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## KIP BROWN

Racing inboard since 1995. Seattle Drag and Ski Rookie of the Year. Sean Casey Memorial Award winner. ULHRA Rookie of the Year. ABRA (H1) Rookie of the Year. Yapachino Memorial Award winner. Terry Troxell Hard Charger Award winner. Two-time George Babcock Award winner. Multi time Region 10 High Points. National High Points 2.5 stock, 5 liter, National Modified, SE. UIM World Record Holder 5 liter, National Modified. APBA Gold Cup Champion.



Served as board member and Secretary for Seattle Drag and Ski. Served as board member, Secretary, Vice Commodore, and Commodore for Tacoma Inboard. Served on APBA Inboard Safety Committee. Served as Region 10 Vice Chairman and Region 10 board member.

Kip lives in Preston, Washington with his lovely wife, Tiffany, and two pretty OK daughters, Taylor and Katie. Kip owns and operates KB Marine in Preston.

## CHRIS FAIRCHILD

Hello everyone. I am your current APBA president, and I have been racing for 30 years. I started in OPC in Mod VP, and have raced Tri-hulls, SST45, SST60, SST70, SST120, SST140, SST200, F1, Champ and Mod U. And through the generosity of friends, I've also raced Stock and Pro Outboard.



I have been involved with the APBA Driving School since its inception. I am a two-time Hall of Champions inductee, a three-time National Champion, a two-time High Point Champion and three-time World Champion. I won the 24 Hours of Rouen twice, and have also raced UIM F1.

I have had the pleasure of being a test driver for Mercury Racing, and I understand the technical side as well as the owner and driver side of racing. Recently I have promoted several major OPC races which gives another view of the racing world and how APBA can improve in the future. I have served as APBA vice president for two years as well as president for two years. I have served on the board of directors as well as on numerous board-level committees, the OPC Commission, OPC Technical Committee and the J Committee.

## RICH FUCHSLIN

As a young man Rich began racing in D Stock Runabout in 1959. He went on to compete in the PRO category in the larger outboard runabout classes, twice inducted into the Gulf Marine Racing Hall of Fame. Rich has served either as a PRO or MOD commissioner for many years and is currently completing his Council at Large position. He is a past Commodore of the Northern California Outboard Association and a Region 9 Board of Director for several years. A lifetime of APBA racing involvement has allowed Rich to assist many friends and family in achieving their dreams and ambitions. Rich has a background in business and engineering; he is currently retired and wishes to represent the membership in guiding the future of our association.



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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, New York 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. He is a UIM commissioner and member of the Cominoff. 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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## JAN SHAW

Jan Shaw is currently serving on the APBA Board of Directors(2018-2021), chairs the Archives committee, a member of the Financial Committee, co-chair Jet and Outboard River Racers committee and H1 Unlimited Operations Director. She is passionate about boat racing and is using her skills to further the sport. She has been a member of Seattle Outboard Association since 1968 and APBA since 1975. SOA Secretary from 1980-1990. SOA Board of Directors 1990-1995. She was Region 10 Secretary from 1998-2012, and a Region Chairman from 2012-2014, and then elected to the APBA Board from 2014 to 2016. Jan has taken an active role in many of the Region 10 clubs. Jan has been a race chairman in Region 10 for 15 years, even resurrecting old race sites, such as the Kenmore Slough race. Jan has been a lead scorer for Unlimited, F1, OPC, Inboard, Vintage, Stock, Mod, PRO, and Junior classes. Jan has been lead scorer for 2 Nationals, she is also a timer for record races in Region 10, and has belonged to the National Scoring Committee for many years. In 2015, she was the recipient of the National APBA Scoring Award. She is a retired nurse and has owned a successful embroidery business since 1990. Jan's dedication to helping grow and promote racing in APBA and assist the APBA office when asked lends to her commitment to bring competence to the APBA Board Position. She has shown open minded decision making during her past APBA Board time, while keeping safety as her main focus on issues in all categories. Your vote to support her election is appreciated. See you at the races!



## 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 on the Board of Directors and the IRC while chairing several other committees. He is the Treasurer of his local club the KNRA and annually organizes his local race.



Robert has been married to his wife Cathy for 35 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.

Please vote Robert Wilson.

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### **JOHN WLODARSKI III**

John Wlodarski III of Newton, New Jersey, a second-generation racer, has been a member of the APBA since 2006 when he began his racing career in J Stock Hydro. Since 2006, Wlodarski has raced nearly every Stock and Modified class in both a hydroplane and a runabout. John has also been seen on the water in various inboard classes and has spent some time in Canada with the Hydroplane Racing League. Inducted into the Hall of Champions in 2018 with an At-Large bid for his performances in the Stock and Modified category. The following year, he was inducted to the Hall again for Stock Outboard, along with winning the Menzies and the Waldman awards. In addition to racing almost every weekend of the summer, John is an approved Stock and Modified Inspector, learning the ropes from Ed Runne, Kurt Romberg and the Late Bob Goller and Jeff Williams. John also serves as the Vice President of Delaware Valley Outboard Racing Association, has held various positions within Region Three and at the national level, served on the Stock Outboard Commission, the Council At-Large, and participated on the safety committee. Wlodarski was instrumental in creating the Novice Racing Committee with Jeff Brewster, where young members of Stock Outboard were introduced to the Stock Outboard Commission; these members were able to interact with current commission members and discuss current topics, as well as introduce some of their own ideas, in hopes of some day running for the commission. In 2018, John created Throttled: Stock Outboard Racing Podcast, which filled a void in the world of boat racing with live shows every week featuring various guests, as well as live streaming races all summer. John also keeps the world of Facebook updated by sharing important and up to date racing news. Through Throttled, Wlodarski helped bridge the technology gap that he felt was missing. As an Operations Manager for Fenom Digital, John knows the importance of using every aspect of technology to help grow the sport. The 28-year-old hopes that his experience and knowledge can help the organization grow in the right direction.

