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One

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# Drive Line

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## *From The Desk of Your District Director*



Well, another season is here and gone, the weather is getting cold and most of us have cleaned and packed our toys away. I would like to thank my Assistant Directors and Class Chairman for the excellent job they have done. I would like to also thank all who voted for me to go on as your District Director. Hey Larry, thanks for your vote of confidence, I am sure you would have made a good director.

I think the season went well except for some dummy sticking his fingers in the propeller, new boaters what can I say :-). I would like to congratulate all the high point and class champions. Great job guys.

Thanks again for your vote of confidence for the next term, lets have a safe and great winter, and build some new boats.

**CHARLIE OTT**

## THE 2003 SPORT HYDRO YEAR END WRAP UP

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This year started out great at Grant Park with an entry level not seen in 12 years. Full cards in all the classes and Sport 90 tops with 13 entries. As always, this petered out by the end of the year. At the last race we barely had enough boats to run the classes.

The competition was great in Sport 40 and Sport 90. It came down to the last race in Sport 40 as I blew it and slipped to 3<sup>rd</sup> place. I'm going to rebuild for next by picking up a new Phil Thomas Sport 40 hydro and a new 90 motor. Go to the web site for the places in all the classes.

For the first time ever there was a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> in Sport 21 between Larry Zyp and Kenny Laux. Ken would prove to be the winner by having more 1 place finishes and also missing 3 races. In Sport 90 the gas boats won with Larry taking the top spot. Larry had a career year finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in Sport 90, Sport 40 and tie for 1<sup>st</sup> in Sport 21. Hat's off to him!!

On a different note, I would like to turn my attention to the fact that we are loosing race sites. 3 years ago we lost Lehigh Valley, I really did like that sight, this year we lost Kennedy Park in Sayreville. RC boat racing is a lot of fun because of a couple of reasons: 1<sup>st</sup> is the competition, 2<sup>nd</sup> is the different race venues that bring there own challenges. Lehigh Valley for instance, the course is narrow, the current is moving at 3-5 m.p.h., so a dead boat is a moving target and who can forget the Abner brothers. Also the fact that there are different people at different venues that you get to see once a year. I feel we lost these 2 sites because of noise and courtesy. We all have to do a little bit, so this trend doesn't continue.

*Jack Ditta*  
Sport Chairman

## *THE "GAS" STATION*

WELL, HERE WE ARE AGAIN, ANOTHER SEASON GONE. I WAS REALLY PLEASED THE FIRST HALF OF THE SEASON. WE HAD A GOOD TURN OUT IN THE GAS CLASSES. G-1 MONO SEEMS TO BE THE FASTEST GROWING CLASS. LOTS OF GOOD RACING, SOME REAL FAST BOATS. DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED BUT THEY SEEMED TO DISAPPEAR THE SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON. MAYBE THEY CRASHED OR SUNK. I KNOW THEY'RE OUT THERE BUT WHERE ARE THEY? MAYBE THEY'LL BE BACK NEXT YEAR.

G-1 CRACKERBOX HAD SOME CLOSE RACING, THIS, EVERYONE KNOWS. THIS IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE CLASSES. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE RACERS INVOLVED IN THIS CLASS. DID YOU KNOW THERE WERE ONLY 217 POINTS BETWEEN 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE? NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL CLOSE RACING.

G-1 SPORT HYDRO: THIS IS ANOTHER CLASS THAT STARTED OFF BIG THE FIRST HALF THEN SLOWLY STARTED FALLING OFF. I KNOW OF ELEVEN RACERS OUT THERE, BUT THE SAME FACES SHOW UP AT ALL THE RACES. IF SOMETHING IS WRONG, DON'T HESITATE TO GIVE ME A CALL. THIS IS A GREAT HOBBY. I HOPE NEXT YEAR THIS WILL BE ONE OF OUR BIGGER CLASSES.

I WANT TO THANK CHARLIE OTT FOR HIS OUTSTANDING JOB AS DISTRICT DIRECTOR. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM NEXT SEASON. I ALSO WANT TO THANK NASSAU AND SKY HYDRO FOR ALL THEIR HELP AT THE L.I.M.B.A. AND BAD BOY RACES. THE THREE CLUBS SEEM TO WORK WELL TOGETHER AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED TO KEEP THIS HOBBY SUCCESSFUL AND GROWING.

**Louis Gerdik**  
Gas Chairman

## *ELECTRIC ARENA*

The 2003 Electric R/C season started with another great turn out in all classes, along with some new racers that had their sights on winning. The P-Mono class welcomed Paul Medina who showed the veterans that there is a new contender to reckon with, he led the class for most of the season, and went down to the wire of consistency which paid off (you must come to all the races and finish). Mark Kennedy used that method to put the rookie in second place and win the class championship in P-Mono.

The master of N-1 Mono and N-2 Hydro now the class champion Doug Twaits Sr. walked away from the pack with his titles. The last year's champs bowed to the new champion and vowed to get him in 2004!

P-Hydro was a close race all season between Tom Dale and Doug Twaits see-sawing back and forth Tom also took the path of the inside lane by showing up at the races and gaining points as he went making him the class champion.

P Offshore was a battle between all three places Dan Fine walked away by a slim margin of 17 points to be the class champion.

P-Sportscale was dominated by Mark Kennedy all season, he deserves to be the P-Sport scale class champion and The New 2003 Electric High Point Champion.

**Norman Barksdale**

*Electric Chairman*

**For all Final  
Class Standings**

**Please log on to**

**[www.namba-1.com](http://www.namba-1.com)**

# DISTRICT 1 WINTER MEETING - 12/14/03

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THE WINTER DISTRICT MEETING WAS POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS. THANKS TO ALL THE MEMBERS WHO TOOK THE TIME TO E-MAIL, AND MAKE PHONE CALLS, SO THAT WE COULD PUT TOGETHER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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 SUN A , MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2004, STARTING AT 10 AM: SHAD CREEK ASSOCIATION, CROSS BAY BLVD., BROAD CHANNEL, QUEENS, NY.**

*IF YOU ORDERED NITRO FUEL AND/OR GLOW PLUGS, THEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THIS MARCH DISTRICT MEETING. IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR ORDER TO BE PICKED UP.*

**ANY DISTRICT 1 MEMBER MAY ATTEND DISTRICT MEETINGS. 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.**

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## RULE AND RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

### MANDATORY MUFFLER RULE - SUBMITTED BY JACK DITTA

Any boat, be it gas or nitro, must have some sort of silencing device on it. This rule will add to the existing rule (of which some of the text follows) and make things in the pits a little more user friendly.

It's up to the CD to have a DB meter available to check for the 95 MAX. DB noise level. The CD will protest any boat over the noise limit and that racer will have 1 heat to fix the problem. If in the next heat the boat is still over the noise limit, the CD will DQ the boat for the remainder of the event.

## PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

Proposed by Herb Neelman, Sec'y - Morris County Roostertails as authorized by his club.

### **1) To amend Rule 19 of District 1 Rulebook to read as follows:**

“All Boats on stands with the centerline of the propeller shaft over 12” from the ground shall have a prop shield on three sides. This prop shield must be constructed of a substantial material such as wood, metal or plastic & be solidly anchored to the stand in such a manner so as to enclose the prop & be unmoveable at the time the boat is started.”

#### **Reason for Change**

The present rule just mentions a three sided shield. The 3 sided part of the rule has been violated by almost 95% of present boaters. Also - the intent of the rule to act as a safety factor is being blatantly ignored. Too many boaters are using a flimsy - portable board or box which would not stop a prop if it came off. This amendment is designed to cure this problem & to give the rule real meaning so far as safety is concerned.

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### **2) To amend Rule 1 of District 1 Rulebook to read as follows:**

A) All Point Heat Races & Straight-Aways will be sanctioned. All sanctions must be applied for at the Spring District Meeting with an accompanying, approved, flyer containing all the information required as per District Sample Flyer (Sample of which is attached to back of this rulebook). Sanctions will not be accepted if not in compliance with Approved Race Schedule or without an accompanying proper flyer.

At the Spring meeting the race schedule for the coming season will be finalized, Approved & become Official. The approved Race Schedule & all the Approved flyers will be immediately published on the District Website.& e-mailed to all District 1 Club Secretaries as well as those NAMBA Members who reside in District 1 as per NAMBA Membership list which list is to be obtained & maintained by District Webmaster. The Webmaster shall also send the official race schedule to NAMBA Hq for listing on NAMBA Propwash. It shall be the responsibility of the District Director to mail the race schedule & flyers to those members who do not have an e-mail address provided those persons so notify the District Director in Writing giving their desired mailing address.

B) Any race that has been previously approved & listed on the official race schedule as mentioned in paragraph A above cannot be altered as to classes listed on original flyer. In the event a scheduled race has to be canceled due to unavoidable circumstances such as weather or unavailability of Race site, etc. - the sponsoring club shall be permitted to reschedule that particular race to a later date in the racing season provided it is not back to back with a previously scheduled race and is scheduled far enough in advance so as to permit the Contest Director to reissue another flyer & give participants 30 days advance notice . Classes to be run at this rescheduled race shall be the same classes as on the original flyer. The Webmaster must republish this race change immediately & the District Director shall immediately mail the changed flyer to his mailing list as in Section A above.

C) The approved Race Schedule at the March Meeting should, where possible, list late season available alternative dates for any possible rescheduled races as in Section B above.

#### **Reason for Change**

There has been, in past season, too many controversies as to the race schedule. This proposed rewording of Rule 1 is designed to eliminate any of those controversies. Above all - it is designed to permit accurate publication on our Website & NAMBA's Website so as to gain as much publicity as possible to increase race participation. Racers can now plan their racing date participation in advance with their families & the advance publication on Websites is the quickest method of advertising & trying to grow our District.

## **Rule Change Proposals submitted by DAVE RYCHALSKY**

One note: Before you make motions on these, if you want to discuss and change any one of my motions to be more in line with the district consensus, please do so. (Especially Rule 34). Others may have better wording or ideas that will improve boating in District 1.

### **Rule 34 of the General Rules:**

#### **Currently reads...**

“Trophies or plaques will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place for each type of point heat race and enduro – type race. It is the option of the host club to award trophies for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place or ribbons from 4<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>h</sup>.”

*Add:*

“In the event of a tie between two or more racers, the following tiebreaker hierarchy shall apply:

Heat Racing:

1<sup>st</sup> Tiebreaker – Fastest time of the class

2<sup>nd</sup> Tiebreaker – Head to head victories

3<sup>rd</sup> Tiebreaker – Best finishes

4<sup>th</sup> Tiebreaker – Coin Toss

District Awards:

1<sup>st</sup> Tiebreaker – Higher number of 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes

2<sup>nd</sup> Tiebreaker – Head to head victories

3<sup>rd</sup> Tiebreaker – Higher number of actual heat racing points

4<sup>th</sup> Tiebreaker – Coin Toss”

### **Rule 36 of General Rules:**

*Delete current rule and replace with the following:*

“The District Director shall hold a minimum of (1) one District Meeting each calendar year per NAMBA rules. It is up to the discretion of the District Director as to the time, date, place and notification to the District 1 membership.”

### **Rule 37 of General Rules:**

#### **Currently reads...**

“District 1 will supply high point and team trophies for all classes.”

*Delete as Rule 37, but add to Rule 45.*



**Rule 45 of General Rules:**

*Add:*

“District 1 shall supply high point awards for:”

*Replace the current numbers 1 through 6 with the following:*

- “1) All nitro classes as one group
- 2) All gas classes as one group
- 3) All electric classes as one group
- 4) Junior racers as one group
- 5) Female racers as one group”

**Rule 38 of the General Rules:**

Delete

**Rule 46 of the General Rules:**

*From:*

“Sponsoring clubs can run 5 or 6 lap heats with 0.9 mile-measured length.”

*To:*

“Sponsoring clubs shall run 6 lap heats with 1.0 mile-measured length.”

**Rule 48 of the General Rules:**

Change from “0.9” to “1.0”

**Rule 25 & 49 should be combined as one.**

**Rule 5 of the R/C Unlimited Class:**

*Currently reads:*

“Optional: R/C Unlimited Modified Point System. The District 1 points awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> shall be determined by the order of finish. If any, or all, of the boats fail to finish, places awarded will be determined by the preliminary heats’ point totals for those boats. District points awarded for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place will be determined by the preliminary heats’ point totals for those boats after the consolation heat.”

*To:*

“Love Plan Racing & Scoring: If there are seven or more boats competing after the last round of racing, a Consolation Heat shall be run. The winner of the Consolation Heat shall qualify for the final round as the 6<sup>th</sup> place boat, or trailer boat. If there is a frequency conflict, the boater with the lowest qualifying points shall be requested to change crystals. If that racer cannot change, it is an option of the other higher point contestant to change. If he decides to keep his frequency, the other boater(s) cannot race. The points

awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> shall be determined by the order of finish. If any, or all, of the boats fail to finish, DNF, places awarded shall be determined by the preliminary heats' point totals for those boats. District points awarded for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> place shall be determined by the preliminary heats' point totals for those boats after the consolation heat. At the onset of the final round, all 6 boats can be launched and begin milling. If all 5 of the final round contestants are running at the start of the race, the 6<sup>th</sup> place boat, the trailer boat, shall safely drive off the course and be awarded 6<sup>th</sup> place points for the event. There shall be a maximum of 5 boats racing in the final."

**Rule 6 of the R/C Unlimited Class:**

*Delete the following:*

"Except if the Love plan is used, then the consolation heat may have a maximum of 6 boats."

**Rule 7 of the R/C Unlimited Class:**

*Add:*

In the event any part of the boat falls off during a race that has not be caused by a collision with another boat or buoy, the boater shall be awarded 6<sup>th</sup> place points for that heat only.

**I would also like to make a motion to go National:**

Combine the Open Crackerbox Class with the Classic Crackerbox class. Rename this class as "Scale Crackerbox."

Justification: I realize this will stir some features, but I don't see any significant difference between the two that warrants a separation in these two classes. This is the same thing as a wooden R/C Unlimited and a fiberglass R/C Unlimited. They are both Scale boats.

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**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 & appeared in the most recent 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 ballott that you received in the mail. **It is our duty as a District to VOTE, and to vote YES.**

# Proposal for New District Class

submitted by LIMBA

The new class will be designated

## *OPEN CATAMARAN*

### 1. Hulls:

- a) Hulls will be of catamaran design only
- b) Hull length shall be no less than 34" or more than 60" long
- c) Paint schemes may be authentic or reflect an attempt to make the boat appear like a typical full size offshore race boat past or present. Your freq. Number or namba number should appear on the front of the hull. (See diagram below number size should be a minimum of 2").
- d) Hatch covers can be either open cockpit (2 drivers min. required and must be painted) or if enclosed, canopy window area must be painted black to resemble windows (in this case no drivers required).
- e) Rudders, struts or and or trim tabs may be configured and located as desired.
- f) Tuned pipes and headers will be completely concealed under hatch or deck. Length of tuned pipe coming out of the transom doesn't matter (mufflers are strongly advised).
- g) There will be a provision for holes to be cut out of hatch for spark plugs or the top of water-cooled head only if needed.

### 2. Engines

Engine sizes to conform to namba's 7.5-25.99cc Class displacements

Including the gas engines.

### 3. Race format

Will fall under namba's heat racing rules.

# District 1 Treasury Report as of 12/14/03

submitted by Charlie Ott - District Director

2003 beginning amount	<b>\$550.00</b>
Total for 10 races:	<b>\$1,841.00</b>
<b>\$ 550.00</b>	
<b><u>\$1841.00</u></b>	
<b>\$2391.00</b>	

## **Paid**

Sponsored & Hydro 2003 Nat	<b>\$150.00</b>
Dist 1 Web Page	<b>\$250.00</b>
2 Mailings	<b>\$ 65.00</b>
Cathy NAMB Xmas Candy	<b><u>\$ 25.00</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$490.00</b>

May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Nassau 55 boats @ \$3.50	<b>\$192.50</b>
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	LIMBA 44 boats @ \$3.50	<b>\$154.00</b>
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Morris County 89 boats @ \$3.50	<b>\$311.50</b>
Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Del Val 43 boats @ \$3.50	<b>\$150.50</b>
Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	LIMBA 47 boats @ \$3.50	<b>\$164.50</b>
Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sky Hydro 38 boats @ \$3.50	<b>\$133.00</b>
Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	Morris County 55 boats @ \$3.50	<b>\$192.50</b>
Sept 21 <sup>th</sup>	LIMBA 50 boats @ \$3.50	<b>\$175.00</b>
Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	LIMBA 57 boats @ \$3.50	<b>\$199.50</b>
Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	Nassau 26 boats @ \$3.50	<b>\$168.00</b>

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# Proposed 2004 Race Schedule

NITRO & GAS

DATE SUNDAYS	HOSTING CLUB	CLASSES	STATE / LAKE SITE	CONTEST DIRECTOR
<b>APRIL</b>				
4		Palm Sunday		
11		Easter Sunday		
18				
25				
<b>MAY</b>				
2	NASSAU	Sport, Scale, Gas	NY/Grant Park	Jack Ditta
9		Mothers Day		
16				
23	LIMBA	Sport, Scale, Gas, Mono/Hydro	NY/North Pond	Charlie Ott
30		Memorial Day Weekend		
<b>JUNE</b>				
6		IMPBA / ELMIRA WEEKEND		
13	LIMBA	Sport, Scale, Gas, Mono/Hydro	NY/North Pond	Lou Gerdik
20		Fathers Day		
27	MCRT	Sport, Scale, Gas, Mono/Hydro	NJ/Saffin Pond	David Neelman
<b>JULY</b>				
4		INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND		
11	IMPBA / ELMIRA WEEKEND	NAMBA NATIONALS		
18		NAMBA NATIONALS		
25				
<b>AUGUST</b>				
1	DEL VAL	Sport, Scale, Gas, Mono/Hydro	PA/Magnolia Lake	David Vayda
8				
15	BAD BOY	Sport, Scale, Gas, Mono/Hydro	NY/North Pond	Charlie Ott
22		IMPBA / ELMIRA WEEKEND		
29	SKY HYDRO	Sport, Scale, Gas	NY/North Pond	Ruffin/Overton
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
5		Labor Day Weekend		
12	MCRT	Sport, Scale, Gas, Mono/Hydro	NJ/Saffin Pond	David Neelman
19		IMPBA / ELMIRA WEEKEND		
26		Yom Kippur		
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
3	LAMB'S	Sport, Scale, Gas, Mono/Hydro	NJ/Horseshoe Lake	Doug Twaits, Sr.
10				
17	NASSAU	Sport, Scale, Gas, Mono/Hydro	NY/North Pond	Larry Szybkowski
24				
31				

# *District Shipyard Sales*

New CMB Evolution 90 w/manifold \$275.00, new 90 size Pinckert phase 2 Coyote kit \$195.00, used K+B 67 \$125.00, new Picco P-45 \$175.00, used Picco 21 P-5 \$75.00, used OS Max 21 RXM \$75.00, used OS Max 21 RZM \$ 75.00, used OPS 67 \$150.00, new OPS 67 \$250.00, New all glass Pinckert picklefork Daytona (very few were made) \$250.00 67-90 size, 45 size Barile custom rigger (vintage, great starter boat, 45 K+B, plus radio, good motor, 1/4 scale servo, boat ready to run, start and go. CHEAP \$250.00

Call Doug Twaits, Sr.: 973-347-5765 or E-Mail: snobuster@aol.com

Piranha Prather Boat for sale old but new, never in water. Needs paint and finishing touches. Picco P-65 motor, Futaba R/C, Sullivan deluxe starter, Parts. Best offer

Call Michael Piccola: 973-239-5265 or E-Mail: Chloemp@msn.com

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