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New Martinsville, WV
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REGATTA Fest
Fast - FREE - Family Fun

APBA sanctioned 1/4 mile Record Attempts all day Friday
Friday Party in the Park from 6-1 PM
with live music by DJ Penny
Saturday and Sunday 2-4 PM
APBA sanctioned Championship Racing
Kid's Zone Fun with INFLATABLES, Train Rides, Watermelon Games
Food, Vendors, Crafts, and Displays

Fireman's Park - downtown on the river
New Martinsville, WV
September 22-24, 2023

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Wetzel County Commission City of New Martinsville **EST**

Are you ready to “crank it up?” It’s time to race in New Martinsville, WV. It’s also one of the final opportunities to earn points and bonus points for the 2023 season. We are ready to make some noise during the 12th annual RegattaFest. It’s time for adrenalin-pushing action. It’s time to set records on Friday and race on Saturday and Sunday With a stacked race card, it’s an explosive event with three days of APBA records, races, plenty of points opportunities and bragging rights. With a guaranteed purse plus tow money, this is a high-stakes event. 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 37 years ago. Pre-registration for this event is a must. 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 participate. Records check-in begins on Thursday, September 21st in the pit area. Race check-in and safety inspection will start on Friday, September 22nd from 5-7 pm in the park. Check-in and safety inspection will continue Saturday morning.

CRANK IT UP



Site Logistics

DATES: September 21-24 We will hold registration and start issuing credentials at 4 pm on Thursday in the pit area, safety inspection will begin at the same time. Friday the Record Attempts start at 9 am. Additional race check-in for Saturday and Sunday will be from 5-7 pm in the park. Racing is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

LOCATION: Race Course is in downtown New Martinsville, along the waterfront at RegattaFest Way in Fireman's Park. Pit area is the large lot next to the community college, accessible from Main Street. **Pit area for boats only attempting to set records are in the back of the lot and there is another reserved location for our use if necessary by the library. If you arrive during the night, please do not park permanently. You may need to move.**

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, VP-75 and SST 45, are on the sanction for racing. **Record Attempts are open to all classes in the Stock, Mod, Pro, Junior and OPC Categories.**

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 for OPC; remember to bring your slings and make sure that they are up to date to hold the weight of your boat. For Records and the Stock, Mod, Pro and Junior classes, the scales are different and do not require slings.

Registration

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT. Powerboat Superleague will accept entry blanks via fax or mail and e-mail. You can pay at the race site (checks or cash only); 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.

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 winer.sherron@gmail.com or samwiner3@gmail.com

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

ENTRY FEES FOR THIS EVENT:

Record Attempts = \$50

Formula 200: Prepaid = \$125, Pay at race site = \$150

SST 60, VP-75, and SST 45: Prepaid = \$85, Pay at race site = \$100

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

Note: entry for racing covers both Saturday and Sunday.

Course and Format

Record is ¼ mile in length. Course has been surveyed and approved for this record. It will be marked with an entrance gate at each end. Please note the gates are approximate and may not be exactly in line with the cameras used for timing.

Racecourse will be a minimum 32-34 seconds for Formula 200. SST 60, VP-75, 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 your address.

TOW MONEY and PRIZE MONEY

Formula 200, SST 60, VP-75 and SST 45 entries will receive tow money

(\$0.50/mile one way)

Prize Money Payout Schedule

Formula 200: 1 - \$1500, 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, VP-75, 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

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. North American Championship points for Formula 200 and SST 45.

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 Party in the Park from 5-7 pm on Friday after the Record Runs are complete. We have a VIP area with appetizers and your favorite beverages. There will be music and a boat parade as part of the town's

traditional homecoming parade too. There is a Saturday night dinner. A complete meal along with more of your favorite beverages, as well as entertainment, has been scheduled. The dinner will be held in the courthouse Annex on Main Street downtown, walking distance from the pit area starting at 5 pm.

Accommodations

New Martinsville Inn (formerly Amerihost)

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

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

Flat Rate: \$87.95 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

2023 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, safety rules, Bylaws and the Scorer's Handbook. Scoring has been updated to give drivers more points for on-water performance. Read OPC Rule #11** Knowing all 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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(link on the home page of our web site)



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for 26 consecutive years



Schedule

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

Thursday, September 21

4 – 7 pm On-site Registration, check-in, and credentials for Record Attempts
Safety Inspection

Friday, September 22

7:30 – 8:30 am On-site registration. Check-in, and credentials for Record Attempts

8:30 am	Drivers' Briefing for Record Attempts
9am – noon	Record Attempts
1 – 5 pm	Record Attempts
5 - 7 pm	Hospitality in the VIP area for teams during the Party in the Pits
6 pm	Homecoming Parade with Boats
5-7 pm	On-Site Check-in and credentials for Saturday and Sunday racing (in the park, not the pit area)

Saturday, September 23

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
1 – 5 pm	racing following announced schedule from drivers' briefing
5:15 pm	Saturday night dinner party for teams, officials and sponsors

Sunday, September 24

9:30 am	Chapel Service – pit area
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 \$75. 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**

