

R/C Unlimiteds – New Boat Registration Process

Welcome to R/C Unlimiteds! This document is to assist the new member or an existing member with a new boat. There are several steps that you must complete before you can launch your boat in its first competitive heat. Please complete each step as you make your way from your new boat idea to competition. To assist you with each step, resources are listed. Please use them to make things easier.



INFORM – Read and understand the R/C Unlimiteds Rulebook. Pay particular attention to the Registration process, the scale, and technical rules you will need to follow for your new boat.

Resources: [Rulebook | R/C Unlimiteds](#)



DISCOVER – There are hundreds, if not thousands, of different unlimited hydroplanes you may build and race in R/CU. However, only one version of each hydroplane may race in each of R/CU's three classes. To avoid duplication, each boat is "registered." To find a boat to register or to check out if the one you want is available, check out the R/CU Master Hull rosters.

Resources: [Boats | R/C Unlimiteds](#)



REGISTER -- Register your boat with the R/CU Registrar using the R/C Unlimiteds Boat Registration Application. For any questions, please contact the R/CU Registrar.

Resources: [RCU Registration Form](#), R/CU Registrar, Steve Roman, msteve0351@yahoo.com



BUILD -- If you are building a new boat, make use of the resources listed on the Links page of the R/CU Website. You will have two years from the registration date to complete your boat and have it ready for competition. You will need to pay the tri-annual registration fees as laid out in your Registration Certificate. Familiarize yourself with the R/C Unlimiteds Inspection Form as found on the website.

Resources: [Links | R/C Unlimiteds](#)

[RCU Registration Certificate and Hull Inspection Form](#)



INSURE – Before you can run your boat, you must become a member of the North American Model Boat Association – NAMBA. NAMBA provides insurance for you and the club. R/CU runs the entire pit area as a “hot pit.” In order to be in this area or drive a model boat, you must be a NAMBA member in good standing.

Resources: [::: The Official Site of the North American Model Boat Association :::](http://www.namba.org)



INSPECTION -- Your boat is now complete and ready to hit the water. Contact the R/C Unlimiteds Inspector to arrange to have your boat inspected. This will usually occur at a R/CU race. However, a mutual inspection time and inspector may be arranged by the R/CU Inspector. Should you have any issues that need fixing, complete them and re-submit for inspection.

Resources: [RCU Registration Certificate and Hull Inspection Form](#)

R/CU Inspector, Jim Whyte, jimz7d@gmail.com



QUALIFY – In order to participate in an R/CU race, both you AND the boat must qualify. This is a one-time process for the driver and each new boat. Driver – To qualify as a driver in R/CU, the person must complete a verbal and driving test. To pass the driving test, you must demonstrate you have control of the boat and complete basic maneuvers encountered in a race. This may include a practice start sequence. Boat – To qualify the new boat, it must complete five consecutive laps around a standard R/CU course. All qualifications must be witnessed and approved by a current R/CU Board Member. No video qualifications will be allowed. Please note – There are NO driver or boat qualifications on race day. Please arrange for qualification attempts prior to race day.

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RACE – You are now ready to race in R/CU. Please bring your NAMBA card, completed Inspection Form and this completed checklist to the registration desk on race day. Pay your entry fee and get ready for your first heat. If you are a new driver, please make sure you have an experienced veteran as a co-driver.

Please make sure to keep your completed Inspection Form in a safe place. Should you ever decide to sell your boat, this will be important documentation for the new owner. Once this list is completed, your boat will be moved from Developmental Status to Competition Status.