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Are you ready to "crank it up?" It's 2019, Superleague is in Florida -the sunshine state- and with additional racing classes, we are ready to make some noise during the 5th annual Bradenton Area River Regatta. It's winter up north, and the chance to race in Florida should not be missed. It's time for adrenalin-pushing action. It's time for the start of the first heat, on Saturday, February 9. With a stacked race card-SST45, SST 60 and F2/SST 120- it's a one- day, explosive event guaranteed to give relief from the winter blahs. APBA points, and a guaranteed purse plus tow money, as well as television, are available in this high-stakes race. Set your GPS, start your stopwatch – the countdown has begun for points, purse including tow money and prize money.

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We are pleased to be a part of this incredible festival, an event with a powerful media punch, an event that draws more than 100,000 fans to both shores of the Manatee River and across the bridge span. The cities of Bradenton and Palmetto, as well as the producers, recognize the excitement that the Superleague program adds to the overall show - making Superleague racing

music. Read this Gazette carefully; there are changes to the normal Superleague program. Registration will start on Friday afternoon, February 8 in the cold pit area and will continue Saturday morning. The drivers' briefing is at 8 AM on Saturday, February 9. Safety inspection will start as soon as we have boats registered. The Bradenton Area River Regatta has plenty to see and do when you are not racing including the Family Fun Zone, Zambelli fireworks, and live concerts.

Pre-registration for this event is a must. Registration, credentials and safety inspection will begin promptly on Friday. The powerboat race is the cornerstone of the River Regatta; we know that all of you will give fans a spectacular day of exciting competition. Detailed race information – everything that you need to know about racing in Bradenton, Florida during the fourth running of the **Bradenton Area River Regatta** - is included in this Gazette. **Get ready to**



Site Logistics

DATES/REGISTRATION TIMES: February 8-9, 2019 This is a one-day event. Race check-in for credentials and safety inspection begins on Friday afternoon, February 8 from 1 to 5 PM and on Saturday morning starting at 7:30 AM in the cold pit area before the drivers' briefing. We will not issue credentials after the driver's briefing. **Remember the following: everyone, including children in the designated areas, 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 area. Please read the APBA insurance guidelines for bringing children if their parents are not attending the event.** Insured testing will be the first in-water session, before the racing heats.

LOCATION: Race site is downtown Bradenton, in the area known as the Riverwalk. **NEW - The pit area is now in Bradenton, 15th Street West and Manatee Street West (highway 94), about 6 blocks west of the Marriott Hotel.** Note that this site is in the Eastern Time zone.

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 please follow all mandated regulations for this event, including observing all speed restrictions until you reach the designated start dock and race course. Permitting in this area depends on our cooperation.

SANCTIONING BODIES: This event is sanctioned and insured by APBA, SST 60, SST 120, and SST 45 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.

Registration

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT. Powerboat Superleague will accept entry blanks via fax or mail and e-mail. **IF YOU PRE-PAY YOUR ENTRY, THERE IS A DISCOUNT.** However, you can still pay at the race site; there is no Powerboat Superleague membership fee. **All entries, prepaid or unpaid paperwork, must be received by close of business (5 pm), January 21, 2019.** We will not be in the office to receive mail or faxes after that date. If we do not have your entry blank before on-site registration, a \$25 late fee will be charged, and the early paid entry discount will not apply.

We ask for your cooperation; all necessary paperwork, planning, coordination and tow money computations must be completed before leaving the office for the event. **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

NOTE: Entry Blank is available on the APBA web site.

ENTRY FEES FOR THIS EVENT:

Formula 2/SST 120: Prepaid before January 21, 2019 = \$125, Pay at race site = \$150

SST 60: before January 21, 2019 = \$85, paid at race site = \$100

SST 45 prepaid prior to January 21, 2019 = \$85, paid at race site = \$100

Late Fee for all classes = \$25 (without advance paperwork)

For our Canadian teams: if you send us your entry blank before January 21, we will include you as prepaid. We live in a rural area, and our local banks do not accept foreign checks. Just bring your entry fee with you.

Course and Format

The course must comply with all manatee protection zone requirements as well as insurance guidelines. Please make sure that you stay within the permitted area.

TIME: will be approximately 32 - 34 seconds (slightly longer for SST45 and SST 60); non-surveyed, not approved for records.

TYPE: rectangular, using pillow buoys to make the turns, entrance and finish line.

Money-Money

Tow money, based on one-way mileage from the race site to your hometown, is paid to all entries. We calculate mileage using Microsoft's Street and Trips and the address supplied to APBA.

TOW MONEY and PRIZE MONEY

F2/SST120: First twelve prepaid entries will receive tow money calculated on \$0.50/mile, after that the tow money will be \$0.30 per mile

Prize Money Payout Schedule

First Place	\$1,000
Second Place	\$800
Third Place	\$700
4th through 10th	\$500
11th to final position	\$350

SST 60: entries will receive \$0.50 per mile tow money calculated on one-way distance from race to your hometown

Prize Money Payout Schedule

First Place\$500
Second Place \$400
Third Place \$300
4th and 5th \$300
6th to final position \$200

SST 45: entries will receive \$0.50 per mile tow money calculated on one-way distance from race to your hometown

Prize Money Payout Schedule

All places pay \$300

You must start the final to be eligible for prize money; tow money is paid once you have entered the event.

All entries after the first 12 prepaid will receive \$0.30/mile. Note: that the current Superleague champion and the Ironmen are considered prepaid

TROPHIES are awarded to the first three places in all classes.

POINTS – APBA points, per APBA rulebook, will be awarded for the final only. Superleague circuit points awarded for all heats raced, plus registration points.

Fuel

We do not mandate any specific fuel, but your choice must be able to pass the current APBA fuel test. There is a website, www.puregas.com that will give you fuel availability in the Bradenton/Palmetto area.

Television

Spectrum SportsNet is televising this event, and the show will be broadcast later. Check their program schedule for dates and times. Spectrum Sports, formerly Time-Warner Cable Sports is a division of Charter Communications, the second largest service in the United States with the potential of 26 million viewers. Spectrum Sports is also available on Direct TV

IMPORTANT: Be sure to bring and wear a clean uniform shirt for headshots 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.



Schedule



PLEASE PRINT THIS OUT AND BRING IT WITH YOU

Friday, FEBRUARY 8

1-5 PM On-site check-in, credentials and safety inspection cold pit area – **Pits are now located on the Bradenton side of the river, parking lot at 15th Street W and Manatee W (aka highway 94).**

6-8 PM Driver/team party at Mattison's, across the street from the Marriott hotel and close to the pit area. Food plus beer tickets. (tickets included in your on-site race registration packet)

Saturday, FEBRUARY 9

7:30 - 8 AM – credentials and safety inspection in the cold pit

7:30 AM – chapel service/legacy ministry

8:00 AM – drivers' briefing and mandatory manatee protection plan and review.

Note that this is part of the permit process

9:30 – 10:30 am --Launch followed by Testing

11:30 AM – 2 PM --Launch followed by timed laps and qualifying heats*

2:30 – 4:15 PM --Launch followed by the final events

*You cannot refuel at the start dock, please give yourselves sufficient time between end of testing and start of timed laps to refuel on the launch ramp.

Awards Presentation following final as described during drivers' briefing

Notes: safety inspection will continue after driver's briefing Drivers' Briefing is mandatory. Drivers not attending will be fined \$50.

Tow Checks are included in your on-site race registration packet. Prize checks will be available after tech inspection in the inspection tent/area.

Buoy Fine = \$50



Accommodations

ACCOMMODATIONS - The Marriott Hotel in downtown Bradenton is the closest hotel facility –please check our web site for rate and registration information. Their phone number is 941-947-3727 and you must mention Superleague to access the room block and receive the discounted rate. We know that the Marriott may not fit everyone’s budget, therefore, we are listing two websites that you can use to find area rooms that are best for you. Click on either www.mymanatee.org or www.bradentongulfislands.com.

2019 Rules

We are not a recognized APBA/OPC series; however, we will continue to provide a reliable group of professionally conducted races with a champion at the end. The highpoints winner in each of the classes raced will receive gratis entry fees for the following race season. Our Yellow Card Rules and methods of computing internal highpoints are posted to the Superleague web site. Remember we always use the current APBA and OPC general, racing and safety rules. 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: 1) if a heat must be restarted 2) to determine positions of each heat/final and 3) to compute the overall score/position when combining two or more groups. **Please read the most current APBA/OPC general rules, racing rules and safety rules.** Knowing the current rules 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.



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

Remember our office hours are **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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Do You Need Capsule Training?



Capsule training is mandatory for all drivers. Check your APBA membership card for the capsule training expiration date. **We will offer limited training –only for drivers competing in this event; however, you must let us know in advance**, and you must receive permission from the Referee to miss the driver's briefing. The race schedule is very tight, and we are on the water for insured testing at 10 am which means that the safety/rescue unit must be back on site and have the course set by 9:30 am. Last year the cost of the training was set by the Florida rescue team; they receive the money.

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