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## 2011 INBOARD RULE CHANGES EFFECTIVE RACE YEAR 2012

Effective Date	Rule Number	New Rule	Old Rule
IRC 20110222	<b>3.6</b>	<p><b>3.6.8</b> Lifejacket specifications for use by drivers in <b>Type 1 and 2 restraint capsule</b>: A lifejacket with ballistic covering is mandatory. A lifejacket must be equipped with epaulet type extraction loops on the shoulders. Either securely fastened leg straps or a one-piece jumpsuit type design are acceptable. A lifejacket shall contain sufficient flotation to supply positive buoyancy to the driver.</p> <p><b>3.6.9</b> In boats equipped with a <b>Type 3 or 4 restraint capsule</b> a driver may elect not to wear a life jacket when competing, but instead choose to wear <b>either</b> a flotation vest inside his/her racing uniform <b>or a driver's suit manufactured with flotation as part of the driver's suit.</b></p>	<p><b>3.6.8</b> Lifejacket specifications for use by restrained drivers in reinforced cockpits: A lifejacket with ballistic covering is mandatory. A lifejacket must be equipped with epaulet type extraction loops on the shoulders. Either securely fastened leg straps or a one-piece jumpsuit type design are acceptable. A lifejacket shall contain sufficient flotation to supply positive buoyancy to the driver.</p> <p><b>3.6.9</b> In boats equipped with a Type 4 structural canopy a driver may elect not to wear a life jacket when competing, but instead choose to wear a flotation vest inside his/her racing uniform.</p>
Passed 2011 Annual Meeting	3.12	<p><b>3.12 RESTRAINT CAPSULES:</b></p> <p><b>3.12.1</b> It is mandatory that all boats competing in the Inboard hydroplane classes, have registered reinforced cockpits; and that the JSS class has registered reinforced cockpits or roll cages.</p> <p><b>3.12.2</b> It is mandatory that hulls constructed after <b>10/31/2011</b>, in the SS class and the PS class have <b>registered</b> reinforced cockpits.</p> <p><b>3.12.3</b> It is mandatory that K Racing Runabout hulls constructed after 2/1/2006 have registered reinforced cockpits.</p> <p><b>3.12.4</b> As of <b>1/1/2016</b> all hulls in the SS class, PS class, and the K racing runabout class are required to have registered reinforced cockpits.</p> <p><b>3.12.5</b> As of 2/1/2011 any inboard hydroplane, SS, PS, or K racing runabout must be equipped with a registered reinforced cockpit <b>of Type 2, 3, or 4 construction</b> to be eligible to participate in a time trial (Kilo).</p>	<p><b>3.12 RESTRAINT CAPSULES:</b> It is mandatory that all boats competing in the Inboard hydroplane classes, and K Racing Runabouts constructed after 2/1/2006, have registered reinforced cockpits; and that the JSS class have registered reinforced cockpits or roll cages</p>

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<p>Passed 2011 Annual Meeting</p>	<p>3.12.3</p>	<p><b>3.12.3</b> The general term “Restraint Capsule” encompasses all the following type capsules that protect a restrained driver.</p> <p>Type 1 - Capsules constructed of steel tube with water deflection without canopy. <b>Type 1 capsules are not to be used in new hydroplane construction after 1 Nov 2011.</b></p> <p>Type 2 - Capsules constructed of composite materials without a canopy.</p> <p>Type 3 - Capsules constructed of composite materials fitted with canopy which is not designed to withstand a hard impact.</p> <p>Type 4 - Capsules constructed of composite materials reinforced with steel tubing fitted with structural canopies and bottom hatches designed to withstand a hard impact.</p>	<p><b>3.12.3</b> The general term “Restraint Capsule” encompasses all the following type capsules that protect a restrained driver.</p> <p>Type 1 - Capsules constructed of steel tube with water deflection without canopy.</p> <p>Type 2 - Capsules constructed of composite materials without a canopy.</p> <p>Type 3 - Capsules constructed of composite materials fitted with canopy which is not designed to withstand a hard impact.</p> <p>Type 4 - Capsules constructed of composite materials reinforced with steel tubing fitted with structural canopies and bottom hatches designed to withstand a hard impact.</p>
<p>Passed 2011 Annual Meeting</p>	<p>17.2.2</p>	<p><b>Delete Rule 17.2.2</b></p>	<p>17.2.2 During the five minute warm-up period, boats shall maintain sufficient speed to create a minimum wake, and at all times, shall maintain a planing attitude. A boat that is not maintaining a planing attitude shall pull to the infield or the nearest safe position on the outside and shut down. Failure to do so shall result in disciplinary action.</p>
<p>Passed 2011 Annual Meeting</p>	<p>25.1</p>	<p>25.1 During each racing year, there shall be one Eastern and one Western Divisional Championship. All registered boats are eligible to compete in all Divisionals.</p>	<p><b>25.1</b> During each racing year, there shall be one Eastern and one Western Divisional Championship. The winners in each class <b>(except Grand Prix)</b> of the Eastern and Western Divisionals shall automatically be qualified to compete in the Summer Nationals and shall not be required to compete in qualifying heats. Eastern and Western divisional champions attending the Summer Nationals will receive 100 qualifying points if they accept the seeded position and bypass qualifying heats. The seeded boat will only receive the 100 qualifying points if legal qualifying heat(s) are run and points are scored. Once the seeded boats declare their intention to accept or reject the seed, that decision cannot be reversed. Should the final be canceled and qualifying heats are used to determine the winner, those accepting seeds shall receive only the 100 qualifying points</p>

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			and will not be counted in the final heats standings. No other participant will be seeded at the Summer Nationals or at any other championship event. Divisionals shall be held at least thirty (30) days prior to the Summer National Championship Event, if at all possible. All registered boats are eligible to compete in all Divisionals.
Passed 2011 Annual Meeting	29.2	<b>29.2</b> The Referee may authorize the following combinations of classes only: <b>29.2.1</b> National Modified, 2.5-Litre Mod, 5-Litre <b>29.2.2</b> National Modified, GNH, GP (Max. field, 8 boats) <b>29.2.3</b> 2.5-Litre Stock, 2.5-Litre Mod, 5-Litre <b>29.2.4</b> 1 Litre, 2.5-Litre Stock <b>29.2.5 1.5 Litre Stock, 1 Litre Modified (All drivers must be 16 years of age)</b>	<b>29.2</b> The Referee may authorize the following combinations of classes only: <b>29.2.1</b> National Modified, 2.5-Litre Mod, 5-Litre <b>29.2.2</b> National Modified, GNH, GP (Max. field, 8 boats) <b>29.2.3</b> 2.5-Litre Stock, 2.5-Litre Mod, 5-Litre <b>29.2.4</b> 1 Litre, 2.5-Litre Stock
20110222	39.1	<b>39.1</b> 1.0 Litre    Min/Max Length 13'6"/14'6" Max Width 9'6"    Min Weight 750  Min/Max Length 14'6"+/17'6" Max Width 9'6"    Min Weight 825	<b>39.1</b> 1.0 Litre Class    Min/Max Length 13'6"/17'6" Max Width 9'6"    Min Weight 750
20110222	39.1	<b>39.1</b> 2.5 Litre Stock    Min/Max Length 13'6"/17'6" Max Width 9'6" Min Weight 1025	<b>39.1</b> 2.5 Litre Stock    Min Length 13'6"    Min Weight 975
Passed 2011 Annual Meeting	39.1	<b>39.1</b> 5 Litre Class    Min/Max Length 16'/21' Max Width 11"    Min Weight 1525	<b>39.1</b> 5 Litre Class    Min Length 16'    Min Weight 1450
Passed 2011 Annual Meeting	39.1	<b>39.1</b> (GNH Minimum Age)    Min Age 18	<b>39.1</b> (GNH Minimum Age)    Min Age 21

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Passed IRC Poll 20110322	39.2	<b>39.2 Super Stock Minimum Weight 1950 Lbs w/ Driver</b>	<b>39.2 Super Stock Minimum Weight 1800 Lbs w/ Driver</b>
Passed IRC Poll 20110322	39.2	<b>39.2 Pro Stock Minimum Weight 1950 Lbs w/ Driver</b>	<b>39.2 Pro Stock Minimum Weight 1800 Lbs w/ Driver</b>
Passed 2011 Annual Meeting	40.9	<b>40.9</b> The measurement shall be made for hydroplanes from the bow or sponson tip to the aftermost edge of bottom surface measured between perpendicular lines. Rudders, propellers and cavitation plates are not included in the measurements of hull length. Add-on extensions that do not conform to the original hull outlines or shape to achieve class length are prohibited. Struts, propellers and rudders must be relocated in proportion to any additions. <b>For all classes not having a maximum hull width, the maximum hull width including turning fin and all mounting hardware shall not exceed 117% of the maximum hull width as measured by the perpendicular distance between parallel lines created from the widest part of the hull.</b>	<b>40.9</b> The measurement shall be made for hydroplanes from the bow or sponson tip to the aftermost edge of bottom surface measured between perpendicular lines. Rudders, propellers and cavitation plates are not included in the measurements of hull length. Add-on extensions that do not conform to the original hull outlines or shape to achieve class length are prohibited. Struts, propellers and rudders must be relocated in proportion to any additions.
Passed 2011 Annual Meeting	41.1	<b>Delete Rule 41.1</b>	<b>41.1</b> Any boat registered in the "T" or "Y" class prior to Nov. 1, 1994 will be eligible for the 1 Litre Class.
Passed 2011 Annual Meeting	42.1.1	<b>Delete Rule 42.1.1; Renumber 42.1.2</b>	<b>42.1.1</b> Any boat registered in the "T" or "Y" or "Z" class prior to November 1, 1994 will be eligible for the 1.5 Litre Stock class so long as the boat meets capsule rule criteria.