



# DRIVER'S PACKET

**7-Mile Offshore Grand Prix  
April 26th - 28th, 2024**

**Presented by  
Teasers**

SANCTIONING BODY



APBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES EVENT

Packet Revision Date: April 17th, 2024



# REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS



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## ONLINE REGISTRATION

Registration is requested to be completed online two weeks prior to the Friday of the event weekend. Those teams who register after this time will not be eligible for the up to 25% incentive for meeting the early registration deadline, which is the stated price shown on the website. Prices will be increased after this time.

Early registration allows for:

- Dry pit layout and location assignments
- Paperwork prepared for team onsite registration process
- No manual paperwork transactions
- Promotion of the number of teams and boats per class
- Digital scoring paperwork to be uploaded to software
- Entry lists to be submitted to media outlets
- Correct number of awards and flags ordered
- Adequate banquet, party or meeting space preparation
- Fuel vendor to prepare for the necessary amount of fuel to transport



## RWO REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete the Race Event Registration Form
2. Complete member registration form for each riding crew member and those who will be required in the restricted crane area
3. Fill out the escape/exit plan (only canopy boats)
4. Add 1 Race Event Payment and the total number of memberships to your cart for one single payment



## APBA REQUIREMENTS

1. Renew your APBA membership or become a new APBA Member - [apba.org](http://apba.org)
  - a. All Members in hot pits (crane area) must have an active APBA membership
2. Driver & Throttleman must submit a current medical certificate. [tinyurl.com/yn9mqts8](http://tinyurl.com/yn9mqts8)
3. Driver & Throttleman must submit a capsule certificate. [tinyurl.com/yn9mqts8](http://tinyurl.com/yn9mqts8)
4. Register your boat with APBA. [tinyurl.com/yn9mqts8](http://tinyurl.com/yn9mqts8)



## RULE BOOK

RWO will follow the guidelines and rules from the most current issue of the APBA OFFSHORE RULE BOOK which can be found here <https://apba.org/resources.php> in the APBA.org Resource Library.



## RWO STAFF & DEPARTMENTS

President	Larry Bleil
Race Director	Rodrick Cox
Chief Inspector	Richie Dancisin
Course Marshal	Randy Mearns
Chief Scoring Official	Brittany Tomlinson
Race Control	Dale & Lisa Owens
Medical Director	Kellee Reed
Safety Director	Shawn Steinert
Registration Officials	Holly Steinert
Chief Referee	Mark Austin
Cranes	Dave Brown & Jeff Bleil
Dry Pit Logistics	Randy Mearns



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#### RACE FUEL PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS

Each team is required to purchase a minimum amount of fuel on site. When Southern Racing Fuels completes their weekend calculations, any team that did not purchase the minimum requirement will be invoiced for the required amount.

*Sunoco fuel available: 93 & 110 (Maximal 116 advance request)*

Super Cat, Super Vee	100 Gallons
Extreme	120 Gallons
Stock 450	75 Gallons
Super Stock	35 Gallons
Modified Vee	35 Gallons
Bracket Classes 1-6	35 Gallons
Bracket Class 7	25 Gallons
UIM Class 3X / 3C	25 Gallons

Role Call will be the first item on agenda both days. Must be present to race. Driver of record will acknowledge when called, with last name.

A substitute driver or throttleman for test-day or race day must meet all the same qualifications as driver/throttleman and be cleared through administration with an arm band.

Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and will be met with swift and appropriate action by RWO.

Oil Disposal - Teams will be responsible to dispose of their own oil responsibly. If necessary, find a local auto parts store and dispense of your used oil safely.

Rule Briefs - APBA rules are stated in full in the official online rule book. Overview briefs are included in drivers packet for a general understanding.

Event Changes - Details in this packet, online or post at event could change due to many reason. RWO will work to ensure changes are communicated to teams.

#### RACE CANCELLATION

Please be advised that the safety and well-being of all participants is our foremost priority. We reserve the right to cancel the race in the event of harsh or unsafe conditions, including but not limited to severe weather, environmental risks, or any unforeseen hazardous situations. In such cases, while we regret any inconvenience caused, please understand that the decision to cancel is made with the participants' safety in mind. Please note that race entry fees are non-refundable, as they are used in advance to cover the costs of race preparation and administration. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

#### HOTEL INFORMATION

Go to [tinyurl.com/marlodging24](http://tinyurl.com/marlodging24) for more information



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#### CONTACT ON SITE

Rodrick Cox - 704-905-7441

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# RACE DAY CHECKLIST



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- Monitor 78A & EZAlerts (Text: ezmar24 to 828-499-8660)
- Crane priority is for the boats of that race & time
- Props and straps ready before arriving at crane
- VBox / data logger SD card installed
- Cameras and SD cards ready and equipment on
- Always be ready to launch early with changing event conditions
- Milling direction is clockwise
- Orange smoke - Stay milling, but prepare to get on plane and start Race
- Red flag to yellow flag in milling circle, means be prepared to move
- 100 feet behind pace boats
- Observe finish line every lap for checkered flag, this stops the race in addition to red flag
- Red flag - Come off plane return to center of course, monitor 78 A
- Count your laps and do not run extra laps. A checkered flag may not be thrown for your class winner
- Wide berth to hovering helicopter or safety boats in race course
- After the checked flag, boats must turn to the inside of the race course
- No passing within your class in a caution zone

## RED FLAG

3.18.4 Should an emergency stoppage be necessary (Page 27)

The medical helicopter, turn/check boats and/or pace boat will display a red flag and/or discharge red flares or a thumbs down signal. All boats will then return under safe and prudent Rules of the Road, and finish positions shall be recorded as they were at the finish line just prior to the stoppage of the race. The Chief Scorer decision on restart positions is final.

## CHECKERED FLAG PROCEDURE

In the event of multiple classes running in the same race, the checkered flag will not be waived until the first place boat of the slowest class crosses the finish line. However, if a lapped boat in a faster class is crossing the finish line at the same time, the flag will not be waved to ensure that boat completes its lap. When the checkered flag waves the race is over and all scoring is completed.

## BROADCAST

Livestream on RWO Facebook  
Radio - Details to follow

## LAPS & STARTS - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CLASS	Laps	Mileage	Total
Super Cat	12	5	60
Extreme	11		55
Super Stock	11		55
Stock 450	11		55
Super Vee	9		45
Mod V	9		45
Bracket 1	9		45
Bracket 2	9		45
Bracket 3	9		45
Bracket 4	8		40
Bracket 5	6		30
Bracket 6	6		30
Bracket 7	5		25
UIM 3X	5		25
UIM 3C	5		25

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## HOSPITAL FOR EMERGENCY

### TRANSPORT

Baptist Health Fishermen's  
Community Hospital  
3301 Overseas Hwy, Marathon, FL  
33050  
+1-305-434-1000

## CONTACT ON SITE

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# EVENT SCHEDULE



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# 2024 Marathon Schedule

Thursday, April 25th		Locations (Marathon, FL 33050)
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM	Dry Pits Open - Early Arrivals	<a href="#">Dry Pit 1- 550 122nd Street (San Pablo Church)</a> Super Cat, Stock 450, Super Vee <a href="#">Dry Pit 2 - 7280 Overseas Hwy (South End Airport)</a> Mod V, Super Stock, All Bracket Boats <a href="#">Crane 1- 3380 Overseas Hwy (Public Boat Ramp)</a> Mod V, Super Stock, All Bracket Boats <a href="#">Crane 2- 1090 Overseas Hwy (Pigeon Key Tours)</a> Super Cat, Stock 450, Super Vee Wet Pits- <a href="#">(Suntex Faro Blanco Marina)</a>
Friday, April 26th		
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration	RWO Trailer Marathon Airport
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Inspections (EZ Pass Required)	RWO Trailer Marathon Airport
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Dunker Testing	<a href="#">Coconut Cay RV Park - 200 Aviation Blvd</a>
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Fueling – Official Fuel of RWO	RWO Trailer Marathon Airport
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Welcome Party Racers & Fans	<a href="#">Aquarium Encounters - 11710 Overseas Highway</a>
Saturday, April 27th		
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Physicals (Bracket Classes Only)	<a href="#">City Hall   9805 Overseas Hwy (Parking Limited)</a>
8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Mandatory Drivers Meeting	TBD (Parking Limited)
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Fueling – Official Fuel of RWO	RWO Trailer Marathon Airport
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Cranes & Ramp Open	Crane 1 (Public Boat Ramp) & Crane 2 (Pigeon Key Tours)
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Final Registration	<a href="#">City Hall   9805 Overseas Hwy (Parking Limited)</a>
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Offshore Testing	On Race Course
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Inspections (EZ Pass Required)	RWO Trailer Marathon Airport
9:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Pigeon Key Shuttles	Marathon City Park to Sunset Grill
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Open Harbour to all boat traffic	
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Race 1 Bracket (4, 5, 7)	
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Race 2 Stock 450	
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Offshore Testing	
6:30 PM -	RWO Racer Party	<a href="#">Overseas Pub &amp; Grill   3574 Overseas Hwy</a>
Sunday, April 28th		
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Physicals (Sunday Racers)	<a href="#">City Hall   9805 Overseas Hwy (Parking Limited)</a>
8:00 AM - 8:15 AM	Chapel Service	
8:15 AM - 8:30 AM	Mandatory Drivers Meeting	
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Fueling – Official Fuel of RWO	RWO Trailer Marathon Airport
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Cranes & Ramp Open	Crane 1 (Public Boat Ramp) & Crane 2 (Pigeon Key Tours)
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Race 1 - Mod V / Super Vee / Bracket 2 & 3	
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Open Harbour to all boat traffic	
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Race 2 - Super Stock	
2:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Race 3 - Super Cat	
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Awards Ceremony	<a href="#">Sunset Grille (7 Knights Key Blvd, Marathon, FL 33050)</a>

# INSPECTIONS & TESTING



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## TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS

Teams must turn in their EZ Pass paperwork to official at tech trailer. This tells the inspectors your boat is on the property and ready for inspection. Teams will be called on a first come first serve basis to the tech trailer. No team shall go to the ramp or crane unless cleared by all tech, safety and administration departments. Race Boat must have an RWO Cleared For Racing (CFR) decal affixed to the portside stern of the raceboat.

### 5 - PRE-RACE SAFETY AND TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS (Page 15)

- 5.1.1 All race boats entered in a sanctioned race are subject to a pre-race safety and technical inspection by an approved Inspector.
- 5.1.2 The time and place of such inspection shall be published in the Driver's Packet.
- 5.1.3 No race boat may be considered a bona fide entrant in a sanctioned race until such time as the Inspector has passed and signed the official pre-race inspection form.
- 5.1.4 It is the responsibility of the owner or riding crewmember to submit his team's equipment for his inspection. If, in the judgment of the Inspector or Referee, a boat and/or safety equipment is unseaworthy, unsafe, or unmanageable, the non-compliance must be brought to the attention of the event Referee. If the Referee determines that the condition cannot be rectified prior to the start of the race, then he shall have the right to prohibit the boat from competing.

### 3.1 POST-RACE TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS (Page 28)

- 3.1.1. **All Boats Subject To** - All boats are subject to a post-race technical inspection conducted by an approved Inspector. Unless otherwise announced at either of the drivers' meetings, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place boats must report to inspection. Failure to drive directly to the designated crane or ramp or to report to inspection within 1 (one) hour after the finish of the contestant's race, (or a reasonable time allowed by the referee depending upon conditions, logistics, and hindrances on the course or returning to the pits,) shall result in a fine, time penalty or disqualification or any combination of the three penalties and a yellow or red card at the discretion of the Referee. A list of approved inspectors shall be issued annually by APBA.

TESTING - Designated area.



8.3 (Page 17) Compliance with APBA Rules and Regulations - Race Teams must comply with all APBA rules and regulations established for each Event, including obeying manatee zones, speed zones, testing times, and testing only in designated areas, if applicable. The teams shall be solely responsible for checking with the appropriate APBA Officials at the Event during registration as to the applicable rules and regulations for testing at the event. Violation of this rule may result in fines, time penalties and/or disqualification.



# EZ Pass Inspections (Marathon)

Complete all the checkboxes below pertaining to both the Technical Inspection and Safety Inspection requirements. After your team has completed and filled in the entry blanks below, turn this form in to the RWO Inspection Trailer. **Important Note:** Crew chief and mechanic will be required to take their boat to the designated area for a complete inspection when called. This is first come first serve process once your pass is turned in. Teams shall not move their boat until notified by an inspector. Teams will only be called during posted inspection hours.



- **Inspection procedures may change to accommodate 2 locations**
- **We must know you are here for inspection**
- Airport Dry Pitting Boats you will drive to inspection trailer
- Get this EZ Pass paperwork to the RWO Technical Inspection Trailer
- An Inspector will call you when you are to be staged next in line
- Do not drive to inspections until you are called on the phone by an Inspector
- This is a first come first serve basis. Turn your paperwork in hours in advance
- Do not wait until the last minute

Inspection Contact: Lee Stanford - (908) 403-2058 Race World Offshore

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## TECHNICAL INSPECTION ITEMS TO BRING:

- Tool bag and all tools for complete inspection
- Equipment to turn motor by hand
- Racepak data Logger installed
- Crew chief and mechanic

## SAFETY ITEMS TO BRING:

- Driver & Throttleman helmets
- Driver & Throttleman PFD
- Crane straps
- Any spare air redundant system

Boat #

Team Name

Print Name

Cell #

Day / Time:

## DRY PIT INSPECTIONS



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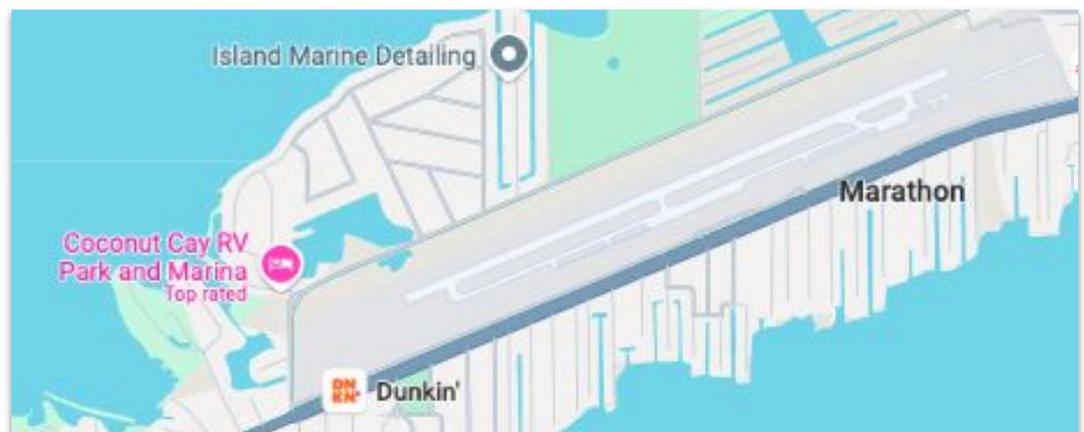
### Dry Pits 1 - Super Cats, Stock 450, Super Vee

Location: San Pablo Catholic Church - Fenced Lot  
Address: 550 122nd Street Ocean, Marathon, FL 33050  
Dates Available: April 25th - 29th (Thursday - Monday)  
Website: <https://www.sanpablomarathon.org/>



### Dry Pits 2 - Mod V, Super Stock, Bracket Boats

Location: Florida Keys/Marathon International Airport  
Address: 9400 Overseas Hwy, Marathon, FL, 33050  
Dates Available: April 25th - 29th (Thursday - Monday)  
Access: Southend of Airport



### DRY PITS

All race teams check in with an RWO official to be placed in the appropriate location.

### RWO TRAILERS

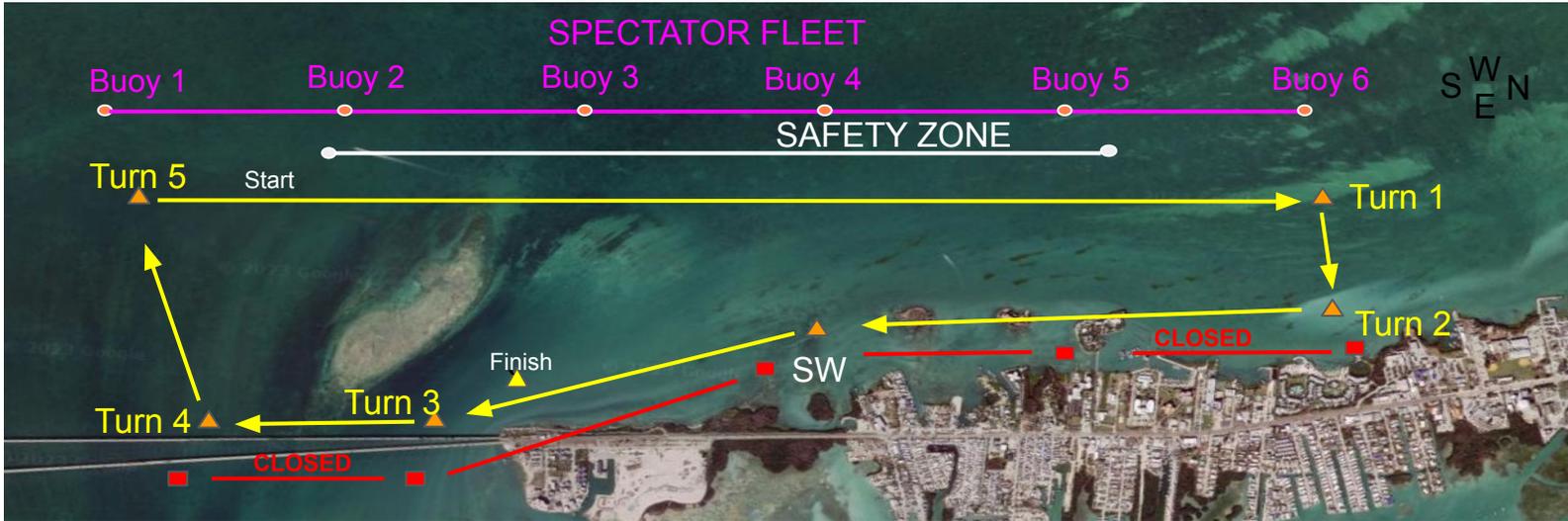
Inspection and RWO support trailers will be located in the entrance south of the Marathon Airport.

# RACE COURSE

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MARATHON RACE COURSE - Please note the changes to the direction of the race course.

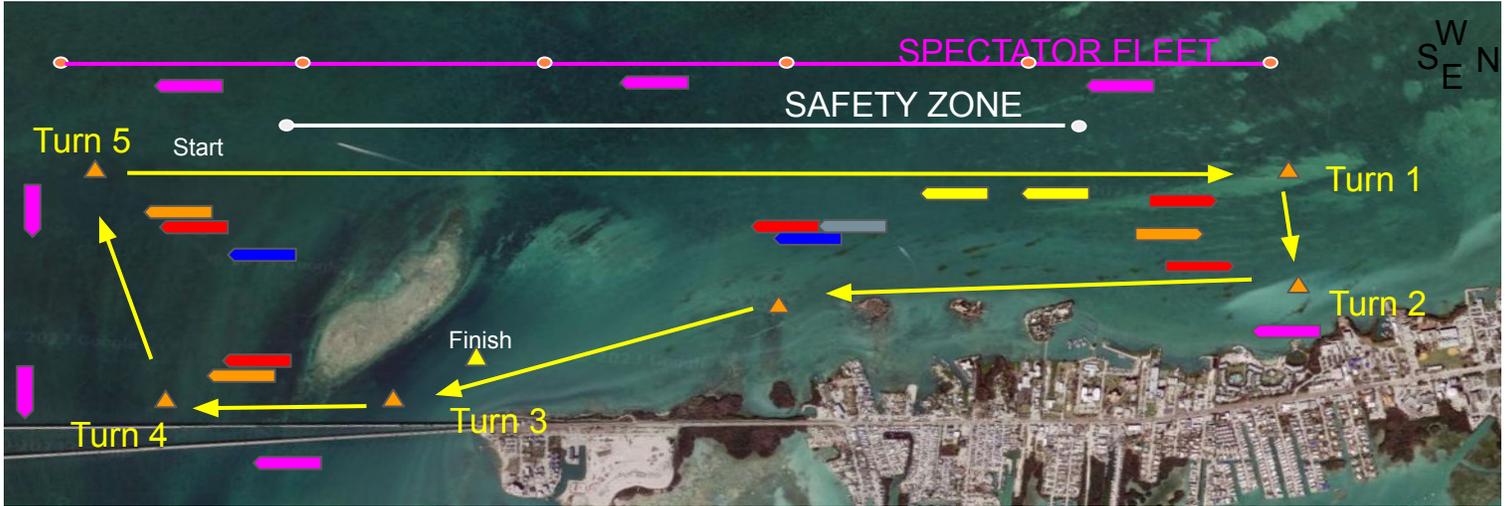


MARATHON RACE COURSE - The RWO Grand Prix race course is a clockwise course with a total distance of approximately 5 miles. The finish line is adjacent to the 3rd turn and race teams will mill to the south of turn 5 in preparation for race starts.

Coordinates	Latitude	Longitude
Turn 1	24°42.336	81°06.117
Turn 2	24°42.967	81°05.989
Turn 3	24°42.467	81°07.644
Turn 4	24°42.474	81°07.997
Turn 5	24°42.887	81°08.303
Finish	24°42.472	81°07.736
Shallow Water	24°42.779	81°06.992
SP 1	24°43.050	81°08.324
SP 6	24°43.508	81°06.140

# SUPPORT BOATS

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**TOW BOATS** - Tow boats assist if a boat becomes disabled or broken down and takes them to safe place on the race course.

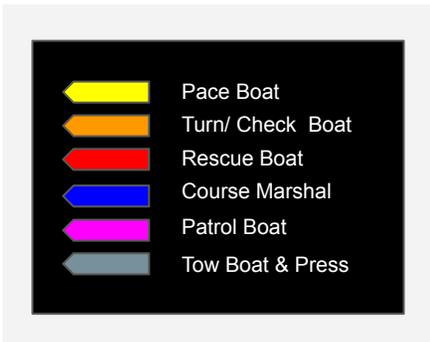
**PATROL BOAT** - These boats manage a specific zone area to ensure spectators do not infringe on the race course.

**RESCUE BOAT** - Boats identified as rescue boats are staffed with RWO trained divers and medical staff to assist in case of incident.

**COURSE MARSHAL BOATS** - Two course marshal boats set and manage the race course and manage other on course boats.

**PACE BOAT**- Three boats bring boats from inner basin to milling circle and they are responsible for starting various heats.

**TURN / CHECK BOAT** - Boats in each turn are a visual landmark for turns and have staff event scorers.



## MOST COMMON AND ENFORCED PENALTIES

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#### 2.3.1 Failure to maintain slots or lanes (Page 18)

For the distance announced by the referee at the Driver's meeting will result in penalties at a minimum of one yellow card, up to a maximum of disqualification and a red card.

#### 3.1.5 All boats in weight-regulated classes (Page 19)

must report to the crane immediately upon completion of the race. No private cranes or scales will be utilized for official weighing. The APBA Offshore scale(s) is/are the only official scale(s) and as such may not be protested.

#### 3.4.1 Pace Lap / Flying Starts (Page 21)

Starting order (Lanes) for the first race of the season and the first race at the World Championships shall be determined by lottery or qualification. All following race lanes will be determined by either qualification (if available) or the order of finish at the previous race. Any boats that did not compete at a prior event will be placed in the outside lanes in the order of their entry dates for that event. These lanes are to be maintained through the completion of turn one. The referee may, depending upon course design, instruct drivers to maintain those lanes through turn two as well. Under no circumstances at any point during the race may a race boat impede the boat or boats to the inside or enter an inner lane without at least a two-boat length overlap. An aerial camera (helicopter or drone) must be in place at the first turn for any race with 5 or more starters to record lane discipline. Any driver violating this rule will receive a 1 lap penalty. Secondary buoys may be used for larger fleets to assure separation where needed. For starting lane violation penalties, see Section IV Rule 2.3.1

\* Please refer to Page 21 of the APBA rulebook for the complete rule text of 3.4.1 Pace Lap / Flying Starts.

#### 3.15.5 Missing a Turn - Short course or lap less than 12 miles (Page 26)

The course must be taken at all times in sequence. Should a checkpoint be missed, the sequence must be picked up at the next mark (no boat shall retake a missed mark), a 30 second penalty will be assessed for each mark missed. Should the missed mark result in significantly shortening the course (i.e., Missing dog leg) there will be a 1 lap penalty assessed.

#### 3.15.7 Hitting a buoy (Page 26)

If a buoy is hit by a boat there will be no penalty unless the buoy is dislodged or damaged. The boat that hit the buoy shall receive a one lap penalty and a maximum fine of \$3,000.00.

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## 7.1.7 Start Violations Infractions of starting rules are as follows (Page 31)

- a. Jumping start - 1 minute, repeat offender in a single season - 2 minutes
- b. Crowding pace boat - 1 minute
- c. Turning wrong direction in milling area - 1 minute
- d. Interference with starting procedure - 1 minute
- e. On plane in milling area - disqualification for the event.

## 6. BRACKET CLASS RULES - Speeds will be confirmed by GPS (Page 97)

- A. Official APBA GPS units are:
  - Racelogic VBOX Sport
  - Racelogic Video VBOX Lite
  - Racelogic HD2 System
  - Racelogic HD2-HDMI
- B. If unable to read your data, you will be disqualified and receive no points for the event. Any team found to be manipulating data will be disqualified and will receive a yellow card.

\* Refer to Page 97 of the APBA rulebook for the complete text of Rule #6 within the Bracket Class Rules.

## How a GPS Breakout is Determined (Page 97-99)

- A. A GPS breakout is any speed that goes above the bracketed class speed for a duration of time that exceeds 3 seconds.
- B. 2. A GPS breakout speed with a duration time that measures 3 seconds or less will not be counted as a breakout.
- C. 3. For each boat when a breakout occurs, the total duration of time will be the measurement of the total breakout.

\* Please refer to Page 97-99 of the APBA rulebook for the complete text of How a GPS Breakout is Determined.