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Welcome to the start of the 2011 racing season and Powerboat Superleague's newest event – *Thunder on the Fox*. With a deep appreciation of the city's potential, McGrath Motorsports understood the potential and impact that an event like Superleague racing could have on Elgin and then worked hard to make that vision a reality.



Meeting both in person and via phone conferences throughout the late fall, winter and spring months it has been exciting to see the race and race site unfold. Close cooperation between the various City of Elgin

departments has permitted the area on the Fox River to be cleared and the event grounds prepped. Everyone involved is looking forward to seeing all of the Superleague teams and watching the event.

The races could not happen without the continuing help from McGrath Motorsports, the City of Elgin, the Gail Borden Library and the event sponsors: Miller Lite, Met Life, Tilted Kilt and the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites. The event gets underway on Friday, June 17 with capsule training in the morning at the city's aquatic center from 9 AM until noon, registration and safety inspection starts at 1 PM (until 5 PM) in the cold pit area at the race site along with sanctioned and insured testing from 2-5 pm on Friday. 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 as quickly as possible. Check-in and safety inspection will continue Saturday morning between 7:30 and 8:30, followed by the drivers' briefing at 9 am. Powerboat racing is the main event and the reason for this new and soon to be 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 heart-stopping finals; a spectacular weekend of Superleague racing. Detailed information -- everything that you need to know about racing on the Fox River in historic downtown Elgin, Illinois during the inaugural *Thunder on the Fox* race is included throughout this Gazette. Get ready to **CRANK IT UP** with Powerboat Superleague for the 2011 season opener in Elgin.

Site Logistics

DATES: June 17-19, 2011 This is a three-day event, with Friday, June 17 reserved for capsule training and testing. We will hold registration and start issuing credentials at 1 pm on-site in the cold pit area on Friday; safety inspection will begin at the same time. Testing is scheduled to start at 2 PM; additional testing on Saturday morning.



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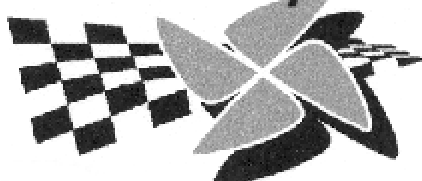
LOCATION: Race site is in Elgin, Illinois, on the Fox River adjacent to the Gail Borden Public Library. From I-90 (this is a toll road) take exit for Rt. 31 North to tollgate make a right to go to the hotel, turn left to go to the race site. From RT. 31 (going south) towards downtown, turn left on Kimball St (cross the bridge) library will be on your left. Turn left on to N. Grove Ave and then a left on McBride St. Event area/grounds are on your left on McBride Street.

BODY OF WATER: The Fox River at Elgin is fresh water and not used by commercial traffic. It is a federal waterway and there will be Coast Guard on site. River closure during racing, not open to pleasure boats.

SANCTIONING BODIES/CLASSES: This event is sanctioned and insured by APBA. It is a Powerboat Superleague event for Formula Two/SST 120 and Formula Three/SST 60. **It is a Saturday only race for the J category** with 2 classes: JH and AXH.

POINTS: This is an APBA two-day points race for all OPC racing classes and a Powerboat Superleague points event for F3 and F2. It is a one-day race for J classes.

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LAUNCH: by ramp in hot pit area – there is a possibility of crane launch for OPC classes. J classes will have a separate (easy) launch ramp.

PIT AREA: Cold pit area is the north end of the event area and will be marked. Festival grounds contain restroom facilities and food concessions. Check-in area 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 all 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.

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) Tuesday, June 14, 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

J CLASSES – NO ENTRY FEE CHARGED

You must be a member of APBA or any other UIM recognized racing authority (for insurance purposes); you do not need to be a member of Powerboat Superleague.

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. J Classes will race the F3 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. J class will race their normal format – Saturday only. (J Class representatives have requested that the class only race one day – Saturday.)

Accommodations

The Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites Chicago-Northwest is the headquarters hotel for the Elgin race. It is located just off the I-90 tollway (exit RT. 31) about 20 minutes from O'Hare International Airport. Street Address: 495 Airport Road, Elgin, IL 60123. Group rate is \$75. Reservation deadline is May 20, 2011. Call the hotel directly to receive the group rate and please mention Thunder on the Fox when reserving your rooms. Phone:

1.847.488.9000, fax: 1.847.488.9800. You can also access hotel reservations through the Superleague web site under the menu item "hotels." Amenities include: business center, health/fitness center, indoor pool, spa facilities, restaurant /bar on hotel property.

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
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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
J CLASSES PRIZES		
First place in each class receives a savings bond from Powerboat Superleague		
All participants will receive a Superleague T-Shirt		
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 all classes.
POINTS – APBA points, per APBA rule book, will be awarded for Saturday and Sunday; Superleague points for both days. Note: OPC money is paid on the Sunday 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.

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.



Schedule

following is the proposed schedule

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

FRIDAY, June 17

- 9 am – noon: Capsule training at the Rec Center
- 1pm - 5 pm: credentials and safety inspection on site, cold pit area
- 2-5 pm: testing for OPC classes (F2 and F3)
- 7-11 pm: the Black Tie Affair
- 7-10 pm: Teams party at the host hotel Restaurant (Bennigan's)

SATURDAY, June 18

- 7:30 – 8:30 am: credentials and safety inspection – cold pit area
- 9 am – drivers' briefing: cold pit area
- 10:30 am – noon: testing
- 1-5 pm: – time trials, qualifying rounds – OPC classes and J class racing
- Evening: teams party at the Tilted Kilt

SUNDAY, June 19

- 9:30 AM: – Chapel Service, cold pit area
- 10:00 am: drivers' briefing, cold pit area
- 10:30 am – 11 am – testing by appointment only
- 11 – 11:30 AM autograph session for all classes/drivers

**1-5 pm – last qualifying rounds followed by
Championship Finals**
autograph sessions are scheduled at the conclusion of each championship final on
Sunday
Bring Your Sharpies!

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

**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**

note: schedule is tentative and subject to change as conditions warrant

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.

Important Notice

The Elgin race is a gated event with an admission fee. All teams will receive 6 tickets and race credentials per entered/registered boat. If you need

additional tickets, they will be available for purchase at a deep discount. Call the Superleague office for details and advance tickets.

Hospitality

CELEBRATE! Everyone in Elgin is anxious to welcome Superleague to the city. In addition to the Black Tie Affair (watch for the announcement on BUZZ) two parties have been planned. On Friday evening teams will be entertained at the headquarters hotel – Holiday Inn and Suites -- in Bennigan's Restaurant and on Saturday night there will be a pub get-together at the Tilted Kilt – an event sponsor. Directions and other important information will be included in your registration packets.

Autograph Session

Be prepared to sign autographs on Sunday from 11 – 11:30 AM at the race site. Additionally, we encourage all available drivers to come to the awards (same location) and sign autographs again after each final. 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.** 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.