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From The Desk of Your District Director



Well, with the 2002 season now behind us, it's time to think about 2003. Schedules, meetings, awards, banquets.

I would like to thank my two assistant District Directors, Lou Gerdik & Dave Neelman; my Class Chairmen, Jack Ditta, Lou Gerdik, Bill Ruffin, Bob Harless and Norm Barksdale; and all participating clubs for the superb jobs they did all season. Without the help, I would have fallen on my ass!

I feel the season went well overall. Attendance was up, we had a lot of new boats, new boaters, and especially some surprising juniors. Jake Sacken...the kid's a natural. Calm, cool and drives well. Hey Mark...where did he get this from? Kris Willett is also an up & coming star. His driving is really coming around. If he drives as well as he talks on the P.A., we're all in trouble! Justin LaMot rounds out this trio of youngsters. He didn't get out as much as the others, but showed the big boys some good driving skills. Keep up the good work, and get your Dad off his butt next season!

Above all else in 2002, we had **FUN**, and that's what it's all about folks. I want to thank everyone for their help and support this past season, and wish everyone and their families, Happy Holidays and a Happy & Healthy New Year.

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MONO - HYDRO NEWS

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Hey Boaters!!!

Well, it's been another good season. We had quite a few new faces this year, and I saw everyone having a good time.

I would like to congratulate all of the class champions. You worked hard, and deserve the awards you are about to receive.

Lets continue, and have a fun, and safe 2003 season.

See ya at the pond!
Bob Harless
 Mono/Hydro Chairman

Final 2002 Standings

<u>A/B MONO</u>	<u>C/X MONO</u>
1) David Neelman 1719	1) Butch Fields 2100
2) Jake Sacken 1507	2) Dave Willett 1375
3) Steve Ng 1200	3) Ken Kreimer 1100
4) Joe Caporale 1124	4) David Neelman 794
5) Kris Willett 1073	5) Gary Sidoti 394
6) Doug Reeve 973	6) Jack Ditta 300
7) Jerry Muro 756	7) Al Chianelli 225
8) M. Nix/ B. Harless 300	

<u>A HYDRO</u>	<u>B HYDRO</u>
1) Charlie Ott 1694	1) Bob Harless 1825
2) Steve Ng 1100	2) Doug Twaits, Sr 1496
3) Jake Sacken 1052	3) Charlie Ott 1290
4) Gary Chandler 825	4) Larry Szybkowski 850
5) Doug Reeve 800	5) Mark Sacken 600
6) Norm Barksdale 625	6) Steve Ng 525
7) Justin LaMot 400	7) Rich Barile 479
8) Mark Nix 225	8) Gary Sidoti 338

<u>C/X HYDRO</u>
1) Bob Harless 1900
2) Butch Fields 1750
3) Charlie Ott 1413
4) Craig Toomey 796
5) Jerry Muro 427
6) Chris Costanza 400
7) Doug Twaits, Sr. 300
8) Lou Gerdik 225

***MONO HYDRO
 HIGH POINT
 CHAMPION***

**Charlie Ott
 4622**

Overall Nitro/Gas High Point Champion
 Charlie Ott - 10,422 Points

YOUR SPORT CHAIRMAN SPEAKS:

Let's jump right in & pick up where we left off in the last issue of the *DRIVELINE*:

DEL-VAL

Race number 5 for the year brings us to Bristol PA. home of the 93 nats. We were in the 7th day of the heat wave with the temps well into the 90's and humid. The turn out was a little lite. Just 6 sport 21's this time around and Ken Laux having a great year taking 1st place with a perfect score 1200 points. Seems he can't do anything wrong in this class. Me on the other hand can't do anything right. Same boat as last year when my average point finish per race was 360. This year it's 176. Jake Sacken was creeping up the ladder with a 2nd place finish followed by Jack, Kris Willet, Charlie Ott and Gary Chandler. Gary started the year on fire with Ken but had a bad day.

Sport 40, very poor turn out for sport 40 with just 4 boats, a season low. Well, Bob Harles showed up with a new scratch built boat. Looked like he made a really wide rigger with a 10-inch tub. It ran great and he grabbed 3rd with it. Sacken continued to have problems with his new Dewitt hull wound up 4th, Jack wound up 2nd and Charlie took first. The only boat that worked for him all day.

Sport 90, ...low turn out with this class also with just 5 boats. There were 4 gas guys and 1 nitro guy. Sacken had his way in 90 today with a well-deserved win, chasing problems all day with his boat. He was followed by Bill Ruffin who had one of the best days of racing in a long while. He also took Unlimited. Louie followed in 3rd with Joe Venango 4th and Dave 5th. Dave also had a day he would like to forget. Well we are tied at 2 with the wins for sport X. We'll see what happens in NJ at Dave Neelman's race.....

Morris County Roostertails

The heat wave continues with temps in the 90's again, but, at least there is water in the lake. On Long Island there is no water to be found. We don't think there will be a race on the Island for the rest of the year. Well, at Saffin Pond there was lots of water and some great racing.

Sport 21 : It seems that there is no one to stop Kenny this year as he can't do anything wrong. He wins again making it 4 of 5 races. Followed by Kris Willett, Doug Reeve, Jake Sacken and Jack Ditta. Kenny has an insurmountable lead, I don't think anyone can catch him.

Sport 40: Well... this is the race Dave Neelman was waiting for this whole season: a new class, on his home lake. His boat ran well, but would it be enough to pull out a victory? He started out great with 2 wins in the first 2 rounds but so did Jack Ditta. Then in the last round, both boats take third in different heats. It came down to time and he came up 6 seconds short. A **VERY STRONG** second non-the less. Paul Vonsalzen, another new comer in his 2nd year, grabs 3rd followed by Larry, Charlie & Mark. One thing you can say about Sport 40... it's always tough. Everybody runs well in this class.

Sport 90: Mark Sacken had the only fuel boat in the X class and he had trouble, never starting a single heat. The gas guys had there day. Bob Austin, Jr. pulled out low ET for the day in the sport classes with a 1:25.24 in round 3. He would prove to be tough to beat as he took 1st place followed by Bill Ruffin. Bill is having a great year in all 3 classes he is racing in. Dave Willett, having a late season push, takes 3rd. He also won in the cracker class. Following Dave was Lou Gerdik, Joe Venango, and Larry Zyp.

SKY HYDRO

Well... if it is the end of August ...it must be time for the Sky Hydro Race in Sayreville. With the heat wave over, we descend to Kennedy Park. With the Temps about 20 degrees cooler than the last time we ran, the needles were out the window for the fuel guys. Coupled with the fact that there is no water to run in on Long Island, it was going to be a long day for some. The turn out was on the light side with 6 sport 21's, 6 Sport 40's and 10 Sport X's. The gas guys love the fact that you can run the same boat in 2 classes, Sport X and G-1 Sport Hydro. The only difference between the classes is in Sport X you can do anything you want with the motor as long as the displacement does not go past 30 cc's.

Sport 21: Well at least Kenny didn't win this time around. Joe Lamot making his 2002 debut driving his son's boat took 1st place followed by Kenny, Jack and Kris Willett. Charlie and Bill Overton did not make any starts so no points awarded.

Sport 40: Jack Ditta took 1st place followed by Paul Vonsalzen, Larry Zyp, Mark Sacken, Charlie Ott and Bill Overton. There was some open water in the morning and some people took advantage of it. Paul has had a great year with his new Phil Thomas hydro.

Sport 90: This class has grown this year with 10 boats entered. Larry Zyp and Richie Barile tied for 1st place but Larry got him with a better time. Mark Sacken grabbed 3rd followed by Joe Venango, Aron Abel, Louie Gerdik, Joe Lamot and Bill Ruffin. With at least 4 races left, this class is still up for grabs. There are 7 guys with a chance to take the class for the year, Rich, Louie, Bill Ruffin, Joe Venango, Dave Willett, Mark and Larry. Should be interesting, see you at North Pond....

BAD BOY

FINALLY!the heat broke. The turn out was very low at Charlie's race with 5 Sport 21's, 4 Sport 40's and 7 Sport 90's. It was supposed to rain all day but we lucked out with only a shower early. The water was very flat and the air was thick. Joe Lamot came to his first race of the year and won Sport 21 followed by Kenny, Jake, Charlie and Kris Willett.

Sport 40 was also a poor showing with 3 boats. Charlie and Mark having their troubles all day and I cruised to an easy win followed by Mark and Charlie.

Sport 90 seems to be the class to be "IN" this year. 7 boats entered and all of them running well.

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Louie Gerdik is making a late season challenge for the lead with Rich Barile going to the Elmira to race. He has his boat flying. He wins his 3rd straight and looks to be in the driver's seat for the championship. Joe Venango, who is the picture of consistency took second followed by Mark, Bill, Jack, Joe Lamot and Dave Willet. With 4 races to go, this is the only class up for grabs. Lou, Mark, Rich, Dave, Joe V, and Bill Ruffin all have a shot. Next up.... LIMBA.

LIMBA

Race # 8 on the schedule brings us back to North Pond. The weather was perfect, around 70 degrees and sunny and little wind.

Sport 21: With Kenny having this class won for the year he decided to bring out the back up boat and see how it runs. Well he had a little trouble as Doug Reeve would get the better of him taking 1st place, followed by Kenny, Charlie then Jake. Jake having a lot of trouble this day.

Sport 40: Jack just can't do anything wrong as I win again. Once again Charlie, Dave and Mark having their troubles. This class was a disappointment this year. I thought there would be more boats in the class. It started out great and then dried up.

Sport 90: Well... there's going to be a dogfight at the last race. Louie on a roll with 4 wins in a row and just 75 points separating the top 3 boat today. It was Louie on top followed by who else? Joe V, Mark, Jack, Dave, Richie and Bill. I was interested to see how Richie would do and he had trouble. A 2nd a 6th and a DNF didn't get it done today. This was some of the fiercest racing I have ever seen. People should come to the race just to see the sport 90's run, it's great!

LAMBS

Race # 9 on the schedule brings us to Roxbury, New Jersey for Doug Twait's annual event. Weather was perfect for racing. Everybody knows that Horse Shoe Lake can be a nightmare at times. There was a light turnout for this one and the only class that was up for grabs was Sport 90.

Sport 21: With this class won by Kenny Laux the fight was for 2nd place and Jake Sacken picked up his first win of the year followed by Charlie, Kris Willet and Kenny. With Jake's win, he is in great shape to hold on to second place. Good Job!

Sport 40: Again this class already won by Jack Ditta the battle was for 2nd and third place. Dave Neelman gets his first win in this class. He also posted low ET for ALL of the sport classes with a 1:24.18. I believe that this is the only legal course we run on all year. Second place went to Charlie Ott, 3rd: Jack Ditta, then Mark Sacken.

Sport 90: Louie Gerdik in a late season charge took first place. Jack Ditta having 2 firsts got a bad launch on the 3rd round and lay dead 15 feet out. This would give me second for the day. The surprise of the day was Doctor Barile with a last place finish. Third Place went to who else Joe Venango followed by Dave, Bill, Mark and Richie. With a good finish at the last race at North Pond, Louie can wrap up this season with his first District 1 Sport 90 win.

NASSAU

The last race of the year brings us back to North Pond. A great fall day with temps in the 50's and a little wind. Turnout was good and the racing was tough.

Sport 21: Jake Sacken cemented up 2nd place for the year with a 4th place finish. Charlie Ott's late season charge was too little, too late. Charlie took 1st place for the day followed by Justin Lamot. We hope to see more of him and his father next year. Doug Reeve got third followed by Jake.

Sport 40: Dave Neelman showing that the last race was no fluke, took first place again followed by Larry Zyp, with a strong showing, Charlie Ott, Mark and Jack just having a miserable day. Jack's day was so bad in Sport 40, Dave Neelman, in the last heat, took his eye off the boat for a second and hit the retrieve boat, bounced off it, into the middle of the course and hit Jack.. Ironically, Jack's boat had more damage than Dave's. We're still friends, and still had fun! That's Racin'!

Sport 90: I finally got my Sport 90 boat to run and took 1st place but like Charlie it was too little and way too late. Louie finished 2nd followed by Joe Lamot, Dave, Joe Venango, Larry, Charlie and Mark. It looks like the gas boats dominated the class this year but I think next year will be different. I'm looking forward to the addition of Ken Kreimer and possibly Al Chianelli in the Sport 90 class. Remember start building early because April comes real fast.

(Final Scores on Page 5)

Jack Ditta
Sport Chairman

Final SPORT Standings 2002

PLACE	Total Points	Total Points Final	Name
Sport 21			
1st	2800	2800	Ken Laux
2nd	1826	1826	Jake Sacken
3rd	1700	1700	Charlie Ott
4th	1267	1267	Chris Willet
5th	1096	1096	Gary Chandler
6th	1020	1020	Doug Reeve
7th	800	800	Joe Lamot
8th	704	704	Jack Ditta
	300	300	Justin Lamot
	169	169	Jim Feretti
	96	96	Tim Fischetto
	0	0	Bill Overton
Sport 40			
1st	3277	2925	Jack Ditta
2nd	2169	1915	Charlie Ott
3rd	1710	1614	Mark Sacken
4th	1452	1452	Dave Neelman
5th	1393	1393	Larry Zyp
6th	846	846	Paul Vonsalzen
7th	674	674	JJ Ditta
8th	417	417	Bob Harless
	127	127	Mike Nooman
	96	96	Bill Overton
	52	52	Mark Ansanno
Sport X			
1st	2642	2494	Lou Gerdik
2nd	1938	1684	Joe Venango
3rd	1570	1570	Rich Barile
4th	1393	1393	Mark Sacken
5th	1339	1267	Bill Ruffin
6th	1319	1265	Dave Willett
7th	996	996	Jack Ditta
8th	992	992	Larry Zyp
	468	468	Roof Top Richie
	400	400	Bob Austin, Jr.
	395	395	Joe Lamot
	169	169	Ed Provini
	127	127	Aron Abel
	74	74	Charlie Ott

UNLIMITED REPORT

Well... the racing season is over, where do you stand? Is this the year that you will be District Champion? There were seven races since the last Chairman's report, and if you were keeping up with your points, maybe you know where you stand. If not, you might be in for a surprise. We left off at June 23rd. Let's move on to August 4th, Del-Val, Bristol, PA. Yes I remember this day well because this day went to Bill Ruffin and his Winston Eagle, Jack Ditta was second and Louie Gerdik was third (new comer boat running good) and then Charlie (not having a good season so far), Dave (starting to get the bugs worked out), Mark (he repaired it), and Ken. Only seven boats showed up. Concourse went to Dave Willett and his Atlas Van Lines.

August 18th, Morris County Rooster Tails, Saffin Pond, Jefferson Township, NJ. If I remember correctly, it was hot but a nice day for racing. This day went to Mark Sacken and his repaired Olympia Beer, Charlie Ott was second (looking better) and Jack Ditta was third (finished in the top three in the last three races) and then Dave (he might have all the bugs out), Ken, Bill, (Louie and myself hit each other some kind of way) Louie, and Larry. Looks like eight boats showed up for this one. Concourse went to Dave and his Atlas again.

August 25th, Sky Hydro, Sayreville, NJ. Beautiful day for racing. There was not anything wrong with the weather but the club had a hard time getting started. The out come of this race was determined by the love plan. Some like it, some do not. This day went to Charlie Ott and his Tide (that's more like it), Larry Szybkowski was second, and Mark Sacken was third, then Jack (slipping), Louie (looking good), Rich, Bill, and Dave (still having some bug problems). Nine boats showed up for this race. Ken was the ninth boat, he did not have a good day. Concourse: Dave and his Atlas.

September 15th, Bad Boy, North Pond, NY. There was some concern about this race if there would be enough water in the lake. It had not rained for some time. Seven boats showed up for this race. The day went to Mark Sacken and his Olympia Beer (repaired boat runs just as good or better), Louis Gerdik was second (looking better all the time), Dave Willett was third (what? no bugs), then Joe LaMot (back from the past), Bill, Jack (still slipping), and Charlie (first at the last race last at this race "bad engine"). Concourse went to Charlie Ott and his Tide.

September 29th, LIMBA, North Pond, NY. Back at North Pond two in a row and a love plan race. Eight boats showed up for this race. The Consolation was won by Ken Laux. The day went to Rich Barile and his Lincoln Thrift, Mark Sacken was second (always in the top three), and Jack Ditta was third (had a perfect score for the day but because of the love plan, it did not count), then Dave (still looking good), Bill, Louis (fell off this race), Charlie, and Ken. Concourse went to Dave Willett and his Atlas.

October 6th, LAMBS, Horseshoe Lake, Roxbury, NJ. Weather starting to change. Everyone checking their points to see where they stand only two races left. Eight boats showed up to race. I was surprised at the number of love plan races this season.

This was also a love plan race. The Consolation heat was between Charlie and Bill and the winner was Charlie. Bill did not answer the call because of rudder damage that happened in the heat before when he flipped in front of Jack. The day went to Louis Gerdik and his Green Dragon Miss Bardhal (go Louis), Charlie Ott was second, and Mark Sacken was third, then Dave, Jack, Ken, Bill, and Rich. There was some good racing, every one trying to move up in the points and hold on to their place. Concourse went to Charlie Ott Tide. It has been between Charlie and Dave all season for the concourse.

October 20th, Nassau, North Pond, NY. Well... this is it, the last race of the season. Nine boats showed up for this race. If you had been keeping up with your points you knew if you had to run hard or just had to finish each heat. The day went to Jack Ditta and his Miller High Life, Larry Szybkowski was second, and Ken Laux was third (not a good season for him), then Bill (back with repaired rudder but too little too late and all over the place), Dave (coming on strong), Louis (impressive just not his best today), Joe (he's back) and Mark (usual for him). Concourse went to Dave and his Atlas.

I would like to say Thanks to Dave Willet with his Atlas Van Lines, and Louis Gerdik with his Miss Bardhal for joining the Unlimited class. It made a difference. The End.

Bill Ruffin
Unlimited Chairman

2002 UNLIMITED STANDINGS

1)	Mark Sacken	2244
2)	Jack Ditta	2038
3)	Louis Gerdik	1708
4)	Charlie Ott	1540
5)	Bill Ruffin	1363
6)	Larry Szybkowski	1348
7)	Rich Barile	1250
8)	Dave Willett	997
	Ken Laux	805
	JJ Ditta	229
	Joe Lamot	241
	Dave Rychalsky	199

Concourse Champion: Dave Willett 7
Sport / Scale High Point Champ: Jack Ditta
6567 Points

THE "GAS" STATION

#1) I want to congratulate all class winners. I know it took a lot of hard work and dedication throughout this entire season. I want to thank everyone for all their help and cooperation. It was a good, clean, hard driving season that came down to the last couple of races. GOOD JOB GUYS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I hope everyone had fun. I know I did. Can't wait for next season.

#2) You all know we finally got National Gas hull & engine specs. I think they are fair for everyone. I also think this will benefit all gas classes and increase the number of entries in District 1.

#3) I would like to hear from everyone who will be affected by this new ruling. These rules will be voted on at our next meeting. Remember, You Snooze, You Lose!!!!!!!!!!!!!! You can call me at (516) 333-1306 any night between 7 & 10 PM.

Louis Gerdik
Gas Chairman

2002 GAS STANDINGS

<u>G-1 CrackerBox</u>	<u>G-1 Mono</u>
1) Al Chianelli 2675	1) Butch Fields 2800
2) Lou Gerdik 2194	2) Dave Willett 1444
3) Ken Laux 2157	3) Jack Berry 823
4) Dave Willett 1931	4) Ken Kreimer 821
5) Jack Ditta 1370	5) Chris Hoffman 496
6) Bob Austin, Jr. 600	6) Paul Vonsalzen 394
7) Bob Austin, Sr. 464	7) Pat Willett 225
	8) Aron Abel 127

G-1 Sport Hydro

1) Joe Venango 2900
2) Bill Ruffin 2394
3) Lou Gerdik 1950
4) Dave Willett 1328
5) Rich Barile 1069
6) Richie Szys. 927
7) Bob Austin, Jr. 507
8) Ed Proviny 169
Aron Abel 127
Jerry Monroe 96

Gas High Point Champion
Dave Willett - 4895 Points

ELECTRIC ARENA

The 2002 Electric R/C boat race season started with a great turn out in all classes. Last year's class champions were packing their guns to defend there titles, and the challengers were awaiting the opportunity to capture those classes.

There was strong competition in the P-Mono class, Chris fine started out very tough to beat with his Skiddles Bullet; Mark Kennedy was hot on his tracks, followed closely by Doug Twaits Jr, Dan Fine, and Norman Barksdale. They went down to the wire on many heats Consistency just paid off. N-2 Hydro, Doug, Sr. and Chris Costanza were neck & neck, tom Dale and Mark Kennedy were sharing the name of second place.

P-Offshore was so hot! The Key West boats were burning up the course but, not keeping the wet side down, thus, the steady eddies took the places.

N-1.could not have been closer. Norman Barksdale just squeaked out but for the two hairs on is head (I think I'm dreaming that there are two hairs on my head) Jason Smith was right in there, and so was Chris Costanza.

This season proved that in order to win you must come to all the races ...and Finish! Not just have the fastest boat.

The experiment to run some of the electric classes and fuel classes on the same date/site did not come together as expected, due to weather and unforeseen circumstances. We would like to try again in the 2003 season.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge that the Fine Design team placed first in 5 of 7 hydro classes at this years Electric Nationals.

They also won a few Mono classes and the highly sought after High Point Championship.

This season was a great one thanks to all the participants, racers, and NAMBA.

***NORMAN
BARKSDALE***
Electric Chairman

N-1 MONO

1) Norman Barksdale	1269
2) Jason Smith	1194
3) Chris Costanza	1169
4) Brandy Kennedy	675
5) Justin Nash	396
6) Joe Hopper	368
7) Jeff Marlo	327
8) Rich Lebo	279
Ien Kunz	127
Peter Wade	96
Evan Wade	72

N-2 HYDRO

1) Doug Twaits, Sr.	1600
2) Chris Costanza	1094
3) Tom Dale	994
4) Mark Kennedy	971
5) Jason Smith	788
6) Gary Daven, Jr.	523
7) Doug Twaits, Jr.	300

P-SPORT SCALE

1) Chris Fine	1100
2) Joe Hopper	850
3) Mark Kennedy	700
4) Norman Barksdale	588
5) Dan Fine	300
6) Namoni Kunz	300
7) Doug Twaits, Jr.	254
8) Gary Daven	72

P-MONO

1) Norman Barksdale	1269
2) Chris Fine	1100
3) Mark Kennedy	969
4) Dan Fine	619
5) Tom Dale	300
6) Gary Daven, Jr.	254
7) Rich Lebo	169
8) Dan Meade	169

P-OFFSHORE

1) Norman Barksdale	865
2) Chris Fine	854
3) Mark Kennedy	848
4) Evan Wade	794
5) Dan Meade	641
6) Peter Wade	579
7) Dan Fine	554
8) Justin Nash	450
Rich Lebo	225
Doug Twaits, Jr.	225

P-HYDRO

1) Doug Twaits, Jr.	1500
2) Tom Dale	1250
3) Doug Twaits, Sr.	950
4) Gary Daven	694
5) Dan Fine	427

Electric High Point Champion

Norman Barksdale

Jr. Electric High Point Champion

Justin Nash

Ladies Electric High Point Champion

Brandy Kennedy

District 1 Winter Meeting - 12/15/02

THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE PROPOSED AT THE WINTER DISTRICT MEETING AND WERE TABLED TO PERMIT YOUR CLUB REPRESENTATIVES TO BRING THEM BACK TO THE INDIVIDUAL CLUBS FOR THEIR DISCUSSION AND VOTE.

YOUR CLUB REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO CAST YOUR CLUBS VOTE ON EACH OF THESE MOTIONS AT THE MARCH DISTRICT MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2003, STARTING AT 10 AM SHAD CREEK ASSOCIATION, CROSS BAY BLVD., BROAD CHANNEL, QUEENS, NY.

ANY DISTRICT 1 MEMBER MAY ATTEND DISTRICT MEETING. ALL CLUBS SHOULD SEND A MINIMUM OF 1, PREFERABLY 2, REPS. TO THIS MEETING. ALL CLUBS GET 2 VOTES ON THE FOLLOWING RULE PROPOSALS. REPS SHOULD VOTE ACCORDING TO THE WISHES OF THEIR CLUBS. CLUBS HOLDING RACES SHOULD ALSO ATTEND IN ORDER TO FINALIZE THE SCHEDULE AND GUARANTEE THEIR SPOT ON IT.

1) **Gas:** Eliminate Current District 1 Rules for GAS Competiton. The Rules set forth in the NAMBA National Rule book will be followed. This will eliminate questions of legality, & allow us to compete in any NAMBA event on an even playing field.

2) **GI CrackerBox:** Allow modifications to the freeboard as long as the mods are original plans. Plans to be used are: Jerry Dunlap and Dumas. Wood 4.5" Min. ; Glass 5.0" min. Reason being to keep the class as close to "scale" as possible.

3) **Unlimited Hydroplane:** If the LOVE PLAN is to be run at a District 1 Race, it must follow the National rule 100%. The National Rule states 4 rounds minimum + 2 consolation rounds (boats permitting)

4) **Hitting Dead Boats:** The current rule reads - 'if you hit a dead boat, you are DQ'd from the heat'. A motion to change the rule would read: "If you pass a dead boat more than 2 times & then hit it, you will be DQ'd from that heat and the rest of the heats in that class for the rest of the day."

As a reminder, all District 1 rule changes that affect the NAMBA rules except General District 1 rules, will be sent to NAMBA for national voting. If voted down nationally, the rule will be removed from the District 1 rules for the following season.

4) **2004 NATIONALS:** Alan Hobbs, the NAMBA President, has asked District 1 if we would like to have the honor of hosting the 2004 Nationals. Due to the time sensitivity of this matter, the representatives at this meeting voted "YES", and we will contact NAMBA to get approval. We will have an answer, if we are chosen, by the Spring 2003 meeting.

5) Due to time constraints, the subjects of the **\$2.50 District fee per boat per race**, and a discussion on **trophies/awards**, has been tabled until the March 2, 2003 meeting. Representatives should be prepared to vote on these matters at that time.

We Need Your Vote!!!!!!

District 1 has previously approved a rule change for the SPORT classes allowing you to mount the strut underneath the hull, or on the transom, your choice. It is currently published in our District 1 rule book.

This rule change has been sent to NAMBA & will appear in the next issue of the **PROPWASH**, for **National Voting**. Many rules do not pass National voting, simply because NO ONE VOTES! We voted it in for our District, so please support the decision you made. Send in your ballot when you receive it in the mail. **It is our duty as a District to VOTE, and to vote YES.**

Some Friendly Reminders

Discussion topics from the District Meeting.

- 1) Prop Sheilds are required whenever a boat is started on a table and the centerline of the prop is more than 12" off the ground. **THIS RULE IS FOR OUR SAFETY AND WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED IN 2003.**
- 2) Safety netting is to be used whenever a natural barrier is not present, to outline the pit area and spectator areas at our race sites. If your club is not currently following this rule, IT IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT IT DOES IN 2003. This rule effects our insurance coverage as NAMBA Members.
- 3) As our attendance grows at races, efficiency in race preparation, and the way in which we conduct races, becomes more and more important. We all love to race, but we all love to go home to our families at a reasonable hour also.
 - A) A properly operating PA system is essential to race efficiency. In addition, the NEW style Audio clock CD that allows the contest director to "jump" to the 30 second clock when all boats are in the water has proven to be a major timesaver. This CD is available to duplicate from your District Directors. Portable CD players are very inexpensive today. If your club needs a PA system, other clubs will be more than willing to lend theirs, until you can get one.
 - B) As entries increase, we are now seeing more and more classes with multiple heats per round. A heat board for posting the heat cards is essential. With out one, racers cannott possibly be prepared to run their boats.
 - C) We spend a lot of money on this hobby, and the last thing anyone likes to see is a "frequency problem". The District invested in a scanner, but the basic principle of the "frequency clip" must be followed. Is it time to update your club's frequency clips/board? Remember, we have **odd** as well as **even** frequencies now!

DISTRICT 1 AWARDS BANQUET

Exact details for the banquet were still being worked out at the time of this publication. The Date will be either **Sunday, February 2nd or 9th, @ Noon**, in Long Island. **DETAILS WILL BE MAILED / E-MAILED SHORTLY!**

Namba
District One
 CHARLIE OTT
 District Director

Fuel Order Form

GLOW / NITRO

December, 2002

TO: All District 1 Members

We have researched the availability of fuel for the coming racing season and your committee has negotiated very favorable prices with Wildcat Fuels. This is a new company for us but one that is recognized in the country as one of the leading manufacturers of racing fuels. They even list their ingredients on the label which no other manufacturer is willing to do. We are making this change because of numerous complaints with last years manufacturer. Wildcat fuel contains 18% oil which, in turn is 95% Synthetic and 5% Degummed Pure Natural Castor which will give the engines better lubrication, cooler running and less wear. Note that the % of nitro available is not the same as last year. Wildcat claims that their 45% far surpasses last years Red Max 50%. Red Max has also raised their prices and they were less in most cases, but as of 1/03, they are higher than Wildcat across the board. Most important however, the oil, mix and the nitro ingredient purity are better in Wildcat.

As usual - the prices are predicated upon us buying in bulk with the most favorable pricing available when we buy 128 gallons or more. Payment is due in advance and the entire lot is shipped at one time to a commercial address.

David Neelman has volunteered to be the collection agent for the fuel and Charlie Ott has arranged to have the fuel shipped to a commercial address near where the Spring District Meeting will be held, thereby facilitating the distribution of the fuel to the individual purchasers at this Spring District Meeting. All fuel will be packaged in gallon containers. Prices are as follows:

- 20% - \$12.59 per gal
- 25% - \$12.82 per gal.
- 35% - \$15.68 per gal.
- 45% - \$17.76 per gal.
- 65% - \$21.65 per gal.

ALL FUEL MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE. CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS MUST BE MAILED IN TIME TO REACH DAVID NEELMAN NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2003. SEND CASH AT YOUR OWN RISK. THIS IS A FRIENDLY BOATER TO BOATER SERVICE - NOT A BUSINESS. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DAVID NEELMAN.

We must insist on strict compliance with these rules in order to place the order with Wildcat & allow them sufficient time to process and ship the fuel to reach us in time for distribution at the District Meeting the first week of March, 2003. **IF YOU ARE NOT PLANNING ON ATTENDING THE SPRING DISTRICT MEETING, PLEASE ARRANGE FOR SOMEONE WHO IS, TO PICK UP YOUR ORDER!**

DETACH & MAIL

TO: DAVID NEELMAN- 49 HILLTOP TERRACE, BLOOMINGDALE, NJ 07403

Please enter my order for the following fuel:

20% _____ gals @ \$12.59 per gal = \$ _____
 25% _____ gals @ \$12.82 per gal = \$ _____
 35% _____ gals @ \$15.68 per gal = \$ _____
 45% _____ gals @ \$17.76 per gal = \$ _____
 65% _____ gals @ \$21.65 per gal = \$ _____
 TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____

 NAMBA # _____ CLUB _____
 TEL # (_____) _____
 E-MAIL: _____

Namba
District One
 CHARLIE OTT
 District Director

Glow Plug Order Form

December, 2002

TO: All District 1 Members

We have researched the availability of Glow Plugs for the coming racing season and your committee has negotiated very favorable prices for McCoy MC-9 Plugs. Most of you will remember that we used the McCoy MC-9's for quite a few years and then ran into trouble with them 2 years ago. McCoy, at that time admitted that they had a bad batch of wire and replaced all plugs that were returned to them.

Last year we switched to another company, Fireball Plugs which gave us tremendous prices but alas - the plugs are giving most of us grief in one form or another, and most members have indicated to us that they would rather not buy them again

We contacted many plug manufacturers including McCoy. Peggy McCoy, the President - assured us that the wire problem has long been solved but the prices of wire has gone higher yet. She has established a sliding scale of pricing with her lowest prices in the 10,000 lot range. We have contacted a distributor who does that large volume and we can purchase MC-9's for \$2.12 per plug in minimum lots of 500 from him.

David Neelman has volunteered to be the collection agent for the plugs under the following ground rules:

ALLPLUGS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE. CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS MUST BE MAILED IN TIME TO REACH DAVID NEELMAN NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2003. SEND CASH AT YOUR OWN RISK. .THIS IS A FRIENDLY BOATER TO BOATER SERVICE - NOT A BUSINESS. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DAVID NEELMAN.

We must insist on strict compliance with these rules in order to place the order with the distributor & allow him sufficient time to process and ship the plugs to reach us in time for distribution at the District Meeting the first week of March, 2003.

IF YOU ARE NOT PLANNING ON ATTENDING THE SPRING DISTRICT MEETING, PLEASE ARRANGE FOR SOMEONE WHO IS, TO PICK UP YOUR ORDER!

 DETACH & MAIL

TO: DAVID NEELMAN- 49 HILLTOP TERRACE, BLOOMINGDALE, NJ 07403

Please enter my order for the following McCoy MC-9 Glow Plugs:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ plugs @ \$2.12 per plug = \$ _____

NAMBA # _____ CLUB _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

TEL # (_____) _____

E-MAIL: _____

Namba
District One

TENTATIVE 2003 Race Schedule NITRO & GAS

DATE SUNDAYS	HOSTING CLUB	CLASSES	STATE / LAKE SITE	CONTEST DIRECTOR
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APRIL

6				
13		Palm Sunday		
20		Easter Sunday		
27				

MAY

4	NASSAU	SPORT - SCALE - GAS	NY / GRANT PARK	JACK DITTA
11		Mother's Day		
18	LIMBA	SPORT - SCALE - GAS - MONO/HYDRO	NY / NORTH POND	C. OTT OR L. SZYB
25		Memorial Day Weekend		

JUNE

1	LIMBA / LEHIGH??	????????????????	NY / PA ?	????????????
8		IMPBA ELMIRA WEEKEND		
15		Father's Day		
22	MCRT / STILL CRAZY	SPORT - SCALE - GAS - MONO/HYDRO	NJ / SAFFIN POND	????????????
29				

JULY

6		Independence Day Weekend		
13		NAMBA NATIONALS		
20		IMPBA ELMIRA WEEKEND & NAMBA NATIONALS		
27				

AUGUST

3	DEL-VAL	SPORT - SCALE - GAS - MONO/HYDRO	PA / MAGNOLIA LAKE	DAVE VAYDA ?
10				
17		IMPBA ELMIRA WEEKEND		
24	SKY HYDRO	SPORT - SCALE - GAS - MONO/HYDRO	NJ / KENNEDY PARK	BETTY OVERTON
31		Labor Day Weekend		

SEPTEMBER

7	MCRT	SPORT - SCALE - GAS - MONO/HYDRO	NJ / SAFFIN POND	DAVID NEELMAN
14		IMPBA ELMIRA WEEKEND		
21	BAD BOY / LIMBA	SPORT - SCALE - GAS - MONO/HYDRO	NY / NORTH POND	CHARLIE OTT
28		Rosh Hashana		

OCTOBER

5		Yom Kippur		
12	LAMB'S	SPORT - SCALE - GAS - MONO/HYDRO	NJ / HORSESHOE LAKE	DOUG TWAITS, Sr.
19				
26		COULD USE FOR MAKE-UP / RAIN DATE		

CONTEST DIRECTORS

FINAL TBD @ 3/03 MEETING

District Shipyard Sales

<p>3 OPS 67 Crankshafts - \$40.00 each 1 OPS 45 Crankshaft -\$35.00 M & K Carburetors with needle valves .432 and .400 \$30.00 each LAW exhaust throttle and Venturi - \$40.00 MAC 45 & 67 Quiet Pipes - \$35.00 each Also have other OPS 67 parts (Hardened SteelFront ends) CONTACT BRIAN CHARNEY (732) 846-3324</p>	<p>43" AC Marine Cat - No Holes Drilled asking \$200.00 43" Aeromarine Challenger - Never Used - No Holes Drilled, "Smokin' Joe's" paint scheme under the clearcoat (paint job cost \$300.00) - asking \$325.00 Pictures Avail. Contact Rich: Gasboats1@aol.com</p>
<p><u>HYPERRTORQUE MARINE</u> Motor Mounts in Purple fits new 231/260/G23/25/QD's & J&G Gas Engines - \$65 + Shipping, Complete with bellcrank,coil relocation bracket & mounting H'ware. NEW 231-4 Port Zenoahs will be avail. shortly after X-Mas, No \$ avail. yet. Many Many other Parts available, Steel Pipes, Big Bore Carbs, Engine Parts, Building Materials, & More. TOO MUCH TO LIST. http://groups.msn.com/HYPERRTORQUEMARINE butchtheboatman@aol.com</p>	<p>23 cc Zenoah HyBrid (Hoffmeister), Run Very Little \$375.00 Bob Austin 732/842-2943 Propworksbob@aol.com</p> <p>60-80 Size Pinckert Daytona w/ Fitaba 1/4 Scale Servo and all Hardware. Runs Good - \$175.00 Contact Larry Szybkowski: RCboatmaster@aol.com</p>

CHARLIE OTT
District I Director
39 West 15th Road
Broad Channel, NY 11693

