

APBA National Meeting- Safety Seminar, January 25, 2020, Hilton, SeaTac

The safety seminar began at 8:00 am.

A sign-up sheet was passed around to obtain the e-mail addresses of those who wished to receive a Pdf version of the presentation.

The presentation was divided into two sections. The first section of approximately 10 minutes was devoted to accident statistics and trends. Information on worldwide boat racing fatalities the past two seasons, the North American statistics, and the APBA statistics. For those attendees that receive this information, it is requested to use it judiciously. It is not intended for general public consumption because not all of the assumptions and supporting details or rationale is included on the charts. For those that want to discuss the information, contact Bob Wartinger, bobwartinger@comcast.net .

The second portion of the session was live streamed by Katelyn Shaw and she deserves a great thanks for helping send the information via live link to others. She needed to work around background audio issues caused by a noise generating room ventilation system and to this point we were helped by Dave Shaw jumping into action and finding a mike to help with voice amplification. Katelyn reported that there were 220 people online and that 30 had requested copies of the second portion of the presentation. Lessons were learned relating to livestreaming that will be taken into account and support this form of education in the future.

Tom Stanley presented “The Value of Analysis” and provided examples of Finite Element Modeling (FEA) of cockpits and also the panel bend test that is used to register builders and cockpits. Tom’s many years of experience as a racer, a professional structural engineer, and an analyst have supported APBA and UIM and resulted in significantly influencing cockpit design. His work has definitely resulted in saving lives in crash situations.

There are three charts listing the main take away points at the beginning of the PowerPoint deck. Further questions can be directed to Bob Wartinger bobwartinger@comcast.net

The video presentation is available from Katelyn t2racing@yahoo.com .

The session concluded at 9:15 am.