

## From The Board

Here it is, mid February and R/C Unlimiteds are pretty much ready to go for the 2026 Season. This season will be unlike other seasons with the NAMBA Nationals being held in Tri-Cities in July. More on that later.

If you get the chance, get to the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am for the Roger Newton R/C Show. This is a great opportunity to catch up with racing friends, see the latest new boats for 2026, and do some serious bench racing.

The club goes into 2026 in a very strong position financially and with the number of boats in the club. Registrar, Steve Roman, reports that we have 52 Nitro Boats registered, 49 FE Boats and 35 gassers for a total of 136 competition and developmental boats. We continue to be the largest Scale R/C Club in the world. If you have a new boat for 2026, please contact our inspector, Jim Whyte to schedule your pre-competition inspection.

Race Coordinator, Joey Caines is reporting all sites are ready to go for 2026. We are adding a new race site at Wallace Pond in Toledo. The site offers several opportunities for course set up and it looks like a great site. We are back at Fiorito Ponds in August for our late summer Ellensburg race. Also returning is the double header at Irene Rinehart in Ellensburg in mid June. Check out the website for all of the details. Start making your reservations today. Especially for the double header as that is graduation weekend in Ellensburg.

We kick off at Finley the weekend of April 11-12<sup>th</sup>. Following testing on Saturday, we kick off the season with the 2025 R/C Unlimiteds Awards Banquet. We will be back at Clover Island Sign ups will begin on the website soon. Please plan for this evening of food, fun, auction, entertainment and awards.

The big addition to 2026 is the NAMBA Nationals coming to Tri-Cities in July. This is shaping up to be a huge event that you won't want to miss. We will be talking more about the Nationals leading up to the event, but here are the key things you need to know.

- Set up and testing will be Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Racing from Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>
- 1/10<sup>th</sup> Scale events on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>
- 1/8<sup>th</sup> Scale nitro, 1/18<sup>th</sup> Scale FE, and GAS events on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Pre-Registration is necessary – YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE. Registration will be open late February to June.

- There will be social events on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.
- We are a host club so we need your help in putting on this event. We will need chase boat operators, and general help in running races. There are eight full days of R/C boat racing on the calendar.
- This is a NAMBA event. Rules will be different! (For example – 6 laps) We will be going over the rules at R/CU races.
- At selected R/CU events prior to the Nationals, we will be running NAMBA rules in order to practice.
- We will be opening Saturday practice at R/CU races to other classes. If you have a Sport 40 sitting around and you want to get it ready for the National, bring it to Saturday practice. We want as much RCU participation in all classes.
- There is a lot of R/C gear up for raffle. There will be merchandise for purchase. A lot going on.
- Go to the NAMBA Nationals Website for further details. [Namba Nationals](#)

Now is time to get to the boat shop and get things ready to go for April. It's going to be a great season. We want to see all of you racing throughout the summer.

Your R/CU Board