

**( ) YACHT CLUB**  
**Name of CONTEST**  
**(Date)**

**SPECIAL RULES**

1. Introduction: This contest shall be conducted under the Standard Rules of the International Power Boat Association, 1998 Edition, as modified by these Special Rules. The IPBA Standard Rules are available on the IPBA website at [www.ipbalogracing.org](http://www.ipbalogracing.org) .

IPBA rules require that contestants operate in a safe manner in compliance with all Pilot Rules, Rules of the Road and Navigational Law, including local laws enacted by proper authority applicable to the Contestant's cruiser in the area where the contestant is operating (Rule No. 8.I). Failure to comply with the Rules of the Road will result in a 1% penalty or disqualification (Rule No.14.A).

**Due to the federal government's elevated rules on the national risk of terrorism, special restrictions governing marine traffic are in effect. This effects the separation that must be maintained between pleasure vessels and certain military and commercial ships. These restrictions apply to Washington State Ferries.**

2. Observers: Observers will be provided to all contestants registered on or before **(deadline date)**. Contestants who register after that date may have to provide an exchange observer. Observers will be assigned when your logs are submitted to the Contest Committee. Observers are honored guests on your boat and should be provided a lunch by you. They will also be provided complimentary dinners Saturday evening after the contest. Please make them feel welcome, and take the time to let them know how you did.

3. Logs: Predicted Logs and Contest Logs shall be completed in ink and shall be submitted to the Contest Committee in the **(turn-in location)** between **(time)** on the day of the contest. The completed and signed Contest Log shall be returned to the Contest Committee in the **(turn-in location)** prior to **(time)** on contest day. It is recommended that the total error in seconds and handicapped percentage of error be calculated and entered on your log prior to turning in your Contest Log. The Contest Committee will accept Contest Logs only when submitted with the Contestant and Observer present together.

4. IPBA Numbers: IPBA numbers must be displayed port, starboard and astern and be visible.

5. Time: Time shall be Pacific Standard Time (PST) or Pacific Daylight Time (PDT). The official timepiece will be located at the Registration Desk. This time will be set to GPS time.

6. Stop Watches: A stop watch will be allowed only for timed runs, time outs and verification of official time by the observer in accordance with Rule No. 8.O. Only a stop watch will be used for timed runs and shall be available to the Observer who shall

confirm the proper time has been run. The stopwatch shall be cleared and stopped when its use is no longer permitted.

7. Throttles: Throttles may be adjusted during the contest to vary engine RPM from the basic RPM shown on the log by plus or minus 10 percent (10%).

8. Flat Water Speed: Flat Water Speed is the speed of your boat at the basic Cruise RPM shown on your Contest Log without consideration for wind or current.

9. Handicap: The current IPBA handicap as set forth in the Standard Rule Book shall be used to determine the net percentage of error. For predicted speeds of less than 7.0 knots, the handicap for 7.0 knots shall be used. For predicted speeds of more than 23.0 knots, the handicap for 23.0 knots shall be used.

10. Radios: VHF Channel 16 shall be monitored during the contest. Prior to contest start, contestants should utilize VHF Channel 9 for pre-start communications. Immediately prior to starting, contestants must switch to Channel 16 for the duration of the contest.

11. Navigation Aids: Radar MAY NOT be used for contest navigational purposes, but MAY be used at any time the skipper deems it necessary for safety purposes (See IPBA Rule No. 9 – Safety Rule). Chartplotters and electronic charts may be used to replace paper charts as long as the chartplotter or computer is not connected to GPS and does NOT display speed, time or position information (SOG, COG, Time of Day, tracking or latitude/longitude). NOTE – Be sure that event marks (such as pressing the F5 key on Coastal Explorer and Nobeltec navigation programs) do not display Time of Day. If electronic charting is used, a large scale printout of the course layout must be made available to the observer. Autopilots and depth sounders may be used as long as they do not use active GPS signals for waypoint arrival or for steering the boat. Electronic ranging devices may not be used. Cell phones may not be used.

12. Chart: The recommended chart for this contest is (**chart number**). The Official Mileage for this contest is (**distance max**) NM, which cannot be exceeded.

13. Finish Classes: There are five (5) or three (3) finish time brackets in this contest.

<u>Finish Class</u>	<u>Flat Water Cruise Speed (knots)</u>	<u>Finish Time</u>
1	8.00 and under	1400-1410
2	8.01 to 8.50 inclusive	1415-1425
3	8.51 to 9.00 inclusive	1430-1440
4	9.01 to 9.50 inclusive	1445-1455
5	9.51 and above	1500-1510

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2	8.51 to 9.50 inclusive	1415-1425
3	9.51 and above	1430-1440