

POWERBOAT SUPER LEAGUE *gazette*

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Welcome to the start of the 2014 Powerboat Superleague racing season. We're opening in LaGrange, Georgia, a recreation destination with a city full of history and southern charm. It's a great place to visit, with plenty of space to play and of course – race. This event is coordinated and presented by



The premier edition of the LAGRANGE POWERBOAT GRAND PRIX is going to be one of your favorites and there's plenty at stake: regular points, APBA points and of course money – both tow and prize. If you are searching for fast fun with a great crowd of wonderful fans lining the shoreline of Pyne Road Recreational Park at West Point Lake, you've got to be in LaGrange, Georgia for the inaugural race May 9-11. Since this is a lake not a commercial waterway we are able to schedule testing on Friday, May 9 in the afternoon along with on site check-in and safety inspection.

Capsule training will be provided at this event on Friday, May 9 after testing, around 6:30 PM. Please schedule your capsule training before you arrive in LaGrange



Registration and safety inspection will start on Friday, from 1 pm to 6 pm in the cold pit area in conjunction with insured testing and then followed by a street fair in historic downtown LaGrange. 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. Check-in and safety inspection will continue Saturday morning. Powerboat racing

is not just the main event, we are the event so 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 Pyne Road Recreational Park at West Point Lake during the inaugural edition of the LAGRANGE POWERBOAT GRAND PRIX regatta is included throughout this Gazette. Get ready to CRANK IT UP with Powerboat Superleague in LaGrange!

Site Logistics

DATES: MAY 9 - 11 This is a two-day racing event, with Friday reserved for race check-in, safety inspection and testing. We will hold registration and start issuing credentials at 1 pm in the cold pit area at the park. Safety inspection will begin at the same time and in the same place. Saturday and Sunday are race days with additional testing in the morning on Saturday.

Please remember: everyone, including children in the designated race restricted 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 at Pyne Road Recreational Park at West Point Lake in LaGrange, GA.

BODY OF WATER: West Point is a US Army Corps of Engineers lake and facility, fresh water and used by pleasure craft traffic. There will not be Coast Guard breaks.

SANCTIONING BODIES: This event is sanctioned and insured by APBA. It is a Powerboat Superleague event for OPC category: Formula Two will include: SST 120, SST 200 and local Sport class, Formula Three/SST 60 and Inboard category: Grand National Hydro, National Modified Hydro, 5 Litre. **This is the Region 14 Championship race for all classes.**

LAUNCH: by existing boat ramp adjacent to race course for OPC and by crane in a restricted area for Inboard. remember to bring your slings and make sure that they are up to date to hold the weight of your boat.

PIT AREA: Cold pit area is the parking lot adjacent to the launch ramp and other designated areas as necessary. There are restroom facilities in the park. Festival grounds contain restroom facilities and food concessions. Check-in area 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 all classes - and that

requires careful planning and cooperation from every team – there is plenty of room but we do need to follow the plan to make the race program flow smoothly.

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, 2014 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 on line at the Superleague web site in the Membership Gazette or through APR Events Group office.

All entries must be received by close of business (5pm) Monday, May 5, 2014. 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 or 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

PROP members and SPORT members will be given the discounted entry fee

Inboard Entry fee: \$45 for the weekend and this includes the \$20 Inboard fee

Course and Format

Course will be approximately 32 - 34 seconds for Formula Two and Formula Three. The F3 class will run a shorter course. Inboard classes will run a 1 1/3 – 1 2/3 miles track.

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. Inboard classes will run the MACH format.

Money-Money

TOW MONEY - NEW - TOW MONEY HAS BEEN INCREASED TO \$0.30/MILE. 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. Entry must start the event in order to qualify for tow money.

FORMULA THREE PRIZE MONEY

All F3/SST 60 entries will receive \$350 each. Driver must start final in order to receive prize money

FORMULA TWO PRIZE MONEY

Places 1 through 12 will receive \$500 each. Places 13 to end will receive \$150. Driver must start final in order to receive prize money.

INBOARD CLASSES PRIZE MONEY

Inboard entries will receive \$200 per boat for the weekend

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TROPHIES will be awarded to the first three places in F2, F3, GNH/NMH and 5 Litre classes.

POINTS – APBA points, per APBA rule book, will be awarded including the Region 14 Championship 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. GNH and NMH will also run as one class on the water. These classes will race together but be scored separately.

Fuel

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Schedule

Following is the proposed schedule – may be changed if conditions warrant
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FRIDAY, May 9

1pm - 6 pm check-in, credentials and safety inspection in the cold pits
3pm – 6 pm testing
6:30 pm capsule training at the hotel; please let us know if you
plan to take the training
evening street fair in historic downtown LaGrange, GA

SATURDAY, May 10

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 for OPC, day one for Inboard

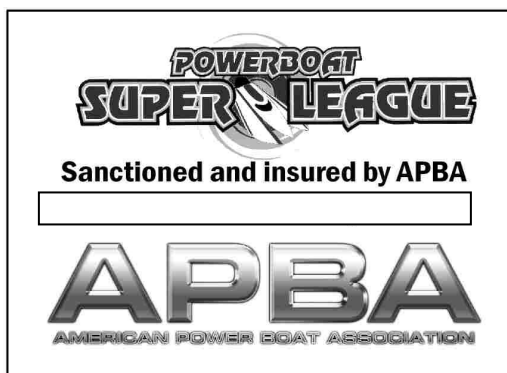
SUNDAY, May 11

9:00 am Chapel Service
9:30 am drivers' briefing/cold pit area
10:30 – 11:30 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. **NOTE:** drivers not preparing for a final race should attend the 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



Television

The local race organizer, through the efforts of Superleague, has contracted to televise this event. The program will air on SportSouth approximately 4-5 weeks post event. **IMPORTANT:** You must wear a clean uniform shirt for head shots and interviews – no tee-shirts, tank tops or other inappropriate attire – if what you are wearing is not suitable for broadcast then you will not be featured. Head shots taken immediately after drivers' briefing.

Important Notices

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.

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Accommodations

2014 Superleague Rules

All 2014 Powerboat Superleague Racing, High-Points Calculation and Yellow Card Rules will be 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 rules. Remember we use the current APBA and OPC general, racing 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 2014 APBA/OPC general rules,**

racing rules and safety rules – they do change from year to year. This is important if you are going to protest a call. Remember to bring your rulebook, the rule reference and your driver's rep with you for a rule discussion with any official.



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