



FUN, INEXPENSIVE AND AFFORDABLE RACING

The APBA is excited to introduce three new racing classes for 2009. These classes are all about fun and offer a very inexpensive and affordable way to get involved with PWC racing or a great second class to race for those already tearing it up on the race course. These classes provide a place for older watercraft models that are not competitive in the current class structure to compete, but still a blast to ride and race.

Vintage Ski

Vintage Ski is a class that is currently being run in several regions with much success. Finding a way for these older stand-up models to compete has helped greatly with bringing new racers into the sport. A watercraft can be purchased on websites like www.Craigslist.com and internet forums for \$500 and less for the 550 Modified class. For a little more they can find a boat for the 750 Modified class. Many members have one or two of these boats sitting in their garage. Some may have friends that quit racing because their boat was no longer competitive. Call your friends, dust off those old boats, and get ready for some FUN. The following two classes have been officially added – 1) Vintage Ski 550cc Modified and 2) Vintage Ski 750cc Modified. The Vintage Ski classes will be open all Novice and Expert class riders. Juniors that are 14 years old or older may participate in the Vintage Ski 550 Modified class. These will be official points earning classes and provided the demand and interest is there the Vintage classes will be offered at the Watercross Nationals where racers can compete for a U.S. National Championship.

Sport Spec – the Racers Class

Another new class for 2009 is the Sport Spec class. This is the first racing class that was truly created for and by the racers. Thanks to the power of the internet and a large group of keyboard cowboys, this class has received lots of momentum and we believe it will be a hit. The APBA has received many e-mails about offering this class which we think will help revive Sport class racing outside of regions 7 & 8. This is a great affordable class for new and old racers to have fun enjoying racing PWC's. Rules for the Sport Spec class are in the APBA Annual Meeting Summary and will also be in 2009 APBA Competition Rulebook in just a few days. The rules are the exact rules developed by the racers. The Sport Spec class is an official points earning class and provided the demand and interest is there the class it will be offered at the Watercross Nationals where racers can compete for a U.S. National Championship.

The APBA will be sending out an e-mail to its promoters to promote and support these new classes and suggest promoters offer a reduced entry fee for these classes. We are hopeful that these classes will help attract new racers to the sport and once we get them hooked they will advance to regular stand-up and Runabout classes. Please help us promote these new classes.