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Are you ready to "crank it up?" It's 2020 and the start of a new race season. Superleague is in Florida -the sunshine state- and with additional racing classes, we are ready to make some noise during the 6th 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 of the 2020 season on Saturday, February 8. With a stacked race card, it's a one- day, an 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.



We are pleased to be a part of this incredible festival, an event with a powerful media punch, an event that draws more than 250,000 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 the main event of the daylight hours. Read this Gazette carefully. Registration will start on Friday afternoon, February 7, in the cold pit area, and will continue Saturday morning. The drivers' briefing is at 8 AM on Saturday, February 8. Your 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 sixth running of the **Bradenton Area River Regatta** - is included in this Gazette. **Get ready to**



Site Logistics

DATES/REGISTRATION TIMES: February 7-8, 2020 This is a one-day racing event, and a one-day check-in and capsule training opportunity. Race check-in for credentials and safety inspection begins on Friday afternoon, February 7, 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: The race site is located on the Bradenton side of the river, in the area known as the Riverwalk. **The pit area and launch area have returned to Palmetto, at the marina.** The marina address is 1005 Riverside Drive, Palmetto, Florida. 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 racecourse. Permitting in this area depends on our cooperation.

SANCTIONING BODIES: This event is sanctioned and insured by APBA. F-150, SST 120, and Jersey Speed Skiffs are on the approved sanction.

LAUNCH: by existing boat ramp for tunnel boats and by crane for the Skiffs. 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 F2 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 25, 2020.** 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 is charged, and the early paid entry discount will not apply.

We ask for your cooperation; all necessary paperwork, planning, coordination, and tow money computations are 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/F-150: Prepaid before January 26, 2020 = \$125, Pay at race site = \$150

Jersey Speed Skiffs = \$50

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

For our Canadian teams: if you send us your entry blank before January 26, 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 (different configuration for the Jersey Speed Skiffs); 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 distance from the race site to your hometown, is paid to all entries. We calculate mileage using Google Maps and the address supplied to APBA.

TOW MONEY and PRIZE MONEY

F2/SST120/F150: All entries will receive tow money (\$0.50/mile one way)

Prize Money Payout Schedule

All places will be paid equally. First, through final position will receive \$525 each.

You must start the final to be eligible for prize money;

tow money is paid once you have entered the event.

Jersey Speed Skiffs

Tow Money is the same as F2 (\$0.50/mile one way)

Prize Money: 1st - \$1000, 2nd - \$500, 3rd - \$250

\$100 bonus to each Skiff driver participating in 3rd heat

TROPHIES are awarded to the first three places in both 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, with information on 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

Hospitality

The event organizers have arranged a first-class Driver/Team/Staff party for Friday evening at The Grove, known as one of the best



restaurants in the Bradenton area. The restaurant is providing a full buffet dinner plus beer, soft drinks, and iced tea for Superleague teams and staff between 6 and 8 pm. They ask that everyone wear their uniforms. Expect to be introduced to the public and be prepared for the media. The



restaurant is asking that at least four race boats be brought to their location for display by 4:30 on Friday afternoon. It's guaranteed to be fun and a great way to enlarge our fan base. The restaurant address is 10670 Boardwalk Loop. Lakewood Ranch, Florida.

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.

2020 Rules

We are not a recognized APBA/OPC series; however, we will continue to provide a reliable group of professionally conducted races. 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 essential 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. Monday through Friday**
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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 if necessary. 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 to the site and have the course set by 9:30 am. Last year the cost of the training was established by the Florida rescue team; they receive the money.

Schedule



PLEASE PRINT THIS OUT AND BRING IT WITH YOU

Friday, FEBRUARY 7

1-5 PM On-site check-in, credentials and safety inspection cold pit area –

CAPSULE TRAINING

3 pm – Friday and 8 am Saturday

Courtyard Hotel – Bradenton. Please pre-register for this and try to take the required training on Friday. Limited to Bradenton

6-8 PM Driver/team party at The Grove in Lakewood Ranch (see hospitality section for address and dinner information) Full dinner buffet plus beer, uniforms required.

Saturday, FEBRUARY 8

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

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

Note that this is part of the permit process

8:45 am – Chapel Service with Legacy Ministry – Laurie Vidal

10:00 am – noon --Launch followed by F2 Testing

12:30 pm – 2 pm --Launch followed by timed laps and qualifying heats for F2

1:30 – 3 pm --Launch followed by racing heats for Jersey Speed Skiffs

3:30 pm – Launch followed by the final race for F2

4:30 pm – Launch followed by 3rd heat for Jersey Speed Skiffs (if schedule permits)

**We have received permission for in-water refueling at the start dock.
Awards Presentation following final as described during drivers' briefing**

Notes: safety inspection will continue after the 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