



## 2010 Racing Rules

**APBA/OPC General Rules and Racing Rules will apply, with the following exceptions. These exceptions have been submitted to the OPC Commission and are on file with the OPC Chairman.**

1. The Powerboat Superleague circuit/series/organization has the right to conduct an internal high-point competition for Superleague Formula Two (SST 120) and Superleague Formula Three (SST 60). Criteria for internal high-points competition and Superleague Yellow Card System will be made available to all Superleague members.
2. A driver must be a Powerboat Superleague member in order to receive Superleague benefits, including but not limited to an entry fee discount, tow money as designated in the Superleague Drivers' Gazette at Superleague events, and eligibility for participation in year-end points/prize fund.
3. All APBA race-legal entrants will be eligible to receive designated prize money at any event regardless of Superleague membership. (Designated prize money is described in the event's Superleague Drivers' Gazette.)
4. It is mandatory for all SST 120 and SST 60 race participants, regardless of Superleague membership, to have a working two-way radio communication system between driver and designated crew person. Failure to demonstrate system, when requested, will result in: for Superleague members, a warning for the first offence, not being allowed to race for the second offence and a yellow card; for non-members, a \$50 fine shall be levied and a warning for the first offence, no racing for the second offence. The fine shall be collected prior to the start of racing.
5. Powerboat Superleague reserves the right to require all race entrants, regardless of membership, to display provided sponsor decals and to require specific locations for placement. Failure to display decals, when provided, shall result in: for Superleague members a yellow card for each decal; for non-members, a \$50 fine to be collected prior to the start of racing for each decal. Superleague may waive the decal requirement when conditions warrant.
6. Superleague driver/owner failing to correctly display requested provided decals shall not be permitted to participate in the yearend prize fund where there is contingency money and/or prizes from a sponsor's specified decal.
7. All race entrants, regardless of membership, must display a highly visible (APBA rule book specific) one or two-digit number on their race craft for the purpose of computer scoring. Superleague reserves the right to assign numbers to any participant regardless of membership. As a general practice, your assigned APBA number (one or two-digits only) will be used followed by the use of currently held Superleague numbers. All numbers must be cleared through the Superleague office prior to the start of the 2010 racing season. If a driver arrives at a Superleague race without having cleared his/her number through Superleague, and there is a conflict with numbers in the class, the following penalties shall apply: if driver is a Superleague member, one yellow card and the on-site race committee will determine what number will be used for the race; if driver is a non-member a \$50 fine shall be

levied and the on-site race committee shall determine what number shall be used for the race. Fine shall be collected prior to the start of racing. It is the driver's responsibility to have proper and clearly visible numbers and to make the requested changes.

8. Powerboat Superleague has the right to rename APBA classes without loss of APBA points for the drivers/owners. The name of the circuit - Powerboat Superleague – and all circuit developed logos and marks are covered under the current trademark law. Any use of names, terms and/or logos/marks shall constitute a violation of law and shall be reviewed by the trademark attorney for appropriate action. Use of any of the above terms, unless specifically granted by Powerboat Superleague, is an infringement of US copyright laws and proper, legal steps shall be taken.
9. Superleague shall employ an internal yellow card/fine system for correcting driving, inappropriate behavior and sportsmanship situations not specifically covered by the APBA rules. Cards will be given to current Superleague members; fines, up to \$50, will be levied for non-members and collected at the conclusion of the day's racing or at a time convenient for Superleague officials. Certain fines, as designated in the 2010 rules, shall be collected prior to the start of racing. Failure to pay fines will result in a report being sent to APBA Headquarters and participant shall not be permitted to test/compete in future Superleague races until fines are paid in full.
10. A copy of the 2010 Powerboat Superleague rules will be made available to all Superleague members prior to the first event of the 2010 season. A copy of the 2010 rules, high-points computations and yellow card rules shall be available at race check-in at each Superleague event. A copy of the above rules and requirements shall be kept on file with the Chairman of the OPC Commission.
11. **A fuel of the day shall be established for each 2010 Superleague event. It is required for all participants, regardless of membership, to use the stated fuel of the day. The stated fuel of the day is part of the official sanction. Any driver not using the fuel of the day will be disqualified from that day's racing and will forfeit all prizes and points for that day. – Please read (and follow) the 2010 fuel policy at the end of this document.**
12. Any driver hitting/destroying a buoy will be charged a **\$50 fine** payable to designated Superleague staff member at the conclusion of the day's racing. If fine is not paid, driver will not race with Superleague until the fee is paid.
13. Any registered driver failing to appear for roll call for scheduled drivers' briefing/meeting, without prior permission from the chief referee, or failing to notify the scoring staff of intention to scratch from that day's activities shall be fined \$10; fine shall be collected prior to racing. Driver shall not compete until fine is paid.
14. All concession sales by drivers to on-site public must be cleared through the Powerboat Superleague office. Once permission is granted to sell any and all items, teams involved in selling to the public will observe all local and state sales ordinances (for example vendor's license and tax liability) as well as local festival/vendor concession policies and requirements including concession fees.
15. For the purpose of clarification of the above rules, an event is the total time that Powerboat Superleague is on-site at a venue. An event may extend from one day to four or more days. Time period covers registration, safety inspection, testing, racing, and tech inspection.
16. For the purpose of clarification of the above rules, a participant is a Superleague member once 2010 Superleague membership fees have been paid.
17. Powerboat Superleague may amend or make additions to the above rules during the current racing season. If such changes are necessary, the changes, along with the reason for the change, shall be presented in writing to the OPC Chairman. Superleague members shall be notified of change via announcement on the Superleague web site and in the next Superleague Gazette.

# 2010 High-Point Computation

1. Driver/Owner must be a current (2010) member, in good standing, of Powerboat Superleague to enjoy the benefits of Powerboat Superleague membership yearend awards and/or **yearend** purse and prizes. In good standing is defined as member with dues paid in full and all fines, if levied, paid in full.
2. Points will be awarded to the driver or the owner of the boat as stipulated by the team prior to the start of the 2010 racing season. Team can accrue only one set of points – driver or owner. **If the owner drives the boat then the points automatically revert to driver only of the boat.**
3. Each registered driver/owner, in each class, shall receive 10 points at each Superleague race attended.
4. **Qualifying Points will be awarded on the combined results of your qualifying race per group. If two qualifying heats are not raced, then your finish in the heat will be used to calculate the qualifying results or if qualifying heats are not raced, the results of the standings after the completion of the timed laps will be used.**
5. Driver/Owner is awarded finish position based on the number of laps completed and position in relation to the lead boat as well as elapsed time of that heat.
6. Points for qualifying are: 1-50, 2-45, 3-40, 4-35, 5-30, 6-25, 7-20, 8-15, 9-10, 10 through last place shall receive 5.
7. Points will be awarded on the final results of each event as follows: 1-100, 2-85, 3-75, 4-70, 5-65, 6-60, 7-55, 8-50, 9-45, 10-40, 11 through last place – 35.
8. Driver/Owner shall receive one point for each full lap completed in the final event.
9. Bonus Points for participating in the OPC Nationals (if held in Kankakee) shall be awarded to both the F2 and the F3 classes. Points will be calculated in the following manner – 3 points for registration and then using the following system: 10 points – 1<sup>st</sup>, 9 points – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8 points – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 points – 4<sup>th</sup>, 6 points – 5<sup>th</sup>, 5 points – 6<sup>th</sup>, 4 points – 7<sup>th</sup>, 3 points – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2 points – 9<sup>th</sup> and 1 point 10<sup>th</sup> through last place. Bonus points will be awarded in the finals only.
10. Bonus Superleague Points, using the scale as written in High-Point Computation rule 9, **may be awarded at other Superleague events. Notice of such bonus points will be announced in the Superleague drivers' Gazette published prior to the event. (publication may be either on the Superleague web site or in print and sent via USPS or both)**
11. Drivers/Owners that register for a race but fail to check in at on-site registration, without prior notification shall have ten points deducted from their overall total.
12. Drivers/Owners that participate in an event, regardless of class, that is in direct conflict with a scheduled Powerboat Superleague race will have fifteen points deducted from their overall total.
13. Driver/Owner participating in all 2010 Superleague events shall receive 50 bonus points at the end of the year.
14. Any driver/owner accumulating three or more yellow cards in a racing season, even if those cards have expired, will lose five points from their overall point total.
15. All bonus points are awarded at the end of the year.
16. All penalty points are deducted at the end of the year.
17. Class Rookie-of-the-Year, one per class, is awarded to (a) the driver that has not competed with Superleague in that class (participation in class is designated as having raced two or more Superleague events in a single racing season) and finishes highest in the overall point totals for the class.
18. In the event of a tie for a yearend class championship the following shall apply: the driver/owner with the most first place finishes will be declared the champion.

## 2010 Powerboat Superleague Yellow Card Rule

**Purpose and history** – The yellow card system was developed to correct dangerous driving practices and un-sportsmanlike conduct not covered in the APBA rulebooks or under the Superleague racing rules. Our intent is to assist all team members in becoming better participants and to improve the overall safety and quality of Powerboat Superleague racing. Based on systems used in Europe and developed with assistance from Superleague member teams, Powerboat Superleague was the first circuit to recognize that rulebooks cannot cover every situation and that there are often circumstances, if left un-checked, which will lead to larger problems.

1. Yellow cards can be issued to any team member, not just the driver/owner.
2. Yellow cards are given to Superleague drivers/owners for dangerous driving, failure to respond to an official's request and for un-sportsmanlike conduct.
3. When a driver, owner or crewmember's behavior becomes dangerous during a race but does not clearly violate a written rule a yellow card/cards may be issued. Number will be based on the severity of the incident.
4. Driver/Team Owner shall be informed as soon as possible of any yellow cards issued. The Powerboat Superleague office shall keep a private record of all yellow cards issued, **however the reason for giving any or all yellow cards may be announced at the next driver's briefing.**
5. Powerboat Superleague officials/staff are the only persons permitted to issue yellow cards.
6. Driver/Owner is responsible for the behavior of all persons associated with the team/boat at any and all Powerboat Superleague events. Team members, including but not limited to driver, owner, crew members, family members, guests and/or sponsors, behaving in an un-sportsmanlike manner, using improper or profane language, or creating a situation that is deemed unsuitable for the good of the group by the race committee/staff, shall result in the driver/owner receiving yellow cards. Number of cards issued shall be based on the severity of the incident.
7. Certain yellow card violations are described under the 2009 Powerboat Superleague Racing Rules.
8. Improper use of radio system during racing may earn the driver/owner a yellow card.
9. A Superleague official shall inform the driver/owner when yellow card/cards have been issued.
10. A driver/owner accumulating three or more yellow cards within a racing season will have five points deducted from his/her high-point total.
11. A driver/owner accumulating three or more valid yellow cards will start in the least advantageous position for all qualifying events at the next event attended.
12. Yellow cards received by a driver/owner shall remain valid for the three Superleague events during which the driver/owner competes, commencing from the date of issue. This does not eliminate the penalty described in rule 10.
13. Drivers found to be the direct cause of a racing incident/accident, may be issued a yellow card.
14. Drivers that cause a race to stop may, at the discretion of the Race Committee and/or the Chief Referee, receive a yellow card.
15. Any Superleague member receiving an APBA yellow card may be given a Superleague yellow card.
16. Superleague members posting inaccurate information about any APBA member and/or APBA sanctioned club or APBA sanctioned event on any Internet site shall receive a yellow card/cards. Severity of remarks shall determine the number of cards issued.
17. The Superleague staff may amend the yellow card rules.

## **2010 Powerboat Superleague Fuel Policy**

After reviewing all available options and taking into consideration insurance risks, we have developed the following new fuel policy for the 2010-racing season.

1. VP is the spec fuel. (VP Marine and MS 93) This means that the inspector will calibrate the fuel testing equipment to the VP fuel formulas.
2. There will be no minimum amounts required per class.
3. You must purchase/provide your fuel prior to arriving at a Superleague event – it will not be available at the race site.
4. This revised policy clarifies 2010 Superleague Rule #11 covering fuel.