser. Pipes use horn coefficients ranging from 1.2 to around 1.8. A horn coefficient of 1.2 usually gives the best power, but larger horn coefficients can help, especially in more complex diffusers where a stronger suction pulse is needed. The G3s pipe below has a horn coefficient of 1.2.

The end of the pipe that decreases in diameter from the largest section down to the stinger is called the baffle cone. This area acts to reflect the high-pressure wave back to the exhaust port. The stinger, the small diameter pipe at the end, sets the average exhaust pressure in the pipe by creating a restriction to exhaust flow.

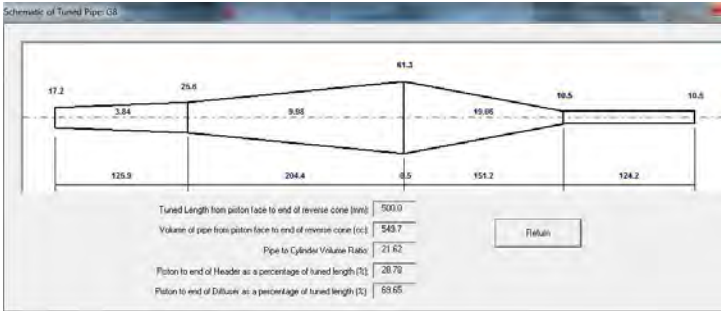
Don't confuse exhaust flow with the pressure waves pipes produce. These pressure waves travel up and down the pipe at the speed of sound. The exhaust flow is much slower but will travel from a high-pressure area to a low-pressure area. That way creating a low pressure in the cylinder acts like a pump encouraging flow out of the transfers and crankcase into the cylinder. The high-pressure pulse just as the exhaust port closes "supercharges" the mixture in the cylinder. That way a tuned pipe acts like a no moving parts turbocharger.

To show how these sections work, I simulated a modified Zenoah with several different pipe designs. While the results won't match real engines, the trends should be the same. A general purpose design for peak power was tested. Below is the pipe and the pressure waves it creates. The 17.2 mm starting diameter has the same round area as the Zenoah's rectangular exhaust flange.



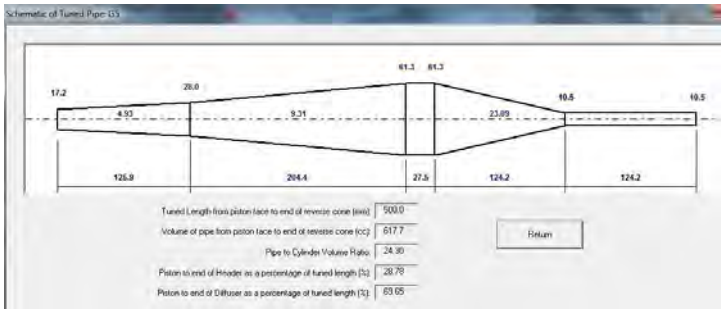
G3s Pressure Waves

This pipe has a 1.2 horn coefficient and produces the best low pressure pulse at 17,000 rpm and the best high-pressure pulse at 19,000 rpm. Let's look at a typical pipe with the same tuned length.

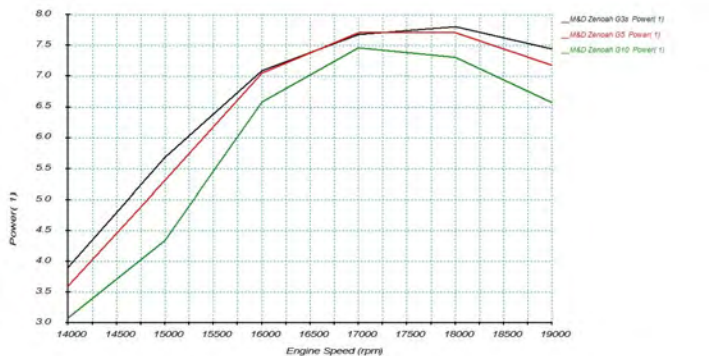


G8 Pipe Design

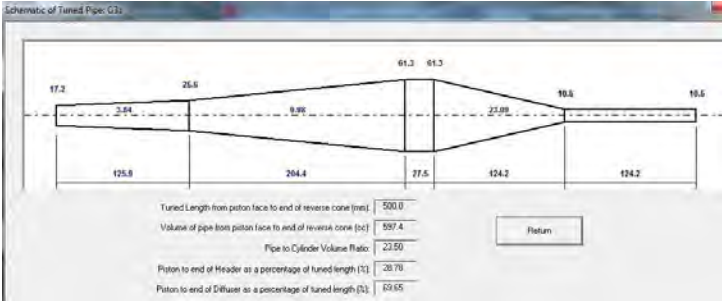
This pipe has the same diffuser section design, but a lot lower angle on the baffle cone. We can add a parallel section to the large diameter to get the baffle cone angle back. We can also fatten up the diffuser for a slightly lower horn coefficient.



G5 Pipe Design



A simulated power graph for these pipes.



G3s Pipe Design

You can see that the simple diffuser coupled with the low baffle cone angle of the G8 design gives lower power than the other designs. The G5 design has very similar power to the G3s pipe, but falls off on both the low and high end. I suspect most of the power loss of the G8 pipe comes from the low baffle cone angle.

Before drawing conclusions from the above simulations, there are several reservations. The friction and heat loss approximations in the simulation I use are designed for larger engines. I notice that the peak power is overstated and that the power doesn't drop off as fast as it does in our dyno tests on the same engine and pipe. All the above power curves will drop off more quickly after 16,000 rpm in a real engine. For reasons I don't fully understand, the low-end power is understated in the simulation.

It is possible to change some assumptions in the simulation to more closely match dyno tests, but there will still be questions. Even so, pipes that did well in simulations have done well in dyno tests and in actual SAW hydros. I believe the ranking of pipes as shown by the simulations won't change, just ignore the power shown.

Another question is why use power rather than torque to compare pipes. Torque is a measure of how much work is being done. The dimensions of torque are (in British engineering units) foot-pounds. Power is a measure of how fast that work is being done. Its units are foot-pounds per second. We're racing, so the speed is important. The plot of rpm against time for a rapidly accelerating boat is very close to the engine's power graph. In cars, where the resistance is easier to estimate than in boats, this principle is used in "dashboard dynos". All the examples shown are for a particular 26 cc engine. Larger engines and different port timing will need different pipe designs.

I conclude that for the fixed diameter and length pipes shown, the G3s pipe has the best peak power and should be good for all around racing. A shallower baffle cone angle gives more over power but sacrifices low end power. In the real pipes we have tested, it also may sacrifice peak power, but is still good for SAW engines. The broad power curve makes prop matching easier. Steeper baffle cone angles have the opposite effect.

Diffuser design is more complicated. The simple two stage diffuser in this example is close to optimum for the fixed pipe diameter used. However, more diffuser stages should allow expansion to a larger pipe diameter, generating a stronger low-pressure pulse. In any case, some angle from the start of the exhaust outlet is superior to fixed diameter headers.

Finally, the stinger diameter was held constant in the above examples. Often, a bigger stinger will give more power, especially as the rpm is increased, increasing exhaust flow. Testing with removable stingers in a 35 cc engine showed that we needed a larger stinger as we modified the engine for higher rpm power.

NAMBA RES at the Nationals

By David Santistevan
NAMBA I.T. Chairman

The Engine Behind a Modern Championship Event

For the first time in NAMBA history, the NAMBA Race Entry System successfully managed the entire NAMBA Nationals experience from race entry through final awards. The 2025 Nationals marked a major milestone, proving that RES is not just a scoring system, but the operational backbone of the largest event in North American Model Boat Association racing.

From Entry to Awards: One System, One Flow

At the 2025 NAMBA Nationals, the RES Store handled all race entries, processing drivers, classes, and fees through a single, centralized system. From there, RES carried the event forward through race operations, heat management, scoring, and final results without the need for disconnected tools or manual workarounds.

Over the course of the week, RES successfully managed and scored nearly 500 heats of racing, maintaining accuracy, stability, and real-time visibility throughout the event. What had traditionally required layers of spreadsheets, handwritten notes, and manual coordination was instead handled through a unified platform designed specifically for NAMBA racing.

A Visual Clock That Changed the Pond Experience

One of the most noticeable additions at the 2025 Nationals was the introduction of the RES Visual Clock. Deployed across the event, the clock quickly became an essential race-day tool. The system worked near flawlessly throughout the week, providing drivers and race staff with clear, consistent timing information. The visual clock reduced confusion, improved pacing, and helped keep the event moving smoothly, even during the busiest days of competition. Its success at the Nationals validated the concept and cemented it as a core part of the RES race-day experience going forward.

Simplifying the Complexity of the Nationals

Running a NAMBA Nationals event is one of the most complex undertakings in model boat racing. Dozens of classes, hundreds of drivers, constant schedule adjustments, and an unforgiving race pace all demand precision and coordination. RES played a critical role in simplifying that complexity. By centralizing race data, automating heat management, and delivering real-time information to race staff and drivers, RES reduced the operational burden on volunteers and officials. This allowed event staff to focus less on managing systems and more on running a great race.

Looking Ahead to 2026

Following the success of 2025, RES once again stands as the workhorse of the NAMBA Nationals for 2026. Even as this article is being written, the 2026 NAMBA Nationals Store is in its final stages of preparation, with plans to open in late February.

The early readiness of the Store reflects a growing confidence in the system and a continued push toward smoother, more efficient Nationals planning. With RES handling entries, race operations, scoring, and results, the foundation is already in place for another successful championship event.

A New Standard for NAMBA Events

The success of RES at the Nationals represents more than a single good week of racing. It signals a shift in how large-scale NAMBA events are planned and executed. By streamlining operations and reducing administrative overhead, RES helps ensure that the focus stays where it belongs: on the drivers, the racing, and the experience.

As RES continues to evolve, its role at the NAMBA Nationals demonstrates what is possible when modern tools are purpose-built for the sport. What was once a logistical challenge has become a repeatable, scalable process, setting a new standard for NAMBA championship events going forward.



Keith Warham Saying So Long For The Moment

By Alan Hobbs
Past NAMBA President

In 1982 the Calgary, Alberta NAMBA Club hosted the Canadian NAMBA Nationals. I attended with my two sons. That is where we first met Keith Warham.

Keith was a leader in the Calgary Club and later became District 16 Director. He served as District Director for several years.

Keith liked to race outboard tunnel hulls. He also ran monos and scales. His boats were always nicely painted and set up well. He was a good driver and a good sport, always willing to help other boaters. He will be missed at the races while he pursues other endeavors in retirement.

Editors Note: Keith has been a NAMBA member since 1976.



Preparing for the drivers meeting

Treasure Island RC Boat Race High-Intensity Action in Puerto Rico

By Luis Ayala
NAMBA District 13 Director

This past January 2026, the Treasure Island RC Boat Race roared to life at the Club de Pesca Cidreño in Cidra, Puerto Rico. This marked a major success for NAMBA International's District 13.

Organized by the newly formed Cidra RC Boat Club, the event exceeded expectations by drawing an impressive 165 total entries in its inaugural edition. The remarkable turnout immediately positioned the race among the highest participated events held within NAMBA District 13 compared to last year.

Throughout the weekend, competitors battled across 13 official categories, featuring both electric and gasoline-powered classes. The diversity of racing disciplines brought nonstop excitement to the water, with standout categories including:

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| GX2 F1 Tunnel | GX2 Mono | Offshore |
| GX2 Hydro | GOpen Jersey | SuperBoat |
| Thunderboat | Skiff | SuperBoat |
| GX2 Catamaran | Open Electric | Twin |
| | Super Sport Mono | Junior Kids |
| | X2 Outrigger | |



The Cold Pits which I guess you could call the Social Pits. Everybody gets some shade

Saturday featured the official Test and Tune session giving racers the opportunity to fine-tune their setups, dial in engine performance, optimize hull trims and struts ahead of the main competition. The atmosphere was electric as teams made final adjustments with precision and strategy in mind.



Even the hot pits had an island feel to them

On Sunday, the full race program unfolded from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. delivering a full day of high-level competition. Heats were run with structured organization, strict adherence to NAMBA regulations, and a professional race management format that kept the action flowing smoothly throughout the day.

From explosive tunnel launches to tight hydro turns and off-shore battles in open water lanes, the Treasure Island RC Boat Race showcased both speed and technical skill. The event not only highlighted the strength and growth of District 13 but also demonstrated the passion and commitment of Puerto Rico's RC boat racing community.

With a powerful debut and record participation for a first-time host club, the Treasure Island RC Boat Race has firmly established itself as a premier stop on the District 13 calendar.



Club de Pesca Cidreño officials pass out awards to the Juniors

Latest and Greatest in PA Systems

By Ken Haines

Race Sound System Developer and District 3 Member

I have been asked by NAMBA President Richard Romero to write about the "New NAMBA PA System". We are excited to announce with the help of other members that we have developed an FM based system to support the racing for the many clubs around the country. We asked first for input from some of District 3 club presidents on what features they felt were needed to replace their aging PA systems.

Through research with multiple companies and testing various different equipment types and brands we arrived at a wireless FM transmitter battery powered speaker system. Utilizing FM allows the clubs to add as many battery powered 20 hour speakers as they desire initially and over time. These ION speakers can be plugged in during the event or simply charged for daily operation. Weather-proof covers are included to make the rollout very simple and trouble-free.

The system is simple to connect to the NAMBA RES via Blue-Tooth. There are two wireless microphones provided as well as two additional plug-in mic ports. The range of the microphones is approximately 200 feet. The range of the FM transmitter is approximately 1000 feet. The great feature of this FM concept is that any FM radio can pick up the race broadcast. Having a radio mounted speaker in your race trailer will add coverage and keep racers connected to all messages from the Race Announcers.

Due to the cost of the total system I have decided to provide at cost, meaning you do not pay for any of my time or labor. Only the cost of the equipment which will vary slightly over time.

We have sold six systems to date with a couple more on order. So far, everyone has been impressed with the sound quality, coverage, simplicity and the cost. I cannot guarantee lead time but should be able to provide each system within three to four weeks of placing the order.

My contact email is; ken_haines@hotmail.com
The system includes two wireless microphones, two pre-programmed audio clocks on I-pods with a Pyle mixer, and two antenna options depending on the size of your race site. The Hub is assembled on a handy metal plate which fits perfectly in a weather-proof Avalanche 4800 case (also included). You only need to provide 120volts ac power at your driver's stand and plugin a single cord.

The pricing varies depending on the options, but the basic system Hub ranges between \$725 to \$750, not including shipping each ION 300 Power-Glow speaker which can be purchased from Amazon for just under \$100 each.



Make life easy at your race. No yelling required. Easy to set up. Covers your entire race area and is NAMBA approved

District 7 Update

By John Borden
NAMBA District Director

Race #1 – Dallas RC Thunderboats

Race #1: Hosted by the Dallas RC Thunderboats is in the books, and it was fantastic seeing everyone back at the lake. We had a lot of new faces from District 5. So we supported their race in New Iberia, Louisiana the end of March.

Lunch was provided, giving us time to meet and get to know all of the new boaters. Thank you to everyone who helped put this event together.

We also used our new iPad to run the full NAMBA RES system from audio clock to scoring. Everything worked great.

Follow Dallas RC Thunderboats on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/551302888821215>

Race #2: Acadiana Model Power Boat Association (District 5)

Race #2 took us to District 5 with the Acadiana Model Power Boat Association. We had a fantastic time. Thank you to all of District 5 for the outstanding hospitality. The race site is perfect for racing, and you absolutely can't go wrong with the food.

Follow AMPBA on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=acadiana%20model%20power%20boat%20association>

District 7 Local Clubs

HOTMBC (Heart of Texas Model Boat Club)

Racing on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=heart%20of%20texas%20model%20boat%20club>

North Texas Battle Group

Battles on the third Saturday of every month.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/215805551939828>

District 7 Facebook

Follow all the D7 action on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/NambaDistrict7>

Notes to the District 7 Members

2025 Season Shirts

We handed out shirts from the 2025 season — congratulations to everyone!

Race Entry and Points

Enter races on the NAMBA RES:

<https://race.namba.com/>

For District 5 and District 17 members, remember to change the district selector to view and enter your races.

Points will be posted on the NAMBA RES:

<https://race.namba.com/series-result>

2026 NAMBA Nationals

There is a group hosting the 2026 NAMBA Nationals this year and we wish them the best of luck.

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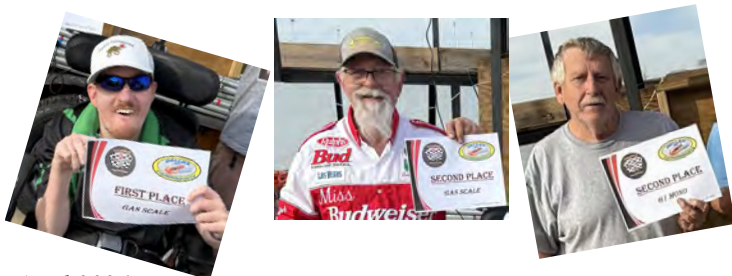
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The boots on the ground District 7 members who make it all happen



The District 5 members who traveled to make the event a success



Arecibo Mini Offshore: Celebrating 15 Years of Excellence

By Luis Ayala
NAMBA District 13 Director

Edgardo Molina, President of Arecibo Mini Offshore, proudly reflects on a significant milestone reached last year with the celebration of the organization's 15th anniversary. This achievement represents years of dedication, passion and teamwork made possible through the joint efforts of Mr. Molina and his wife, Idalis Aponte.



Throughout the years, Arecibo Mini Offshore has remained committed to delivering events of the highest quality, continuously raising standards within the Radio Control model boating community. This success would not have been possible without the unwavering support of competitors, event staff, and all individuals who have contributed to the steady growth of the hobby in Arecibo.

Mr. Molina extends his sincere appreciation to the core team members—José De León Jr., Alfred Colón, Eduardo Maldonado—and to everyone who has played a role in the organization and execution of each event. Their dedication has been instrumental in strengthening the foundation of Arecibo Mini Offshore.

A quote by Edgardo Molina: "Special recognition is also given to NAMBA and the District 13 Director, Luis Ayala, pillar of executions of all the aspects as well whose continued support has been vital to the organization's development and expansion".

Looking ahead, Arecibo Mini Offshore remains fully committed to elevating the experience for participants and spectators alike, with a clear vision of taking future events to the next level.

2026 Racing Events Schedule – Arecibo Mini Offshore

February 21 & 22
April 25 & 26
May 30 & 31
July 25 & 26
September 27 & 27
November 21 & 22
December 6 – Party Time



The Arecibo Mini Offshore Club having a good time

Sportsmanship at the Core of Team RES

By David Santistevan
NAMBA I.T. Chairman



At the heart of NAMBA racing is more than competition. It is respect for fellow drivers, support for volunteers, and a shared commitment to making every event better than the last. As the NAMBA Race Entry System continues to grow and evolve, these values remain just as important as the technology itself. Sportsmanship is the foundation on which successful events are built, and it is the guiding principle behind the Team RES Sponsored Driver Program.

Why Sportsmanship Matters

The NAMBA Race Entry System exists to support drivers, Contest Directors, Race Administrators, and clubs. Its success depends not only on software, but on the people who use it, promote it, and help others succeed with it. Drivers who demonstrate patience, fairness, respect, and a willingness to help others play a critical role in creating positive race environments. True sportsmanship shows up in many ways: helping a new driver understand the flow of an event, supporting race officials during long days, maintaining a positive attitude when challenges arise, and treating competitors with respect both on and off the water. These actions strengthen the NAMBA community and ensure that events remain welcoming and enjoyable for everyone.

Introducing the 2026 Team RES Drivers

NAMBA RES is proud to recognize the six drivers selected as 2026 Team RES ambassadors. These individuals exemplify the spirit of sportsmanship and have consistently contributed to making RES the force that it is today within North America Model Boat Association racing.

The 2026 Team RES members are:

Eric Canto
Kelly Canto
John Borden
Brandon Borden
Alan Terry
Oscar Olea (Woody)

Each of these drivers was selected not for results alone, but for the way they represent themselves, their fellow drivers, and the organization. Their sportsmanship, professionalism, and willingness to support others have had a meaningful impact on RES adoption and success at events across the country.

Recognizing Leadership at the Pond

Team RES drivers receive up to \$500 in reimbursed entry fees for races that are run using the NAMBA RES platform. This program is intended as a thank-you to drivers who actively contribute their time, feedback, and leadership to help improve the system and the race-day experience.

More importantly, Team RES drivers serve as visible examples of positive leadership at the pond. They help reinforce the idea that respect, cooperation, and community are just as vital to NAMBA racing as competition.

Moving Forward Together

As the NAMBA Race Entry System continues to expand at local races, district events, and the NAMBA Nationals, sportsmanship remains its foundation. Team RES represents that foundation in action.

These six drivers remind us that the strongest systems are built not only on technology, but on people who care deeply about the community they race in and the values that define NAMBA.

Go Team RES.



In Memory of Chris Hoffman

aka DASBOATA Propellers

NAMBA Member since 1986



The North America Model Boat Association (NAMBA), as a tax-exempt social club under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, reserves the right to establish and enforce reasonable membership criteria consistent with its stated purpose. Admission may be limited or denied based on factors including, but not limited to, organizational capacity, alignment with NAMBA’s recreational and social objectives, and adherence to the Association’s values, rules, and code of conduct. All membership decisions shall be made in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, and shall not be based on any form of unlawful discrimination.

Dunny Remembers Jay

By Jerry Dunlap

NAMBA Hall of Fame Member

NAMBA District 8 Member

NAMBA Member Since NAMBA was Created in 1970

It was 50 years ago this fall that I first met Jay Selby. The occasion was the first organized model outboard race on the West Coast. It possibly could have been the first model outboard only race in the United States. The location was Lake Spreckles in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. Lake Spreckles is a man made pond with a concrete liner about six inches above the waterline. The San Francisco Model Yacht Club was the host club. I was the guest of NAMBA Hall of Fame members made up of Charlie and Pat Pottle, John Brodbeck, owner of K&B Manufacturing and another HOF member who was also staying with the Pottles.

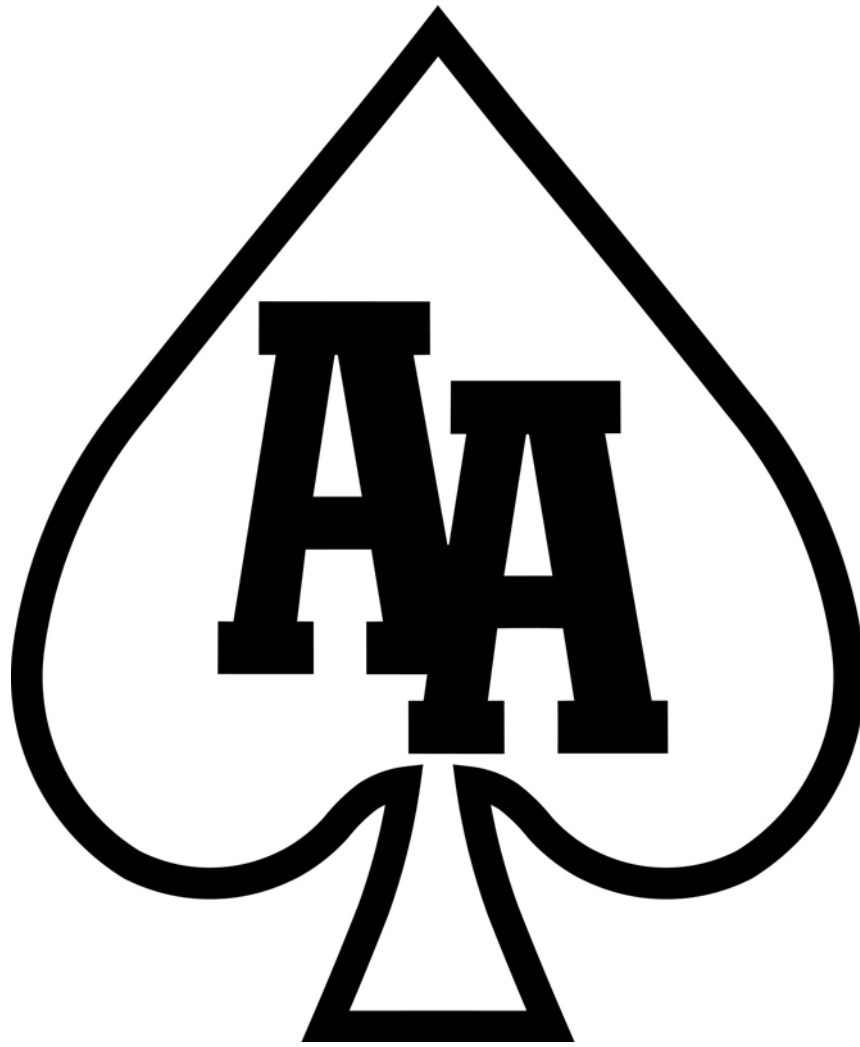
During practice on Friday preceding the Saturday and Sunday race, Jay’s tunnel boat lost radio signal. It headed towards Jay, hopped over the edge, and hit him in the lower leg. The front of Jay’s tunnel ripped through Jay’s event patches, decorated light blue racing jump suit and penetrated his leg. The cut was serious enough that another participant took Jay to an emergency room to provide medical attention. Jay was able to return to the lake that same Friday. Watching a hospital attendant cut his jump suit to access the cut was probably as painful as stitching up the cut. It was a great looking jump suit.

I don’t remember how either Jay or I finished in that event. I do remember I raced a brown foam Hughey 20 Hydro. This was prior to NAMBA establishing a class for model tunnel boats. Pat Pottle did place first racing a tunnel boat.

Jay was a purist when it came to his tunnel boats. They were beautifully crafted and sported scale paint schemes. Jay greatly enjoyed racing his tunnel boats however it wasn’t about winning. It was about participating. I was pleased to hear that Tommy Levescy (District 9 from where Jay Selby raced) plans to bring a couple of Jay’s tunnel boats to this year’s NAMBA Nationals in Washington. Tommy served as Jay’s pit person for many years.

There is not a Model Tunnel Boat Hall of Fame. If there was, Jay would be my choice for the first inductee. Over the past 61 years, I have met numerous wonderful individuals involved in all aspects of model boating. Jay’s memory will be with me every time I run my tunnel boat.





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News From 19: Momentum, Memories, and a Fast Start to 2026

Richard Romero
Director District 19

What a year 2025 was for District 19! It was filled with excitement, fierce competition, and plenty of action on the water. From eight thrilling district races to hosting the prestigious year-end meeting and banquet, District 19 continued to build momentum and remains one of the most active and energetic districts in the country.

Alongside our district races, clubs across the district hosted numerous club events and organized Test-and-Tune days. These gatherings gave racers plenty of opportunities to dial in their boats, share knowledge, and simply enjoy time together on the water. Events like these are the backbone of our district and a big reason why District 19 continues to thrive.

Celebrating the Year in Laughlin, Nevada

We wrapped up the season in December with our much-anticipated year-end banquet in Laughlin, Nevada. As always, the event was a fantastic success and brought together a great crowd of racers, families, and friends from across the district.

During the meeting, we took time to celebrate the accomplishments of the past season while also setting the stage for another exciting year ahead. One of the most important items on the agenda was finalizing the upcoming race schedule and reviewing rule updates that will guide our district moving forward.

Of course, the banquet wasn't just about business; it was also about having fun. Over the past few years, Steve Lopez has taken the mic to announce the year's champions. Steve does a fantastic job keeping everyone entertained while moving the program along. I think it's safe to say we may have a new District 19 banquet tradition.

A huge thank you also goes out to Russ Stark for once again organizing the always-entertaining White Elephant gift exchange. Russ always finds a way to keep everyone laughing, and this year was no exception. His efforts and sense of humor made the evening even more memorable.

Celebrating Our Champions

One of the highlights of the banquet is recognizing the racers who worked hard all season to earn their place at the top of the standings. District 19 is home to some incredibly talented competitors, and 2025 was no exception.

2025 Points Series Champions

- G-1 Mono – Dale Roberts
- G-1 Catamaran – Ron Fassl Jr.
- G-1 Sport Hydro – Brent Shoup
- G-1 Outrigger – Coltin Motley
- G-1 Crackerbox – Tom Cinquegrani
- Sportsman Mono – Mark Rehling
- G-Limited Catamaran – Richard Romero
- Jersey Skiff – Lenny Blake
- Classic Thunderboat – Steve Lopez
- GX-2 Mono – Ron Fassl Jr.
- GX-2 Catamaran – Roger Pane
- GX-2 Sport Hydro – Tom Cinquegrani
- GX-2 Outrigger – Ron Fassl Jr.
- GX-2 Crackerbox – Tom Cinquegrani
- G-Limited Mono – Cole Forrest

2025 High Points Champion

Dale Roberts

Rookie Champions

Noah R, Camden S, Carson S, Mason W, Kaiden W. Hudson T.

Award of Excellence

Al Waters

Congratulations to all of our champions and award winners. Your dedication, preparation, and sportsmanship represent the very best of District 19 racing.



Dale Roberts High Point Champion, Al Waters Award of Excellence, and Ron Fassl Jr. because he was the best looking cowboy at the awards banquet

A Strong Start to the New Season

As the new season began, we wasted no time getting back on the water. Our traditional season opener in Lake Havasu, Arizona, once again proved why it's one of the most anticipated races of the year.

The London Bridge Model Boat Club hosted another outstanding event. The team secured more than 20 event sponsors, organized an incredible raffle, and made sure there was plenty of race swag for everyone. The Thursday night meet-and-greet gave racers a chance to catch up, share stories, and prepare for the exciting weekend ahead.



Every race weekend brings its share of memorable moments, and Lake Havasu certainly delivered.

Kaiden and Mason battled it out in the Rookie class with mom and dad working the pits. Kaiden finished the day with the highest points total, but as we all know, no one loses in this class, including the spectators who get to watch these future racers in action.

PROPWASH

Another special moment came when Tom Galvery captured his first District 19 Points Race victory in 20 years, earning himself an icy celebratory bath tradition that never gets old.

Meanwhile, Brent Shoup received the same icy treatment after winning his first District 19 Points Championship in G-1 Sport Hydro, giving everyone a great laugh and creating a moment we won't soon forget.

Congratulations to both Tom and Brent on their accomplishments!



Henry Velasco will be 90 years old this year and can still bring it to the table. Brent Daily of Propworks West and Richard Hallet whose name is very familiar in the big boat industry

Racing Returns to Needles, California

Our second race of the season took us to Park Moabi / Pirates Cove, hosted by the London Bridge Model Boat Club. This race was made possible through the outstanding efforts of Jim Foster, Steve Scimenti, and their dedicated club members.

The Rookie class once again stole the show, and honestly, that's exactly how it should be. Kaiden and Mason returned and battled through three intense rounds of racing, trading positions lap after lap. What made it even better was the sportsmanship they showed. After each round, they were laughing, shaking hands, and congratulating each other on a great race.

That's exactly the spirit we want to see in our future racers.



We also had another first-time winner in a nitro class. Brian Bounds captured the win in B Mono. In the excitement of his victory, his buddy Shane Forrest convinced both Brian and the crowd that he needed to celebrate by jumping in the water. Even though Brian has won many gas classes in the past, he went ahead and took the plunge anyway.

Great job, Brian, and remember, choose your friends wisely if you want to stay dry!



Brian Bounds 1st place in the middle with Cole Forrest 2nd place on the left and Caleb Bounds 3rd place on the right. They along with Shane Forrest have brought A Mod Tunnel, B Mod Tunnel, and B Mono nitro racing back to District 19

A Huge Thank You to Our Volunteers

None of these events would be possible without the volunteers who dedicate their time and energy so others can race. A huge thank you to those who travel to the events to manage the transponder system, set the race courses, retrieve boats, judge races, and handle announcing duties. These individuals work tirelessly throughout the entire weekend to ensure everything runs smoothly, sacrificing their own time so the rest of us can enjoy the racing.

Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

Looking Ahead

With two races already completed and several more ahead on the schedule, the season is off to an incredible start.

District 19 has incredible momentum right now, and with a full schedule ahead, it's shaping up to be another fantastic year for RC model boating.

We're also excited to be returning to Mission Bay in San Diego and Kiwanis Park in Tempe, Arizona. A special thank you goes out to Lenny and LeAnn Blake, Bill Bridge, Jim Osborne, and Al Waters, who have been putting in countless hours behind the scenes to make these events happen.

District 19 may also be hosting a double points race later in the season, so keep an eye out for that announcement.

In addition to district racing, we're seeing increased activity across our clubs. It's exciting to see members stepping up and expanding opportunities for everyone to get out on the water.

See You on the Water

This year's **55th NAMBA Nationals** will be held in the Tri-Cities area at Columbia Park Pond, hosted by District 8. I hope to see a strong showing from our District 19 members. District 8 racers support our district throughout the year and are often among the first to step up and help when it's needed at events, large or small.

Let's show our appreciation for their support and hard work by attending this year's Nationals.

Whether you're competing in a club race, attending a district event, preparing for the next NAMBA Nationals, or simply fine-tuning your boat, remember that the incredible events we enjoy are made possible by volunteers who dedicate countless hours behind the scenes.

Let's keep the momentum going and make this season one to remember. I look forward to seeing all of you at the races and on the water throughout the year!



In Memory of ...

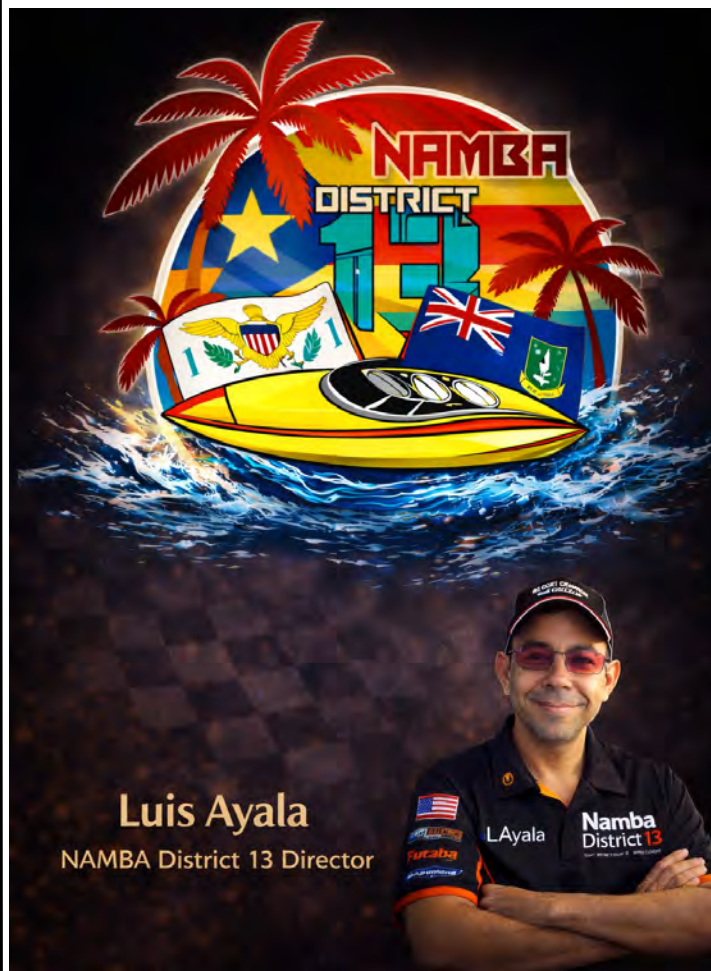
District 19 lost a very long time model boater and a great friend to many people in Allen Malik. A NAMBA and (SMB) Scottsdale Model Boaters member since 1987, Allen was remembered for his A Hydro in the nitro days and G-Limited Mono when Gas racing came along.

At the end of the day, it was "Less Filling or Tastes Great" at the races with Allen. However, he will always be best known as the Sunday "Tootsie Pop Guy". Always walking around at the races on Sunday's making sure that everyone had their Tootsie Pop. In memory of Allen the Sunday tradition is continuing throughout the 2026 race season.

Puerto Rico R/C Registration and Standings Platform

By Luis Ayala

NAMBA District 13 Director



Luis Ayala
NAMBA District 13 Director

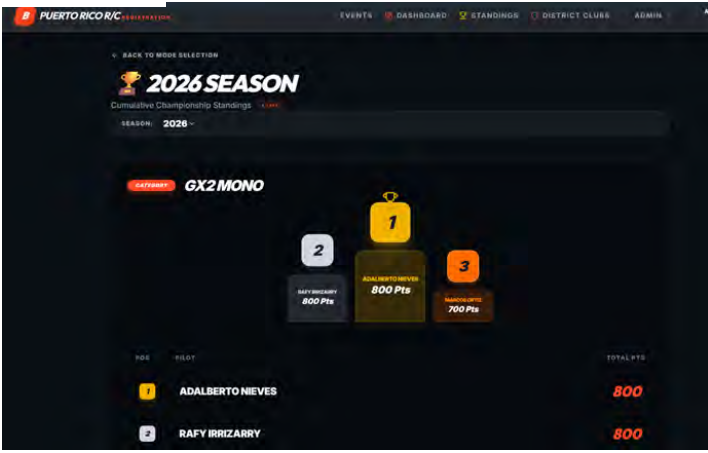
Editorial Report – 2026 Season Overview

The 2026 season arrives with renewed energy, higher expectations, and a clear commitment to modernization. The Puerto Rico R/C Registration and Standings Platform represents a major technological leap forward for competitors in NAMBA District 13, delivering real-time digital access to results, standings, and event information.

Developed by Fernando Cosme, District 13 racer and digital creator, the platform was designed to empower racers, organizers, and clubs with a centralized, modern, and performance-driven system.

🏆 CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS – 2026 SEASON

At the core of the platform is a dynamic championship standings table for the 2026 season. The interface highlights the top three competitors with a podium-style presentation. Points are displayed prominently for immediate performance recognition. Trends can be quickly identified, reinforcing competitive hierarchy. Real-time updates ensure transparency and integrity.

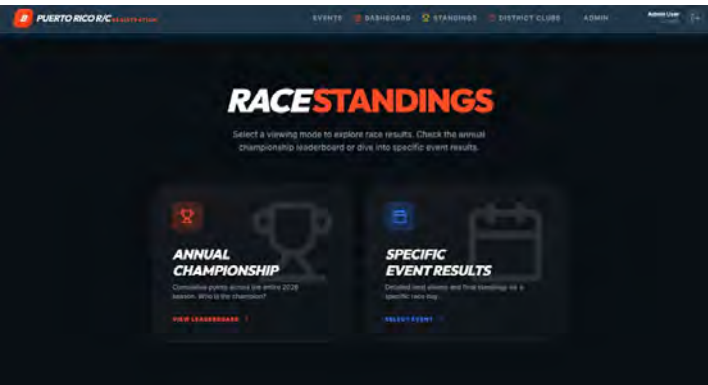


STANDINGS NAVIGATION AND EVENT RESULTS

The system allows seamless navigation between:

1. Overall season standings
2. Individual event results
3. Detailed race breakdowns

This dual-layer structure provides both high-level championship insight and granular race-by-race performance analysis.



DISTRICT CLUBS SECTION

The District Clubs section presents official R/C racing organizations throughout Puerto Rico.

Each club profile includes:

1. Official name
2. Location
3. Club logo
4. Brief description

This feature strengthens identity, collaboration, and community visibility across the island’s racing ecosystem.

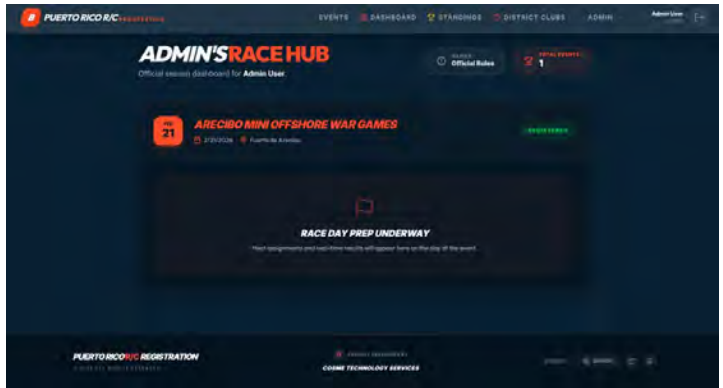


ADMINISTRATIVE RACE HUB

The Race Hub offers a centralized overview of:

1. Scheduled events
2. Dates and locations
3. Event status

Its dark theme with bold orange accents reflects a modern motorsport identity — aggressive, clean, and professional.

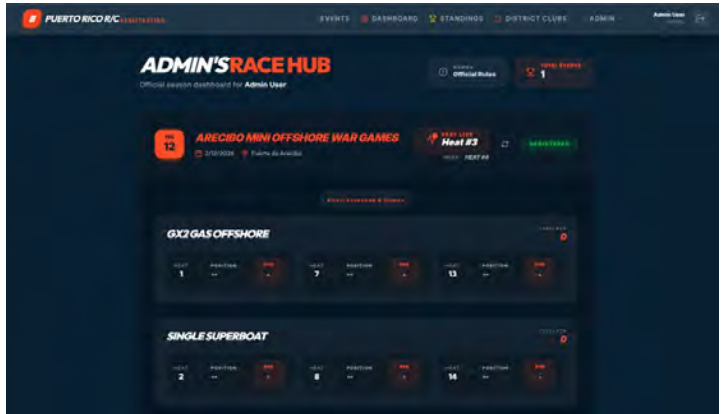


HEAT VIEW AND CATEGORY BREAKDOWN

This operational view delivers:

1. Heat assignments
2. Category classification
3. Finishing positions
4. Points allocation

By digitizing heat structure and scoring, the platform improves clarity and efficiency during competitions, reducing manual tracking errors and elevating event execution standards.



CONCLUSION

The Puerto Rico R/C Registration and Standings platform represents a significant advancement in the professional management of R/C boat racing in Puerto Rico.

It strengthens:

1. Transparency
2. Organization
3. Competitive integrity
4. Digital accessibility

As the 2026 season unfolds, District 13 continues to demonstrate that innovation and tradition can move forward together.

Lets Wrap It Up

By Al Waters
 NAMBA Secretary

This is where I summarize what has transpired the past year. So please read this material as some of it is very important as it directly affects every member in NAMBA.

The 2025 NAMBA Officers Elections

I am going to believe that President Richard Romero and Vice President Karl Loveless are doing a great job as no one decided to run against them. As a result, a "Vote of Confidence" was requested of the membership. 28 percent of the membership responded with a Yes vote which is pretty good considering the office was theirs.

The same can be said for all odd numbered NAMBA districts as it was their turn to vote for a District Director. Only District 19 submitted a nomination so by NAMBA rules, all odd numbered District Director positions rolled over automatically. The same occurred with your NAMBA Secretary.

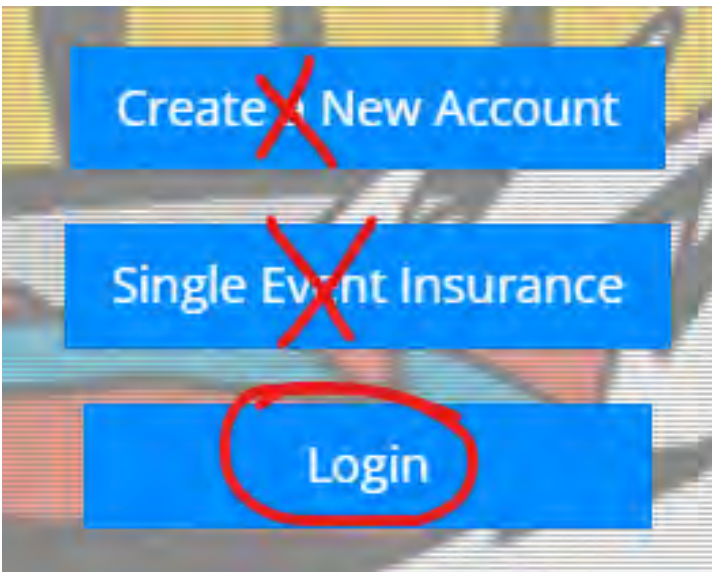
I will say that I received a very nice letter from District 3 Director Eric Canto that he wanted to continue as District Director. That technically was not an official nomination however it was a nice gesture none the less so Eric will continue.

NAMBA General Membership Proposals

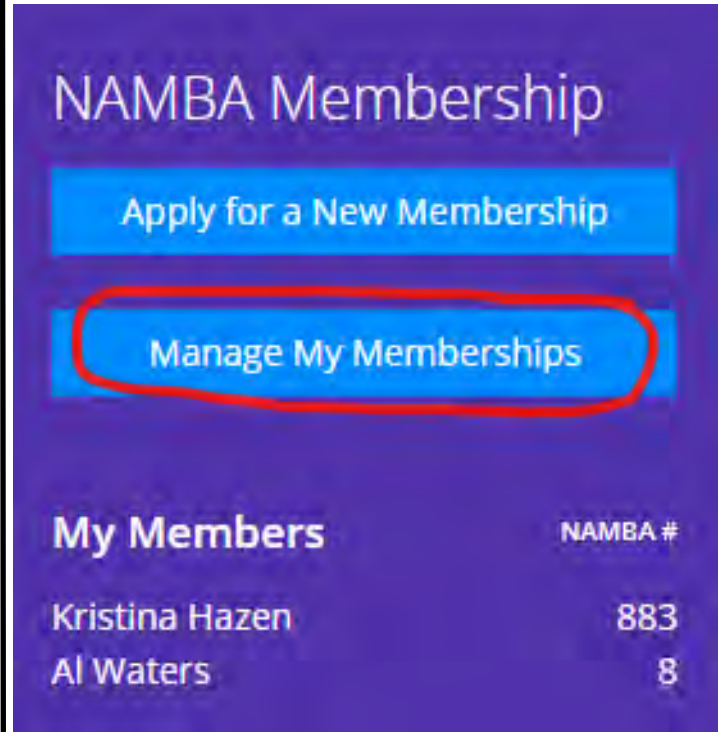
Recently the NAMBA membership voted on two proposals. One being the required motors for FE 1/10th Scale Unlimited Hydroplane and the other on breaking ties on points at the end of a race day. Over 40% of the membership voted which is excellent indicating that the NAMBA Membership Voting Portal is working out real well. Both proposals passed and will be implemented immediately as the rule book updates are posted on the NAMBA web site. If you have any questions, please contact your District Director.

How to Edit Your NAMBA Membership Profile

1. Go to member.namba.com
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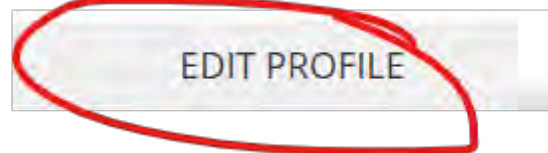
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Where is My NAMBA Propwash Newsletter?

Effective immediately, the NAMBA Propwash newsletter will now be digitally online to read and or download to print and in the color version. Printing and mailing costs have gone through the roof in recent years and now it is time to make a change.

Members will be notified the months of April and October of each year through the NAMBA Membership Portal e-mail system. If you have not ever received an e-mail to renew your membership or vote on a rule proposal, then you have an issue with your ISP, computer or cell phone security setup or e-mail (junk mail?) program because we use a service that avoids our NAMBA e-mails to be considered Spam e-mail.

New members will continue to receive a printed rule book and introductory newsletter, and all NAMBA members will receive postal mailed hard copies of rule book updates.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the NAMBA office at 760.522.9138.



MECA— The Model Engine Collectors Association

Last year Richard Magin, the editor of the MECA magazine was visiting a District 3 event in Florida and was intrigued by the RC boat racing. He contacted Lohring Miller, our resident tech writer and myself about contributing articles to their associations magazine. I was able to provide an article and pictures from the 2025 NAMBA Nationals in Florida for their January-February 2026 edition. Lohring followed up with a real nice tech article and a profile of himself. I have know Lohring for more than 35 years and I still learned a lot I did not know about the man. The magazine is beautifully done with plenty of pictures in color (when color became available in the photographic world) of model boat engines and their collectors.

MECA is about preserving the legacy of miniature engines. If it ever flew, floated, was prop driven, or tethered and ran on nitro fuel, the MECA association has it covered as they are world wide.

Please check out their web site if you are interested in learning about where it all began with model engines.
<https://www.modelenginecollectors.net>



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News From District 5

By Mark Grim
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Media Director

Racing Returns to a Legendary Louisiana Pond as Acadiana Model Power Boat Association Hosts NAMBA District 5 Event in New Iberia.

There are race sites... and then there are race sites with history. The pond in New Iberia, Louisiana, is firmly in the second category. Boats have been ripping across those waters since the 1960s, and for decades it served as a gathering place for model boaters throughout the heart of Acadiana—a region deeply tied to Louisiana's Cajun and Creole heritage, known for tight-knit communities, strong traditions, and a shared love of being on the water. In many ways, this pond reflects what Acadiana itself represents: generations coming together, passing down skills, stories, and passions.

The last official race here took place in May of 2010, and after 2013 the site went unused, slowly becoming overgrown and inaccessible. Until now.

Thanks to a determined group of current members, the pond was brought back to life just in time for a NAMBA District 5 race on March 28–29, 2026, hosted by the Acadiana Model Power Boat Association (AMPBA). The comeback race was managed by Contest Director Mark Grim, with invaluable help from Chris Wittrig, Bruce Jacobs, and John Borden—and the effort paid off in a big way.

A Club Built on Decades of Loyalty

Acadiana has deep roots, and the club reflects that sense of continuity. Van Savoie and Nick Peltier have been club members since the 1980s, and many current members trace their involvement back to the 1990s and early 2000s, including Tony Alcalá, Jessie Brazier, Danny Melancon, Ray Comeaux, Larry Anglie, Gary Wilson, and Tyler Johnson.

Van Savoie first came to this pond in the late 1980s, and although he's no longer an active club member, he still shows up to hang out—with his son Jason Savoie and grandson Tyler Savoie—because once the sound of engines and the smell of fuel get into your soul, they never really leave.

Today, the club is led by President Nick Peltier, and in November 2025 the AMPBA approached NAMBA District 5 Director Mark Grim about hosting a race at the revitalized site in 2026. It was an ambitious ask—but one driven by pride in both the hobby and the region the club represents.

Two Districts, One Big Weekend

Support poured in immediately. NAMBA District 7 was eager to back a Louisiana race, and both this New Iberia event and a recent race in Dallas, Texas were designated as points eligible championship events for both districts. That decision helped drive turnout and elevated the importance of the weekend.

District 7 members making the trip south included John and Brandon Borden, Jerry Roberts, John Neuhaus, and Oscar Love, with additional racers attending from the Voodoo Model Boat Club.

Perfect Weather, Big Smiles

Mother Nature cooperated in the best possible way. March 28–29 brought classic South Louisiana spring weather—warm, comfortable temperatures, light winds, and consistently raceable water all weekend long. For a site making its return, the conditions could not have been better.

Racing Results

Once the drivers' meeting wrapped up, the racing delivered.

Day 1 Podium

G LTD Mono
1st – Tyler Johnson
2nd – Tony Alcalá
3rd – Jesse Brazier

G LTD Catamaran
1st – Tyler Johnson
2nd – Lance Ledet
3rd – John Brandon Borden

G LTD Crackerbox
1st – Quinn Savoy
2nd – Denny Melancon

G-1 Mono
1st – John Neuhaus
2nd – Jesse Lee
3rd – Tyler Johnson

G-1 Sport Hydro
1st – Nick Hartdegen
2nd – Tony Alcalá
3rd – Richard Graeser

G-1 Outrigger
1st – Jerry Roberts
2nd – Quinn Savoy
3rd – Tyler Johnson

1/6 Scale Gas
1st – John Brandon Borden
2nd – Roy Wilson
3rd – John Neuhaus

Looking Ahead

This race wasn't just about trophies—it was about reclaiming history and honoring the spirit of Acadiana itself. What was once an inaccessible, forgotten pond is once again alive with competition, camaraderie, and the sound of boats on the water. And the best part? This won't be the last race here.

The Acadiana Model Power Boat Association plans to host future events, and after the success of this weekend, it's clear that New Iberia—and Acadiana as a whole has reclaimed its place on the NAMBA racing map.

If you weren't there in March, keep an eye out for future events hosted by AMPBA. This pond still has plenty of wake left to throw.

Day 2 Podium

Classic Thunderboat
1st – Nick Hartdegen
2nd – Quinn Savoy
3rd – Tony Alcalá

Open Mono
1st – Jesse Lee
2nd – John Neuhaus
3rd – Jesse Brazier

Open Catamaran
1st – Lance Ledet
2nd – Gary Wilson
3rd – John Borden

C Hydro
1st – Mark Grim
2nd – Richard Hartley
3rd – Chris Wittrig

Open Sport Hydro
1st – Johnny Adams
2nd – Tony Alcalá
3rd – Tyler Johnson

Open Offshore
1st – Tyler Johnson
2nd – Gary Wilson
3rd – Oscar Love

Open Rigger
1st – John Borden
2nd – Kain Oddo
3rd – Jerry Roberts



A panorama view from the drivers stand of the New Iberia, Louisiana race site. For more information contact District Director Mark Grim or the Acadiana Model Power Boat Association President Nick Peltier.



NAMBA District 5 Director and his racing partner Chris Wittrig handle the race announcer duties.



The Hot Pits



A view of the Cold Pits in Turn One



Lunch is now being served. Nothing like a Southern style Louisiana "Boil" .

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