

It's 2016 and the start of Powerboat Superleague's 30th race season. It's winter and the chance to race in Florida during the second Bradenton Area Riverwalk Regatta should not be missed. It's time for adrenalin-pushing action... It's time!

# Bradenton gazette

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Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 6, set your GPS for Bradenton and Palmetto, Florida, then start your stopwatch –the countdown has begun. Superleague F2 points, APBA points and one of the year's best purse packages are waiting to be claimed.

We are pleased to be a part of an event that packs an impressive media punch, a festival that brought more than 100,000 fans along the shores and across the mile-long bridge in 2015.



The producers and the City of Bradenton recognize the excitement that tunnel boat racing program adds, making the Superleague program an event activity synonymous with **FAST FREE FUN**.

There are changes to our program and changes from the 2015 event program; please read this Gazette for complete information to CRANK IT UP IN BRADENTON with Superleague.

## Site Logistics

**Dates/Registration Times: February 05 - 06, 2016**

This is a one-day racing event with Friday, February 05 reserved for on-site check-in and safety inspection from 1-5 pm. Check-in will continue on Saturday morning at 7 am followed by the drivers' briefing and the mandatory manatee safety guidelines meeting. **Streets will close at 7 am be sure that you and your crew are in place by then.**

**Insured testing will be held as the first in-water session – see the schedule for approximate times.**

**LOCATION:** Race site is downtown Bradenton in the area known as the Riverwalk. The pit area is on the opposite side of the Manatee River in Palmetto at the waterfront. This race site is on Eastern Time.

**BODY OF WATER:** The Manatee River is a federal waterway, it is also an area protected by the endangered wildlife act, please act responsibly and follow all mandated regulations for this event.

## Registration

You must pre-register for this event. Powerboat Superleague will accept entry blanks via fax, mail and/or email. Check for entry fee does not have to accompany your entry. **THERE IS NO MEMBERSHIP FEE HOWEVER YOU DO NEED TO FILL OUT A PROFILE FORM** (available at check-in). All entries must be received by close of business (5pm Eastern Time Zone) on Monday, February 01, 2016. We will not be in the office to receive faxes or mail after this date. A \$25 late fee will be charged for entries received after 02/03/16. We ask your cooperation because all of the necessary race paperwork and planning as well as your tow money checks must be completed prior to leaving our office.

**SEND RACE ENTRY TO:** APR Events Group, po box 539, New Martinsville, WV 26155, **FAX TO:** 304.455.0027 or **EMAIL TO:** [winer.sherron@gmail.com](mailto:winer.sherron@gmail.com)

**ENTRY FEE FOR THIS EVENT IS \$150 (US\$).**

## Course and Format

The course must comply with all insurance guidelines as well as all of the mandated manatee safety protection regulations. Please be sure to follow the protection measures that have been placed by the regulatory agencies.



Race course will be approximately 32-34 seconds; it is non-surveyed and not approved for records. TYPE: rectangular, using pillow buoys to mark turns, entrance and finish. FORMAT: time trials, followed by qualifying heats plus a final. Note that we use APBA rules and scoring guidelines to tabulate all results.

DISTANCE: 15 lap qualifiers and a 30 lap final – subject to change depending on registration and prevailing weather/safety and time/schedule.

# Money - Money

## BRADENTON PAYOUT

First Place ..... \$1,000

Second Place ..... \$800

Third Place ..... \$700

4<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> ..... \$600 each place

11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> ..... \$450 each place

**Keep in mind that in addition to the above prize money each participant receives a tow check at registration.**

**For this event we will pay each entry \$0.50/mile one way from your hometown to the race site based on Google Maps.**

**TROPHIES:** awarded to the first three places

# Accommodations

Holiday I 34240.nn Lakewood Ranch is the race headquarters for the Bradenton event. Located next to the new University Town Center Mall with restaurants nearby, this hotel offers an outdoor pool and spa, an on-site restaurant and room amenities that have made the Holiday Inn brand popular. Room block rate is \$189/night. Call 941.782.4400 to make reservations.



Location: 6231 Lake Osprey Drive, Sarasota, Florida

Contact the Bradenton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau for additional accommodations.

# SCHEDULE

**Note that the schedule may change if conditions warrant**

**Note Two: All internal race activities take place in Palmetto**

**PLEASE READ IMPORTANT INFO – THERE IS A STREET CLOSURE**

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

**1-5 pm On-site check-in, race credentials and safety inspection**

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

**7-8 am On site check-in, race credentials and safety inspection**

**8 am Mandatory meeting for Manatee Protection and**

**Drivers' Briefing followed by chapel**

**10am – 4 pm On water segments as detailed during briefing**

If necessary, safety inspection will continue after drivers' briefing. Drivers not attending the mandatory meeting with wildlife biologists will not be permitted to race. Prize checks will be available at the conclusion of tech inspection in the pit area.

## *Important Info*

The race producers have asked us to share the following information – this is critical to your participation. "Last year Riverside Drive was not closed. Due to the amount of people expected for the water events and concerts scheduled in Palmetto, the Palmetto Police Department and their Safety Director have decided to close the road for the entire day from 7 am to the completion of the event for pedestrian safety. They are adamant about the 7 am deadline; no vehicles will be permitted on Riverside Drive after 7 am. No one will be permitted on Riverside Drive after 7 am. No exceptions. Only race-related personnel vehicles will be permitted to park in the pit area."

**FUEL: After multiple discussions, we will retain our current fuel policy.** We will not mandate any specific fuel, VP Racing fuels remain the spec fuel for setting the fuel testing devices. There are web sites that list local availability for fuels that will pass the current fuel test. **Fuel testing is always available on-site, simply ask the inspector to test your fuel. We suggest that this be done prior to racing.**

**Television** This event is being televised by Bright House Networks (BHTV) and will be broadcast at a later date. Check their program guide for scheduled dates and times. Bright House is the tenth largest multi-channel video service provider and the sixth largest cable Internet provider in the US with the potential to reach 9.3 million. Make sure you have a clean uniform or team shirt handy for head shots and interviews.

**Need to CALL, FAX or EMAIL US?** Please remember that our office hours are 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

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**Did you realize that there is a 60% increase in tow money for Bradenton and the prize money has been redistributed? We asked for additional money, the site listened. The increase goes directly to you.**