

March 2021

Hello OPBRA, friends and family!



**2021 OPBRA Race Season update and Membership Campaign:**

Your OPBRA Board of Directors have been hard at work keeping our racing momentum moving forward for 2021; however, we have also been watching the responses from various local municipalities to see how they are coping through the ever-changing colour-coded “Covid” framework system. It appears that many City-led or City-Permitted outdoor events have already been cancelled through July 1st.

While we are all trying to stay positive about the upcoming race season, we have decided to cancel the races at Muskoka Wharf in June and North Bay in July for this season due to the unpredictability of COVID-19. We'll have to wait and see how things go before making any decisions about Peterborough.

Greg Keeling is in discussions with the Town of Gravenhurst to see if securing Gull Lake Park is feasible for this season. For those of you not familiar with Gull Lake Park, it's the perfect venue for boat racing. The water conditions are far more protected than the Muskoka Wharf, there is a launch ramp nearby, plenty of parking, full washroom facilities and also has the potential for overnight camping. Another benefit is that the park offers us secured/gated access which could work in our favour considering outdoor sanctioned events in Ontario during the pandemic may not allow for spectators. Our hope is that since we will be able to restrict the number of people coming and going perhaps there may be an opportunity for us to still have a controlled race event this year.

There is also another venue in Muskoka that could also offer a similar scenario as Gull Lake. We are glad to have James Ross working on gathering more information for a September race.

**As a racing club our voting members must have their membership dues paid annually.**

**For 2021, we will be offering a special “ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL COVID-STYLE” MEMBERSHIP for only \$50.00.** This will give you voting rights at this year's AGM and help us keep the spirit of racing alive. When COVID restrictions are lifted and we are able to get back in the water, race registration fees will be increased to offset this year's reduced membership fee. We are planning to race this year! We are asking for your help by getting your membership dues paid by April 30, 2021. Price goes up to \$75 after May 1, 2021.

**Reasons to buy your Membership and support your club:**

- Allows you to be part of a great organization where you can meet like-minded boat racing enthusiasts with great social opportunities, share ideas and put your boat on the start line!
- We need your memberships to secure race insurance and to show municipalities we are ready.
- Allows you to be eligible for our various committees and the Board of Directors.
- **Gets you voting rights at our AGM!** Help shape the future of our organization as many positions on the Board of Directors becomes open.

**To All our OPBRA Sponsors:**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support over the past few years; without you we simply can't survive. OPBRA is committed to recognizing your contributions through our sponsorship programs and we are eager to continue these relationships through 2021. Considering this season may not be a typical race year, we have a few ideas to better recognize your efforts and help support your business.

Sincerely,



Your OPBRA Board of Directors



# 2021

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**Early Bird - Pricing**  
**BEFORE APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
**\$50.00**

**Regular Pricing**  
**AFTER APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
**\$75.00**

Membership with OPBRA Entitles you to:

- \* Race \*subject to other qualifications
- \* Have Voting Privileges at AGM
- \* Be eligible for Committees or Board of Directors

### MEMBER INFORMATION

Name:

D.O.B:

If Member is Under 18...  
Name of Parent/Guardian

Street Address:

City

Province

Postal Code:

Email:

Cell Phone:

**PRINT, COMPLETE, SCAN AND EMAIL to [info@opbra.ca](mailto:info@opbra.ca)**

Members must be at least 12 Years of Age. All Applications must be approved by OPBRA Board of Directors.  
Memberships valid for current race season / calendar year only.

**PAYMENTS** can be made via E-transfer to [info@opbra.ca](mailto:info@opbra.ca) or via Cheque payable to  
**Ontario Power Boat Racing Association**

Cheques should be mailed to: **OPBRA**  
**Box 152, Little Britain, ON, K0M 2C0**

I hereby certify that all statements provide by me are complete and true. By signing below, I agree that OPBRA, or its assigns, on a non-exclusive basis, may use my name and pictures, including pictures of my racing equipment and pictures taken at any OPBRA sanctioned event for publicity purposes and online marketing.

Member Signature:

Date:

Parent or Guardian Signature (if Member is Under 18)

Date:

Signature: