

POWERBOAT SUPER LEAGUE gazette

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REGATTA Fest



Are you ready to “crank it up?” It’s time to head to New Martinsville, WV. It’s also one of the final opportunities to earn points and bonus points for the 2024 season. We are ready to make some noise during the 13th annual RegattaFest. It’s time for adrenalin-pushing action. It’s time to set records on Friday and race on Saturday and Sunday. **Remember, there are APBA Hall of Champions bonus points for setting new records or breaking existing ones on Friday, September 27 in the Stock, Mod, Pro, Junior, OPC and Special Events categories.** And, for the scheduled OPC classes, (except for SST 120) the North American Championship title is up for grabs. 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 and

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 at 4pm on Thursday, September 26th in the pit area and continues Friday morning at 8 am. Race check-in and safety inspection will start on Friday, September 27th from 5-6 pm in the pit area. Race check-in and safety inspection will continue Saturday morning.

CRANK IT UP



Site Logistics

DATES: September 27-29 We will hold registration and start issuing credentials at 4 pm on Thursday, September 26, in the pit area, safety inspection will begin at the same time. Friday, the Record Attempts registration begins at 7:30 am, drivers' briefing at 8 am, and attempts start at 9 am. On Friday, race check-in for Saturday and Sunday will be from 5-6 pm in the pit area. Racing is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. **Friday evening BOAT PARADE – all categories and classes are invited – begins at 6 pm from the race pit area.**

LOCATION: Racecourse is in downtown New Martinsville, along the waterfront at RegattaFest Way in Fireman's Park. **RACE Pit Area** is the large lot next to the community college, accessible from Main Street. **Pit area for boats only attempting to set records is in the paved lot (behind Wesbanco) by the crane and adjacent to the launch ramp.** 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 120, are on the sanction for racing. **Record Attempts are open to all classes in the Stock, Mod, Pro, Junior and OPC and Special Event 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.



NEW THIS YEAR – Everyone entering the restricted area (launch and start dock) must be a current member of APBA. Single Event Crew Memberships are available through APBA and can be purchased on site for \$20. RegattaFest and Powerboat Superleague do not keep any of the money collected for memberships. All membership money is sent directly to APBA. We must comply with all regulations. Without this identification, you will be asked to leave the restricted area. There is no charge for the regular pit pass, but this wristband does not include the launch ramp and start dock. Please read the APBA insurance guidelines for bringing children if their parents are not attending the event. 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 24.** 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: Prepaid = \$85, Pay at race site = \$100

SST 120 = no entry fee

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

Notes: entry for racing covers both Saturday and Sunday. Records entry fee covers 6 attempts – three up river and three down river. Please read your rulebook for an explanation on how a record is calculated.

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 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 and VP-75:

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, SST 60 and VP 75.

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 Team Party at the Wetzel County Museum after the boat parade. We have invited the public to gather at the museum entrance to meet all of you and to gather your autographs. All teams, including everyone

attempting records, are invited. We have a VIP area with appetizers and your favorite beverages. The traditional Saturday night dinner, a complete meal along with more of your favorite beverages, as well as entertainment, has been scheduled to start at approximately 6 pm. The dinner will be held in the Wetzel County Museum, Main Street downtown, across the street from the pit area.

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.

Amenities

- 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

2024 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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Find us on the web – **www.APRsuperleague.com**
Like us on Facebook – **www.facebook.com/PowerboatSuperleague**
(link on the home page of our web site)

Schedule

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

Thursday, September 26

4 – 6 pm On-site Registration, check-in, and credentials for Record Attempts
Safety Inspection

Friday, September 27

8 – 8:30 am On-site registration. Check-in, and credentials for Record Attempts
7:30 – 8 am Drivers' Briefing for Record Attempts
9am – noon Record Attempts
1 – 5 pm Record Attempts
6 pm Boat Parade down Main Street
6 pm Autograph and meet your fans session plus hospitality at the Museum
5-7 pm On-Site Check-in and credentials for Saturday and Sunday racing

Saturday, September 28

8-8:45 am Credentials, check-in, safety inspections
9 am Drivers' Briefing
9:45 am Start Launch for testing
10-noon Testing Sessions
Noon Mandatory Coast Guard break
12:30 pm Start launch of first class for racing heats
1-5 pm Racing following the announced order and schedule from drivers' briefing
6 pm Driver and Team Hospitality/Dinner at the Museum

Sunday, September 29

9:30 am Chapel Service in the pit area
10 am Drivers' Briefing
11:15 am Start launching boats for limited test session
11:30-noon Test Session by appointment only
Noon Mandatory Coast Guard Break
12:30 pm Start launching of race boats
12:45- 4pm Championship Finals – as detailed during drivers' briefing

Trophies, Awards, Media Photos, and Autograph sessions are scheduled after all 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 = \$75



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