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2012 Rule Change Proposal

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Note: Proposals must be submitted to the Inboard Office by October 31 ,2011 to be considered.

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Check all that apply:

- General Safety Rule
- General Racing Rule
- Stock Class Technical Rule *
- Modified Class Technical Rule *

Affected Class(es): All

Specific Rule Information: [Note: All fields must be completed for consideration.]

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| Rule number | Rule 12 | Rule 33.5.2 |
| Page number of rule: | 11 | 20 |

Author's VERY BRIEF Summary of Proposed Action:

An action to consolidate the rule change process actions into one rule.

Affected Rule:

RULE 12 - CRITERIA FOR RULE CHANGE

In order for a proposed rule change to be acted upon by the Inboard Racing Commission, said proposal must be submitted using the following format:

12.1 All rule changes or proposals must be received at the Inboard Office on or before October 31 of each year. Each proposal received will be put on the agenda for the next IRC meeting during the APBA Annual Meeting. All such racing rules approved by the IRC will go into effect the following November 1. Should an approved rule be of an emergency nature, the IRC could request the APBA Board of Directors to approve such for the present racing season. If a racing rule change proposal is received by October 31, but could not be presented or completed during the Annual Meeting, the IRC could act and finalize said proposal after the Annual Meeting but no later than May 1. The Inboard Chairman, Chief Inspector and Class Representative shall receive copies of submitted proposals.

12.2 If said rule change affects an existing rule, the existing rule including rule number, section, paragraph and page number should be copied as it now reads from the most recently available rule book. Following the existing rule, state the proposed rule with all changes incorporated into the text of the rule. If the new rule does not change an existing rule, state the location in the rule book (i.e.: new rule number, paragraph or section and page number) where the new rule would best be placed into text of the rules. Briefly summarize the reason for the rule change or new rule proposal. Explain why the proposed rule change should be incorporated into the rules.

12.2.1 If said rule is a technical rule specific to a single class, only active owners in the said class are eligible to submit the proposal. See rule 12.3 to define active owner.

12.3 Should the Inboard Chairman deem a class survey necessary, the following shall apply:

- All surveys will be conducted through the Inboard Office with the results available prior to the National Convention.
- The surveys will be sent to active owners affected pertaining to the proposed rule change. In this instance, the term “active owner” shall be construed to mean anyone who has participated in the current or prior race year.
- Surveys shall be submitted to the Inboard Office on or before October 31 of each year to allow time for the survey to be processed and returned.
- Class racing rules should be submitted through class representatives.

12.4 All rule changes must be published in *Propeller*. All changes so published become effective at that time. A “Rule Change Notice” mailed to all affected members becomes effective thirty (30) days from date mailed.

33.5 Operating Procedures:

33.5.1 All rule proposals (new, deletions and changes) shall be distributed to the IRC (via the internet, hard copy or teleconferencing). This keeps the IRC fully aware of all proposals. No action is required by the IRC commissioners; however, commissioners may find it necessary to get involved.

33.5.2 Actions (rule releases, rule rejections, and communications to the general membership) by the Tech Committee shall be published to the IRC, two weeks prior to publication to the Inboard membership. Should the IRC have issues with actions being taken by the Tech Committee, this two-week period provides the time to allow any necessary communications or actions. Should the IRC find a proposed rule unacceptable, then by a majority vote, the IRC may repeal said rule.

Proposed rule:

RULE 12 - CRITERIA FOR RULE CHANGE

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12.1 Non-Technical Rules

12.1.1 All rule changes or proposals must be received at the Inboard Office on or before October 31 of each year. Each proposal received will be put on the agenda for the next IRC meeting during the APBA Annual Meeting. All such racing rules approved by the IRC will go into effect the following November 1. Should an approved rule be of an emergency nature, the IRC could request the APBA Board of Directors to approve such for the present racing season. If a racing rule change proposal is received by October 31, but could not be presented or completed during the Annual Meeting, the IRC could act and finalize said proposal after the Annual Meeting but no later than May 1. The Inboard Chairman, Chief Inspector and Class Representative shall receive copies of submitted proposals.

12.1.2 If said rule change affects an existing rule, the existing rule including rule number, section, paragraph and page number should be copied as it now reads from the most recently available rule book. Following the existing rule, state the proposed rule with all changes incorporated into the text of the rule. If the new rule does not change an existing rule, state the location in the rule book (i.e.: new rule number, paragraph or section and page number) where the new rule would best be placed into text of the rules. Briefly summarize the reason for the rule change or new rule proposal. Explain why the proposed rule change should be incorporated into the rules.

12.2.1 If said rule is a technical rule specific to a single class, only active owners in the said class are eligible to submit the proposal. See rule 12.3 to define active owner.

12.1.3 Should the Inboard Chairman deem a class survey necessary, the following shall apply:

- All surveys will be conducted through the Inboard Office with the results available prior to the National Convention.
- The surveys will be sent to active owners affected pertaining to the proposed rule change. In this instance, the term “active owner” shall be construed to mean anyone who has participated in the current or prior race year.
- Surveys shall be submitted to the Inboard Office on or before October 31 of each year to allow time for the survey to be processed and returned.

- Class racing rules should be submitted through class representatives.

12.1.4 All rule changes must be published in *Propeller*. All changes so published become effective at that time. A “Rule Change Notice” mailed to all affected members becomes effective thirty (30) days from date mailed.

12.2 Technical Rule Changes:

12.2.1 Proposed technical rule changes may be submitted at any time to the Technical Committee or may be submitted as per Rule 12.1

12.2.2 All rule proposals (new, deletions and changes) shall be distributed to the IRC (via the internet, hard copy or teleconferencing). This keeps the IRC fully aware of all proposals. No action is required by the IRC commissioners; however, commissioners may find it necessary to get involved.

12.2.3 Actions (rule releases, rule rejections, and communications to the general membership) by the Tech Committee shall be published to the IRC, two weeks prior to publication to the Inboard membership. Should the IRC have issues with actions being taken by the Tech Committee, this two-week period provides the time to allow any necessary communications or actions. Should the IRC find a proposed rule unacceptable, then by a majority vote, the IRC may repeal said rule.

Renumber rules 33.6 through 33.18 to reflect the removal of rule 33.5

Reason for change:

This proposal is a change to consolidate the rule making process in one location.