

Driver: \_\_\_\_\_ Boat #: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2018 OPC Safety Checklist

- Cockpit Training renewal date imprinted on membership card. If no date on card, then must show receipt of Capsule Training completion (within acceptable dates).
- Helmet: See APBA GSR-3(A) and OPC GSR-2 (Must be per "APBA Driver Helmets Accepted for Competition and Vintage") (Snell SA 2000 & Snell M 2000 helmets no longer valid). (Snell SA 2005 & Snell M 2005 helmets no longer valid after 2018).
  - Upper 50% must be yellow, orange, red or lime green (All classes including Restrained)
  - Check Condition
- Jacket: See APBA GSR-3(B) and OPC GSR-2
  - Label that indicates type of category; A, A-100, B or C. Unrestrained must be A, A-100 or B (Skid collar and 1/4" back protection).
  - Upper 70% must be orange or yellow
  - Check Condition
- Engine Stop; (Non-reinforced cockpit per OPC GSR-4)
  - Safety Lanyard (Less than 4 ft long & permanently attached with breakaway device)
- Lifting Sling: See OPC GRR-3(8): Minimum 1/4" steel cable or 1" nylon strap, snap hooks or clevis pin.
  - Check Condition
- Driver Restraint Boats Bottom Numbers: See OPC GSR-9(I) - Assigned number must be 12" block numbers on the bottom under the driver's seat. Black on white background, white on black background or any strongly contrasting color is acceptable.
- Sponson Tips: See OPC GRR-13 - Sport C, SST-45 & SST-60 minimum tip radius is 2.5". All larger boats minimum tip radius is 4.0". Telescopic extensions shall have minimum tip radius of 1.0" and no more than 3 In<sup>3</sup> of floatation foam.
- Boat Numbers: See OPC GRR-22: 12" block numbers, white on black background or black on white background. Use 1/2" contrasting outline if background is same color as boat.
- Gas tank, battery(s) and all accessories securely fastened: See OPC GSR-7 (Pre-race seaworthiness and OPC GRR-21(3) Minimum weights.)
- Engine properly bolted: - See OPC GSR-5.
- Check swivel pin and trim ram for free play and trail out.
- Check power trim and up & down for proper function. Up and down adjustments while underway not allowed for Sport Classes or SST-45. – See OPC GRR-20(2)A & OPC GRR-20(3)A.

NOTE: GRR = General Racing Rule, GSR = General Safety Rule

- Steering: check all hardware & fasteners, check for full travel. It is recommended that all bolts use washers, lock-nuts or safety wire and have at least one to two full threads (minimum) showing beyond the nut.
- Throttle pedal: check return for proper operation. – See OPC GSR-3
- Ballast: See OPC GRR-21(3) (Minimum weights): Must be securely fastened and located inside the hull.
- Flootation: Check for proper volume. - See OPC GSR-8:
- Display APBA logo (minimum 1.75” high and 7.25 “ long). – See APBA Bylaws, Art I, Sect 1.3.
- Check general condition of hull.
- Reinforced Cockpits: See OPC GSR-9
  - Manufacturer’s name: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Date of Manufacture: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Reinforced cockpits built after Jan. 1, 2005 must have Identification Label with the manufacturer’s name, Newton Test rating and the build date.  
See OPC GSR-9(A)
  - Padding inside capsule: See OPC GSR-9(I)
  - Minimum head clearance: 2” Required, 4” Recommended.  
See OPC GSR-9(I)
  - Quick release steering wheel: (Spring loaded) - See OPC GSR-9(I)
  - Minimum Five-Point safety harness per OPC GSR-9(E): Must be SFI 16.1 certified. Belts will no longer be acceptable either three years after the manufacture’s build date or after the manufacturer’s expiration date.
  - Check engine/fuel shutoff switches mounted on left hand outside of capsule. Location per OPC GSR-9(N).
  - Check inversion switch. – See OPC GSR-9(O)
  - For reinforced cockpits using a full coverage canopy, check for air ventilation and the operation of both the internal and external canopy release mechanisms including removeable hinge pins. - See OPC GSR-9(F) & OPC GSR-9(G).
  - Padding behind driver’s helmet. Recommendation is for 1/2” of Ethofoam support.  
See OPC GSR-9(I).
  - Audio communication from shore to driver is mandatory for all boats with a reinforced cockpit (capsule boats). – See APBA GSR-13(A)

Driver’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the APBA General Safety Rules and the APBA OPC Safety Rules