

AQUAPLANE RACE ASSOCIATION, INC.

RACE RULES

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SANCTION The race is sanctioned by the American Power Boat Association.

ENTRIES Entries must be filed with the entry clerk of the Operating Committee on or before 12 Noon, Saturday, September 6, 1947. All entries must report to the Entry Clerk of the Operating Committee on or before 9:00 a.m., Sunday, September 7, 1947.

Every entrant must enter on the standard form of entry blank. If a driver of a runabout or hydroplane, or rider of an aquaplane signs a false entry, such driver and/or rider shall be disqualified. The Technical Committee may, if it considers it expedient, refuse any entry. Each driver, rider, owner, crew, first aid member, and all passengers riding in boats during the race must sign and file with the committee standard form of Release from Liability.

A meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. Friday, August 29, 1947 in the Blue Room of the Biltmore Hotel, Hermosa Beach, at which time general instructions will be given all drivers and riders. The absence of any rider or driver from such meeting will not be considered as an excuse for violating any written or verbal instructions given at such meeting.

ENTRY FEE Each aquaplane rider, driver, and owner must file a separate entry blank. Entry fee is \$1.00 each for driver, rider and crew member or members. This automatically entitles rider, driver, crew member or members to Class "B" membership in the Aquaplane Race Association, Inc.

CREW OF BOATS A complete competing team shall be composed of at least three persons, i.e., the boat driver, the aquaplane rider, and the boat crew member (mechanic or lineman). The driver may be of either division I or II; the mechanic may be a professional. All persons riding in boats, whether drivers, mechanic, or passengers, must wear approved life jackets from time of starting gun to finish of race.

COURSE The course of the race shall be between Abalone Point, Santa Catalina Island and Hermosa, Manhattan and Redondo Beaches. Distance of forty-four (44) land miles.

Course map for Water Ski Races to be held on Labor Day, September 1, 1947, available at race headquarters. Ski races as follows:

- 15-Mile National Women's Rough Water Ski Race
- 25-Mile National Men's Rough Water Ski Race

MOORINGS The Committee has arranged for moorings at Redondo Beach Breakwater and Avalon for the contestant's boats.

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PATROL The course will be patrolled during the race by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, supplemented by a power cruiser convoy of pleasure vessels.

RACING RULES The 1947 Racing Rules of the American Power Boat Association, with the exception of Rule III, shall apply to all matters not covered in this circular. Contestants must be familiar with the racing rules found in the A.P.B.A. Year Book and Racing Rules. Copies of the rules will be available at the Race Headquarters and may be purchased for personal use.

INSPECTION All contestants shall report to the Chairman of the Inspection Committee at Avalon Harbor and secure from him the necessary signed inspection certificates, rider's doctor's certificate, and such other reports as may be required hereinafter.

On Saturday, September 6, 1947, all aquaplanes will be inspected by the Inspection Committee at Avalon Harbor.

START AND FINISH Each team shall start in accordance with a schedule prepared by the racing committee.

The time of start shall be taken as the aquaplane rider crosses the starting line, and time of finish as the aquaplane rider crosses the finish line. Contestants will be lead to the starting line by stake boat for a running start. If the rider crosses the starting line before the signal for his start is given, his driver must maintain course, await passing of immediate field, and turn and recross the line. A boat shall not, after crossing the finishing line, interfere with any boat still in the race so as to affect the time of such boat at the finish, or endanger the aquaplane rider.

STARTING SIGNALS A flare will be fired five minutes before the start of each race. A preparatory flare will be fired one minute before the start, then the start. The starter will use a white flag for the start. A green flag will indicate the last lap, and a checkered flag will indicate the finish. Start will be at Abalone Point, Santa Cataline Island, and the finish will be at the Hermosa Beach Pier.

TEAM NUMBERS Each team will be assigned a number prior to the race. Each runabout and hydroplane entered shall have fastened to each side of bow and on the forward deck numbers of a color contrasting with the hull or deck not less than 18 inches high placed in such a manner as to be easily seen by the convoy, patrol boats, and official observers both on the water and in the air.

Each rider will be issued a number, to be the same as that assigned to the boat which is towing him, painted on canvas which must be securely fastened in place to the back of the rider. Rider's numbers will be issued only after all inspection certificates have been properly filed with the Entry Clerk.

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AQUAPLANE A standard aquaplane for use in this race has been designed by the committee. Over-all dimensions of this board will be: length - 5'10 1/2"; width - 29 1/4"; weight approximately 42 pounds, exclusive of tow line. More specific and detailed specifications of construction for the standard board may be procured from the Aquaplane Association office.

TROPHIES Valuable trophies have been provided by the Aquaplane Race Association which will be presented to the winners at the reviewing stand at Hermosa Beach at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, September 7, 1947. First, second and third place winners will be awarded trophies. Such trophies to be "twin units" one to be presented to the rider and the other to the driver of the boat. Completion medals will be awarded to riders, drivers, and crews of all boats completing the race.

FUEL Each runabout or hydroplane shall have permanent tanks of sufficient capacity to operate the boat for a distance equal to fifty percent greater than the length of the course. Gasoline carried in portable containers will not be permitted.

EQUIPMENT Each runabout or hydroplane shall carry the following equipment:

- (1) One ring buoy.
- (2) All Federal Government requirements.
- (3) Spare towline for the aquaplane.
- (4) One spare life line fifty feet in length with one end knotted.
- (5) One boat hook or pole at least eight feet in length with a suitable socket fitted in boat to permit the boat hook or pole being carried as signal mast for carrying a distress signal.
- (6) One oar or paddle.
- (7) One swing ladder so carried that same may be lowered over either side of the boat and secured instantly. Length of ladder to be at least two rungs below the surface of the water.
- (8) One chart of the course.
- (9) A suitable first aid kit and suitable restoratives. The restoratives shall be sealed and must remain so unless assistance to the aquaplane team is given.

AQUAPLANE RIDER Must wear an approved life jacket during the entire period of the race. After leaving the starting line, a rider boarding the towing boat or clinging to sides of same when underway shall be disqualified. No aquaplane shall be towed closer to the towing boat than the length of the towing boat. Every rider must deliver to the chairman of the Inspection Committee at the time of reporting a certificate of physical fitness signed by a competent physician. The Aquaplane Race Association will provide physicians to make the physical examination of riders without charge at the Avalon Harbor.

Riders must maintain a standing position (no full squat) during the entire period of the race until the finish line is crossed, except for a reasonable period to regain position after being dismounted from the aquaplane. There will be no limit or penalties on falls off the aquaplane board, time lost in returning to pick up the dismounted rider being deemed enough penalty in itself.

BOAT SPECIFICATIONS Each Runabout must be equipped with an efficient reverse gear and an efficient self-starter of a type capable of turning over the motor. Each runabout must be sixteen (16) feet or greater in length. The hull shall have no breaks in the longitudinal continuity of the bottom surface, not more than one lifting surface, no steps, and must conform to the Committee's idea of what is generally classed as a displacement boat. The hull must be fitted with at least one transverse bulkhead, and have the motor compartment entirely closed in. Hatch covers must remain closed while the boat is underway except when momentarily open for inspection or necessary adjustment of the motor. The hull shall be equipped with a forward and after deck, the combined total length of the two decks shall not be less than four feet. The decks shall be strong enough to support the weight of two people.

Each hydroplane must be equipped with an efficient self starter of a style capable of turning over the motor, must be 30 feet or over in length, and must have rudder at the after end of the hull. The hull must be fitted with at least one transverse bulkhead and have a motor compartment entirely closed in. Hatch covers must remain closed while the boat is underway except when momentarily open for inspection or necessary adjustment of the motor. The hull to be equipped with a forward and after deck.

RIGHT-OF-WAY In approaching another contestant from the stern, the overtaking boat shall not come closer than twenty-five (25) feet from the rider of the boat ahead. In passing another contestant, the overtaking boat shall not come closer than twenty (20) feet from the other boat or rider. The above rules shall not apply for the start.

Attention of contestants is called to A.P.B.A. Racing Rules XII to XXIII inclusive.

PROTESTS Protests shall be made in writing and filed by the driver or rider and must be presented to the referee within one hour after the finish of the race. The Technical Committee will act upon all protests and the referee will interpret all rules and instructions. In the matter of protests, this announcement constitutes notice of hearing to all affected parties.

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MISCELLANEOUS If in the judgment of the Technical Committee, or the Referee, a runabout or hydroplane is considered unseaworthy, unsafe and unmanageable, or the driver of the runabout or hydroplane or rider of the aquaplane has failed to live up to the spirit and letter of the rules previous to the start of the race, the Committee may decline to permit the runabout, hydroplane or rider to start. The actual operation of the race from the start to the finish, will be in the hands of the Operating Committee.

Any driver or contestant under the influence of alcohol will not be allowed to start

Use of alcohol during the course of the race is strictly forbidden.

Where appropriate, all rules above also apply to ski racing.