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Are you ready? It's your last opportunity in 2016 to go fast for a ¼ mile record setting attempt. (Friday only). For OPC SST 60 and SST 120, all J classes, and Inboard SE and GNH, you have a full weekend of racing: two days of APBA and Superleague points. New Martinsville is known for fast water, just ask one of the more than 120 record-holders, and wonderful hospitality. The community wants each of you to feel welcome and we don't want anyone to be bored. Plan on a welcome party at the international Superleague headquarters, a Saturday night gala, a festival with entertainment and activities just for kids. Bring your families and your friends, this town is family-friendly, laid back and as one person remarked: "It shouldn't be legal to have this much fun."



The records portion of the event is open to all classes in the APBA categories: Stock, Mod, Pro, OPC, J, Superlight Tunnels and Special Event, including approved Bass Boats. All record runs are scheduled for Friday except the J classes (we want them in school on Friday). All racing will take place on Saturday and Sunday. **RegattaFest** offers OPC teams regular Superleague points and APBA points for both SST 120 and SST 60, APBA points for everyone and of course, money as well as free oil (OPC classes) 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 morning at 7 am for record runs in the cold pit area (gravel lots adjacent to the library). Race check-in will start at 6 pm on Friday at Superleague headquarters and continue Saturday morning along with safety inspection. Powerboat racing is the signature event for **RegattaFest**, 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/APBA racing. Detailed information -- everything that you need to know about racing on the Ohio River 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).

Get ready to **CRANK IT UP** with Powerboat Superleague in **NEW MARTINSVILLE, WV/DUFFY, OHIO!**

SITE LOGISTICS

DATES: September 23-25 This is a one day records event (Friday -- except J classes) and a two-day racing event (Saturday and Sunday). We will hold registration and start issuing credentials for record runs only at 7 am on Friday morning in the cold pit area (by the library) Race check-in will start at 6 pm on Friday evening at Superleague headquarters (426 Ohio Street). Safety inspection will begin at the same times and in the same places. Saturday and Sunday are race days with limited 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 any on-water activity takes place. We will not be in the pit area to issue credentials after that time.



LOCATION: Race Course is located in downtown New Martinsville, along the waterfront. Pit areas are located in large gravel parking lots accessible from the corner of Jefferson Street and Martin Avenue and on Main Street in Storck parking lot (Inboards).

DIRECTIONS: I-77 N/S take exit 1 (in Marietta, OH) to Rt. 7 North, crossing the bridge at Duffy, Ohio. Take Rt. 2 South following overhead signs for Rt. 2 south to North Street/downtown, turning right at Ace Hardware. Turn left at Witschey's Market on Main and left at first intersection to access pit area

on Jefferson. For Storck lot continue on Main Street, past two intersections, lot will be on your right.

BODY OF WATER: the Ohio River is fresh water and used by pleasure craft as well as commercial traffic. There will 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 and SST 120, as well as the Inboard category SE and GNH and APBA J classes. All are on the approved sanction. APBA categories: Stock, Mod, Pro, OPC, J and Special Events are sanctioned for ¼ mile records (World records are also available)

LAUNCH: by existing boat ramp 3 blocks to the race course for J classes, SST 60, SST 120 and SE. Crane launch for GNH only. 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 areas are two parking lots on Martin Avenue, Inboards on Main Street in Storck Auction parking lot. There will be no on street parking. Please be aware that all race craft must be inside these lots so be polite and do not take up extra real estate. Festival grounds contain restroom facilities and food concessions. **If you arrive early, 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 park all rigs in



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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. However, there is a city parking lot just across the street from the library and the pit area.**



REGISTRATION

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR

will accept entry blanks via fax or mail and e-mail. Check for entry fee does not have to accompany your entry.

THIS EVENT.

Powerboat Superleague

Entry Fee for Records Run is \$35 (total of 6 passes per paid entry)

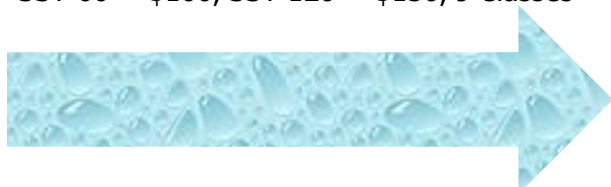
All entries must be received by close of business (5pm) Tuesday, September 20, 2016. We will not be in the office to receive mail or faxes after that date. If we do not have your entry blank prior to on-site registration, a \$25 late fee may be charged. **(The office operates on Eastern Daylight Savings Time.)**

A Note on Superleague membership: there is no longer a membership fee. All registered OPC 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

ENTRY FEES FOR THIS EVENT: (all amounts are the per weekend fee for racing entries)

SST 60 = \$100, SST 120 = \$150, J Classes = \$15, GNH and SE = \$50 plus \$20 Inboard fee



COURSE and FORMAT

RECORDS: record Chute will be defined by markers with sufficient distance to allow boat to come to full speed prior to entering traps. Schedule/order of running announced at drivers' briefing.

RACING: Tunnel Boat Course will be a minimum 32-34 seconds for SST 120; SST 60 will race a smaller course. SE and GNH will race an oval course, distance is approx. 1 mile total. Insurance and Coast Guard parameters limit course size. J classes will race an oval track approx.. 1/2 mile total. TYPE: rectangular/oval, using pillow buoys to make the turns, entrance and finish line. Course is non-surveyed and not approved for records. LeMans (modified) start for OPC classes, GHN, SE and Js will be rolling/flag start.

DISTANCE: We plan to use the standard Superleague format for OPC classes, SE and GNH will race two sets of back-to-back 5 lap heats per day. J classes will race 2 heats per day, number of laps to be determined. Format subject to change depending on registration and/or prevailing conditions.



MONEY – MONEY!

OPC 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 OPC participants. Tow money is paid per boat not per entry.

SST 120 PAYOUT SCHEDULE

1 - \$1000, 2 - \$800, 3 - \$600, 4 - \$500, 5 through 10 - \$400, 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 - \$350, 4 - \$300, 5 - \$250 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.

SE and GNH PAYOUT SCHEDULE

Paid per day based on overall APBA scoring results

Amount per day based on Agreement

J Classes Payout

1 - \$50, 2- \$25, 3 - \$25 paid per class based on overall finish for the weekend

TROPHIES will be awarded to the first three places in all racing classes (Inboard and J classes on overall weekend winner)

POINTS – APBA points, per APBA rule book, will be awarded as well as Superleague points (OPC and SE only). Note: Prize money is paid on the results of the finals in OPC classes and as agreed for the other classes. Superleague points include points for qualifying as well as points for the final.

FUEL

We do not mandate any specific fuel. Visit the web site www.puregas.com for fuel available near our race sites. All classes must follow their specific rules and general racing rules regarding fuel. 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.

ACCOMMODATIONS

We are pleased to announce that there are two new hotels in New Martinsville: the Microtel and the Holiday Inn Express; both located on the north end of town on State Route 2. Both are offering slightly reduced rates for the weekend however, we are in the center of a large frac gas/oil field so rooms go quickly. Please go to www.aprsuperleague.com and click hotel information to see rates and availability of these preferred hotels.





SCHEDULE

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

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FRIDAY, September 23

7 am	Check-in, credentials and safety inspection in the pit/launch area
9 am – 4 pm	Driver's Briefing followed by Record Runs
6 pm	Welcome Party – Superleague Headquarters – 426 Ohio Street, downtown, three houses from fire station

SATURDAY, September 24

7 – 7:45 am	Credentials, check-in and safety inspection – pit area
8 am	Drivers' Briefing – pit area
9:15 am	Record Runs for J Classes and Vintage Unlimited Demo
10:30 am– noon	Testing – order announced during drivers' briefing
1 – 5 pm	Qualifying/racing for all classes (time trial plus heats)
6 pm	Saturday Night Gala hosted by RegattaFest Committee under the Sponsors' tent with plenty of food and beverages. Please make every effort to attend and bring your family and crew.

SUNDAY, September 25

8:30 am	Chapel Service – pit area
9 am	Driver's Briefing – pit area
10:30 – noon	Testing – please make appointment with Referee
12:30 – 4:30 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 ?

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

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Tiger Performance Products returns to the Powerboat Superleague 2016 tour as a championship sponsor offering more than \$1100.00 in product certificates for both F2 and F3.

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vests and body cooling systems including CoolShirts as well as marine hinges and safety latches.

Powerboat Superleague proud to have Tiger Performance Products as a 2016 series Championship Choice sponsor. Their dedication to safety product development as well as customer service gives teams an excellent resource for required racing equipment.

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 and are internal. 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 *REGATTA Fest* COUNTDOWN



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