

# Fun

## For the Whole Family

NAMBA provides a family experience that is perfect for the entire family spanning the generations. The model boating experience is something the entire family can participate in together. Many of our most prolific racing teams are families. All members of the family can compete together or against one another. Championships have been captured by members from 6 years old to 70.

Many of the National Championship locations provide an excellent family vacation opportunity for many of our members. NAMBA can boast the participation of mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, grandfathers and grandmothers.

NAMBA International provides a level playing field of friendly competition that is seldom seen in a family activity. Children learn the disciplines of competition and adults enjoy a sense of pride and accomplishment for themselves and their family. Most of all, the long term friendships and comradery that develop become the fondest memory of all.



## The Racing Experience

For those who enjoy the thrill of head to head competition, R/C Model Boat racing is some of the fastest, most competitive racing around. With boats averaging speeds of 50 miles per hour you can bet you are not going to be disappointed.

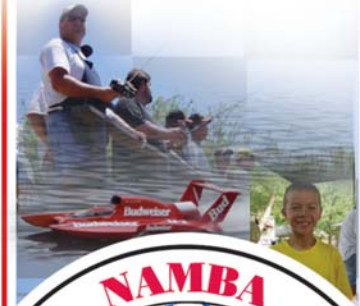
Races are organized into classes first by hull type (Hydroplane, Mono, Tunnel Hull etc.) and then by engine size and fuel type. Each class is then organized into four rounds in which each racer is awarded points based on their finish. The boater with the most points after four rounds is declared the winner.

The race course is an oval course that is one sixth of a mile long. These courses are carefully measured out and marked with floating course makers called buoys. There can be from three to five buoys at each end of the course that form the "turn". Additionally a start buoy is also set marking the "start line".



Each heat is one mile or six laps long. The race begins with a two minute thirty second clock to get the boats started and in the water and then to line up for the start. The last 30 seconds (called "mill time") is used to allow boaters to "mill the course" and get lined up to cross the start line when the clock expires.

Boaters can be penalized for a number of things during the race from a "jump start" or crossing the start line too early to hitting a course marker or another boat. Some penalties result in single lap penalty where others can result in the boater being disqualified and ordered off the course.



## NORTH AMERICAN MODEL BOAT ASSOCIATION

For more information about NAMBA, NAMBA Insurance Coverage or Membership Applications, visit us at

[www.namba.com](http://www.namba.com)

# Intro

NAMBA International is a non-profit association of radio-controlled model boat enthusiasts of all ages, genders and backgrounds from all over the world.

The primary functions of NAMBA are to promote model boating as a wholesome hobby for the whole family and to provide a structure for organized racing. A very important part of this structure is a comprehensive insurance package to protect model boaters, lake site owners and race organizers against unforeseen circumstances.

NAMBA is organized into twenty geographic districts spanning the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. The members elect a President, Vice President, and a number of District Directors who are responsible for keeping the organization running smoothly and growing. Each local district promotes and supports model boating in their area. Getting in touch with your local District Director is a great place to start!

Each year NAMBA holds the "NAMBA Nationals", a week long regatta in different locations to allow model boaters from all over the world to come together to compete. The locations for these races are selected for their appeal as a family vacation destination to insure that everyone has a great time. Racers are given an opportunity to win National Championships and the recognition that goes with it.

During 1969-1970, a group of West Coast boaters saw the need for a new, national R/C boat association. This group eventually became the North American Model Boat Association (NAMBA) and in 1974, NAMBA expanded beyond North America to include Canada and became NAMBA International.



## NAMBA Liability Insurance

NAMBA membership provides you with primary coverage of \$2,000,000 in liability and property damage coverage. It is individual insurance which protects you whenever you run at any NAMBA approved site.

### Site Insurance

NAMBA also offers additional site coverage to protect the owner of the running site with the same \$2,000,000 as is afforded the individual member at any time a "NAMBA insured boater" is running his or her boat, not just at sanctioned events.

### NAMBA Personal Injury

NAMBA insurance also provides a \$500,000 personal accident policy which covers injuries which a member may incur while running a boat or while assisting someone else with their boat. For additional information about insurance coverage please visit our website at [www.namba.com](http://www.namba.com)

## NAMBA's National Championships

NAMBA has been holding its National Championships every year since the first event was held in Los Angeles, CA in 1972. The NAMBA Nationals are a chance for racers from all over the world to come together and compete for a National Championship.

Nitro and GAS championships are run together and the Fast Electric or "FE" and the Combat Warship have their own events.

The NAMBA Nationals are a big event that is much more than model boat racing. The week long event is filled with activities, traditions, friends and fun.

Racers at all levels are welcome to compete so you do not have to be a "top dog" to participate! NAMBA National's location are in a different location each year and venues are chosen that allow for a complete family vacation experience. Come join us in the fun!



## Nitro, Gas, Electric and Warship Excitement

*NAMBA offers a variety of racing and sport boating for all levels of RC boating enthusiasts who enjoy Nitro Powered Glow Engines, Gasoline Powered 2 Stroke Engines, Fast-Electric Boats and Warships*

**Nitro Powered** boat racing has been part of NAMBA for more than 40 years. The buzz and high pitched RPMs of Nitro engines are just as exhilarating as any high powered engine you can imagine. Low cost nitro boats are available on the market to provide entry level fun while high-performance nitro racing boats are capable of speeds of over 100 mph with 50 to 70 mph speeds being very common.

**Gas Powered** boating uses fuel much less costly compared to Nitro. It is also said to be easier to maintain although entry level boats may be a bit more expensive than nitro. Speeds however, are comparable to nitro boats in many aspects.

**Electric Powered** boat technology has improved significantly as it follows behind the RC car market. As a result low cost entry-level boats that are 100% Ready-To-Run can be purchased at your local hobby shop or online dealer at a relatively low cost yet still provide impressive speeds that you are sure to enjoy.

**Combat** provides RC boating enthusiasts that have an appreciation for Scale Warships of the past and present. Scale detail and true-to-life battles unfold on miniature waterways showcasing the impressive attention to detail that these models possess.

## Kids R' Boaters Too

NAMBA kids have been a big part of our boating community since its inception. NAMBA has fostered as many as 3 generations racing together with some beginning as young as 3 and 4 years old. RC boat racing is a family affair and we invite your entire family to be a part of it. The NAMBA heritage has included a special race at each NAMBA Nationals for the kids and it is one of the highlights of every National Competition!