



gazette

HUNTINGTON Edition Vol. 25 - #5

If it's the first weekend in August, you should be in **Huntington, WV** for the fourth race of the **Powerboat Superleague** season. With the hard work of the Huntington Classic Committee, in particular Dan Ferguson, Bruce Sprouse and Dana Tomes, powerboat racing is on the fast track and everyone in Huntington is eagerly



waiting for the return of Powerboat Superleague to the Tri-State area.

Registration and safety inspection will start on Friday, August 5, from 1 pm to 6 pm in the pit area of the race site. Race staff officials will be on hand to park your rig. If you have special requests, if you need to pit next to a specific team, please let us know in advance; it helps with planning and pit layout. Early arrivals

can park at the headquarters hotel lot (plenty of room for large rigs).

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 reason for the return of racing to Huntington – an area with a rich history of tunnel boat racing -this was the last home for the OPC Marathon Nationals - and we know that you will give fans an exciting series of time trials, qualifying heats and heart-stopping finals; a spectacular weekend of Superleague powerboat racing.

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).

Detailed information --everything that you need to know about racing in Huntington during the premier edition of the *Huntington Classic* is included throughout this Gazette. Get ready to **CRANK IT UP** for the fourth race of 2011 with Powerboat Superleague.

Site Logistics

DATES: **August 5-7, 2011** This is a two-day event, with Friday, August 5 reserved for race check-in and safety inspection. We will hold registration and start issuing credentials at 1 pm in the pit area 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 at Adams Landing, at the Ohio River – access from Buffington Street. Cold pits are the paved parking lots and the grassy areas surrounding the launch ramp. **DIRECTIONS:** From I-64 take US Route 60 West (Midland Trail/31st



Street). Turn right on 3rd Avenue/Bridge Street, left on Buffington Street. Go through the flood wall, Schooners will be on your right, continue to the end of the road to the parking lots and the boat/launch ramp.

BODY OF WATER: The Ohio River at Huntington is fresh water and used by commercial traffic. It is a federal waterway and there will be Coast Guard breaks.

SANCTIONING BODIES/CHAMPIONSHIPS: 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. This is an APBA DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP for both classes



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

PIT AREA: Cold pit areas are located adjacent to the launch ramp; paved with grassy areas for smaller rigs. Check-in area on Friday will be open at 1 pm. **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.

All entries must be received by close of business (5pm) Wednesday, August 3, 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



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 Super 8 in Huntington, WV has been designated as the headquarters hotel for this event. Conveniently located just a few exits from the race site, the hotels offer Wireless High-Speed Internet, a delicious Super Start breakfast, ample trailer parking, indoor pool and fitness as some of the amenities. **This facility is a race sponsor as well as being a Superleague hotel sponsor – be sure to mention how much we all appreciate their support when you register.** To reserve your room, you must **mention Huntington Classic to access the room block.** Call 304.525.1410 and ask for Laine to book your room. Directions: from I-64 take exit 11. There are restaurants within walking distance.

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).

Phone: 304 455-2049

Fax: 304.455.0027

E-Mail: samwiner3@gmail.com or sherron@aprsuperleague.com

Find us on the web – www.APRsuperleague.com and
follow us on Twitter – APRsuperleague (link on the first page of our web site)

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 (Divisional 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 5

1pm - 6 pm – check-in, credentials and safety inspection in the pit area
Parking Lot – see location for directions

SATURDAY, August 6

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
7PM – Team Hospitality – Schooner's Waterfront Grille

SUNDAY, August 7

9:30 AM – Chapel Service
10:00 am – drivers' briefing/Officiating area
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 officiating stand

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

Performance Propellers



333 Holmes Ave. * Lake Placid, FL 33852
Phone and Fax - (863) 465-9438 - day or evening
E-Mail: jstitus2@embarqmail.com

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 Huntington Classic Committee and Schooner's Waterfront Grille – within walking distance from the pit area - have planned Superleague team hospitality for everyone after we finish racing on Saturday. Join the local group and their families and friends as well as the event sponsors for a relaxing evening on the Ohio River. Time will be announced during the drivers' briefing.

Autograph Session

Autograph sessions are fun and a great way of expanding the fan base. We encourage all available drivers to come to the officiating area 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.