

USSBA Introductory Boat Class

The reasoning behind the purposed new sprint boat class is to recognize that there is still competitors/equipment out in the region that could or would like to compete in the USSBA Racing Series but over time it has become too expensive or has become difficult for a newcomer to join the sport and fall into line with the current classes and be competitive with the current field of competition.

Therefore we are purposing a new Sportsman/Introductory Class with the purpose of the following:

1. Provide seat time for a new driver until they feel comfortable with the equipment they are running and can participate and compete in one of the current stipulated classes.
2. Provide an avenue for older equipment in the regions to be utilized and at the same time increase the overall boat count which provides a better product to the end customer.
3. To allow drivers to develop a certain talent level and be accustomed to the format before joining a current class as well as allowing seasoned drivers to weigh in and develop the new driver's talents.

Rules:

1. All current safety rules will still apply to the Sportsman/Introductory Class
2. All current boat structure rules will still apply.
3. Licensing runs will still be mandatory and satisfactorily be completed prior to any driver being admitted to the class.
4. No trophies or points will be awarded as there may be a variety of boats in the class. Bragging rights will still apply.

5. No methanol is allowed regardless of induction. Fuel with a maximum of 113 motor octane limit will apply.
6. There will be no jet pump diameter restrictions and no nozzle restrictions will apply.
7. No driver in this class can compete in a higher class in the same event and this also applies to a driver in a higher class moving down into the Sportsman Class.
8. A driver may remain in the Sportsman Class unless their qualifying speeds are within 20% of the fastest qualifying boat in their perspective fields. This threshold must be reached for greater than 50% of the competitors entries throughout one season
9. Unless otherwise stated, the Sportsman Class will only be given 2 qualifying runs, after which there will be an 8>4>2 cut process. Depending on the field count submitted on race day, the qualifying round may increase to a maximum of four qualifiers. This will be decided the day before the event as it pertains to safety personnel available and timeline of the show.
10. Minimum lap completion times will be applicable. Race officials will have at their discretion (number to be discussed but three suggested so there is not a stalemate); will have the control to trailer a boat if it is detrimental to the production of the show due to slow lap times.