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Standard Practice for Special Requirements for Bumper Boats¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice establishes criteria for the design, manufacture, and operations of bumper boats. These are boats used to bump into each other intentionally as directed by drivers as a form of entertainment. Boats are fitted with an inflatable or impact attenuating device to allow for such bumping.

1.2 This practice follows Practices **F 1193** and **F 770** as the basic level of safety for bumper boats. These practices shall be followed for all bumper boats under this practice. This practice shall include all modifications, improvements, and deviations to design, quality, manufacture, construction, ownership, operation, inspection, and maintenance of a bumper boat

1.3 This practice does not apply to personal watercraft, human powered watercraft, or watercraft used for general purposes by private owners.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

F 770 Practice for Ownership and Operation of Amusement Rides and Devices

F 853 Practice for Maintenance Procedures for Amusement Rides and Devices

F 1159 Practice for Design and Manufacture of Patron Directed, Artificial Climbing Walls, Dry Slide, Coin Operated and Purposeful Water Immersion Amusement Rides and Devices and Air-Supported Structures

F 1193 Practice for Quality, Manufacture, and Construction of Amusement Rides and Devices

2.2 *NFPA Standards:*³

National Fire and Protection Association Standards

3. Significance and Use

3.1 The purpose of this practice is to delineate information and to establish procedures for the operation of a bumper boat amusement ride.

3.2 The device is a single craft, unattached to other craft or common frame system. It is non-human powered without connection to a common energy source. It is driver controlled with respect to acceleration, speed, and steering.

4. Design Requirements

4.1 Throttle/power controls shall return automatically to stop or slow speed when released.

4.2 All battery powered units will provide adequate ventilation to battery compartment.

4.3 Any moving drive component (that is, propellers, impellers) must be guarded on all sides, whenever ride is in operation. Openings of the guard shall be no larger in diameter or width than 0.625 in. (15.87 mm).

4.4 Throttle/power controls shall be located in such a manner as to prevent accidental activation during loading or unloading of boat.

5. Quality, Manufacture, and Construction Requirements

5.1 Quality, manufacture, and construction shall be in accordance with in Practices **F 1193** and **F 1159**.

6. Ownership and Operation Requirements

6.1 Ownership and operation requirements for this practice are outlined in Practice **F 770**. The items below are requirements in addition to Practice **F 770**.

6.2 Bumper boats may be equipped with heat shields and guards that must be in place and in proper working condition whenever ride is in operation.

6.3 Water quality in the ride pond shall conform to local or applicable ASTM standards, or both.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ Available from National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471, http://www.nfpa.org.