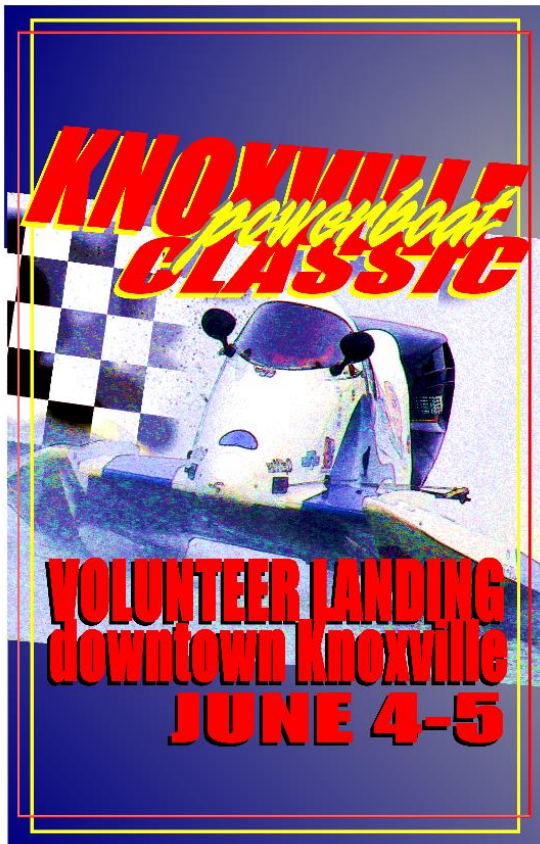




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**KNOXVILLE EDITION Vol. 30
#3**



Hello Knoxville, Tennessee! It's good to be back in a dynamic vacation destination; the gateway to the Smoky Mountains. It's a great place to visit and a great place to race with an off-street, secure pit area immediately adjacent to the launch ramp and a course designed to showcase each designated class of tunnel boats on the schedule.

KNOXVILLE POWERBOAT CLASSIC is a Superleague favorite and there's plenty at stake with regular Superleague points, Divisional APBA points for all three classes: SST 120, SST 60 and SST 200 and of course money – both tow and prize as well as free oil from our **Championship Choice sponsor AMSOIL**.

Pre-registration for this event is a must in order for us to have your tow checks available when you check in at the race site. Race check-in and safety inspection will start on Friday, from 1 pm to 5 pm in the cold pit area. Check-in and safety inspection will continue Saturday morning. Powerboat racing is one of the signature events for **Visit Knoxville**, 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 Volunteer Landing in downtown Knoxville, Tennessee on the Tennessee River during the KNOXVILLE POWERBOAT CLASSIC regatta is included throughout this Gazette. Please read the 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).

This event is coordinated and presented by **VISIT KNOXVILLE**. They have been working since last year's race to make sure that the date change is positive and they have secured funding to produce another TV show which will be taped by RMG for broadcast on SportSouth.

**Get ready to CRANK IT UP with Powerboat Superleague in
Knoxville!**

SITE LOGISTICS

DATES: JUNE 4-5 This is a two-day racing event, with Friday afternoon, June 3 reserved for race check-in and safety inspection. We will hold registration and start issuing credentials from 1 to 5 pm in the cold pit area at McWherter Park. 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 and by appointment on Sunday.

Please remember: everyone, including children in the designated race restricted areas (including the pit area) 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 areas. Please make sure that your crew/family sign in before 10 am on Saturday and Sunday. We will not be in the pit area to issue credentials after that time.



LOCATION: Race Course is located in front of Volunteer Landing, pit area and launch ramp are located in McWherter Park. **NOTE: Like last year, we are making provisions for shuttles (up to 6-passenger land vehicles) to transport crew from launch to start dock.**

BODY OF WATER: the Tennessee River is fresh water and used by pleasure craft as well as commercial traffic. There may be Coast Guard breaks.

SANCTIONING BODIES: This event is sanctioned and insured by APBA. It is a Powerboat Superleague event for OPC category: SST 60, SST 120, SST 200 and local Sport F1 class are on the approved sanction. This is also a HOTT event. **We want to make it very clear that SST 120 and SST 200, including the Sport F1 class are treated as separate classes.** This is the APBA Southeast Divisional race for SST 120 and SST 60 and SST 200 classes.

LAUNCH: by existing boat ramp upstream from race course. Weighing by crane; remember to bring your slings and make sure that they are up to date to hold the weight of your boat.

PIT AREA: Restricted 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 arrive earlier, do not park permanently** until you have permission from a Superleague official. The area must be able to accommodate all rigs; please be courteous and considerate. 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. **We cannot accommodate extra cars/vehicles in the pit area - your guests must park outside the pit area in marked lots.**

Directions from Volunteer Landing to Pits: head north on Vol. Landing Ln. toward East Hill Ave. Take first right onto E. Hill, take the ramp to TN 71 South. Keep right at fork, follow signs to Riverside Drive; turn right into park.



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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.

All entries must be received by close of business (5pm) Wednesday, June 1, 2016. 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.)**

A Note on Superleague membership: there is no longer a membership fee. All registered race participants receive tow money and all participants pay the same entry fee stated in the Gazette for their class/classes.

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

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ENTRY FEES FOR THIS EVENT:

SST 60 = \$100

SST 120, SST 200, Sport F1 = \$150



COURSE and FORMAT

Course will be a minimum 32-34 seconds for SST 120 and SST 200, SST 60 will race a smaller course. Insurance and Coast Guard parameters limit course size. TYPE: rectangular, 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: SST 120 and SST 200/Sport F1 will run time trials plus 15-lap qualifiers; final will be 30 laps. Formula Three will run time trials, 10 lap qualifier and a 20-lap final. Format subject to change depending on registration and/or prevailing conditions.



MONEY – MONEY!

TOW MONEY for this event is \$0.35/mile based on one-way mileage to the race site, using Microsoft Streets and Trips and is paid to all race participants. Tow money is paid per boat not per entry.

SST 120 PAYOUT SCHEDULE

1 - \$1000, 2 - \$800, 3 - \$700, 4 - \$600, 5 - \$600,

6 through 10 - \$500, 11 to end - \$300

Drivers not starting final but racing in qualifying will receive \$100. Driver must demonstrate to referee and inspector reason for not competing in final to be eligible for stated prize money.

SST 60 PAYOUT SCHEDULE

1 - \$700, 2 - \$500, 3 - \$400, 4 - \$300, 5 - \$300

Places 6 to end will receive \$150

Drivers not starting final but racing in qualifying will receive \$100. Driver must demonstrate to referee and inspector reason for not competing in final to be eligible for stated prize money.

SST 200/Sport F1 PAYOUT SCHEDULE

SST 200 Purse will be paid per HOTT Agreement based on the participation of 9 boats. If there are more than 9 boats, places 10 through last receive \$100.

Drivers not starting final but racing in qualifying will receive \$100. Driver must demonstrate to referee and inspector reason for not competing in final to be eligible for stated prize money.

TROPHIES will be awarded to the first three places in SST 60, SST 120 and SST 200

POINTS – APBA points, per APBA rule book, will be awarded including the Divisional 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.

FUEL

We do not mandate any specific fuel. However, VP Racing fuels remain the spec fuels for our testing devices. As per OPC Rule 5 and has always been our practice, fuel testing is available prior to the start of racing. Just ask the inspector. Visit the web site www.puregas.com for fuel available near our race sites.

TELEVISION

The local race organizer, through the efforts of Superleague, has contracted to televise this event. **RMG will tape and create a program to air on SportSouth** approximately 4-5 weeks post event.

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

We are pleased to announce that the Comfort Inn East (Knoxville) has once again agreed to become the host hotel for Powerboat Superleague. They are offering a \$79 flat rate (one or two bed suite). Please call 865-246-2426 and mention Powerboat Superleague to receive the discounted rate. Complete information is available on our/this web site under race sites and hotels.



Visit their web site for a complete description of amenities and directions. www.comfortsuites.com/hotel-Knoxville-TN486

NEED BOAT STORAGE BETWEEN EVENTS?



Superleague has secured storage for race rigs between the Knoxville race and other events scheduled for two weeks later. Call the office for details and to reserve your spot.



SCHEDULE

The following is the proposed internal schedule, please note that it may change if prevailing conditions warrant.

PLEASE PRINT THIS AND BRING IT WITH YOU

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

1 – 5 PM Check-in, credentials and safety inspection in the pit/launch area at McWherter Park

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

8 – 8:30 am Credentials, check-in and safety inspection – pit area
9 am Drivers' Briefing – pit area
10:30 am – noon Testing – order announced during drivers' briefing
1 – 5 pm Qualifying for all classes (time trial plus heats)
5:30 pm PIZZA PARTY IN THE PITS – sponsored by Superleague (BYOB)

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

9:30 am Chapel Service – pit area
10:00 am Driver's Briefing – pit area
11:30 – 12:30 Testing – please make appointment with Referee
1 – 4 pm Finals for all classes – order announced during drivers' briefing

**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

NOTE: 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/pit area



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

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SUPERLEAGUE RULES

All Powerboat Superleague Racing, High-Points Calculation and Yellow Card Rules are on our Superleague web site. 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 for any reason. **Please read your 2016 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.



**Now... It's Time to GEAR
UP for the KNOXVILLE
COUNTDOWN**

**We'll see YOU in the
WINNER'S CIRCLE**