

Notification of voting from National Council Meeting held on January 7th and 8th, 2011

In all cases, Rule numbers may be amended by the Rules Officer to ensure they fit correctly into the Rule Book.

Safety Rule changes moved by the National Executive following the Extra Ordinary National Executive Meeting on Saturday December 18th, 2010. Rule changes were circulated to the State Councils and Clubs for voting purposes.

13 Votes were available at the table Saturday and 14 Sunday (Offshore Delegate present Sunday only)

Reasons: Increased boat speeds and recent accidents have led to the conclusion that the use of reinforced cockpits are considered to add sufficiently to driver injury reduction, that they should be mandatory in the higher risk classes immediately. Concurrently the APBA will take action seeking to accelerate development and associated issues.

Add to Rule # 1001.02 and # 1102.01 All Inboard racing boats, excluding Drag classes, fitted with forced induction engines **MUST** be fitted with a reinforced cockpit approved by the Association.

Proposer: Executive, Seconder: NSW Delegate.

Vote: 10 for, 1 against, 2 abstained.

MOTION CARRIED.

Proposed rule: Add new Rule # 1102.01 and # 1001.021 All NEW Inboard displacement boats, powered by engines over 5201cc (excluding Pro Stock Class) **MUST** be fitted with a reinforced cockpit approved by the Association.

Discussion – the word NEW creates confusion, a specific build date would be clearer.

Amendment below proposed by NSW, Seconder QLD, Vote on Amendment 11 for, 1 against, 1 abstained

Amended Rule: Add new Rule # 1102.01 and # 1001.021 All NEW Inboard displacement boats, built after 8th January 2011, powered by engines over 5201cc (excluding Pro Stock Class) **MUST** be fitted with a reinforced cockpit approved by the Association.

Proposer: Executive, Seconder: Qld Delegate.

Vote 11 for, 1 against, 1 abstained.

MOTION CARRIED.

Add new Rule # 1302.04. Drag Racing Rules. Open cockpit boats including forced induction engines, Displacement and Flat Bottom are accepted up to 115mph speed bracket, Hydroplane are accepted up to 135 mph.

Proposer: Executive, Seconder: TAS Delegate.

Vote 10 for, 3 against.

MOTION CARRIED.

Proposed Rule: Add to Rule # 1001.01 and # 1202.01 All Outboard powered boats fitted with engines over 2.4lt capacity **MUST** be fitted with a reinforced cockpit approved by the Association.

Submissions were tabled from several sources and Delegates to include the words “fitted with quickfoot gearboxes”

Reason for amendment – There are many social type ski boats whose motor capacity is above the listed capacities that would be excluded from racing. “Quickfoot” can not be used as a discription as it refers to a brand of box. “Unlimited stock” is added with a description, to allow the inclusion of social boats without racing style gearboxes. Alteration of capacity from litres to cc’s is to bring this rule into the same format as other rules in the Rule Book.

Amendment tabled on Sunday (14 votes available Sunday due to presence of Offshore Delegate on Sunday only) proposer VP Outboards, Seconder: WA Delegate, Vote on amendment. 13 for, 1 abstained. AMENDMENT PASSED.

Add to Rule # 1001.01 and # 1202.01 All Outboard powered boats fitted with engines over 2001cc capacity (excluding unlimited stock) **MUST** be fitted with a reinforced cockpit approved by the Association.

Unlimited stock – Must be standard factory motor, 20 inch mid section with operational forward, neutral and reverse. Centre of prop shaft to be a minimum 50mm below planing plank. Boats fitted with mechanical jacking plates must be disabled before racing and rendered inoperable to the Scrutineer’s satisfaction.

Proposer: Executive, Seconder: WA.

Vote taken. 13 for, 1 abstained.

MOTION CARRIED

Add to rule **1101.05** Boats stepping up from their own class into a higher capacity class must meet the minimum requirements of the class being entered.

Discussion – Classes are inadequately defined in the rule book to enforce this rule. Club racing would suffer enormously. Further investigation and development is required.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Items omitted from August 1st 2010 minutes, for representation at 8/9th January 2011 Council meeting for discussion and voting. Rule changes were circulated to the State Council’s and Club’s for voting purposes.

From May 2010 minutes, not correctly recorded

Agenda Item 6: (2). Rule 1103.22

10 Litre is the maximum capacity of all classes of Circuit and Drag Racing. This rule excludes Offshore and any demonstration events. Demonstration events must be approved by National Council prior to the event.

Proposer: Senior Vice President, Seconder: QLD Delegate.

Vote 12 for, 2 against.

MOTION CARRIED

Agenda Item 6: (2). Discussion on the safety of varying speed and class boats nominating for finals was raised. It was generally agreed that preventing overlapping would increase safety as a fast boat would not 'come up on' a much slower boat. The variation in speed of boats in a race is a concern. Plus 20% of lap time suggested for the maximum that a boat can be slower than the fastest qualifier, this allows for 4 lap races (the longest common circuit race) and a margin for everyone 'going harder' in a final. Examples cited of some Club's already having a loose system like this anyway to prevent boats who are much slower going into a final and getting in the way of the 'contenders'

Add new rule, "that to qualify for a final, lap times must be within 20% of the fastest qualifying boat's lap times" (e.g. fastest qualifying boat = 40 seconds lap time – 20% of .40 seconds is 8 seconds = qualifying time would be 48 seconds lap time).

Proposer: Senior Vice President, Seconder V/P. O/Boards.

Vote 14 for.

MOTION CARRIED

Add Rule 201.09

Appropriate enclosed footwear must be worn at all times in the pit and ramp areas.

Reason – Venues are under increasing scrutiny from OH&S bodies in their States. OH&S representatives have threatened to shut down race meetings due to inappropriate or no footwear being worn in pit and ramp areas.

Proposer: V/P Outboards, Seconder: Offshore Delegate.

Vote 14 for.

MOTION CARRIED

Add Rule 801.013

Open cockpit Unlimited boats effective from 1 January 2011 – All personal floatation devices (PFD) must be a parachute-type jacket.

Add Rule 801.014

Parachute jackets must be returned to the manufacturer and recertified every three (3) years.

Add Rule 801.015

Parachute jackets must be returned to the manufacturer as soon as possible after being deployed to be repacked and recertified.

Rules related to parachute jackets tabled and voted on as a group.

Proposer: Safety Officer, Seconder: V/P Outboards.

Vote 14 for

MOTION CARRIED

Add Rule 1102.01

Hulls powered by forced induction engines (blower or turbo) must be a minimum length of 5.5 metres (18 foot 1 inch).

Proposer: Recording Officer, Seconder: SA Delegate.

Vote 12 for, 2 Abstained.

MOTION CARRIED

Add Rule 1304.2021

Life Jacket/Non-Capsule - All drivers and riding crew competing in Pro Limited, Expert Limited and Top Limited in non-reinforced cockpit boats must wear, while on the water, an approved parachute type life jacket which has been commercially manufactured with a harness specifically designed for Drag Boat racing.

All life jackets must be returned to an approved life jacket manufacturer for safety inspection and recertification/dating every three (3) years from date of manufacture.

**Proposer: V/P Drags, Seconder, V/P Outboard. Vote 14 for.
MOTION CARRIED**

Add Rule 1319.15

Nitrous Oxide must be installed as per manufacturer's specification. A full throttle switch only must operate all systems. No other type of activation is permitted. It is the driver and or the boat owner's responsibility to ensure that the system is installed to the manufacturer's specification.

**Proposer: V/P Drags, Seconder: VIC Delegate.
Vote 14 for.
MOTION CARRIED**

Add Rule 1319.14

FUEL can be any commercially available type (Petrol, Methanol, LPG gas, or Nitrous Oxide). NO power additives such as 'Nitro' derivatives and variants are permitted.

**Proposer: V/P Drags, Seconder: VIC Delegate.
Vote 14 for.
MOTION CARRIED**

Add Rule 801.051

For all persons aboard any boat competing in a sanctioned event, the following **MUST** be worn:

- Full-length race suit or cotton overalls (fire retardant race suits are recommended)
- Boots or shoes (race-style boots or shoes are recommended)
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**Proposer: VIC Delegate, Seconder: QLD Delegate.
Vote 14 for
MOTION CARRIED**

Rule 802.013

The cord attached to the cut-out switch must be attached to the persons' PFD in a secure manner and the length of the cord must be limited so that the person cannot move out of the seat without activating the cut-out switch. The cord must be made of fire-retardant material.

Discussion – this rule is unmanageable. Wire is not effective and gets caught up. The "fire retardant" cord is attached to a plastic switch.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Proposed Rule**Add Rule 804.26**

For Sections "I" & "D" all classes from 1st March 2011. All cast propellers must be x-rayed for flaws before their first use following the effective date. Documentary evidence of the test must be available for inspection upon request.

Discussion – the way the rule is written is unclear.
Amendment tabled as follows:

Rule 804.26 – For Inboard and Drag Sections, - From March 1, 2011, all cast propellers must be marked for identification and x-rayed for flaws prior to use. Documentary evidence of the test and identification of the propeller must be available for inspection upon request.

**Amended: Offshore, Seconder: Rules Officer,
14 in favour, AMENDMENT PASSED**

**Vote in favour of change – 14 in favour
MOTION PASSED**

Add 801.041 For all drivers of boats (including Drag classes) with Open Cockpits in UNLIMITED and LIMITED categories:

Effective from 1 September 2010 – All drivers in these classes must use a helmet restraint; of a type that restricts movement of the head and secures to the body or arms by straps or other means.

Proposer: Tasmanian Delegate, Seconder: V/P Outboard.

Vote 14 for.

MOTION CARRIED

801.042

For all drivers of Open Cockpit Boats (including Drag classes) in RESTRICTED and FORMULA FUTURE categories:

Effective from 1 September 2010 – It is recommended that all drivers in these classes use a helmet restraint (as described in 801.041), however chin strap fitted with plastic breakaway-style clips are acceptable.

Proposer: Offshore, Seconder: Rules Officer.

Vote 14 for.

MOTION CARRIED

801.043

The wearer is entirely responsible for the effectiveness of the restraint or breakaway clip.

Proposer: V/P Outboard, Seconder: Safety Officer.

Vote 14 for.

MOTION CARRIED

Amend Rule 1104-001 to read. The use of Nitrous Oxide or other chemical supercharging is not permitted.

Remove last sentence from rules 1204.02 & 1204.03 and add new rule 1204.06

1204.06 The use of Nitrous Oxide or any other chemical supercharging is not permitted.

Safety reason: To preclude alternative methods of supercharging.

Proposer: UIM Delegate, Seconder: NSW Delegate.

Vote 14 for.

MOTION CARRIED

Rule 1103.001 – Only automotive or marine engines are only to be used in inboard class competition. Non-automotive engines or non-marine engines may be used in demonstration events only. Demonstration events can only be approved by the National or Member Council.

Discussion – it is difficult to define a marine engine – all types of engines are used in a wide variety of boats and ships and this rule is impossible to defend under those circumstances.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Add New rule to Inboard Section: Turbine engines are not permitted to race in any “I” class racing.

Safety reasons - The size of a boat required for turbine engine makes it unsafe for these boats to compete against current boats racing. To prevent one turbine boat from being developed and entering races with the current group of competing boats.

Proposer: Senior Vice President, Seconder: TAS Delegate.

Vote 12 for, 2 against.

MOTION CARRIED