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I - HISTORY OF IMPBA

A. Origins

On the evening of July 2, 1949, the finalization of the IMPBA Constitution, By-Laws, and Racing Rules was presented to the then model boat representatives. Some of the organizers were: Barney Kiewicz, Ed Kalfus, F. Schneider, and a Mr. Sparr. Thus the IMPBA was formed. Barney Kiewicz of Detroit, Michigan served as the first IMPBA President. These original documents are now the property of IMPBA.

Boating in the early formation days of IMPBA was that of tether boating. Tether boating was against the clock, and the procedure was as follows: The course was a 105' diameter circle with a center pole at a maximum of 36" above the water line. The center pole had a free turning pivot at the top and a wire aircraft cable running line which measured 52' - 6" including the boat running bridle. The running bridle had to be able to withstand a 250-pound pull test before it was allowed to run in competition.

Once the boat was fired up and ready to run, it was hand launched with a person manning the center pole to hold the running line above water level until the boat was up to speed so the running line would not drag in the water. The boat owner waited until he thought the boat was running at top speed, and then he would call for time. The boat had to make four laps in order to be timed. Four laps of the 52' - 6" radius circle equaled 1/4 mile, and, thus, be timed.

Some of the big names in boating at that time were Ed Kalfus, Joe Horvath (the only 2 tether boaters to go over 100 mph), Roger Matthews, Bob Graham, Pete Yauczer, Bob Palmer, Bill Baughman, Max Beiderman, Charles Watkins, and Tom Perzentka.

Radio control boating IMPBA was picked up in the late 1950's and early 1960's

B. Presidents

The IMPBA presidents throughout the organization's history are:

<u>Two-year Terms:</u>		Gene Taylor, Tennessee	1985-1988
Barney Kiewicz, Michigan	1949-1950	Doug McNeely, Florida	1989-1990
Charles Baxman, Michigan	1951-1958	Bernard Bathauer, Indiana	1991-1992
Pete Yauczer, Missouri	1959-1960	Joe Ingrao, Florida	1993-1994
Jim Dunham, Illinois	1961-1964	Dick Tyndall, Virginia	1995-1998
Mert Mischnick, Illinois	1965-1966	Tom Grannis, Florida	1999-2000
Bob Packman, Illinois	1967-1968	Dick Jones, Iowa	2001-2002
Bill LeFeber, Indiana	1969-1974	Patrick Kelly, Michigan	2003-2004
John Bridge, Michigan	1975-1976	Bill Zuber, Alabama	2005-2008
Len Skweria, Indiana	1977-1978	Kevin Sheren, Michigan	2009-2012
Fred McBroom, Indiana	1979-1982	<u>Three-year Terms (implemented 2013)</u>	
Gus Johnson, Florida	1983-1984	Chris Rupley, Ohio	2013-current

II - IMPBA NITRO INTERNATS

A. Location

1957	St. Louis, Missouri	1986	Huntsville, Alabama
1958	Detroit, Michigan	1987	Huntsville, Alabama
1959	Indianapolis, Indiana (1st RC)	1988	Huntsville, Alabama
1960	Parsippany, New Jersey	1989	Slidell, Louisiana
1961	Chicago (Marquette), Illinois	1990	Sarasota, Florida
1962	Seattle, Washington	1991	Atlanta, Georgia
1963	Lombard (Chicago), Illinois (1st St.1/16)	1992	Huntsville, Alabama
1964	St. Louis, Missouri	1993	St. Louis, Missouri
1965	Cape Coral, Florida	1994	Ft. Worth, Texas
1966	Wheeling (Chicago), Illinois (R/C only)	1995	Bartow, Florida
1967	San Francisco, California	1996	Ft. Wayne, Indiana
1968	Chicago (Marquette), Illinois	1997	Elmira, New York
1969	San Diego, California	1998	Huntsville, Alabama
1970	Buffalo, New York (1/3 Mile)	1999	Huntsville, Alabama
1971	Memphis, Tennessee	2000	Milan, Iowa
1972	Flint, Michigan	2001	Sarasota, Florida
1973	Kitchener, Ontario	2002	Evansville, Indiana
1974	Countryside, Illinois	2003	Milford, Michigan
1975	Indianapolis, Indiana	2004	Jackson, Tennessee
1976	Chesapeake, Virginia	2005	Jackson, Tennessee
1977	Hammond, Louisiana	2006	Evansville, Indiana
1978	Flint, Michigan	2007	Seville, Ohio
1979	Dallas, Texas	2008	Evansville, Indiana
1980	Bartow, Florida	2009	Seville, Ohio
1981	Indianapolis, Indiana	2010	Seville, Ohio
1982	Orlando, Florida	2011	Evansville, Indiana
1983	Oxford, Michigan	2012	Charleston, S.Carolina
1984	Bartow, Florida	2013	Not held
1985	Huntsville, Alabama	2014	Evansville, Indiana
		2015	Not held
		2016	Rochester, New York

B. William E. LeFeber Award Winners

1986	John Equi, Alabama	2001	Tom Grannis, Florida
1987	Fred McBroom, Indiana	2002	River City Racing Club, Indiana
1988	Bob Londress, Alabama	2003	Randall Thomas, Canada
1989	Bob Murphy, Louisiana	2004	Ron Byrd, Florida
1990	Sue Bathauer, Indiana	2005	Ernie LaFleur, Texas
1991	Paul Hayes, Georgia	2006	–
1992	Leon Kettle, Missouri	2007	Steve Ball, Indiana
1993	Richard Moore, Sr., Florida	2008	Mike Zaborowski
1994	Richard Moore, Sr., Florida	2009	Michael Laing
1995	James Willis, Florida	2010	Bob Morton
1996	Marty Davis, Indiana	2011	Mike Schindler
1997	Andy Brown, Florida	2012	Don Ferrette
1998	John Equi, Alabama	2013	–
1999	Priscilla Tyndall, Virginia	2014	Mike Schindler
2000	Dick Jones, Iowa	2015	–

C. Excellence of Performance Winners

1972	Leonard Skwiera	1994	Jason Prejan
1973	Mike Meelbusch	1995	Stan Simpson, IV
1974	Gary Preusse	1996	Cal Brown
1975	Mike Meelbusch	1997	Marty Davis
1976	Glen Cupit	1998	Jerry Crowther & Steve Speas (<i>tie</i>)
1977	Mike Wilson	1999	Stan Simpson, IV
1978	Howie Whitaker	2000	Jerry Crowther
1979	Marty Davis	2001	Stuart Barr
1980	Ed Hughey	2002	John Barr
1981	Jay Maguire	2003	Cody Sanderfer
1982	David Preusse	2004	David Preusse
1983	Clee Morman	2005	Ernie LaFleur
1984	Jim Sweeden	2006	Ernie LaFleur
1985	Ed Lackey	2007	Ernie LaFleur
1986	Bob Schoenau	2008	Brian Loy
1987	Greg Huey	2009	Ron Jefferson
1988	Larry Beals	2010	Bob Kensill
1989	John Otto	2011	–
1990	John Otto	2012	Josh Black
1991	Tom Pretzfeld	2013	–
1992	Rich Moore	2014	–
1993	Stan Simpson, IV	2015	–

D. President's Cup Winners

1984	Ed Lackey, Alabama	2006	Brian Schymik
1988	Andy Brown	2007	Ernie LaFleur
1995	Stan Simpson, IV	2008	Phil Thomas
1996	Tommy Lee	2009	Brian Stieglitz
1997	Steve Speas & Marty Davis (<i>tie</i>)	2010	Mike Hallam
1998	Dick Tyndall	2011	Ron Zaker, Jr.
1999	Mark Grannis	2012	Phil Thomas
2000	Jerry Crowther	2013	–
2001	Stuart Barr	2014	Sam Bowden
2002	Mike Zaborowski	2015	–

III - IMPBA GAS NATIONALS

A. Location

2000	Huntsville, Alabama	Hosted by Huntsville Model Boating Association
2001	Atlanta, Georgia	Hosted by District 13 & Atlanta Model Boaters
2002	Slidell, Louisiana	Hosted by Southern Gentlemen Racing Association
2003	Atlanta, Georgia	Hosted by Atlanta Model Boaters
2004	Cincinnati, Ohio	Hosted by Cincinnati Model Boat Club
2005	<i>Race was cancelled due to Hurricane Katrina, which hit New Orleans</i>	
2006	Crosby, Texas	Hosted by Lone Star Model Boat club
2007	Celina, Ohio	Hosted by Cincinnati & Driftwood Model Boat Clubs
2008	Durant, Mississippi	Hosted by
2009	Reserve, Louisiana	Hosted by VooDoo Model Boat Club
2010	Reserve, Louisiana	Hosted by VooDoo Model Boat Club
2011	Celina, Ohio	Hosted by Driftwood Model Boat Club
2012	Dallas, Texas	Hosted by Dallas Thunderboaters
2013	Charleston, S. Carolina	Hosted by Charleston Model Boaters
2014	Reserve, Louisiana	Hosted by VooDoo Model Boat Club
2015	Macedon, New York	Hosted by Rochester Model Boat Club
2016	Sellersburg, Indiana	Hosted by Quad Counties R/C Boat Club

B. Johnny Ber Award

This award is given for outstanding sportsmanship and service to the organization in model gas boating. The first year for the Johnny Ber award was 2007.

2007	Dan Kramer, Indiana
2008	Doug Dalme, Louisiana
2009	–
2010	–
2011	Charles Rakes, Virginia
2012	Tim Martin, Texas
2013	John Knight, S.Carolina
2014	Jesse Lee, Louisiana
2015	Bob Austin, New Jersey

IV - IMPBA FAST ELECTRIC INTERNATS

A. Location

2000 Toronto, Ontario Hosted by Metro Marine Modelers

B. William E. LeFeber Award Winners

Not offered

C. Excellence of Performance Winners

2000 Jerry Pelletier P, 12 Cell Sport Hydro