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2022 Inboard Rule Change Proposal

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- General Safety Rule
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- Stock Class Technical Rule *
- Modified Class Technical Rule *

Affected Class(es): **All**

Specific Rule Information: [Note: All fields must be completed for consideration.]

Rule 16.3

Author's VERY BRIEF Summary of Proposed Action:

Require rule 16.3.3 Earned Lane Format to be used clock starts for the 2022 season

Affected Rule: 16.3

Proposed rule: For the 2022 racing season, all clock starts for 2 day races shall use the Earned Lane Format. 1 Day races may use 16.3.1. Three day races shall use 16.3.3 for 2 days and 16.3.1 for the other. All restrictions on the use of rule 16.3.3 shall be suspended (16.3.3.1, 26.1.1, etc.). At the end of the 2022 season, the IRC shall review this rule and amend or eliminate this requirement.

Reason: At a meeting of the drivers (called for and conducted by Jimmy & Bobby King) at the Lakeland, Florida, race, it was requested that this action be taken. Most drivers in attendance were in favor of using the assigned lane format. Drivers voiced concern with several incidents using rule 16.3.1 for our standard starting procedure. Concerns included, the bumping and banging that has occurred while establishing starting lanes, the cost of repairing damage caused by this, drivers changing lanes without proper overlap, and turn judges not calling it, drivers charging out of the infield, as others are coming down the front stretch, in order to gain an advantage for an inside lane. Another concern was the confusion using rule 16.3.1 causes for spectators. Race to the score up buoy, slow to a crawl, race to the exit of turn 1, slow to a crawl, then race to the starting line.