



APBA TO CHOSE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND START A NEW RACER MENTOR PROGRAM

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

At the recent APBA Annual Meeting it was discussed and agreed that developing a Regional Representative program would be great way to better promoter our sport and provide feedback to APBA National Headquarters. One APBA Regional Representative will be selected to represent each U.S. racing region. In some of the larger regions two Regional Representatives may be appointed. Below we describe some of the basic roles of the Regional Representative. We are looking positive, energetic, and enthusiast individuals that share the passion to help make out sport a better one.

The roles of the Regional Representatives will be several things. Here are a few examples:

- 1) Assist in the development and implementation of a New Racer Mentor program to assist new racers that attend events.
- 2) Assist in helping to better market the sport in the region including the distribution of supplied posters and flyers to local watercraft dealers by themselves and through other racers in the region.
- 3) Provide feedback to the APBA as to how to make races safer and more organized.
- 4) The Region Representative may appoint regional assistants to assist in improving the sport in their region.
- 5) The APBA Regional Rep should be willing to make public his e-mail and phone to racers in his/her region.
- 6) The Regional Representative should be a racer that attends the majority of the races in a region.

If you are interested in becoming an APBA Regional Representative please answer the following questions and e-mail them to patrickmell@aol.com. We are hopeful that by January 31 we will be able to announce the Regional Representatives and have one in each APBA region.

Questions: Why you want to be a Regional Representative, experience racing watercraft, years in the sport, the number of events you attended in 2008 and plan on attending in 2009, and what region are you from.

NEW RACER MENTOR PROGRAM

A racers first experience at a race can sometimes be a little scary. The new racer may not have any holders, an ATV or a tote to get his/her boat to the water, have any support crew, and has no idea what to expect when he/she shows up. At the recent APBA Annual Meeting the development and implementation of a New Racer Mentor Program was brought up and was well receive by all those in attendance. This is a great program that could help bring new racers into our sport. We hope that racers in each of the APBA regions will support this program and help mentor a new racer.

- The Regional Representative will be responsible for either being the new racer mentor or finding another rider in the region to mentor the racer.
- We would like the Regional Representative to make available his/her phone number and/or email so that the new racer can ask questions before the event.
- The Regional Representative, or someone that he/she appoints, would greet the new racer at the event and help make sure that the racers first race experience is great one. The mentor would help the racer find holders if needed, get his/her boat to the water, and explain how everything works at a race.