

# SCSTA DISTRICT 19 RULES

## SECTION A: MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in the Southern California Scale Thunderboat Association is open to any individual submitting a written application directly to the Registrar. The application must be accompanied the current membership fee of \$15.00. This fee includes a copy of the SCSTA Rules & Regulations, SCSTA patch, subscription to the SCSTA Newsletter and registration of one boat, if desired.
2. Annual dues thereafter are \$10.00 and includes registration for one boat, if desired, and subscription to the SCSTA Newsletter. Dues are due and payable on or before the last day of December.

## SECTION B: BOAT REGISTRATION

1. To obtain an additional SCSTA boat registration, a written application will be summated to the registrar with a non-refundable fee of \$5.00.
2. A new Master Hull Roster number, new paint scheme, or a new boat ( two different hulls, although appearing identical ) shall constitute a different boat for registration purposes.

## SECTION C: QUALIFICATION OF DRIVER AND BOAT

1. Each driver that desires to qualify must show written proof of current NAMBA membership.
2. Each driver must qualify by completing 3 laps unassisted without a buoy infraction.
3. Each boat must qualify by completing 3 laps at a minimum of 30 mph. On a 6 lap course this equals 3 laps in 54 seconds. On a 5 lap course this equals 3 laps in 64.8 seconds.

## SECTION D: GENERAL

1. All points earned during the course of the SCSTA season shall be awarded to the driver, not the boat. These points will be accumulated by the driver for any and all boats which he drives during the season.
2. SCSTA shall join NAMBA as a registered club and as such shall have voting powers at the annual NAMBA District 19 meeting.
3. Final awards for the season shall include, in addition to the usual high points trophies or plaques, a high point champion shirt and top 10 patches. These awards shall be coordinated with those presented for regular District 19 racing in respect to design and color.
4. All boaters must be on a separate frequency excluding the 27 band where two boaters can register using the same frequency. Frequency-use priority is established by previous year high point standings.

## SECTION E: PRECEDENCE OF SCSTA RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. SCSTA Rules and Regulations are a supplement to the General Racing Rules of NAMBA. SCSTA regattas shall be run under both sets of rules. In case of conflict between the two, SCSTA Rules and Regulations shall prevail.

## SECTION F: BOAT SPECIFICATIONS, ELIGIBILITY

1. Total engine size shall be equal to NAMBA class C. Engines of the first, second, third place boats of the final heat and two more selected by random draw shall be inspected by the technical committee for compliance.

2. Each contestant may enter only one boat (hull) per contest.
3. Any filling in of open areas between sponsons and center section on rigger or wings on multi-wing type hulls shall not be allowed.
4. A damaged boat will not be allowed to race more than two races after being damaged without the damage being repaired. The contest director may allow a damaged boat to race, if, in the opinion of the contest director, significant progress has been made to repair the damage.

#### **SECTION G: RACE FORMAT**

1. The number of boats eligible for the final shall be five (5) or six (6) depending upon course conditions.
2. After the final heat field has been set, the boats not entered in the final heat, ranked by point totals shall be used to fill the consolation heat/s.
3. The winner of the consolation race (first if more than one) shall be designated a starter in the final heat.
4. The race shall start at the start of the two (2) minute clock.

#### **SECTION H: MASTER HULL ROSTER**

The SCSTA Technical Inspector shall check each boat's compliance with the allowed variances, as stipulated in the Master Hull Roster. This check will be made at the initial qualification of each season.

#### **SECTION I: RIGHT OF WAY**

1. A boat shall be driven in a safe, controlled and sportsmanlike manner at all times.
2. Each violation of right-of way rules shall incur a one (1) lap penalty. If the right-of-way violation by an offending boat causes a non-offending boat not to finish, the offending boat shall be disqualified from the heat with no points.
3. Any moving boat that strikes a boat that is without motion and has been called dead by the contest director shall be disqualified for the day with no points awarded. The CD is required to call a dead boat during the 30 second mill. Each driver and pit crew is responsible for noting the locations of called dead boats on the course.
4. A boat that is under power and has been taken out as the result of a called DQ by the offending boat, will receive fourth place points (169 points).

#### **SECTION J: BUOY INFRACTIONS**

1. Touching or striking any course marker shall draw a one (1) lap penalty.

#### **SECTION K: START**

1. Immediately following a boat's launching, the boat must round turn one and turn two. Any boat violating this rule shall be assessed a one lap penalty.
2. Any boat that is off plane before the start, shall have the length of one (1) straightway to get back on plane. If this is not accomplished the boat will be disqualified from the heat and called off the water.
3. With the exception of a boat's launching, there shall be no restriction as to where a boat may mill in a clockwise direction on the course and cutting the course from front to back prior to the thirty (30) second start clock. From the start of the thirty (30) second clock boats will mill the full course only. Any boat violating this rule shall be assessed a one (1) lap penalty.

4. Lanes for the start are set at the turn-two exit buoy. Any movement other than a straight line to the start line, the offending boat shall be assessed a one lap penalty. Any boat that interferes with another boat (i.e.: causing it to slow down or change direction) between the start line and the entrance of turn one shall be assessed a one (1) lap penalty.

#### **SECTION L: RESTARTS AND RERUNS**

1. A heat shall be immediately stopped if, in the opinion of the Contest Director, a situation exists on the course that makes continued operation abnormally hazardous to participants, spectators or equipment. A race less than half-complete shall be rerun. A race more than half-complete shall be called a race and points awarded according to the running order at the time the race was called.
2. Eligibility for Restarts and Reruns
  - a. Any boat or boats whose action results in the stoppage of a heat shall not be eligible to enter any restart of the rerun of that heat. Also any boat that is not running at the time of the called heat shall not be eligible to restart.
  - b. If the stopped heat was the final heat, vacancies caused by restart ineligibility will be filled via the preliminary heat point system in the usual manner.

#### **SECTION M: HEAT RACING POINTS AND AWARDS**

1. Each boat will be awarded points on the order of finish. All points will be used for season point totals.
2. Boats competing in the first consolation will be awarded half the normal points for their position of finish for second place and lower.

## **Unlimited Lights**

#### **General Rules of Racing:**

1. The Unlimited Lights Class will follow the SCSTA District 19 Rules with the intent of simulating Scale Unlimited racing.
2. Please refer to the Sport 40 hydroplane rules in the NAMBA rulebook for hull and motor specifications