

# POWERBOAT SUPER LEAGUE *gazette*

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It's 2015. It's Florida—the Sunshine State—and it's the start of the 29<sup>th</sup> season for Powerboat Superleague racing. Time for adrenalin-pushing action during the



inaugural Bradenton Area Riverwalk Regatta on Saturday, February 7 with two divisions of F2: SST 120 and SST 200. One race, an explosive event guaranteed to give relief from the winter blahs.

Superleague points, APBA points and **one of 2015's largest purses** for F2 as well as television are available in this high-stakes event.

We are pleased to be a part of this new festival. The cities of Bradenton and

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Palmetto, as well as the producers, recognize the excitement that the Superleague program adds to the overall show - making Superleague racing one of the three activities synonymous with **fast free fun** – the other two are fireworks and music. Read this Gazette carefully; there are changes to the normal Superleague program. Registration will start on Friday in the cold pit area and ill continue on Saturday morning. The drivers' briefing will be held at 9 AM on Saturday, February 7.


Safety inspection will start as soon as we have boats registered. The Bradenton Area Riverwalk Regatta has plenty to see and do when you are not racing including the Family Fun Zone, Zambelli fireworks and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jefferson Starship Tour concert.

**IMPORTANT NEWS: There will be two Superleague F2 Champions in 2015. Points will be maintained for each class – SST 120 and SST 200. At every race, winners will be acknowledged in each class and trophies -- first through third -- will be awarded per class.**

**Pre-registration for this event is a must.** Registration, credentials and safety inspection will begin promptly on Friday. The powerboat race is the cornerstone of this new festival; we know that all of you will give fans a spectacular day of exciting competition. Detailed race information – everything that you need to know about racing in Bradenton, Florida during the inaugural running of the **Bradenton Area Riverwalk Regatta** - is included in this Gazette. Get ready to **CRANK IT UP.**

## **Site Logistics**

**DATES/REGISTRATION TIMES:** **February 7, 2015** This is a one-day event. Race check-in for credentials and safety inspection will be held on Friday afternoon, February 6 from 1 to 5 PM and on Saturday morning starting at 8:00 AM in



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the cold pit area prior to the drivers' briefing. Credentials cannot be issued after the driver's briefing. **Please remember the following: everyone, including children in the designated 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.** Insured testing will be held as the first in-water session, prior to the racing heats – see the schedule.

**LOCATION:** Race site is downtown Bradenton, in the area known as the Riverwalk. The pit area is on the opposite shore in Palmetto at the waterfront. Note that this site is on Eastern Time.

**BODY OF WATER:** The **Manatee River** is a federal waterway and there will be Coast Guard breaks.

## **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, 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) Monday, February 02, 2015.** 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 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) **NOTE: Entry Blank available on the APBA web site.**

### **ENTRY FEES FOR THIS EVENT:**

Formula Two (SST 120/SST 200)....**\$145 for APR Superleague members and \$195 for non-members.** **FREE** entry fee for SST 120 teams that choose to run in the SST 200 race.

## ***Course and Format***

Course will be approximately 32 - 34 seconds; non-surveyed, not approved for records. TYPE: rectangular (oval), using pillow buoys to make the turns, entrance and finish line. DISTANCE: We have planned the following: Each class will run time trials plus two 15-lap heats for the individual class championship/APBA results; based on the overall finish of each class, the results per class will be combined, using APBA rules and scoring directives, to create the grid for the 30-lap final. NOTE: Superleague bonus points awarded, by class for the Florida Championship final.

## ***Money-Money***

Tow money, based on one-way from the race site to your hometown, will be paid to all Superleague member teams. We will pay \$0.30 per mile using Microsoft's Street and Trips.

### **FORMULA TWO PRIZE MONEY**

**Places 1 through 12 will receive \$550 each. Places 13 to end will receive \$150. Driver must start Florida Championship final in order to receive prize money. \$75 bonus for each SST 120 team participating in the SST 200 event.**

**TROPHIES** will be awarded to the first three places in SST 120 and SST 200 in the final.

**POINTS** – APBA points, per APBA rulebook, will be awarded for combined finish in your class heats. Superleague points awarded per series rules – bonus points for final event based on finish in your class.

## ***Fuel***

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## **Television**

This event is being televised by Bright House Networks BHTV) and will be broadcast at a later date. Check their program schedule for dates and times. Bright House Networks LLC is the tenth largest multi-channel video service provider and the sixth largest cable internet provider in the United States with the potential of 9.3 million viewers.

**IMPORTANT:** Be sure to bring and 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.

## **Accommodations**

**ACCOMMODATIONS** - Book early the Regatta room block is filling quickly. The *Days Inn Bradenton* is our host hotel and you must mention Superleague to access the room block. Conveniently located just a few minutes from I-75 and less than 11 miles to the race pit area in Palmetto, the Days Inn offers free continental breakfast, outdoor pool, WiFi Internet access and plenty of free parking for trucks, transporter and trailer parking. Flat Rate for this event is: \$79.95 plus tax prior to January 24. Address is 644 67<sup>th</sup> St. Circle East, Bradenton, FL 34208. Call 941-746-2505 to book your room.

## **Schedule**

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

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

### Friday, FEBRUARY 6

1-5 PM On-site check-in, credentials and safety inspection  
cold pit area – Palmetto Waterfront

### Saturday, FEBRUARY 7

8:00 – 8:30 am – credentials and safety inspection in cold pit  
8:30 am – chapel service/legacy ministry  
9:00 am – drivers' briefing  
11 am – 5pm Testing and Racing for both classes.

Awards Presentation following each final as described during drivers' briefing

notes: **safety inspection will continue after driver's briefing** Drivers' Briefing is mandatory. Drivers not attending will be fined \$50. Prize checks will be available at the conclusion of tech inspection in the inspection tent/area

# Autographs

**AUTOGRAPH SESSIONS** - Be prepared to sign autographs at the end of your final. We encourage all available drivers to come to the fence line and sign autographs. **Bring a sharpie marking pen.** If you don't have photo cards, bring plain index cards. Don't disappoint them, please find some time to make an appearance.

# 2015 Superleague Rules

All 2015 Powerboat Superleague Racing, High-Points Calculation and Yellow Card Rules are 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 2015 APBA/OPC general rules, racing rules and safety rules.** 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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