



OPC Category Memo

TO: ALL OPC MEMBERS

From: The OPC Commission

Date: April 30, 2019

There are rumors, and then there are facts. We must work with facts, as well as perform our duty to correct misconceptions when they become destructive to your classes, the OPC category, and the entire APBA organization.

Recently a statement was made by a non-APBA member that "APBA screwed Dan Bunting" over his category championship bids. This statement is not a fact. We have attached a copy of the OPC Category meeting minutes, where, over the course of two days, Dan submitted bids, won some but not all, and then rescinded those same bids just before the close of the commission meeting. Additionally, he was given a thirty-day timeframe to reconsider his final position. At the end of those thirty days, with no communication from Dan, as agreed to in the official minutes, his bids, which included an APBA National, a number of APBA Divisionals, APBA North American as well as APBA Regionals, became available for other APBA Clubs to bid. All rules and bylaws were followed, at no time did anyone within the APBA organization do Dan any harm, the decisions to rescind his bids were his, and his alone.

During the two conference calls between Dan and your classes, his chief referee, Pat Whitcomb, told all of you that only two of the races currently on the Powerboat Nationals schedule would be sanctioned through APBA –Guntersville, Alabama, and Trenton, Michigan. If this is the case, Dan has potentially negated the privilege of conducting an APBA series for both SST 45 and SST 120, as he requested during the national meeting in Orlando. Our rules are very clear about the number of races required, as well as the number of participating boats and the minimum amounts of prize money.

Please, consider:

- Only APBA sanctioned races give you APBA points
- Only APBA sanctioned races are considered as part of your overall points standing for APBA Hall of Champions

- Non-APBA sanctioned races do not have APBA insurance. Ask to see the policy, including the ADD coverage for drivers to make sure that the coverages are comparable
- Non-sanctioned APBA races do not have the use of the APBA rule book and bylaws. If there is an issue, drivers and teams have no recourse for appeals/protests concerning on-site decisions

There are no penalties by APBA for any driver or team that chooses to race both APBA and Powerboat Nationals events. Do not feel that you must choose one over the other. All of us understand the wish to race where you choose, and as often as you can.

Since all this has transpired, there have been new Championships added in SST120, SST45 and SST60 to make up for the events withdrawn by Powerboat Nationals. Check the APBA website for those.

If there are questions, please contact one of your commissioners.

We wish everyone a safe and exciting 2019 race season.

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