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## 2022 Inboard Rule Change Proposal

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Affected Class(es): **GP**

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

**Author's VERY BRIEF Summary of Proposed Action:**

This rule proposal would allow the Alternate Format 1 to be run at Championship events. It would also allow the Alternate Format 1 to be run on a "per class" basis.

**Affected Rule:**

16.3.2 Alternate Format 1: Race committees may use the following format at all non-championship events. The race shall consist of up to three qualification heats and a final, which may include a time trial with boats advancing to the final based on total points earned. Time trial points will be allocated the same as a qualification heat. Ties in positions for qualifying for the final shall be determined by least elapsed time in the qualification heats. The race committee has the option of competing or drawing for lanes. The method will be announced at the drivers meeting. Alternate Format 1 may be used for all Inboard classes and at any Inboard regatta if stated on the race circular. National points will be awarded for the entrants' 3 Qualification heats and the final heat. This is a two-day format and will count as two days of racing when determining the best 15 days of racing toward the national points championship.

### **Proposed rule:**

16.3.2 Alternate Format 1: Race committees may use the following format at all ~~non-championship~~ events. At the race committees' discretion, Alternate Format 1 may be run for individual classes at a weekend event. The race shall consist of up to three qualification heats and a final, which may include a time trial with boats advancing to the final based on total points earned. Time trial points will be allocated the same as a qualification heat. Ties in positions for qualifying for the final shall be determined by least elapsed time in the qualification heats. The race committee has the option of competing or drawing for lanes. The method will be announced at the drivers meeting. Alternate Format 1 may be used for all Inboard classes and at any Inboard regatta if stated on the race circular. National points will be awarded for the entrants' 3 Qualification heats and the final heat. This is a two-day format and will count as two days of racing when determining the best 15 days of racing toward the national points championship.

### **Reason for change:**

Many premier events are starting to use the Alternate Format 1 as the method for running their races. Many of these events are also being run in conjunction with Unlimited (H1) races (the Grand Prix class is run in conjunction with H1 at places such as Madison, Guntersville, Tri-Cities and San Diego) and these premier sites wish to be able to put on Championship events. Many of these premier sites are televised events and are run in front of crowds of up to 200,000 fans. The current format of having a Championship event on a one day only format is not compatible with the Alternate Format 1 as the Championship final heat must be the last heat of the entire weekend for that particular class. This proposal **does not require** any or all of the event to be run in the Alternate Format 1 but only makes it available to the race promoters on an "as needed basis". As stated, it is an alternate format and is not mandatory. One day Championship races may still be run as traditionally done in the past. This rule only provides more flexibility for the race promoters and committees to provide a quality event for the fans and would not affect traditional racing events.