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Are you ready to “crank it up?” It’s 2021 and, finally, the opportunity to race in New Martinsville, WV (sanctioned in Duffy, OH). We are ready to make some noise during the 10th annual RegattaFest. It’s time for adrenalin-pushing action. It’s time for the start of the first heat on Saturday, September 25th. With a stacked race card, it’s a two-day, an explosive event with two days of APBA points plus bonus points for the Formula 200 class, and a guaranteed purse plus tow money, 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 family-fun festival, an event with an incredible tradition of APBA sanctioned powerboat racing –going all the way back to 1938. The water is fast, and the area is waiting for the excitement of Superleague racing –it’s our hometown and where the circuit started 35 years ago. Pre-registration for this event is a must, and for Formula 200, SST 120, SST 60, and SST 45 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, September 24th, from 1 pm to 5 pm in the cold pit area. Check-in and safety inspection will continue Saturday morning.



CRANK IT UP

Site Logistics

DATES: September 24-26 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.

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 Riesbeck'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; Formula 200, SST 60, SST 45, and SST 120 are on the approved sanction.

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

LAUNCH: by existing boat ramp. Weighing by bucket truck; 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), September 20.** 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 email entry information to samwiner3@gmail.com

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

ENTRY FEES FOR THIS EVENT:

Formula 200: Prepaid = \$130, Pay at race site = \$155

SST 60 and SST 45: Prepaid = \$90, Pay at race site = \$105

SST 120 no entry fee

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

Course and Format

Course will be a minimum 32-34 seconds for Formula 200 and SST 120, SST 60 and SST 45 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. All classes will run a time trial for position in first qualifying heat. As always, this is subject to change depending on prevailing conditions.

Money-Money

Tow money is based on one-way distance from the race site to your hometown. We calculate mileage using Google Maps and the address supplied to APBA.

TOW MONEY and PRIZE MONEY

Formula 200, SST 60 and SST 45 entries will receive tow money

(\$0.50/mile one way)

Prize Money Payout Schedule

Formula 200: 1 - \$2000, 2 - \$1000, 3 - \$700, 4 through 10 - \$500, 11 through last - \$350. You must start the final to be eligible for prize money

SST 60 and SST 45:

1 - \$500, 2 - \$400, 3 - \$300, 5 - \$300 6 through last - \$200

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

You must start the final to be eligible for prize money

SST 120 – no prize money

Tow Money is paid at registration if you have pre-registered; if you register at the race site, tow money is paid when prize checks are distributed.

Prize money is paid on site at the close of final inspection.

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

POINTS – APBA points, per APBA rulebook, will be awarded for both days of racing. Divisional Championship points for Formula 200.

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 Duffy, OH/New Martinsville, WV area.

Hospitality

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 in the VIP tent on the RegattaFest grounds.

Accommodations

New Martinsville Inn (formerly Amerihost)

166 N. State Rt. 2
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Website: <http://newmartinsvilleinn.com/>

Flat Rate: \$77.95 plus tax
Mention the code word "FEST" to obtain rate.

Reservations: 304 455-6100

Deadline for Reservations: Reservations can be made any time up to the last minute, 24 hours a day, but to cancel the reservations, it stops at 4 PM on the day of arrival.

Additional Information: This is a favorable rate.

Ammenities

- Free Continental Breakfast
- Cozy indoor pool and bubbling spa
- Complimentary cappuccino, regular and decaf coffee, hot tea, hot chocolate, spring water, popcorn and candy -- 24 hours
- FREE WiFi all over the hotel, Lobby computer for the guests
- In room coffee makers, refrigerators and microwaves. Also also hair dryers, iron and ironing stands, luggage racks, alarm clocks, desk phones, desk chairs and desks as well as recliners
- **Smoking and non-smoking rooms, Kings and Doubles**
- Children under 18 stay free with paying adults
- 24 hour front desk service
- Beautiful landscaping with a view of Ohio River

2021 Rules

We are not a recognized APBA/OPC series; however, we continue to provide a reliable group of professionally conducted races. Remember, we always use the current APBA and OPC general, racing, and safety rules. 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, 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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Schedule

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



Proud member for 35 years
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FRIDAY, September 24

1 – 5 pm Check-in, credentials and safety inspection in the pit area

SATURDAY, September 25

8 – 8:45 am Credentials, check-in and safety inspection – pit area
9 am Drivers' Briefing – pit area
9:45 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
6:15 pm Saturday night dinner party for teams, officials and sponsors

SUNDAY, September 26

9:30 am Chapel Service with Laurie Vidal
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

Trophies, Awards, Media Photos, and Autograph sessions are scheduled after all of the championship finals.

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



**Now... It's Time to GEAR UP for the
REGATTAFEST COUNTDOWN
We'll see YOU
in the WINNER'S CIRCLE**