

POWERBOAT SUPER LEAGUE

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If it's the second weekend in July, you should be in **Marietta, Ohio** for the third race of the **Powerboat Superleague** season. With the hard work of the Riverfront Roar Committee and the additional marketing and promotional efforts of the Marietta Convention and Visitors Bureau, powerboat racing is on the fast track and everyone is ready for some free fun with the eleventh annual appearance of Superleague in downtown Marietta.

Registration and safety inspection will start on Friday, July 8, from 1 pm to 6 pm in the parking lot of the Microtel, one of our two our headquarters hotels. **PLEASE – do not park on the street before you register.** With a large advance registration,



we are working to find the most efficient layout for the pit area. If you have special needs or requests for pit parking, please let us know prior to your arrival; every effort will be made to accommodate all requests. The local committee must keep

some areas open to accommodate local business people. If you park prior to registration you will receive a yellow card or a fine. Early arrivals can park at the headquarters hotel lot (plenty of room for large rigs). Please read the Gazette information carefully. Call us if you have questions, but remember our office hours - Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (eastern daylight savings time).

Pre-registration for this event is a must. Credentials and safety inspection will be available on Friday so that you can be on the water and testing on time Saturday morning. Check-in and safety inspection will continue Saturday morning at the race site between 7:30 and 8:30, followed by the drivers' briefing at 9 am. All of you are the cornerstone of this event – one of the most popular summertime activities in the area - and we know that all of you will give fans an exciting series of time trials, qualifying heats and heart-stopping finals; a spectacular weekend of Superleague powerboat racing. Detailed information --everything that you need to know about racing in Marietta during the tenth annual Riverfront Roar is included throughout this Gazette. Get ready to **CRANK IT UP** for the third race of 2011 with Powerboat Superleague.

Site Logistics

DATES: July 9 -10, 2011 This is a two-day event, with Friday, July 8 reserved for race check-in and safety inspection. We will hold registration and start issuing credentials at 1 pm in the Microtel parking lot on Friday; safety inspection will begin at the same time and in the same place. Saturday and Sunday are race days with testing in the morning on Saturday.

LOCATION: Race site is in downtown Marietta, Ohio on the levee. Cold pits are specific blocks of Greene and Second (city) streets. **FRIDAY DIRECTIONS:** From I-77 take exit 1. At the end of the exit ramp (traffic light), turn right on Ohio Route 7 and



continue south turning left at the first traffic light. Follow the access road to both the Hampton Inn and the Microtel for check-in and safety inspection. If you are arriving on Saturday morning – continue straight after turning right from the Interstate to the street barricades – a race official will direct you to your pit area.

BODY OF WATER: The Ohio River at Marietta is fresh water and used by commercial traffic. It is a federal waterway

and there will be Coast Guard breaks.

SANCTIONING BODIES: This event is sanctioned by and insured by APBA. This is a Powerboat Superleague event for Formula Two/SST 120 and Formula Three/SST 60.



LAUNCH: by ramp in hot pit area; remember to bring your slings for weighing

PIT AREA: Cold pit areas are select downtown city streets, not available until you have checked in on Friday afternoon. Restroom facilities are available in main festival area along with plenty of concession stands and downtown restaurants. Check-in area on Friday will be open at 1 pm. **NOTE: If you park in**

the cold pit area on Friday, prior to checking in, you will receive a yellow card (member) or a fine (non-member). You may also receive a parking ticket from the city. We have specific areas for specific rigs – make no assumptions about parking.

Registration

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT. Powerboat Superleague will accept entry blanks via fax or mail and e-mail. Check for entry fee does not have to accompany your entry, however, you must be a Powerboat Superleague member (paid, 2011 member) to qualify for entry fee discount – **you do not need to be a Superleague member to race any Superleague event.** Membership forms are available through APR Events Group office.



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All entries must be received by close of business (5pm) Wednesday, July 6, 2011. We will not be in the office to receive mail or faxes after that date. If we do not have your entry blank prior to on-site registration, a \$25 late fee will be charged. **(The office operates on Eastern Daylight Savings Time.)**

We ask for your cooperation; all of the necessary paperwork, planning, coordination and tow money computations must be completed prior to 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 to: samwiner3@gmail.com or sherron@aprsuperleague.com

ENTRY FEES FOR THIS EVENT:

Formula Two.....**\$145 for APR members** ... \$195 for non-members.
SST 200.....same as SST 120
Formula Three.... **\$ 95 for APR members** ... \$145 for non-members

Course and Format

Introducing AMSOIL

Presenting Sponsor and
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The AMSOIL logo is prominently displayed in a stylized, italicized font. Below it, the tagline 'The First in Synthetics' is written in a smaller, italicized font. The entire advertisement for AMSOIL is enclosed in a rectangular border.

Course will be approximately 32 - 34 seconds for Formula Two and Formula Three. The F3 class will run a shorter course.

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

Course is non-surveyed and not approved for records.

DISTANCE: We have planned the following: F-2 will run time trials plus 15-lap qualifiers; final will be 30 laps. Formula Three will run time trials, 10 lap qualifiers and a 20-lap final.

Accommodations

ACCOMMODATIONS - The Hampton Inn and the new Microtel, adjacent to each other and close to the race site, are our new host hotels for this event. Conveniently located just minutes from the race site, the hotels offer Wireless High-Speed Internet, a delicious continental breakfast, ample parking, pools and play areas as some of the amenities. **These facilities are major contributors of the race as well as being a**



Superleague hotel sponsor – be sure to mention how much we all appreciate their support when you register. There are a number of restaurants, including Las Trancas – also a sponsor, within walking distance plus more eateries within a five-minute drive. The Hampton as well as the Microtel have central elevators – **the group room rate is \$70 at either location.** To reserve

your room, you must mention **Marietta Riverfront Roar to access the room block.** Call 740-373-5353 for the Hampton and 740-373-7373 for the Microtel to book your room. Hotels have plenty of parking with room for large trucks. Directions: from I-79 take exit 1 and turn right on (north) Ohio Rt. 7. Turn left at McDonalds and follow the access road to both hotels, on our right just past Bob Evans Restaurant.

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 (eastern daylight savings time).

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Money-Money

TOW MONEY – we will continue to pay the **\$0.26/per mile to Superleague members.** This amount is based on one-way mileage to the race site, using Microsoft Streets and Trips and is paid to all Formula Two and Formula Three Superleague members not under contract for this event. Drivers under contract will receive stated contractual amount. **Tow money is paid to Superleague members only.**

FORMULA TWO PRIZE MONEY

1	\$1,000	2.....	\$ 800	3.....	\$ 500
		4 th place through 10 th place.....	\$ 275		
		11 th place through last place.....	\$ 100		

FORMULA THREE PRIZE MONEY

1	\$800	2.....	\$ 500	3.....	\$ 300
		4 th place through 10 th place.....	\$ 175		
		11 th place through last place.....	\$ 50		

NOTE: you must start the final in order to be eligible to receive prize money

TROPHIES will be awarded to the first three places in both classes.

POINTS – APBA points, per APBA rule book, will be awarded as well as Superleague points. Note: money is paid on the results of the finals. Superleague points include points for qualifying as well as points for the final.

IMPORTANT SCORING NOTE – per APBA Rule Book, we must schedule both SST 120 and SST 200. These classes will run together but be scored separately.

Schedule

Following is the proposed schedule – may be changed if conditions warrant

**PLEASE PRINT THIS OUT AND BRING IT WITH YOU –
SCHEDULES WILL NO LONGER BE PROVIDED AT
REGISTRATION**

FRIDAY, July 8

1pm - 6 pm – check-in, credentials and safety inspection in the Microtel

Parking Lot – see location for directions

4-6 pm – capsule training at the Hampton Inn, Marietta

4-8 pm – Downtown Artists and Merchants Walk with

Live Entertainment, concessions and beer garden open

SATURDAY, July 9

7:30 – 8:30 am - credentials,

safety inspection in pits

9 am – drivers' briefing/Officiating area

10:30 am – noon – testing

1-6 pm – time trials, qualifying rounds

evening – Team Hospitality – Layfayette hotel

SUNDAY, July 10

9:30 AM – Chapel Service

10:00 am – drivers' briefing/Officiating area

10:30 am – 11 am – testing by appointment only

**11:15 am – 12:15 pm autograph session for all classes/drivers
also autograph sessions are scheduled at the conclusion of each
championship final - Bring Your Sharpies!**

**1-5 pm – last qualifying rounds followed by
Championship Finals**

**Awards presentation to follow each final at the officiating stand – note:
drivers not preparing for a final race should attend the fan fare and awards
presentation to sign additional autographs**

Awards Presentation following each final as described during drivers' briefing

**note: Drivers' Briefing is mandatory. Drivers not in attendance when role is called
will be fined.**

**note: prize checks will be available at the conclusion of tech inspection at the
inspection tent/area**



***2011 Superleague
Rules***

The 2011 Powerboat Superleague Racing rules, High-Points Calculation/Regulations and Yellow Card System have been posted to the Superleague web site. If you are not a member and do not plan to join Superleague (and that's OK) keep in mind that you must still comply with our racing

rules. Remember we use the current APBA and OPC general rules, racing rules and safety rules – the Superleague and yellow card rules strengthen existing APBA regulations. 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 at the conclusion of each heat/final and 3) to compute the overall score/position when combining two or more groups. Please read your 2011 APBA/OPC general rules, racing rules and safety rules. This is particularly important if you are going to protest a call. Have the current rulebook, the rule involved and your driver's representative with you when discussing your problem with the referee or any member of the race committee.

Fuel

IMPORTANT - FUEL STATEMENT - We understand that finding VP Racing fuels is a problem and that any racing fuel is very expensive. Therefore, we will no longer mandate any specific fuel. However, VP Racing fuels remain the spec fuel for setting all fuel testing devices. Please read your 2011 Superleague rules for the fuel policy statement.

Hospitality

The Roar Committee has once again planned a welcome reception for all of us. This year, the hospitality will be held on Saturday evening at the conclusion of the day's racing, at the Lafayette Hotel. There will be appetizers and a cash bar. Since this is right in the heart of all of the post race activities, you will be able to view the fireworks and listen to the music. Time will be announced during the drivers' briefing.

Autograph Session

Autograph sessions are fun and a great way of expanding the fan base. Be prepared in Marietta to sign autographs on Sunday from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm. Additionally, we encourage all available drivers to come to the fence line and sign autographs again after each final and during "Fan Fare." Kids in particular love to meet all of you – you can see it in their eyes, and frankly, we can't think of a better group of sports heroes for them to get to know. **Bring a sharpie marking pen.** If you don't have photo cards we will have index cards available for your use. Don't disappoint them, please find some time to make an appearance.



Remember to thank our circuit and event sponsors by purchasing from them whenever possible. Without them we cannot have fast fun – Superleague style.