

2021 APBA OFFSHORE CHAMPIONSHIPS



36th ANNUAL SARASOTA POWERBOAT GRAND PRIX FESTIVAL

DRIVER PACKET
ORGANIZING CLUB



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SUPPORTING CLUB



RISK STATEMENT

Powerboat Racing is by its nature a dangerous sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.

By participating in, or becoming involved with, Powerboat Racing organized by APBA affiliated clubs either as a participant, team member or otherwise, individuals agree and acknowledge that:

They are aware of the inherent risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for exposing themselves to such inherent risk, including risks to their person, such as drowning, hypothermia, collision injuries, burns and other physical injuries and possible death. They further accept responsibility for possible damage to any property.

They have satisfied themselves that they have the necessary skill and knowledge to take part in the event and deal with the conditions that may arise during a race. They will not participate in the event whilst under the influence of alcohol, drugs or whilst otherwise unfit to participate.

They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their property, whether afloat or ashore. The management of their boat, including insurance, is solely their responsibility. Scrutineering does not constitute a condition survey of the boat and it is solely the participant's responsibility to decide whether to start or to continue in any powerboat race.

Ensuring the efficiency and suitability of helmets and racing vests worn is solely the participant's responsibility. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, and other volunteers by the event organizers does not relieve them of their responsibilities.

The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances. To be bound by the conditions of the Race Entry Form, Racing Instructions, and the General Competition Rules of the UIM and the APBA.

They will accept the decisions of the organizing committee and officials nominated by the organizing committee.

INDEMNITY

Participants in the event will be required, when signing into the event, to hold harmless and keep indemnified:

- (a) The owners of the premises at which the event is held.
- (b) The organizing club, the sponsors and the APBA and their respective officials, staff, employees, and agents; and the city, county and /or principality where the race is held.
- (c) The other boat owners, drivers, passengers, or mechanics engaged in the meeting, (Together with the "Indemnified Parties") AGAINST all actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect to the loss of, or damage to, the property or personal injury sustained. To the Indemnified Parties to the extent caused by the participants, their crew, their boat, their mechanics, support team, representatives, or agents.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Persons under the age of 18 must have written authority signed by either Parent or Legal Guardian, Proof of age is required.

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A TEAM'S DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN A RACE OR
TO CONTINUE RACING IS THEIRS ALONE

1. EVENT SANCTION

This Event has been approved by the APBA, the National Governing Body for Offshore Powerboat Racing in the USA.

2. RACE AND STATUS

CLASS	RACE STATUS	EVENT
OFFSHORE	APBA NATIONAL	ROUND 3

3. COMPETITORS' RESPONSIBILITY

Competitors must read the Risk Statement and Indemnity at the front of these race instructions. It is the competitor's sole responsibility to decide whether to start or continue in a race once passed inspections.

4. RACE OFFICIALS

P1 USA CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER:

Michelle Petro Cell: 352-572-8686 Email: Michelle.Petro@PowerboatP1.com

EVENT SECRETARY:

Jesse Gouveia Cell: 321-368-5069 Email: Jesse.Gouveia@powerboatp1.com

RACE OFFICIALS	NAME
REFEREE	GEOFF TOMLINSON
ASSISTANT REFEREE	MARTIN RABY - TBC
ASSISTANT REFEREE	GENE STEPHENS
GPS RACE OFFICIAL	FRANK VECCE
INSPECTOR	TOM RICHARD
INSPECTOR	GREG KALTNECKER
MOD V CLASS INSPECTOR	TYLER CROCKETT
RACE SECRETARY HEAD SCORER	JESSE GOUVEIA
RISK MANAGER	MIKE SADLON
RACE CONTROL	DALE OWENS / COMMS
CRANE MANAGEMENT	GIULIO POLI PAUL REINHARDT DENNIS LOCH KELLY LOCH
SAFETY OFFICER	SHAWN STEINERT
SAFETY COORDINATOR	MARK AUSTIN
RACE SECRETARY	JESSE GOUVEIA
SCORERS OFFSHORE AND AQUAX	TARA WOODARD TAMMI WOODARD HANNAH BOND
TIMEKEEPER	RYAN SCAGLIONE
PIT MANAGERS	RAY LABADIE RALPH YOUNG
TOWING / SALVAGE	FAST RESPONSE MARINE TOWING AND SALVAGE
OVERNIGHT PIT SECURITY	TVRST

5. RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The races will be run under the current APBA Offshore Rulebook together with these Race Instructions and any other instructions or race bulletins issued before or at Drivers' meetings.

The Organizers reserve the right to change these Instructions at any time for safety reasons, provided that any change will be in accordance with the current rules. Any changes will be notified to competitors in a Race Bulletin and, if possible, announced at Drivers' meeting.

Organizers have the right to refuse any boat which they consider unsuitable and/or does not conform to the requirements of the present Rules.

Any infringement of the Rules or of the Race Instructions, or instructions issued at Drivers' meeting or in race Bulletins may lead to disqualification or other penalties being applied by the organizing club.

6. CANCELLATION

The Organizers may cancel or postpone the event or a race at any time in the event of bad weather, equipment failure or otherwise. The entry fee is non-refundable unless specified by event organizers.

7. COMMUNICATION – RADIO CHANNEL – RACE TEAM / RACE CONTROL – MARINE VHF 78

8. RACE ADMINISTRATION SIGN IN:

Registration will take place in the Bayfront Community Center located on Van Wezel Way next to the dry pits. Please see the site map for location.

Any new team members who have not gone through a swim or dunk test must complete the test before testing on Saturday or racing on Sunday. Please notify race secretary, Jesse Gouveia, at sign in if you need to complete the test. Participants must sign in prior to completing the dunk or swim test.

If you are unable to make it to registration at the designated time, please contact, Jesse to make other arrangements for signing in.

9. PIT AREA

There will be parking for your tow vehicle and boat in the pit area, please check with the pit officials when you arrive so you can be directed to your allocated pit area. If you arrive after 6pm Thursday, please park in the pit area but be prepared to move to your designated location. Space will be limited, please be prepared to park non-essential vehicles off-site.

Please enter online if you plan on racing Sarasota so we may plan the pit area as well as the block party. Priority will be given to teams who enter early.



10. SCHEDULE – SUBJECT TO CHANGE – UPDATED 06/15/2021 05:13PM

THURSDAY JUNE 24TH	FROM	UNTIL	LOCATION
PITS OPEN FOR EARLY ARRIVALS -	12:00PM	06:00PM	VAN WEZEL PARKING LOT
FRIDAY JUNE 25TH	FROM	UNTIL	
OFFSHORE PITS OPEN	09:00AM	08:00PM	VAN WEZEL & BAY
OFFSHORE REGISTRATION	10:00AM	07:00PM	BAYFRONT COMMUNITY CENTER
AQUAX REGISTRATION AND AQUAX TECH INSPECTIONS	10:00AM	07:00PM	BAYFRONT COMMUNITY CENTER
OFFSHORE SAFETY INSPECTIONS	10:00AM	05:00PM	VAN WEZEL PITS
DUNKER TESTING / SWIM TEST	10:00AM	05:00PM	ARLINGTON PARK POOL
PRESS CREDENTIALS	11:00AM	05:00PM	REGISTRATION
MEET AND GREET -	01:30PM	02:30PM	BAYFRONT AUDITORIUM
AQUAX NEW RIDER TRAINING	03:00PM	05:00PM	BAYFRONT COMMUNITY CENTER
SUPPORT VESSEL AND HELICOPTER PILOT BRIEFING	03:00PM	04:00PM	BAYFRONT COMMUNITY CENTER
STAGING FOR BLOCK PARTY	03:30PM	04:30PM	VAN WEZEL PITS
BLOCK PARTY	06:00PM	10:00PM	DOWNTOWN SARASOTA
SATURDAY JUNE 26TH	FROM	UNTIL	LOCATION
OFFSHORE DRIVER'S MEETING – SIGN – IN	09:15AM	09:30AM	BAYFRONT AUDITROIUM
OFFSHORE DRIVER'S MEETING – MANDATORY FOR TESTING	09:30AM	10:00AM	BAYFRONT AUDITORIUM
PATROL FLEET LAUNCH	08:30AM	09:00AM	CENTENNIAL PARK
CRANES AND RAMPS OPEN – LAUNCHING	10:00AM	04:00PM	VAN WEZEL & CENTENNIAL PARK
OFFSHORE INSPECTIONS	09:00AM	05:00PM	VAN WEZEL PITS
FAN ZONE OPEN	10:00AM	05:00PM	VAN WEZEL
P1 AQUAX LAUNCH	08:30AM	09:30AM	CENTENNIAL PARK
P1 AQUAX PRACTICE AND MOTO 1 – 30 MINS PLUS ONE LAP	09:45AM	11:00AM	RACECOURSE
OFFSHORE TESTING	11:00AM	03:00PM	RULES OF THE ROAD
AQUAX LAUNCH	2:30PM	03:00PM	CENTENNIAL PARK
P1 AQUAX MOTO 2 – 30 MINUTES PLUS ONE LAP	03:00PM	04:00PM	RACECOURSE
WELCOME PARTY – FOOD AND DRINKS SPONSORED BY CMR ROOFING	06:00PM	10:00PM	WESTIN – LOBBY BAR / TERRACE
SILENT AUCTION – BENEFIT - I AM A FREEDOM FIGHTER	06:30PM	09:30PM	WESTIN – LOBBY BAR / TERRACE
SUNDAY JUNE 27TH	FROM	UNTIL	LOCATION
OFFSHORE COORDINATION ASSESSEMENTS	07:00AM	08:30AM	BAYFRONT COMMUNITY CENTER
OFFSHORE DRIVER'S MEETING – MANDATORY – ALL TEAMS	08:30AM	08:45AM	BAYFRONT COMMUNITY CENTER
VIP HOSPITALITY	10:00AM	04:00PM	LIDO BEACH
FAN ZONE OPEN	10:00AM	05:00PM	VAN WEZEL PITS
LAUNCHING -CRANES OPEN – PRIORITY GIVEN TO RACE CLASS ORDER	08:30AM	05:30PM	VAN WEZEL & CENTENNIAL PARK
RACE 1- BRACKET CLASS 4-7	10:00AM	11:00AM	RACECOURSE
RACE 2 – STOCK V, MOD V, BRACKET CLASS 2 & 3	11:30AM	12:30PM	RACECOURSE
RACE 3 – SUPER STOCK	01:00PM	02:00PM	RACECOURSE
RACE 4 SUPERCAT, CLASS 1, VX, PROBATION 450	02:30PM	03:30PM	RACECOURSE
RACE 5 - AQUAX MOTO 3 – 30 MINUTES PLUS 1 LAP	03:30PM	04:30PM	RACECOURSE
AWARDS	06:30PM	07:30PM	TBD

11. FUELING ARRANGEMENTS

Fueling will take place on Saturday from 9:00am – 5:00pm and Sunday from 8:00am to 12noon. Fueling truck will be in Centennial Park which will also be designated as the “Hot Pit” area. This will be a restricted area and only race teams and their working crew will be allowed access to this area. Please review schedule for fueling times.

Sunoco fuel truck will have:

Sunoco Super Unleaded 93 - Sunoco Standard 110 – Sunoco Maximal 116

Fuel: Mandatory Minimum On-site Purchase

Class 1	100 gallons
Super Cat	70 gallons
Super Stock	35 gallons
Vee Extreme	35 gallons
Stock Vee	35 gallons
Mod Vee	35 gallons
CLASS 1	35 gallons
CLASS 2	35 gallons
CLASS 3	35 gallons
CLASS 4	35 gallons
CLASS 5	35 gallons
CLASS 6	35 gallons
CLASS 7	Does not apply

12. WASTE OIL AND REFUSE DISPOSAL

Please make sure you dispose of any fuel, oil, and waste properly in an environmentally friendly manner.

Please dispose of all trash and refuse in proper containers. There will be trash receptacles in the pit area for your convenience. Waste oil must not be placed in the public dumpsters or trash cans. Any team who leaves any kind of waste or refuse in the pit area will be charged for the cleanup.

13. INSPECTIONS - Safety Inspections will all take place on Friday and Saturday. See timetable for times. The Inspector must sign your boat off before the end of the Inspection time scheduled. Boats may not launch prior to being inspected and signed off. Safety inspections will occur in the tech area. An example inspection sheet is included at the end of this driver’s packet.

14. LAUNCHING

Launching is the boat crew’s responsibility and should not be undertaken before inspections, unless otherwise stated. There will be two cranes on site, one at Centennial Park and the other on the harbor wall opposite the ramps. They will remain in that location for the entire day. Details of marshalling the area and launch procedures will be given at Drivers Meeting.

If you are craning in, please be ready by the time you arrive at the cranes. All lifting straps must be on and lines ready. If you are not prepared to crane in, you will be asked to go to the back of the line so those who are prepared can be craned. You must return your rig to your designated pit area once your boat has been craned in.

The cranes will be assigned to your class at the driver’s meeting.

MOT - ROUTE TO HOT PIT / LAUNCH AREA



Please be aware there is a new traffic pattern going in and out of Van Wezel and Centennial Park. Local law enforcement will be assist my managing traffic at both entrances.

15. TESTING – RULES OF THE ROAD

Testing will be Saturday from 11am until 3pm. Please review the schedule for times. Information regarding testing will be issued during the drivers meeting on Saturday morning.

- **TESTING WILL BE IN THE GULF OF MEXICO.**
- **TESTING IN THE BAY IS NOT PERMITTED.**
- **PLEASE BE AWARE OF LOCAL NO WAKE ZONES SUCH AS THE ONE IN NEW PASS.**

16. MANDATORY DRIVERS MEETING

Drivers Meeting will take place at the Bayfront Community Center both Saturday for those who are testing, and a MANDATORY meeting will be for all competing drivers, throttlmen and navigators Sunday morning.

Signing-in will commence 15 minutes before the meeting. Driver, throttlmen and Navigators for each race boat must sign into the meeting by the start time and attend the entire briefing. A Roll Call may be held. Penalty for absence will be as outlined in the APBA rulebook.

17. MANDATORY PHYSICAL ASSESSMENTS.

Mandatory assessments will take place Sunday morning at the Bayfront Community Center before the driver's meeting. Please see schedule for times. Breathalyzer and /or Drug tests may be administered.

18. MANDATORY IMMERSION (DUNK) / SWIM TEST

All drivers, throttlemen and navigators must go through a swim and / or immersion (Dunk) test prior to racing. Please make sure you go through the test if you have not done so already. The Immersion (Dunk) test will be administered by Shawn Steinert and his qualified staff. The test will be held at the Arlington Pool, 2650 Waldemere St, Sarasota, FL 34239. Participants will be issued a certificate of completion which must be shown to Jesse prior to racing. Please see schedule for times. Race teams MUST sign in with Jesse prior to going through the immersion and / or swim tests.

19. DR ISSUED PHYSICALS

If you have not provided evidence of your Dr's physical, please be sure you bring it with you when you sign in. Medical physicals are required as outlined in the APBA rulebook.

20. NOISE AND SPEED RESTRICTIONS

Competitors must obey all local regulations and bylaws relating to excessive speed and noise. All competitors are requested to refrain from starting their engines unless necessary before proceeding to the race or official practice sessions. Failure to observe local regulations will result in penalties. Please note, there is a no wake zone going through New Pass as you approach the racecourse. Maintain a safe distance from other boats and obey the marine rules of the road. When traveling to and from the racecourse please follow the instructions of your escort, race officials and / or law enforcement.

21. START PROCEEDURE:

Full details of the starting procedure will be given at drivers meeting.

LAPS - plus a parade lap

COURSE: +/- 8 Miles

Class One USA	8 laps	64 miles
Super Cat	8 laps	64 miles
Super Stock	7 laps	56 miles
Vee Extreme	7 laps	56 miles
Stock V	6 laps	48 miles
Mod V	6 laps	48 miles
CLASS 1	8 laps	64 miles
CLASS 2	8 laps	64 miles
CLASS 3	7 laps	56 miles
CLASS 4	6 laps	48 miles
CLASS 5	5 laps	40 miles
CLASS 6	5 laps	40 miles
CLASS 7	3 laps	24 miles

22. TOWING: - UPDATED 06/08/21 6:34PM

Fast Response will be on site for towing and salvage services. Towing is included in the fee that P1 pays Fast Response. Fast Response will charge salvage rate of \$100 per foot.

23. COURSE DETAILS – 8-mile Course



COURSE BUOYS

A full description of the course and marks will be given at Drivers' meeting. **If a buoy is missed during racing, the race team must not turn around to pick it up.** Doing so will result in disqualification. A team who misses a buoy must continue on course to the next buoy. A missed buoy will result in a penalty.

Please note: Any race team who damages a buoy(s) during racing or testing will be charged for repair or replacement. Replacement can run anywhere between \$550 - \$2000 depending on the buoy and the damage incurred.

Race Distance (subject to change): 8-mile lap
Distance from pits to milling area: 4 miles.
Course Direction: CLOCKWISE
Co-Ordinates: Will be provided at the drivers meeting.
Finish Line: Is illustrated as black buoy in the diagram above.

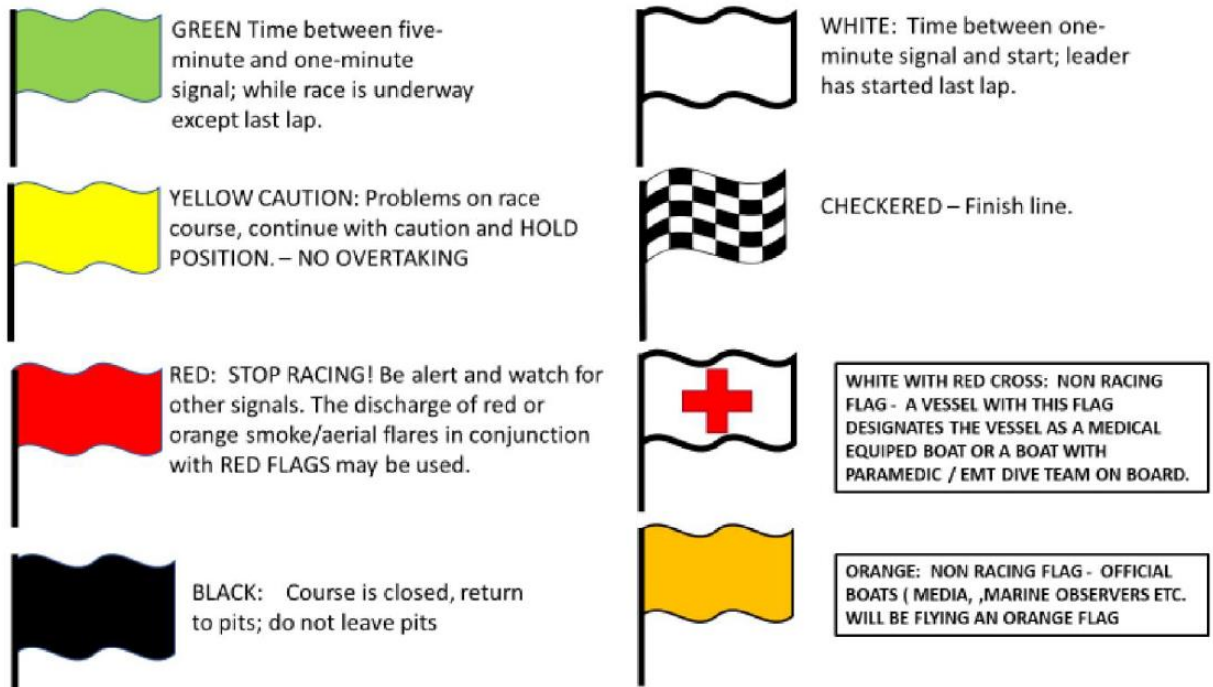
Finishing the race: Once your team has raced past the checkered flag, please continue past the next buoy, and safely turn into the center of the course. The winning team will be given a checkered flag to parade if time permits.

RACECOURSE: The above schematic drawing of the course is provided for your assistance. It is not to be used as a chart for navigational purposes. Race teams will be notified at the drivers meeting Sunday morning of any course changes and via bulletin.

BUOY COORDINATES: Will be provided at registration.

24. FLAG SIGNALS

Competitors must have a full understanding of all flag signals. If a competitor misses 2 red flags in any one race, they will immediately be disqualified with no appeal. More information can be found in the APBA Offshore rulebook.



25. POST-RACE INSPECTIONS:

Crew members must be available with their craft and all relevant mandatory equipment required, per class rules, for post-race inspections up to one hour after the posting of the Results. One or more engines may be checked, and fuel sampling may take place. First 3 finishers will be weighed. Fourth place to stand by in case of technical infractions from one of 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place finishes.

26. PROTESTS

A Mandatory pre-protest arbitration session with Chief Referee or appointed person is to be held with drivers only before any formal protest will be accepted. If there is a disagreement with the Chief Referee, then the protest will be taken to the race jury whose decision is final. Results will be posted on the bulletin board in the Bayfront Community Center during the day on Sunday. Protest forms will also be available at that location.

27. PRIZE GIVING:

See schedule for podium time.

28. TROPHIES:

Trophies will be presented at the award ceremony.

29. KEY LOCATIONS:

Host Hotel

WESTIN HOTEL
100 Marina View Dr
Sarasota, FL 34236
941-217-4777

Meeting Locations:

Bayfront Community Center,
803 Van Wezel Way
Sarasota, FL

Local Hospital:

Sarasota Memorial Trauma Center
1700 South Tamiami Trail,
Sarasota, FL 34239
Phone: 941-917-9000

Nearest International Airport:

Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport
6000 Airport Circle
Sarasota, FL 34243

Dry Pit Location:

Van Wezel Performing Arts Parking Lot,
777 N Tamiami Trail,
Sarasota, FL 34236

LAUNCHING LOCATIONS

Crane 1 – Centennial Park 10th Street Ramps.
Crane 2 - North side of Dry pit area. 777 N. Tamiami Trail.
Ramps – Centennial Park (A.K.A 10th Street boat ramps)

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EXAMPLE PRE-RACE SAFETY INSPECTION- ALTERNATE INSPECTION FORMS ARE IN APBA RULEBOOK AND MAY ALSO BE USED FOR INSPECTION PURPOSES



PRE-RACE SAFETY REVIEW

RACE SITE _____ DATE _____ BOAT NAME _____

BOAT # _____ CLASS _____ SIZE & MANUFACTURER _____

HULL ID # _____ BOAT TYPE Canopy Open

PERSONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT			
Driver	PFD <input type="checkbox"/> 10# <input type="checkbox"/> Inflatable <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	Helmet <input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Closed	Face Shield <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Throttles	PFD <input type="checkbox"/> 10# <input type="checkbox"/> Inflatable	Helmet <input type="checkbox"/> Open	Face Shield <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

● VESSEL REVIEW ●

Ignition/Battery Switch Location _____ Wheel Release Pin Collar

Restraint Brand _____ Restraint Release Lever Rotary

Overhead Canopy Release & Action _____

Floor Escape Release & Action _____

Installed Air System Yes No Regulator Type Manual Tiger Redundant/Back-up
Type _____

Fire Suppression System Yes No Emergency Action Plan Yes No

Safety Official _____

Safety Review Date _____ Time _____

MANDATORY RELEASE

We the undersigned, realize that we are solely responsible for any and all injuries incurred utilizing a restraint or installed compressed air system of our own will and agree that in case of injury or death, we will not hold Powerboat P1 USA, LLC, or any of its Division or Officials liable. It is also our personal feeling that our heirs or assignees should not hold Powerboat P1 or any of its Divisions or Officials to any liability.

Please sign below:

I verify that all the above supplied information is true.

Owner: _____

Driver: _____

Throttle: _____

3rd Person: _____



ESCAPE PLAN:

BOAT NUMBER: _____ CLASS: _____

DRIVER NAME: _____

THROTTLEMAN: _____

NAVIGATOR: _____

IF CANOPY BOAT, WHO WILL EXIT FIRST? _____

NOTES:

SAFETY INFORMATION

SAFETY TAKES PRIORITY OVER RACING AT ALL TIMES

All Race Boats must observe the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea when encountering any other Non-racing craft.

- A) *Swimmers, board sailors, private and commercial craft of all types may be encountered. Competitors are always reminded to keep a sharp look out and to take the necessary action in accordance with the IRPCS Rules.*
- B) *Competitors are always reminded to keep a sharp lookout for any marine wildlife that may be in encountered in the vicinity of the racecourse and take the necessary avoiding action.*
- C) *Competitors are warned to remember their speed and the fact that other craft may not be fully aware or able to keep clear.*
- D) *Competitors are asked to bear in mind that Official Patrol & Rescue boats have no power to insist that any craft or swimmer keep clear of the course of the race. Advice can only be given for the safety of other craft and swimmers.*
- E) *International Code Flag "A" denotes "DIVERS". Competitors must give a wide clearance of at least 300ft.*
- F) *The Course will be patrolled by Official Patrol & Rescue Boats with official Observer boats in the vicinity of certain race marks, other race marks may be observed from the shore.*
- G) *Any Official Patrol/Rescue boat may wave a yellow flag to give warning of imminent danger in its vicinity. Competitors seeing this signal are to acknowledge the signal, slow down and keep clear of the danger area.*