

Rule changes that affect the VDBC only are listed here.

NEW RULES from the JULY COUNCIL MEETING

Rule 201.05 Minimum Age Requirements

Drivers must be a minimum age of sixteen (16) years, **except** for the following Sections and Classes:

201.052 Drag Classes: Drivers must be a minimum age of eighteen (18) years old for Blown Drag Classes (Hydroplane and Displacement).

Rule 201.09

Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times in the pit and ramp areas.

Rule 801.013

Open cockpit Unlimited boats (Top Limited) effective from 1 January 2011 – All personal floatation devices (PFD) must be a parachute-type jacket.

Rule 801.014

Parachute jackets must be returned to the manufacturer and recertified every three (3) years.

Rule 801.015

Parachute jackets must be returned to the manufacturer as soon as possible after being deployed to be repacked and recertified.

NEW RULES from the JULY COUNCIL MEETING

Rule 1004.011

All Reinforced Cockpit Orientations **MUST** be conducted in clear water so that divers assisting with the Orientations have unobstructed visibility to assist the participants.

Rule 1004.071

All drivers that use a scuba regulator air system are to be orientated with retrieval and operation of the regulator whilst upside down in the water in the test rig.

Rule 1102.01

Hulls powered by forced induction engines (blower or turbo) must be a minimum length of 5.5 metres (18 foot 1 inch).

Rule 1103.001

Only automotive or marine engine are only to be used in inboard class competition.

Non-automotive or non-marine engines may only be used in demonstration events only. Demonstration events can only be approved by the National or Member Council.

Rule 1103.002

The maximum capacity for inboard class engines is 10 litres, excluding Offshore classes and boats involved in Demonstration events.

Demonstration events can only be approved by the National or Member Council.

Rule 1201.07

Boats stepping up from their own class into a larger capacity class must meet the minimum requirements (hull length, age, etc.) for the class being entered.

Rule 1303 – RACING CLASSES - NEW CLASS PROMOD CLASS

This class is for boats that are faster than those that race in TOP LIMITED class and must be fitted with a Reinforced Cockpit as per rule 1000.01. Pro Mod Class will not include TAH or TFH boats.

RULE 1303 – RACING CLASSES - NEW classes:

PRO COMP (106mph – 115mph)

PRO LIMITED (116mph-125mph)

EXPERT LIMITED (126mph-135mph)

TOP LIMITED (136mph-145mph)

Rule 1304.19

All Open cockpit boats competing in, Pro Limited, Expert Limited and Top Limited class, must be fitted with a correctly installed ratchet-style gear box releases.

Rule 1304.2021

Life Jacket/Non-Capsule - All drivers and riding crew competing in Pro Limited, Expert Limited and Top Limited in non-reinforced cockpit boats must wear, while on the water, an approved parachute type life jacket which has been commercially manufactured with a harness specifically designed for drag boat racing.

All life jackets must be returned to an approved life jacket manufacturer for safety inspection and recertification/dating every two (2) years from date of manufacture

Rule 1319.15

Nitrous Oxide must be installed as per manufacturer's specification. A full throttle switch only must operate all systems. No other type of activation is permitted. It is the driver and or the boat owner's responsibility to ensure that the system is installed to the manufacturer's specification.

AMENDED RULES from the JULY COUNCIL MEETING

Rule 102.11 - Licence Grades

Limited Drag – Pro Comp

Unlimited Drag – Pro Limited, Expert Limited and Top Limited

Rule 102.32

Medicals issued by other organisations (e.g.: Ski Racing Australia, CAMS or Australian Defence Forces) that are equivalent to or of a higher standard than the APBA medical are acceptable.

Rule 103.04

Any Driver or Boat Owner who commits a breach of the rules where the offence is considered serious enough to warrant either declassing, disqualification, suspension or is not covered by an existing penalty, may be issued with a "Yellow Card" warning.

Yellow Cards can only be issued by the following:

- Officer of the Day or Club Race Committee
- State or Member Council Executive
- National Council Executive

Rule 107.021

A boat owner and/or driver will be deemed as being responsible for the conduct and behaviour of their crewmembers.

In the event of a crewmember engaging in physical or verbal abuse, as described in these rules, and where such crewmember is not a Member of the Association as described in **Rules of the Association – 3. Membership**, the boat owner and/or driver will receive the penalty.

Rule 107.03

Such behaviour will receive an automatic **Red Card and automatic three month suspension of the owners' and/or drivers' Licence from the date of issue and** will be subject to the normal Red Card criteria.

Rule 201.10 – Drug Testing

Random Drug Testing will be carried out as per the UIM Guidelines.

Rule 703.01

Samples of Fuel, up to one (1) litre, are to be taken directly from the fuel system after all sanctioned events and checked for compliance with the rules.

Rule 1319.13 – BRACKET RACE RULES

ENGINE SIZES to 585 cubic inches with any modification permitted.

Rule 1319.14

FUEL can be any commercially available type (Petrol, Methanol, LPG gas, or Nitrous Oxide). NO power additives such as 'Nitro' derivatives and variants are permitted.

Rule 801.051

For all persons aboard any boat competing in a sanctioned event, the following **MUST** be worn:

- Full-length race suit or cotton overalls (fire retardant race suits are recommended)
- Boots or shoes (race-style boots or shoes are recommended)

AMENDED RULES from the JULY COUNCIL MEETING**Rule 802.013**

The cord attached to the cut out switch must be attached to the persons' personal floatation device (PFD) in a secure manner and the length of the cord must be limited so that the person cannot move out of the seat without activating the cut out switch. The cord must be made of a fire retardant material.

Rule 802.034

From 1 September 2011 - Any person aboard any race boat taking part in races must wear an adequate helmet. All helmets must be of **INTERNATIONAL ORANGE** in colour. The only writing on the helmet can be the competitors name with letter not exceeding 20mm x 100mm, once only on the helmet, preferably at the base or front of the helmet.

Rule 804.26

For all displacement classes from 1 September 2010 – all cast propellers must be x-rayed for flaws before its first use following the effective date. Documentary evidence of the test must be available for inspection upon request.

NEW RULES from the MAY COUNCIL MEETING**Rule 804.027**

Effective 1 September 2010 – all Inboard Displacement Boats (including Drag classes) in **UNLIMITED** category:

All boats must be fitted with a ratchet style gearbox release on the propeller shaft or the gearbox output shaft.

Rule 804.0271

Effective from 1 January 2011 – all Inboard Displacements Boats (including Drag classes) in the **LIMITED** category:

All boats must be fitted with a ratchet gearbox release on the propeller shaft or the gearbox output shaft.

Rule 1000.02**Unlimited Category Displacement Boats**

From 1 September 2010 to 31 August 2011 – NEW open cockpit boats may be built and can be raced.

From 1 September 2011 - Only NEW reinforced cockpit boats only can be built. Open cockpit boats can continue to be raced.

Rule 1000.03**Limited Category Displacement Boats**

From 1 September 2010 to 31 August 2011 – NEW open cockpit boats may be built and can be raced.

From 1 September 2011 – Only NEW reinforced cockpit boats only can be built. Open cockpit boats can continue to be raced.

Rule 1000.04**UNLIMITED DISPLACEMENT CLASS HULLS (Top Limited)**

From 1 September 2012 to 31 August 2013 – Only NEW reinforced cockpit hulls only can be built.

Open cockpit hulls can be raced **ONLY** with the following restrictions: 510ci + 60 thou oversized with a 8/71 Blower using an overdrive limit to be advised or a 427ci + 60 thou oversized with a turbocharger

Rule 1000.05**UNLIMITED DISPLACEMENT CLASS HULLS (Top Limited)**

From 1 September 2014 – Only NEW reinforced cockpit hulls only can be built.

Open cockpit hulls can continue to be raced. Restrictions on Open Cockpit hull engines will be reviewed by the National Council.

NEW RULES from the MAY COUNCIL MEETING**Rule 1102.33****UNLIMITED DISPLACEMENT CLASS HULLS (Top Limited)****1102.331**

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1102.332

From 1 September 2014 – Only NEW reinforced cockpit hulls only can be built.

Open cockpit hulls can continue to be raced. Restrictions on Open Cockpit hull engines will be reviewed by the National Council.

AMENDED RULES from the MAY COUNCIL MEETING**801.041**

For all drivers of boats (including Drag classes) with Open Cockpits in UNLIMITED (Top Limited) and LIMITED categories:

Effective from 1 September 2010 – All drivers in these classes must use a helmet restraint; of a type that restricts movement of the head and secures to the body or arms by straps or other means.

801.042

For all drivers of Open Cockpit Boats (including Drag classes) in RESTRICTED and FORMULA FUTURE categories:

Effective from 1 September 2010 – It is recommended that all drivers in these classes use a helmet restraint (as described in 801.041), however, plastic breakaway-style clips are acceptable.

801.043

The wearer is entirely responsible for the effectiveness of the restraint or breakaway clip.