



March 13, 2007

Dear Attendee:

Thank you very much for attending the American Poker Runs Association (APRA) second annual Safety Summit held Friday, February 16, 2007 at the Biscayne Bay Marriott Hotel in conjunction with the Miami International Boat Show. As we promised, action minutes of that meeting are enclosed with this letter.

The APRA answered the requests of the industry to provide one set of rules and guidelines for the Poker Run Organizers, thus creating one unified voice. And I feel we have a power plant of industry professionals working together to ensure the continued growth of our sport.

Today the APRA has the full support of the industry with an industry driven set of rules.

Prior to the summit, the APRA visited and conference-called essentially every major high performance boat manufacturer to obtain their opinions and ideas on almost every aspect of the running of poker runs. The virtual unanimous agreement on a multitude of rules are those presented as the "Industry Agreed" rules for Participants and for Organizers as presented in the APRA booklet distributed at the Miami Safety Summit.

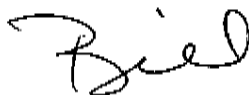
The APRA also established an extremely high profile Advisory Board comprised of representatives of virtually every aspect of the high performance and poker run industry across North America to advise the APRA on an ongoing basis on safety and other concerns. This annually rotating Board was introduced at the Summit along with a forty member APRA Advisory Council, again representing those organizations with a vested interest in the long term viability of the high performance boat industry. This includes almost every major performance boat manufacturer, accessory supplier, high performance boat dealers, poker run organizers, and ancillary services such as insurance and trainers, and organizations such as the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) and the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC).

Through the APRA, the Board and the Council will be kept abreast of developments and issues affecting poker runs and will in turn disseminate feedback and will be the hub of a communications network for the whole industry.

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Once again, thank you for attending the Safety Summit and thank you for your interest in the APRA and in the ongoing need for the promotion of safety in poker runs and in high performance boating. Once our new rule books are completed, we will be soliciting your membership and that of your participants in the APRA.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill", written in black ink.

William E Taylor, President
American Poker Runs Association
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APRA Safety Summit Meeting Minutes- Friday Feb. 16, 2007
(Prepared by Sheryl MacKey of Poker Runs America)

Those invited: Manufacturers, Dealers, Suppliers and Poker Run Organizers from around the world to discuss the importance of a unified set of rules for Poker Runs to ensure the life of the sport.

Attendance: approx. 90 persons

Call to order: 8:00 a.m. sharp

Introduction of Panel Members:

Richard Crowder, Poker Runs America, Moderator

Brian Ross, Ross' Offshore Racing Performance Center representing Safety

Bob Christie, Typhoon Marine representing the Dealer Network

Dave Patnaude, New Jersey Performance Powerboat Club representing Poker Run Organizers

Bill Beccaro, Legal Advisor

Sheryl MacKey, Poker Runs America Event Coordinator

Bill Taylor, APRA President

Pierre Savoie, APRA/ IPRA Executive Director

Poker Run in Greece

Ioannis Oikonomidis of Marine One introduced himself and welcomed everyone to attend the first ever 5 day IPRA sanctioned Poker Run in Greece. The official website for this event is www.arrowrun.com

Introduction of the newly formed APRA Advisory Board and Advisory Council

Introduction of our special guests from The National Marine Manufacturers Association:

Monita Fontaine, Vice President and Senior Counsel Government Relations (in absentia)

David Dickerson, Director, State Government Relations

Introduction of the Rule Books and APRA Membership Card:

- Review of the 2007 APRA Industry Accepted Rules for Participants and for Poker Run Organizers.

- Potential Rules that need discussion:

1. Need for special attention/ instruction for novice poker runners at Driver's Meeting.
 - Dave Patnaude (NJPPC): at his events they have a general meeting and then they have time for 1st time poker runners to ask a designated person any additional questions they may have been too embarrassed or intimidated to ask in front of others.
 - Joe Vassallo (Magneto Electric): need to have time for a separate meeting not at the driver's meeting
 - Brian Ross (Ross's Offshore Racing Performance Center): Start the Poker Runs at noon on Friday where you can hold an additional meeting where you discuss everything from safety equipment, charts, etc.
 - Dave Patnaude (NJPPC): Supply a 5-10 minute safety DVD to new poker runners

2. Inflatable Life Vests are discouraged/ not permitted
 - Pete Stevenson (Lake Hartwell PR): should be a strong recommendation not a rule
 - Bill Beccaro (legal advisor): The life vests are US Coast Guard approved, they do encourage safety, the inflatable's are almost worse than nothing at all, this is a very grey area
 - Eric Colby (PRA Editor) had an experience where he was in trouble on the water and his vest did not inflate
 - Chris Cestaro (Ocean Performance): Suggests straps for your legs, or even crotch straps
 - Chip Fendt (Suncoast Marine and racer): we should look at boat racing requirements, and adopt racing floatation devices to Poker Runs
 - Bob Christie (Typhoon Performance): rules for vests should be addressed by speed
 - Raymond Roberts (Double R Performance): Inflatable life jackets should not be allowed on Poker Runs at all

3. Requirements for helmets to be worn at higher speeds
 - Richard Crowder (PRA): if you put on helmets the perception from the public is that we are racing
 - Joe Vassallo (Magneto Electric): Over a certain speed helmets should be required...but what is the magic number for speed?
 - Tres Martin (Tres Martin Performance Boat School): No helmets at any speed! If there is an accident how does the EMS decide if you have a neck injury, and how do you get the helmet off safely.
 - Frank Civitano (Typhoon Performance): Full training is required to wear a helmet properly. No helmets in Poker Runs!

- Dave Patnaude (NJPPC); if you are in a Poker Run and there is an accident but you were wearing a helmet, the insurance may perceive it as a race and you would not be covered.
- Sy Goldberg (Total Dollar): agrees...there would be no coverage
- Ted Macaulay (Ogilvy & Ogilvy Insurance): If you wear a helmet it can impair your visibility
- Brad Billington, M.D. (Objective Medical Assessment): If you wear a helmet incorrectly or without a full equipment such as a breast plate they could cause more harm than good

6. Issue of "speed" in the events, speed control, speed in open water, maximum speeds during event, "speed" reference in advertising, "speed" events associated with Poker Runs (ex: radar runs, "shoot outs", etc.)

- Dave Patnaude (NJPPC): never use speed restrictions unless in areas that it is needed (both inshore and offshore)
- Richard Crowder (PRA): need to comply with Coast Guard speed zones
- Skip Braver (Cigarette): Spread out boats and have safer waters, don't promote Poker Runs as a race.
- Chip Fendt (Suncoast Marine): is there a need for our Poker Runners to have a certificate from a school?
- Richard Crowder (PRA); everyone wants to encourage safety school certificates but no-one wants to enforce it.
- Brad Billington M.D.: drag boaters need a license, perhaps Poker Runners need to have an APRA membership card proving that a certificate has been achieved.

9. Separate rules, if any, for canopied boats. The only nearly unanimous agreement for canopied boats was that every person aboard a canopied boat has "dunk test" training.

- Richard Crowder (PRA): Canopy boats have issues of speed, safety, and vision limitation. Dive teams and dunk tests are required.
- Tres Martin (Tres Martin's Performance Boat School): Canopies should not be allowed in Poker Runs. Canopies are for racing and people can't feel the speed at which they are going. People feel safer even though they may not be.
- Jason Ventura (Outerlimits): You don't feel the speed and seatbelts give a false sense of safety/ security. There are concerns if the glass should break during a collision. The air system may be in each boat but does the customer know how to use it?
- Eric Colby (PRA Editor): Have canopy boaters bring their own helicopter and dive team
- Raymond Roberts (Double R): Look at the safety liability of a promoter. Canopy boats go too fast for the Poker Run safety boats to help them out
- Tres Martin (Tres Martin's Performance Boat School): Take lids off of canopies and no seatbelts
- Eric Colby (PRA Editor): Is anyone other than the driver required to know how to drive the boat should there be an emergency on the boat and the driver can't drive the boat?

- Brian Ross (Ross' Offshore Performance Center): Schools should offer "companion training"
- Stu Jones (FPBC): Reward those with boat training (possible discount).
- Bob Barnhart: At larger Poker Runs have separate meetings for 1st time poker runners
- Dave Patnaude (NJPPC): Make changes slowly. "Strongly recommend" changes that are not yet rules.
- Brian Ross: to promote safety, everyone in the boat with a lifejacket on gets an extra card.
- Peter Stevenson (Lake Hartwell Poker Run): at their poker runs they have 30 safety vessels with inspectors that give out extra cards to good safe vessels and passengers. Three out of five years the bonus card won the hand.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Perception of our sport

- Skip Braver (Cigarette): The concept of Poker Runs as race in the eyes of insurance companies will kill the industry. We must change the perception of Poker Runs as not a race. Perhaps change the schedule of Poker Runs and make it a full day event, not a schedule day. Cigarette will only support licensed Poker Runs with insurance and APRA adopted rules.
- Tony Esposito (Custom Marine): Perception starts with the perception amongst ourselves that we portray. Custom Marine will not attend or sponsor any unsafe events
- Dave Dickerson (NMMA): when the general public starts to get annoyed they start to ban events. We must look at our community and begin there.

Starts

- Terry Sobo (Nor-Tech): Get the race atmosphere out of Poker Runs. The starts could be perceived as a race with the dropping of the green flag. Terry suggests staggered starts of two boats at a time every 30 seconds.
- Stu Jones (Florida Power Boat Club): He has staggered starts and they are very successful. They also have three speed categories at an even flow always in the same directions. Multiple directions can be dangerous. Spacing creates a safer Poker Run.

Rules = Laws

- Tony Esposito (Custom Marine): we need to be aware that any rules adopted by Poker Run Organizers could be adopted as rules set into laws by state
- Dave Dickerson (NMMA): assures that our organization is not big enough or problematic enough to have rules turned into laws. The NMMA has no problem stopping bills
- Bill Beccaro (Legal Advisor): APRA needs to be a united voice to explain to the political process that Poker Runs are just fun.

Disqualification

- Eric Colby (PRA): What does disqualification entail?
- Richard Crowder (PRA): All agree that disqualification is needed but to what extent? For that event only? For all events of the season?
- Eric Colby (PRA Editor): Cut them off of the party and banquet
- Stu Jones (FPBC): Give them a refund, no magazine, photos, videos and let them know that they are not welcomed back

General

- Brian Ross (Ross' Offshore Performance Center): Put skill back into Poker Runs. Make participants plan for the event.
- Dave Patnaude (NJPPC): Predicted log may be an option. We as organizers need to share information nationally. A one warning rule then you're out...need to change bad attitudes or eliminate them
- Tom Conroy (Markel Insurance): There are certain risks as a promoter. Be proactive
- Bill Beccaro (Legal Advisor): Self imposed restrictions is your best safety net
- Reggie Fountain (Fountain): Pace Boats should be the control of the Poker Run and no one should ever pass the Pace Boat at anytime.
- Richard Crowder (PRA): This could cause crowding around pace boats
- Brian Ross (Ross' Offshore Performance Center): Have been a pace boat in the past but now will no longer do it due to the crowding of the pace boat...it is unsafe

11:00 a.m. Meeting Adjourned