

POWERBOAT SUPER LEAGUE

gazette

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It's August, and it's time for the 13th annual running of the *A Roar of Thunder* regatta in Aurora, Indiana. This event is two weeks ahead of the next Superleague race – the OPC Nationals in Kankakee. So if you are searching for fast fun with a great crowd of wonderful fans – last year the estimate was more than 40,000 spectators - lining the riverbanks, you've got to be in Aurora, Indiana. **There will be a special celebration on Saturday night as Superleague salutes the completion of 150 successful events – details under hospitality.**



The Aurora Riverfront Beautification Committee continues to work diligently. In spite of the economic downturn in the area, ARB has successfully completed the financial package that brings us to their community. The Dearborn County Convention and Visitors Bureau also works behind the scenes, making sure that the event receives plenty of media and promotional support and of course, the races could not happen without the continuing help from the City of Aurora and the event sponsors. As part of the "giving back" Superleague initiative,

Aurora has been designated as the third charitable event – Powerfully Pink. All donations will be given to the Dearborn County CVB's Tour for the Cure program, part of the Vera Bradley Foundations' program in finding a cure for breast cancer.

Registration and safety inspection will start on Friday, August 19 from 1 pm to 6 pm in the cold pit area. 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 at the race site 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. Powerboat racing is the main event and the reason for this popular summertime festival. We know that all of you, from the drivers to the team members, will give fans an exciting series of time trials, qualifying heats and a heart-stopping finals; a spectacular weekend of Superleague racing. Detailed information -- everything that you need to know about racing at Lesko Park in historic downtown Aurora, Indiana during the 13th annual *A Roar of Thunder* regatta is included throughout this Gazette. Get ready to **CRANK IT UP** with Powerboat Superleague in Dearborn County, Indiana.

Site Logistics

DATES: August 20-21, 2011 This is a two-day event, with Friday, August 19 reserved for race check-in and safety inspection. We will hold registration and start issuing credentials at 1 pm in the Lion's Club parking lot on Friday; safety inspection will begin at the same time. Testing in the morning on Saturday.



LOCATION: Race site is in Dearborn County, Indiana – the City of Aurora (Greater Cincinnati – northern Kentucky) at Lesko Park. From I-275 take the Lawrenceburg, IN exit (also marked for the casinos). At the end of the ramp turn left – this is US Route 50 (west) Eads Parkway – continue on this road through Lawrenceburg to Aurora and the race site, following the signs for the Grand Victoria Casino (Rising Sun, Indiana). Distance from

Interstate exit is approximately 8 mi.

BODY OF WATER: The Ohio River at Aurora 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 and insured by APBA. It is a Powerboat Superleague event for F2/SST120/200 and F3/SST 60.

POINTS: This is an APBA two-day points race for all racing classes and a Powerboat Superleague points event for F3 and F2. This is the Region 7 Regional Championship for both classes.

LAUNCH: by ramp in hot pit area

PIT AREA: Cold pit area is divided between city streets, the Highway, and two parking lots; all areas are paved. There are restroom facilities in the parking lot areas. Festival grounds contain restroom facilities and food concessions. Rigs parked on the highway must move on Saturday night. Check-in area, by the Lion's Club, on Friday will be open at 1 pm. If you park prior to clearance with Superleague officials, you may be asked to move. We must be able to accommodate all rigs in both classes - and that requires careful planning and cooperation from every team – there is room but we do need to follow the plan. We have specific areas for specific rigs – make no assumptions about parking.

CHAMPIONSHIPS: APBA Regional championship race -bonus points awarded- and Powerboat Superleague points are being given for this event.

Registration



Tiger is now able to offer lower prices on many items and they are passing the savings on to all racers.

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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.

All entries must be received by close of business (5pm) Wednesday, August 17, 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



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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

The Riverside Inn on US Rt. 50 West is our host hotel for this event. The Riverside is conveniently located just minutes from the race site and across from the Hollywood Casino with a continental breakfast and plenty of parking for rigs. A room block has been reserved for teams; **the group room rate is \$75/Double**. To reserve your room, call 812-537-4441. You must mention *A Roar of Thunder* to access the group rate. **Directions:** Take I-275 to Lawrenceburg, IN exit (also exit for casinos/RT. 50 west), turn left at the end of the ramp – hotel is approximately 1 mile on your right. There are restaurants at this exit.

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.

APBA Bonus (Regional Championship) Points for the Final

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, August 19

1pm - 6 pm – check-in, credentials and safety inspection in the
Lion's Club Parking Lot – see location for directions

SATURDAY, August 20

7:30 – 8:30 am - credentials,
safety inspection in pits
9 am – drivers' briefing/Lion's club parking lot
10:30 am – noon – testing
1-6 pm – time trials, qualifying rounds
7PM – Team Hospitality – a Celebration of
25 years and 150 events

SUNDAY, August 21

9:30 AM – Chapel Service
10:00 am – drivers' briefing/Lion's Club parking lot
10:30 am – 11 am – testing by appointment only
1-5 pm – last qualifying rounds followed by
Championship Finals

autograph sessions are scheduled at the conclusion of each championship
final - Bring Your Sharpies!

Awards presentation to follow each final at the Dearborn County CVB tent

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

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE! As part of the 25th anniversary celebration and in honor of the successful completion of 150 events, Powerboat Superleague and the Aurora race committee are inviting everyone to dinner on Saturday night. No need to bring anything but yourselves and your anticipation of having a good time. There will be an Italian dinner and a variety of your favorite beverages. We have many reasons to celebrate including the fact that we have the ability to come together and race with our friends, known as the Superleague family. For all of us, it will be a time to thank Aurora and the local race committee for their long-standing commitment to Superleague and a time to enjoy the fact that all of us are a part of the longest running series in APBA.

Autograph Session

Autograph sessions are fun and a great way of expanding the fan base. We encourage all available drivers to come to the Dearborn County CVB tent at the conclusion of the championship finals on Sunday to sign autographs. 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.