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## **KURT ROMBERG**

Kurt Romberg started racing with APBA in 1975 as part of a team that included his father and brothers. As a driver, Romberg participated in 25SSH, BSH, 25MH (now known as 400ccMH), and BMH (now known 350MH). He won the national championships in 25SSH (1981) and BMH (1983). Romberg was also the fastest qualifier in 25SSH at the 1981 national championships.



Romberg left powerboat racing at the end of 1983 to attend college in Kansas. He returned to powerboat racing with youngest son Noah in 2013. Noah won the National High Point Championship in AXH in 2015.

Romberg has been active in the governance of APBA. He was the Trenton Outboard Racing Club Commodore from 1982 to 1983. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Carolina Virginia Racing Association (CVRA). Romberg was elected to the SORC from Region 14 in 2018 and appointed to the SORC in 2019 and 2020. Romberg is currently the Stock Outboard Chief Inspector and a key member of the Stock Outboard Technical Committee. He served as the Chief Inspector at the 2019 national championships in Wakefield, MI. Romberg had agreed to be a member of the race committee at the 2020 Junior Classes/Modified Outboard/Stock Outboard national championships prior to the event's cancellation. He has already signed on as Chief Inspector for the 2021 national championships in Springfield, OH. Romberg inspects several local races each year.

During Romberg's time away from powerboat racing, he earned a Bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Engineering and a Master's Degree in Aerodynamics from Wichita State University. After graduation, Romberg had a brief stint as an aerodynamicist in Formula 1 car racing in England. Following his time in England, Romberg moved to Detroit for a job in the General Motors Aerodynamics Department. His last position at GM was Chief Aerodynamicist for the C5 Corvette that debuted in 1997, which had the lowest drag coefficient of any American built sports car. Romberg left GM in 1997 for a career in NASCAR. He started as Chief Aerodynamicist for Richard Petty at Petty Enterprises. In 2001, Romberg became Chief Aerodynamicist for Rick Hendrick at Hendrick Motorsports, where Romberg worked with drivers including Jeff Gordon, Jimmy Johnson and Chase Elliot. In his 16 years with Hendrick Motorsports, Romberg contributed to more than 120 NASCAR Cup wins including wins at Daytona, Darlington and Indy. During this time, Hendrick Motorsports earned seven NASCAR Cup Championship Rings. Romberg currently works as Chief Aerodynamicist for NASCAR's Roush Fenway Racing.

In 2007, Romberg received the Race Tech Aerodynamicist of the Year award. To date, Romberg remains the only American to win this prestigious European award customarily given only to Formula 1 aerodynamicists.

Romberg finds it ironic that during the week, he works very hard in the "gray areas" to enhance the performance of race cars, while on weekends, he works very hard at APBA races to keep people out of the "gray areas."

Kurt Romberg's unique combination of perspectives, skills and experiences would be an asset to the APBA Board of Directors.

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## **RICH LUHRS**

Rich started boat racing in 1959 when he entered small outlaw outboard events in the Northeast. He first joined APBA in 1964 and competed in the OPC division for the following 15 years. During that time, he campaigned successfully in the dual engine classes in such events as the Albany-NY Marathon, Orange Bowl 9 hour, Around Long Island Marathon, OPC Nationals, Grand Lake St Mary's Marathons, Milwaukee-Chicago-Milwaukee marathons, Havasu Outboard World Championships and many others. Later while competing in the MOD U and S tunnel boat classes, Rich became a member of Team Mercury Canada. His longtime business partner, Don Lostumbo, Champion 7 liter, SK, SS, and GP driver gave him insight and introduction to the Inboard division as well. Because of his longtime involvement in both the USA and Canadian races, Rich was chosen as a Charter member of the North American Championship Commission as an APBA representative.



At the end of his OPC career he, Don, and, George Linder created the multi time Offshore World Champion and record holding Shadow Cats for Image Boat company, of which Rich was Managing General Partner. Later Rich, Don, and George, along with Ken Adams formed Conquest Marine and built a series of one-off World Champion Offshore Catamarans that are still legendary today. After the tragic death of World Champion racer Mark Lavin in one of the Conquests, Jesse James, Rich and George became Founders and Charter members of the Lavin Cockpit Safety Foundation, whose standards were widely adopted in both the APBA and UIM Offshore classes.

From 1982 through 2019, Rich was featured in a related career as the "Video voice of Offshore Racing" doing live to tape commentary of over 200 races. Later Rich and famed broadcaster, Dick Crippen, formed an announcing tag team for APBA Offshore and appeared on ESPN, ESPN2, Prime, MSG, TNN, Speedvision and The Speed Channel. Rich also was the APBA Offshore Director of Television Broadcasts under Gene Whipp. During this period, Rich also wrote a monthly column "From My Perch" for *The Racer's Edge* boat racing newsletter.

Currently Rich campaigns various boats in APBA Vintage and Historic events, and owns a 1969 Switzer Wing, a 1961 Switzer Wooden Shooting Star, a 1968 original wood Eltro, and a 1961 JJ class PowerCat, among others. He is also Vice Chairman of the APBA Vintage and Historic Committee and on the BOD of the Florida Vintage Race Boat Club. As of December, 2019, Rich also serves as Chairman of the APBA Offshore Racing Committee.

Rich is a Member of the NPBA Hall of Fame, and holder of the Clayton Antique Boat Museum's "Legends of Vintage" Award.

During his career, Rich always had a "day job" in Trucking and Logistics. He co-owned a widely respected Transportation Consulting company, and later was Partner/CEO of Titan Express a Nationwide Load to Ride asset-based trucking company. He finished his career as Senior VP of The Shevell Transportation Group in the Northeast with full P&L responsibility for three asset-based subsidiaries, and later was Chief Development Officer for New Century Transportation. Now semi-retired, Rich also serves as Chairman of the Planning Board in Granite Quarry, North Carolina where he resides.

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### **JEAN MACKAY-SCHWARTZ**

Jean has been actively involved in APBA since 1973 officiating, promoting, and competing in multiple categories (Stock, MOD, PRO, OPC, and Inboard). Retired as a driver, Jean is dedicated to growing APBA membership and helping others to begin racing. She continues to sponsor and promote young Stock and Modified drivers. She has been involved in APBA decision-making at the national and local levels.



Active in the APBA Board of Directors; Jean served as APBA Secretary for four years and was a Council-Member-at-Large for nine years. She is currently serving her third term on the APBA Board of Directors, and is Chair of the Government Affairs, and New Class committees; and Co-Chair of the APBA Promotional and Marketing Committee. She represents Region 9 on the Modified Outboard Commission and has served on the Stock Outboard and OPC Commissions. Active at the local level, Jean is a member of the Region 9 Board of Directors and is Publicity Chair for East Bay Boat Club. In Region 11, she held a variety of offices, including Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Chair of the Officials Committee, and Commodore of East Bay Boat Club.

Jean's officiating background includes 38 years as an APBA Referee and UIM Referee for World Championships. She has extensive experience officiating multi-category SO, MOD, PRO, OPC, Inboard, and J/AX events. She has worked with members and race committees at several SO, MOD, J/AX, and OPC Nationals and UIM World Championships. She also brings experience as Chief Scorer, Race Director, and Risk Manager.

Recently retired from Santa Clara County after 26 years as a Transit Planner, she successfully managed public transportation projects and programs interfacing with school districts, transit properties, and government agencies. Jean brings a unique skill set to the Board of Directors that can bridge the gap between the membership and APBA Management. She believes in taking the time to communicate with the members and blends decisions with good management for the future of APBA. The growth of APBA racing, membership, and event site growth are her top priorities and make her a dedicated and consistent Board member.

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### **ROBERT WILSON**

Robert Wilson has been an active Inboard Member of the APBA for over 40 years. He has been a Racing Member in two different classes throughout the years. He has traveled extensively throughout the Country supporting the APBA. In addition to being a Racing Member, he has also been an Inboard Inspector for several years along with serving the IRC and chairing several committees. He is the Treasurer of his local club the KNRA and annually organizes his local race. With experience on the Board of Directors from last year, Robert will continue to help grow the sport.



Robert has been married to his wife Cathy for 33 years and together they have two very successful daughters. He is the General Manager for Leo's Vacation Center, a very successful RV dealership located in Maryland.

The many years of racing, traveling, club activity and organizing experience, makes Robert Wilson an excellent candidate as a Board Member. His well-balanced background and commitment to the APBA throughout the years shows an individual who really cares about the organization.

### **DAREN GOEHRING**

Daren Goehring is a four-time APBA Stock/Modified National Champion, two-time APBA Modified National High Points Champion, and currently holds 7 APBA records. Goehring has been an APBA Modified Category Commissioner since 2009 and is currently an APBA Modified Inspector. He has been the Commodore for Seattle Outboard Association from 2013 to present, with the exception of 2018. Goehring has also been a SOA Board member since 2010 and is currently an APBA Mod Tech committee member.



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## KATELYN SHAW

Katelyn has been involved in APBA for all of her 32 years. She began officiating as chief scorer at the age of 14 and received the Inboard Scorer of the Year award with she was 15. Katelyn has also been active at the region level serving as Region 3's Officiating Director from 2011-2018, Region 3 Vice Chairman in 2019, Region 3 writer for the Propeller Magazine for several years and member of the Inboard Racing Commission from 2018-2019 as a commissioner and 2019-2020 as a class representative. She has also served on the inboard safety committee. Katelyn has served as secretary, president and vice-president over the years for the Greenwood Lake Power Boat Association and Lake Hopatcong Racing Association before moving to Seattle and serving as secretary for Tacoma Inboard Racing Association. Katelyn has worked diligently to keep these races on the APBA schedule over the past several years. She began driving in the Sportsman Entry class in 2014 and since has driven in the 1.5 stock, 2.5 stock and 2.5 mod class in addition to riding in the Jersey Speed Skiff class. She was the recipient of the East Coast Rookie of the Year award in 2014, the Region 3 Rookie of the Year award in 2014 and received the Region 3 Man of the Year award in 2015. She has served as race chairman, chief scorer and stepped up to be a turn judge when needed. She is always willing to lend a helping hand at registration and otherwise to assist an event. In 2015, Katelyn began to officiate the H1 Unlimiteds and worked as a timer on the starting line. She has worked with the Canadian Boating Federation, Hydroplane Racing League and Southern California Speedboat Club and believes in supporting all facets of racing. In addition to her involvement in Inboard, Katelyn has assisted at outboard, OPC and SE events.



In her professional life, Katelyn received her Masters' degree in Special Education and works as a lead special educator and math teacher in a middle school in Washington. Her strong suites include communication, researching, analyzing information and advocating. Katelyn would like to make APBA more transparent and ensure that all members are heard. She recognizes the different challenges between the east coast, west coast and other racing bodies and understands the hardships that many faced in 2020. Katelyn would like to be part of making the 2021 race season a great comeback year!

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## **JOHN RUNNE**

John started his APBA racing career in 1966 driving JU as a second-generation boat racer along with brothers Ed and Richard, the three sons of Hank and Doris Runne. Over his forty-six-year racing career he established himself as a top competitor in the Stock Outboard, Modified Outboard and two seasons in the OPC categories, winning multiple National Championships, High Point Championships, and record setting performances in each category. He has also been the builder of Runecraft Custom Race Boats for Stock and Modified runabouts and hydroplanes since 1977. John has served nearly



twenty-five years in now five decades on the Stock Outboard Racing Commission, APBA council member at-large, and two years on the APBA Board of Directors. While on the Board of Directors he served as the chairman of the newly formed APBA Promotional Committee and was instrumental in helping the organization transform our annual meetings into an annual convention by adding training seminars available to all members. After passing the promotional committee off to qualified marketing experts within the organization to educate the membership on how to successfully promote boat races at a local level, John is currently the chairman of the APBA Steering Committee. Although progress was slowed due to hurricane Florence and the loss of his home and boat building shop, John has helped to take up the issue of supporting Driver Schools by assembling a team of young, experienced, social media marketing enthusiasts to assist clubs in recruiting new potential boat racers. There is still much to do to help APBA grow and solidify its place in the motorsports world for many years to come.

## **ADAM ALLEN**

Adam's APBA membership started in 1987 as a J Hydro racer and continued through the Stock Outboard ranks. During that time, he has served as a Stock Outboard Commissioner, OPC Category Chairman, Board of Director and Vice President of APBA. An active club member with TORC, MHRA, Tacoma Speedboat and now CVRA. Adam has served as Race Director or Referee at several Championship events for the Stock Outboard, Modified Outboard and Outboard Performance Craft (OPC) categories.

