



# gazette

**New Martinsville/Duffy EDITION Vol. 33 #2**

**Are you ready?** For most of you, this is the last opportunity in the 2019 season to earn bonus APBA points, New Martinsville/Duffy is offering the North American Championships. We are pleased to welcome back the SuperSport class and the Thundercats, we are glad that all of you can join us. New Martinsville is known for fast water, and wonderful hospitality. The community wants each of you to feel welcome and we don't want anyone to be bored. Plan on a Friday evening welcome party with an incredible gift for each driver, a Saturday night dinner, and a festival with entertainment and activities just for kids. Bring your kayaks and paddleboards for a fun run on Sunday morning (point-to-point easy race). Assure your families and your friends, that this town is family-friendly, laid back, and as one person remarked: "It shouldn't be legal to have this much fun."



Racing will take place on Saturday and Sunday, sanctioned and insured testing each morning. **RegattaFest** offers OPC teams regular Superleague points and APBA points for everyone (and bonus points too), and of course, money. For all classes listed on the approved sanction, you have a full weekend of racing.

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 heart-stopping finals, giving fans a spectacular weekend of fast fun. 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).

Pre-registration for this event is a must, and for SST 120 and SST 60 teams, when you send in your entry fee with your registration, you save money. We need to know you are planning to race with us in order to prepare a reasonable race schedule, one that will give everyone an equal opportunity to race, as well as 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.

**Get ready to CRANK IT UP with Powerboat Superleague in  
New Martinsville, WV and Duffy, Ohio!**

# SITE LOGISTICS

**DATES: September 27-29** We will hold registration and start issuing credentials at 1 pm on Friday in the pit area, safety inspection will begin at the same time. Saturday and Sunday are race days.

**Please make sure that your crew/family sign in before 9:30 am on Saturday and Sunday. We will not be in the pit area to issue credentials after that time.**

**LOCATION:** Race Course is in downtown New Martinsville, along the waterfront at RegattaFest Way. Pit area is the large lot next to the community college, accessible from Main Street.

**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 to Main Street, past two intersections; the pit access point will be on your left.

**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; SST 60, SST 120, Super Sport, and Thundercats are on the approved sanction.



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



**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

### Please Notice This



be asked to leave the restricted areas. Please make sure that your crew/family sign in before 9:30 am on Saturday and Sunday. We will not be in the pit area to issue credentials after that time. **\*Children (under the age of 18) must have an APBA waiver and release form signed by their parents/legal guardian, and notarized if parent or legal**

**guardian is not present.** If parents will not be on site, please download the minor release form from the APBA web site, or email Sherron for a copy. Make enough copies so that each child has a form and MAKE SURE THAT THE COPY IS IN COLOR. Bring the completed, **notarized** forms for all kids with you to the race site. IMPORTANT: Do not fold these papers. Hand the forms in at registration and the appropriate wristbands will be issued. This policy allows you to bring grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends to the event. If you have questions, please email Sherron. ([winer.sherron@gmail.com](mailto:winer.sherron@gmail.com)). Remember, only the child's parents/legal guardian can sign their waiver and release form, and each child must be accompanied by a responsible adult while on site.

#### **From APBA: Notification as respects to the off-site Minor Release Waiver authorization**

The following notification is a clarification to the question regarding the off-site signing of Minor Release forms for APBA events brought up at the Insurance Seminar at the 2017 Annual Meeting. Alive Risk has notified us that off-site signing and **notarization of a Minor Release Waiver** is OK, as long as the copy brought to the event is the original. The person at the event in charge of handling the waivers must see that it is not in black and white or photocopied. It must have the original colored ink. Along with this please note that the Minor Release Waiver should not be folded.



## **REGISTRATION**

**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.**



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

Formula Two/SST 120: **Prepaid prior to September 25 = \$125**, Pay at race site = \$150, SST 60: prepaid prior to September 25 = \$85, paid at race site = \$100. SuperSport = \$75

Thundercat entry fees are \$75 for each class entered. Late Fee = plus \$25 to the on-site fee if you have not sent in an entry form.



## **COURSE-FORMAT**

Tunnel Boat Course will be a minimum 32-34 seconds for SST 120, SST 60, SuperSport and Thundercats 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. LeMans (modified) start for all classes.

DISTANCE: We will determine the format based on the number of entries. OPC classes will run a time trial for position in first qualifying heat. Thundercats will race their standard program. As always, this is subject to change depending on prevailing conditions.



## **MONEY – MONEY!**

**TOW MONEY for this event: is \$0.50/mile** based on one-way mileage to the race site for **first 12 prepaid SST 120** entries. **SST 60 is \$0.50/mi. for the first 10 prepaid entries**, we will pay \$0.35/mile, to remaining SST 120 and SST 60 entries. **We will pay all SuperSport and Thundercat entries \$0.50/mile (one-way to race site) tow money.** We use both Microsoft Streets and Trips and Google Maps to calculate tow money. Tow money is paid per boat not per entry.

### **SST 120 PAYOUT SCHEDULE**

**1 - \$1000, 2 - \$800, 3 - \$700, 4 through 10 - \$500, 11 to end - \$350**

**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 - \$500, 2 - \$400, 3 - \$300, 4 - \$300, 5 - \$300, Places 6 to 10 will receive \$200**

**If there are less than 7 boats entered, there will be a 15 % reduction in the prize money.**

### **SuperSport PAYOUT SCHEDULE**

**\$200 to first place, \$50 for second and third**

### **Thundercat PAYOUT SCHEDULE**

**\$300 per boat**

**TROPHIES** will be awarded to the first three places in all classes.

**POINTS** – APBA points, per APBA rule book, will be awarded including the NAC Championship bonus points as well as Superleague points. Note: Prize money is paid on the results of the finals. Superleague points include points for qualifying as well as points for the final, but not time trials.



## FUEL



We do not mandate any specific 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. Visit the web site [www.puregas.com](http://www.puregas.com) for fuel available near our race sites.



## PARTY

The Wetzel County CVB is hosting a welcome reception for all of the teams on Friday evening from 6 – 8 pm. Aaron Hunt, a professional photographer from Pittsburgh will be on hand to take head/shoulder shots of all drivers. He will then combine these shots with action photos of your boats and prepare a presentation piece for each of you. These award-winning portraits will be sent as soon as possible post event. It’s an incredible opportunity and it is FREE.

Please join us for a Superleague RegattaFest Saturday night dinner. A complete meal along with some of your favorite beverages, as well as live entertainment has been scheduled. The dinner will be held under the tent at the “Square on Main” which is across the street from the pit area and adjacent to the Museum. Celebrate 81 years of APBA sanctioned racing in New Martinsville and 34 years of Powerboat Superleague.



## ACCOMMODATIONS

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES is our host hotel for this event. Call 304 455-0033 for reservations and mention New Martinsville Regatta to receive a discounted rate.



Please go to [www.aprsuperleague.com](http://www.aprsuperleague.com) and click hotel information to see other available properties.



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

Remember our office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (eastern time) Phone: 304 455-2049  
Fax: 304.455.0027  
E-Mail: [samwiner3@gmail.com](mailto:samwiner3@gmail.com)



## **THANK YOU**

Please take time during the Saturday night dinner/party to thank all of the local sponsors and volunteers. This dedicated group of community-minded individuals and businesses work year round (it's an all-volunteer group) giving both time and money to make sure that each of you has a great place to race, and they all want you to have fun while you are visiting our area.





# 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, September 27**

1 – 5 pm	Check-in, credentials and safety inspection in the pit area
3:30 – 6 pm	“Picture Me Fast” Photo and autograph session for kids – pit area
6 – 8 pm	Team reception and driver portraits – Wetzel County Museum

## **SATURDAY, September 28**

8 – 8:45 am	Credentials, check-in and safety inspection – pit area
9 am	Drivers’ Briefing – pit area
10 am	Start launching of race boats followed by testing
10:15 am – noon	Testing – schedule announced during briefing
Noon	Mandatory Coast Guard break
12:30 pm	start launch
12:45 – 2 pm	racing following announced schedule from drivers’ briefing
2:30 pm	start launch
2:45 – 5:50 pm	racing
6 pm	Saturday night dinner party for teams, officials and sponsors

## **SUNDAY, September 29**

9:30 am	Chapel Service with guest chaplain Ron Pegram
10 am	Drivers’ Briefing – pit area
11:15 am	Start launching of race boats
11:30 am – noon	Testing – schedule announced during briefing
Noon	Mandatory Coast Guard break
12:30 pm	start launch
12:45 – 4 pm	racing following announced schedule from drivers’ briefing

**Autograph sessions are scheduled after all of the championship finals.  
Bring Your Sharpies!**

Awards presentation to follow the finals.

**NOTE:** Drivers' Briefing is mandatory. Drivers not in attendance when role is called will be fined \$25. Prize checks will be available at the conclusion of tech inspection in the inspection tent/pit area



## **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 2019 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  
REGATTAFEST COUNTDOWN  
We'll see YOU  
in the WINNER'S CIRCLE**

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