

## **What model year Towboats can we use in 2016?**

**Class C tournaments may use 2016, 2015, 2014, or 2013 Approved towboats** (current and three years prior). For any boat 2016 and earlier, the manufacturer must also have a boat on the approved list for 2016. In cases where dual boats are required, both boats must be the same model and year.

**Record Capability (Class E,L,R) tournaments must use a current year 2016 USA-WS Approved boat or a prior year 2015 USA-WS Approved boat.** In cases where dual boats are required, both boats must be the same model and year.

Following the 2016 National Championships, a 2017 model year towboat may be used in tournaments (between the Nationals and the boat tests) where the boat is unchanged from the 2016 model; or in the case of a manufacturer that tows the 2016 Nationals, where the new model is intended to replace a manufacturer's current boat.

On an exception basis for individual boats only, a request may be made to the Chair(s) of the Towboat Committee requesting the use of a 2017 unchanged boat prior to the Nationals. (Rationale – allows a promotional boat owner to sell a current year boat in early to mid- season and take delivery of an unchanged new model year boat and still meet tournament commitments.)

### **Exceptions for Use – Approved Tournament Towboat**

a) Exceptions for use of any other boat not on the “approved list” may be made by the Chair(s) of the AWSA Towboat Committee. The boat shall be considered an “Approved USA-WS Tournament Towboat” for that event.

b) Older Boats – If there are not sufficient numbers of approved boats available in an area for use, the LOC may apply to their Regional AWSA Towboat Committee member (or Chair of the AWSA Towboat Committee) for use an OLDER model year towboat. Consideration will be given to the condition of the boat, speed control system and version of speed control software in the boat.