

The NZMPBA Offshore Hi-points Racing Series

Offshore Hi Points Series Format and Event Specifications.

Calendar

The Hi Points Series will consist of a number of 1 Day, Regattas throughout the year as per the NZMPBA Calendar of Events.

- The Annual Prize Giving shall be held at the social event held the night before the first event each year in February/March.

Hosting Responsibilities

- Final venues for each successive year will be confirmed prior to the completion of the current year as part of the Sanctioned event ratification process and be published on the NZMPBA website.
- Regional Clubs can apply to host particular rounds and/or they can be assigned by the current convener of the series.
- Hosting clubs provide resources
- Course markers,
- Rescue dinghies, outboards
- Hosting clubs are responsible for:
 - Enforcing the racing rules & format
 - Setting out the course,
 - Running the event
 - Collecting entry fees
- Boats **must** be scrutineered by host club. The NZMPBA offshore series scrutineering form must be used. This form is available on the NZMPBA website under Rule book, Class racing rules - Offshore.
 - A side profile photo of each boat entered shall be taken during the scrutineering of each round

Entry forms for the regattas will generally be distributed via:

- NZMPBA website, under calendar.

Confirmations of entry for each entrant will be E mailed or posted on the NZMPBA Forum or verbally advised approx 1 week prior to or during the week preceding the regatta. The Contest Director maintains the ability to adjust this as necessary.

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Engine Classes

- NZMPBA Classes, A, B, C1, C2, X, Stock, P1, P2, P3, PX

Rules

- Radio Control systems with an integrated Fail safe must use and demonstrate the operation of the Fail Safe during scrutineering with the engine running.
 - Effective January 1st 2017, all Petrol powered boats must be protected against zero voltage receiver failure by using an ignition coil disabling system.
 - The effectiveness of the Ignition coil disabling system must be demonstrated during scrutineering with the engine running by turning the receiver off.
- Driving must comply with the standards as defined in the NZMPBA Guide to Racing.
 - Observers for turns 1,2,3 & 4 will not be required for offshore racing.
- All boats must be Offshore Style and presented in the “spirit” of the event. Offshore style is to look similar to full-size Offshore Powerboats.
- Just like real offshore racing, build the boat that you think will suit the most diverse range of conditions.
- Surface Drive or Submersed Drive. Bring the one that you think will run best in the conditions for the series.
- You are allowed one backup boat. This backup boat can only be used if the original boat is damaged beyond repair. The event director will determine if the damage constitutes needing to change boats. If you change to your backup boat you cannot change back for the remainder of the event.
- Replacement Boats.

A competitor is able to make application to the NZMPBA Committee to replace their primary boat during the current series with another boat which must be of the **same class** and **similar hull type and configuration** as the original. This is considered when a replacement boat is introduced due to the

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former primary boat being damaged beyond repair or is being retired or sold on etc. A boat replacement application can only be lodged **once** "per series". An application to the NZMPBA Committee must be made at least 21 days prior to the event the new boat is to be entered at and be complete with all supporting information including why the primary boat is being replaced, the committee decision is final. Correspondence after that decision will not be entered into.

- Points are awarded to the boat NOT the Driver. If a backup boat is used then the boat that completed the most laps will be awarded points for that event.
- You may only have one entry. I.e. you cannot race in more than one set of heats.
- Boats Must:
 - Be run with a full cowl - A cowl is defined as a lid that fully covers the engine and/or radio bay, thereby enclosing the boat.
 - Painted or transparent windscreen for enclosed cockpits.
 - Drivers for exposed cockpits (irrespective of whether windscreen is painted) must be period appropriate. No animal or cartoon characters.
 - Tune pipes disguised or hidden where possible (hanging out the transom is unavoidable for some boats so therefore permitted)
 - Be Painted, Lettered and Numbered to resemble the style of a full sized Offshore Racing Power Boat. This is not a scale event and there will be no concourse judging.
 - Have the Driver's NZMPBA membership number clearly visible on both sides and the foredeck of the Boat.
 - Boats must be fitted with the appropriate number board bracket as per NZMPBA general rules. The number board bracket is to be mounted at or above deck level and must be in front of the transom.
 - Competitors to supply their own number boards as per the NZMPBA general rules.
 - Must have a tow rope minimum diameter 2.5mm. A handle is optional.

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Driving Rules

- Drivers must be current NZMPBA Members.
- If a boat hits a rescue boat or an officially announced dead boat, then the boat and driver are black-flagged from the water for a period of not less than 20 RACE minutes
 - I.e. if you hit a rescue boat with 5 minutes to go for the current heat then you are forced to miss 15 minutes of the next heat as well.
 - For heats that are shorter than 20 minutes the penalty time will not exceed two heats.
 - If a Boat hits a rescue boat or an officially announced dead boat twice in one day then that boat and driver are disqualified from the water for the rest of the day. (The Race Director has the final say)
- The Race Director can also disqualify boats that are driving in a dangerous manner, however a verbal warning will be issued for the first offence.
- All Drivers must have pit assistants.
- All boats must comply with NZMPBA noise restrictions.
- NZMPBA rules Apply, except for the “step-up” rule.

In the event of wildlife being injured during a race, the race will be stopped while the animal is removed from the course

3. Format

- 2 or 3 X Heats, not less than 10 minutes and no more than 30 minutes each.
- 1 X 20 to 60 Minute major race.
- 2 or more sets of heats may be run in the event on radio frequency clashes and to limit heat sizes to 12 boats per heat.
- The course details will be revealed on the day, and may run clockwise with at least one left hand turn or anti-clockwise with at least one right hand turn.
- A penalty buoy is to be set off to one end of the course; preference is to the left hand end away from and between buoys one and two. Where there is insufficient room due to available water it is to be set off away from and between buoys four and five on a typical ‘M’ course.

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- Boats missing a buoy during any lap must exit the course in an outside lane, round the penalty buoy and then return to the course. Any boat doing a penalty must give way to all other boats racing during the penalty.
- Any boat missing a buoy and failing to complete their penalty will be penalized two laps for each missed buoy.
- Starts will be a countdown style.
- All Classes run together for both Line Honors and Class Honors.
- Placings for the event overall and each class will be the boat with the most Laps.
- Points awarded for Overall Race Placing and Position in Class (minimum 2 boats in a class to qualify for president cup points).

Event Scoring

- The Boat with the most points at the end of the series wins the series.
- Points will be awarded for the event placings only. (not heat placings)
- The points table below applies to individual class and overall placings.

Placing	Points	Placing	Points
1	400	13	50
2	300	14	50
3	225	15	50
4	169	16	50
5	127	17	50
6	95	18	50
7	71	19	50
8	53	20	50
9	50	21	50

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10	50	22	50
11	50	23	50
12	50	24	50