



# gazette

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It's mid- August, and it's time for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual running of the *A Roar of Thunder* regatta in Aurora, Indiana. This event is two weeks ahead of the next Superleague race – the OPC Nationals in Kankakee. So if you are searching for fast fun with a great crowd of wonderful fans – estimated 40,000 spectators - lining the



riverbanks, you've got to be in Aurora, Indiana. The Aurora Riverfront Beautification Committee continues to work diligently and their improvements to Lesko Park are incredible. ARB works throughout the year to bring Superleague to

their community; The Dearborn County Convention and Visitors Bureau works behind the scenes, making sure that the event receives plenty of media and promotional support and of course, the races could not happen without the continuing help from the City of Aurora, the mayor and the event sponsors.

Registration and safety inspection will start on Friday, August 17 from 1 pm to 6 pm in the cold pit area. Please read the Gazette information carefully. Call us if you have questions, but remember our office hours - Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (eastern daylight savings time). Pre-registration for this event is a must. Credentials and safety inspection will be available at the race site on Friday so that you can be on the water and testing on time Saturday morning. Check-in and safety inspection will continue Saturday morning. Powerboat racing is the main event and the reason for this popular summertime festival. We know that all of you, from the drivers to the team members, will give fans an exciting series of time trials, qualifying heats and a heart-stopping finals; a spectacular weekend of Superleague racing. Detailed information -- everything that you need to know about racing at Lesko Park in historic downtown Aurora, Indiana during the 14<sup>th</sup> annual *A Roar of Thunder* regatta is included throughout this Gazette. Get ready to **CRANK IT UP** with Powerboat Superleague in Dearborn County, Indiana.

## Site Logistics

**DATES: AUGUST 18-19, 2012**  
This is a two-day event, with Friday, August 17 reserved for race check-in and safety inspection. We will hold registration and start issuing credentials at 1 pm in the cold pit area on Friday;



safety inspection will begin at the same time and in the same place. Saturday and Sunday are race days with testing in the morning on Saturday.

**Please remember the following: everyone, including children in the designated race areas must sign the APBA waiver and release form and everyone must wear the wristband on their wrist. Without this identification, you will be asked to leave the restricted area.**



**LOCATION:** Race site is in downtown Aurora, Indiana at Lesko Park (huge improvements) on the highway to the casino at Rising Sun.

**BODY OF WATER:** The Ohio River is fresh water and used by commercial traffic. It is a federal waterway and there will be Coast Guard breaks.

**SANCTIONING BODIES:** This event is sanctioned and insured by APBA. It

is a Powerboat Superleague event for Formula Two/SST 120 and SST 200 and Formula Three/SST 60. It is the venue for the APBA Central Divisional Championships for SST 60 with APBA bonus points. In accordance with the current APBA/OPC rulebook: SST 120, SST 200 and SST 60 are scheduled to race.

**LAUNCH:** by boat ramp in a restricted area – remember to bring your slings for weighing. This is a large ramp and very easy to use

**PIT AREA:** Cold pit area is divided between the Highway (closed during racing hours), and two parking lots; all areas are paved. There are restroom facilities in the parking lot areas. Festival grounds contain restroom facilities and food concessions. Rigs parked on the highway must move on Saturday night. Check-in area, by the Lion's Club, on Friday will be open at 1 pm. If you park prior to clearance with Superleague officials, you may be asked to move. We must be able to accommodate all rigs in both classes - and that requires careful planning and cooperation from every team – there is room but we do need to follow the plan. We have specific areas for specific rigs – make no assumptions about parking.

## **Registration**

**YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT.** Powerboat Superleague will accept entry blanks via fax or mail and e-mail. Check for entry fee does not have to accompany your entry, however, you must be a Powerboat Superleague member (paid, 2012 member) to qualify for entry fee discount – you do not need to be a Superleague member to race any Superleague event. Membership forms are available through APR Events Group office. **All entries must be received by close of business (5pm) Tuesday, August 14, 2012.** We will not be in the office to receive mail or faxes after that date. If we do not have your entry blank prior to on-site registration, a \$25 late fee

will be charged. **(The office operates on Eastern Daylight Savings Time.)**

We ask for your cooperation; all of the necessary paperwork, planning, coordination and tow money computations must be completed prior to leaving the office for the event. **SEND RACE**



**ENTRY TO:**

APR EVENTS GROUP, P. O. BOX 539, NEW MARTINSVILLE, WV 26155. Or fax to: 304.455.0027 or E-mail entry information to: [samwiner3@gmail.com](mailto:samwiner3@gmail.com) or [sherron@aprsuperleague.com](mailto:sherron@aprsuperleague.com)

**ENTRY FEES FOR THIS EVENT:**

Formula Two (SST 120/SST

200)....**\$145 for APR members** ... \$195 for non-members.

Formula Three.... **\$ 95 for APR members** ... \$145 for non-members

**Insurance Surcharge \$20 for all entries.**

## **Course and Format**



**Bald Spot Sports**  
Perry Industrial Park  
4035 Perry Blvd.  
Whitestown, IN 46075  
Toll-Free 1.877.BSS.SEAT

Course will be approximately 32 - 34 seconds for Formula Two and Formula Three. The F3 class will run a shorter course.

TYPE: rectangular (oval), using pillow buoys to make the turns, entrance and finish line. Course is non-surveyed and not approved for records.

DISTANCE: We have planned the following: F-2 will run time trials plus 15-lap qualifiers; final will be 30 laps. Formula Three will run time trials, 10 lap qualifiers and a 20-lap final.

## **Money-Money**

**TOW MONEY** – we will continue to pay the **\$0.26/per mile to Superleague members**. This amount is based on one-way mileage to the race site, using Microsoft Streets and Trips and is paid to all Formula Two and Formula Three Superleague members not under contract for this event. Drivers under contract will receive stated contractual amount. **Tow money is paid to Superleague members only.**

<b>FORMULA THREE PRIZE MONEY</b>		
1 .....	\$800	2.....\$ 500
		3.....\$ 300
	4 <sup>th</sup> place through 10 <sup>th</sup> place.....\$ 175	
	11 <sup>th</sup> place through last place.....\$ 50	

## FORMULA TWO PRIZE MONEY

Based on turnout per class for first 6 places  
models for payout can be found at the end of this Gazette  
7<sup>th</sup> place through last place.....\$ 100 - \$80 (see payout schedule at the end of this Gazette)

NOTE: you must start the final in order to be eligible to receive prize money

**TROPHIES** will be awarded to the first three places in all three classes.

**POINTS** – APBA points, per APBA rule book, will be awarded including the Divisional bonus points as well as Superleague points. Note: Prize money is paid on the results of the finals in all three classes. Superleague points include points for qualifying as well as points for the final. **IMPORTANT SCORING NOTE – per APBA Rule Book, we will schedule both SST 120 and SST 200 and race them as Formula Two. These classes will run together but be scored and paid separately.**

## ***Schedule***

Following is the proposed schedule – may be changed if conditions warrant

**PLEASE PRINT THIS OUT AND BRING IT WITH YOU**

### ***FRIDAY, August 17***

1pm - 6 pm – check-in, credentials and safety inspection in the cold pits  
5-6 pm – capsule training– please let us know if you plan to take the training

### ***SATURDAY, August 18***

8 – 8:30 am – credentials – cold pit area  
safety inspection in pits  
9 am – drivers' briefing/cold pit area  
10:30 am – noon – testing  
1-6 pm – time trials, qualifying rounds  
evening – Team Hospitality sponsored by the  
race committee and Superleague

### ***SUNDAY, August 19***

9:30 AM – Chapel Service  
10:00 am – drivers' briefing/cold pit area  
10:30 am – 11 am – testing by appointment only  
1-5 pm – last qualifying rounds followed by  
Championship Finals

Autograph sessions are scheduled at the conclusion of each championship  
final - **Bring Your Sharpies!**

Awards presentation to follow each final at the Dearborn Co. Tourism tent –  
note: drivers not preparing for a final race should attend the fanfare and

awards presentation to sign additional autographs  
Awards Presentation following each final as described during drivers' briefing

notes: Drivers' Briefing is mandatory. Drivers not in attendance when role is called will be fined. Prize checks will be available at the conclusion of tech inspection in the inspection tent/area

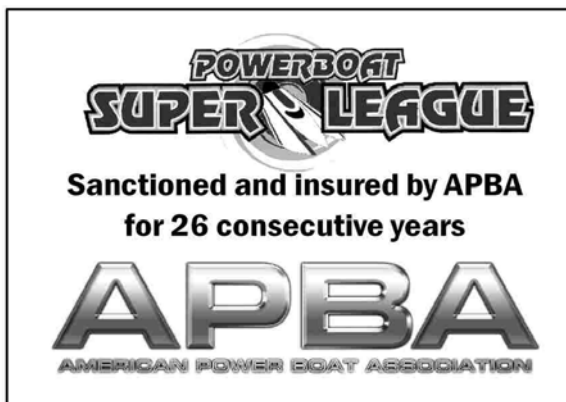
## **Fuel**

**IMPORTANT - FUEL STATEMENT -** We understand that that any racing fuel is very expensive. Therefore, we will no longer mandate any specific fuel. However, VP Racing fuels remain the spec fuel for setting fuel testing devices.

## **2012 Superleague Rules**

The 2012 Powerboat Superleague Racing rules, High-Points Calculation/Regulations and Yellow Card System have been posted to the Superleague web site. If you are not a member and do not plan to join Superleague (and that's OK) keep in mind that you must still comply with our racing rules. Remember we use the current APBA and OPC general rules, racing rules and safety rules – the Superleague and yellow card rules strengthen existing APBA regulations. Our high-point computations cover only series high-points and are not used to determine the finish of any heat or final. APBA scoring rules are followed to the letter when we determine the position

of drivers: 1) if a heat must be restarted 2) to determine positions at the conclusion of each heat/final and 3) to compute the overall score/position when combining two or more groups. **Please read your 2012 APBA/OPC general rules, racing rules and safety rules. Keep in mind that there is a new safety rule covering helmets – if you do not meet this rule you will not be able to race.** This is particularly important if you are going to protest a call. Have the current rulebook, the rule involved and your driver's representative with you when discussing your problem with the referee or any member of the race committee.



## **Important Notices**

**HOSPITALITY -** The Aurora Thunder Committee has planned a dinner for all of us –drivers, team members and their

families - on Saturday evening. They are supplying the meat and beer, Sam and Sherron are providing the extras. Please take the time to stop by and say hello even if you are not planning on staying. You have no idea how much your simple "thank you and hi" means. They have invested time, money and plenty of sweat equity to bring racing to their community. Details, for the dinner will be announced during the drivers' briefing on Saturday morning.

**AUTOGRAPH SESSIONS** - Be prepared to sign autographs. On Sunday we encourage all available drivers to come to the tourism tent throughout the day and sign autographs. **Bring a sharpie marking pen.** If you don't have photo cards we will have index cards available for your use. Don't disappoint them, please find some time to make an appearance.

## ***Accommodations***

The Riverside Inn on US Rt. 50 West is our host hotel for this event. The Riverside is conveniently located just minutes from the race site and across from the Hollywood Casino with a continental breakfast and plenty of parking for rigs. A room block has been reserved for teams; **the group room rate is \$75/Double.** To reserve your room, call 812-537-4441. You must mention *A Roar of Thunder* to access the group rate. **Directions:** Take I-275 to Lawrenceburg, IN exit (also exit for casinos/RT. 50 west), turn left at the end of the ramp - hotel is approximately 1 mile on your right. There are restaurants at this exit.



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## ***OPC Driving School***

Want to get your friends and family in a race boat? Do you know someone that is thinking about racing? The OPC category and the Aurora race site will give adults (18 and over) an opportunity to experience first-hand what life in a tunnel boat is like during the OPC driving school conducted, sanctioned and insured by APBA. The school runs from Friday through Sunday and covers classroom instruction, capsule training and an on-water driving experience in a tunnel boat; cost is \$250 per student. For details or to register please



contact the Superleague office (304.455.2049) or Adam Allen, OPC chairman via email at [adamopchair@gmail.com](mailto:adamopchair@gmail.com).

### Formula 2 Payout Plan

based on % of turnout per class (using a model of 12 boats total and \$4000) plus paying back seventh through finish in either class \$100 except when there is a 75%/25% split in which case payout is \$80 from 4<sup>th</sup> to last

<u>50% each class</u>		<u>58% (7)</u>		<u>42% (5)</u>			
1	\$750	1	\$870	1	\$620		
2	\$500	2	\$580	2	\$420		
3	\$300	3	\$348	3	\$252		
4	\$150	4	\$174	4	\$126		
5	\$150	5	\$174	5	\$126		
<u>67%(8)</u>		<u>33% (4)</u>		<u>75%</u>		<u>25% (3)</u>	
1	\$1005	1	\$495	1	\$1125	1	\$375
2	\$670	2	\$330	2	\$750	2	\$250
3	\$402	3	\$198	3	\$450	3	\$150
4	\$201	4	\$100	4	\$225	4	\$80
5	\$201	5	\$100	5	\$225	5	\$80
6	\$201	6	\$100	6	\$225	6	\$80

### NEED TO CALL, FAX, OR E-MAIL US ?

Remember our office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday  
(eastern daylight savings time).

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