

# POWERBOAT SUPER LEAGUE

# gazette

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Welcome back to Pittsburgh and the Second event of the 2011 Superleague season. The 2011 North American Championships are up for grabs with two titles to be awarded: the F3 championship on Sunday, July 3 and the F2 crown on Monday, July 4. International titles, APBA bonus points, Superleague points and money are available in this high-stakes event. We are pleased to be an integral part of the Pittsburgh July 4<sup>th</sup>



celebration and the running of the 34<sup>th</sup> Regatta. With the hard work of the Regatta management company – ISM USA – the event sponsors, media partners and the support from the Regatta Board of Directors, everyone is ready for Superleague and tunnel boat racing to downtown Pittsburgh. Read this Gazette carefully; there are

changes to the normal Superleague program. The cold pit area will be off-site behind the Three Rivers Casino (same lot as last year - North Shore area, about three blocks from the football stadium) and the hot pit area will be the last down-river ramp on the Allegheny River and the area under the overpass by Heinz Field, with plenty of visibility



to all of the fans. Registration will start on Saturday afternoon at 1 pm in the cold pit area. For your convenience, we will open the cold pits at 9 AM on Saturday morning. Everyone will go as a group to the hot pit area under police escort. We must be good local citizens for

the time that we are on site and that means not asking for special favors. The launch area can be accessed via a large walkway down to the river and once there, we will not return to the cold pit area until we are completely finished with the day's racing program. Be respectful of the park and stay off of the grass when driving your boat to the launch ramp. Regatta management has planned team hospitality on Saturday evening – a private party at the casino (see hospitality section) and there is the Three Rivers Regatta festival with plenty to see and do when you are not racing.

**Pre-registration for this event is a must.** Registration, credentials and safety inspection will begin promptly at 1 PM Saturday, check-in and safety inspection will continue early on Sunday morning and Monday morning; a full day of racing with limited testing is slated each day. The powerboat races are the cornerstone of this long-standing race; we know that all of you will give fans two spectacular days of racing over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Detailed race information – everything that you need to know about racing in Pittsburgh during the 34<sup>th</sup> running of the **EQT Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta** - is included in this Gazette. Get ready to **CRANK IT UP**.

# Site Logistics

**DATES:** July 3-4 This is a two-day event, with **Saturday, July 2** reserved for race check-in and safety inspection. **Insured testing will be held each morning (July 3-4) prior to the racing heats – see the schedule.** We will hold registration and start issuing credentials at 1 pm in the cold pit area – (behind the casino) **For security reasons access to the cold pit area will open at 9 am on Saturday.** F3/SST 60 will race on July 3 and F2/SST 120 and SST 200 will race on July 4.

**LOCATION:** Race site is downtown Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in the area known as the North Shore, on the river, in front of Heinz Field, the football stadium. Note that this site is on Eastern Daylight Savings Time.



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**BODY OF WATER:** The Allegheny River 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 Formula Two/SST 120 and Formula Three/SST 60. It is the North American Championships for both Superleague classes with APBA bonus points. In

accordance with the current APBA/OPC rulebook: SST 120, SST 200 and SST 60 are scheduled to race.

**LAUNCH:** by boat ramp in hot pit area – remember to bring your slings for weighing



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**PIT AREA:** Cold pit area will be located in overflow casino lots 4 blocks from the launch area. Space is limited; guest and additional crew cars can find parking across the street from the cold pit area or in a number of lots close by. Teams will be allowed one vehicle/car per entry in the cold pit area. There will be no car parking in the hot pit area – one tow vehicle per entry only – space and insurance regulations make this mandatory. Restroom facilities will be

available, however, the main festival area will be across the river at Point State Park – there will be no festival concessions in the North shore area – there are some restaurants close by.

# 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 28, 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](mailto:samwiner3@gmail.com) or [sherron@aprsuperleague.com](mailto: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



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## 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** - as always, hotel rooms are very limited for this event, the Regatta easily fills the hotels/motels. The **Microtel Inn and Suites/Pittsburgh Airport** is the host hotel for this event. Conveniently located just a few minutes from the airport and less than 15 minutes to the race site, the Microtel offers free continental breakfast, free shuttle to the airport, hi-speed Internet access and plenty of free parking for trucks, transporter and trailer parking. Rates for this event are – Double = \$64.99 and Single = \$53.99. Address is 900 Chauvet Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15275. To reserve your room, you must mention “boat races” or “regatta” to access the room block. Call 412-788-7200 to book your room.

### **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 <sup>th</sup> place through 10 <sup>th</sup> place.....	\$ 275		
		11 <sup>th</sup> place through last place.....	\$ 100		

### **FORMULA THREE PRIZE MONEY**

1 .....	\$800	2.....	\$ 500	3.....	\$ 300
		4 <sup>th</sup> place through 10 <sup>th</sup> place.....	\$ 175		
		11 <sup>th</sup> 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 all classes.

**POINTS** – APBA points, per APBA rule book, will be awarded including the NAC bonus points as well as Superleague points. Note: OPC 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**

### ***SATURDAY, July 2***

9 am – cold pit area opens

1- 6 pm – check-in and safety inspection opens in cold pit area

7-9 pm - Regatta Hospitality

private party for teams at the Three Rivers Casino

### ***SUNDAY, July 3 NAC for F3/SST 60***

8:30 – 9:30 am – credentials and safety inspection in cold pit

10:00 am – drivers' briefing

11 am – chapel service/legacy ministry (tentative)

1:00 – 2:30 pm first on-water segment – testing \*with time for F2 class to test

3:00 – 4:30 pm second on-water segment

5:30 --7 pm Regatta Championship finals

### ***MONDAY, July 4 NAC for F2/SST 120/200***

8:30 - 9:30 am – credentials and safety inspection in cold pit

10:00 am – drivers' briefing

11 am – chapel service/legacy ministry (tentative)

1:30 – 3:30 pm first on-water segment

4:30 – 6:00 pm second on-water segment

6:30 -- 8 pm Regatta Championship finals

**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.

## ***Important Notice - TV***

This event is being televised. The program is produced by Romesburg Media Group, LLC and will be broadcast on ROOT TV (formerly FSN Pittsburgh) in early August as well as on America One – Direct TV channel, TUFF TV and our Internet outlets. Please make sure that you have a clean uniform shirt - no T-Shirts - for the required head/shoulder shots which will be taken post driver's briefing each day. Both classes will be featured.

## ***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***

Once we have completed check-in and safety inspection on Saturday, the Rivers Casino (a regatta sponsor) has invited teams to a special VIP party held in your honor at their facility. **Please wear your uniforms and make sure that you have your credentials.** There are two very important things that you need to know before you go - **#1, by law, you must be at least 21 years old to enter the casino – no exceptions and IDs will be required/checked. This is a gaming law and violators are subject to arrest and there is a hefty fine. #2 – there is free parking in the casino parking garage**, so take a bit of time to relax, meet the local sponsors and enjoy a bit of time with friends along with food, beverages (beer tickets). We are promised a good time with plenty of Pittsburgh hospitality. **This hospitality is for both classes so any F2 teams that have arrived early are encouraged to attend.**



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