

# POWERBOAT SUPER LEAGUE *gazette*

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If you are interested in adrenalin pushing racing, you'll be in Pittsburgh for the 36<sup>th</sup> EQT Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta competing for the 2013 North American Championships. Three titles are up for grabs: F3 – SST 60 – runs on Wednesday, July 3 and the F2 championships with two classes – SST 120 and SST 200 – one race, two

titles on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

International recognition, APBA bonus points, Superleague points, **the largest purse** for F2 and F3 as well as television 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 only APBA sanctioned race in the



country these two days. They recognize the importance of not just powerboat racing but in particular the excitement that the Superleague tunnel boat program adds to the well-known event by covering all of you with a 1-hour television program produced by

Romesburg Media Group. All classes will be featured; see the television section in this Gazette for in-depth info. 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 in downtown Pittsburgh. Read this Gazette

carefully; there are changes to the normal Superleague program. The cold pit area is off-site like last year; the hot pit area will be the last down-river ramp on the Allegheny River in the area under the overpass by Heinz Field, with plenty of visibility to all of the fans. Registration will start on Wednesday morning 7:30 and 8 AM on Thursday in the cold pit area. Safety inspection will start as soon as we have boats registered. Classes scheduled per day 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. The EQT Pittsburgh Three



Rivers Regatta festival has 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 on your scheduled 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 exciting competition over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Detailed race information – everything that you need to know about racing in Pittsburgh during the 36<sup>th</sup> running of the **EQT Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta** - is included in this Gazette. Get ready to **CRANK IT UP**.

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## Site Logistics

### DATES/REGISTRATION TIMES:

**July 3-4** This is a two-day event. Wednesday, **July 3** is race day for the F3 class and their North American Championship as well as the Cash Dash, a special event for the F2 class; **July 4** will feature the F2 classes and their quest for the 2013 North American Championships.

Race check-in for credentials and safety inspection will be held each morning prior to moving into the hot pit area. The cold pits will close once we move into the hot pit/restricted area. However, we will continue to issue credentials and safety inspect until the on-water activities begin. **Please remember the following: everyone, including children in the designated areas must sign the APBA waiver and release form and everyone must wear the wristband on their wrist. Without this identification, you will be asked to leave the restricted area.** Insured testing will be held each day (July 3-4) prior to the racing heats – see the schedule. We will hold registration and start issuing credentials at 7:30 am in the cold pit area. **The cold pit area will open at 7:30 am both days. F3/SST 60 will race only on July 3 and F2/SST 120 and SST 200 will race on July 3 and 4.**

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**LOCATION:** Race site is downtown Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in the area known as the North Shore, on the river quay, in front of Heinz Field, the football stadium. Note that this site is on Eastern Daylight Savings Time. Cold pit area will be remote (as in the past)

**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.

## **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, 2013 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) Monday, July 1, 2013.** 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 entry information to: [samwiner3@gmail.com](mailto:samwiner3@gmail.com) or [sherron@aprsuperleague.com](mailto:sherron@aprsuperleague.com) **NOTE: Entry Blank available on the APBA web site.**

### **ENTRY FEES FOR THIS EVENT:**

Formula Two (SST 120/SST 200)....**\$145 for APR members ... \$175 for non-members. THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL ENTRY FEE FOR THE CASH DASH.**

Formula Three.... **\$ 95 for APR members ... \$125 for non-members**

**There will be no Insurance Surcharge for this event.**

## **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.

CASH DASH: format and duration to be announced during the July 3 briefing.

## **Money-Money**

We know that everyone struggles to go powerboat racing. We also know that many of our race sites have an equal struggle to raise sufficient funds to host a Powerboat



Superleague event. In some cases, we have managed to raise the prize fund; we have worked to find money for a yearend purse (money not just prizes). **We are pleased to announce that the prize money in Pittsburgh has been increased substantially. Regatta management understands that racing mid-week can be a hardship, therefore they have agreed to raise the money available to teams to make coming to the event easier.** The **weekend warrior awards** for this race will be four (4): two \$100 awards to the F3 class and two \$100 awards to the F2 class. This means that **4 lucky teams will each receive a \$100 check** for this event provided that they are Superleague members. As of today, the **total amount of money for drivers is \$16,500 (includes tow money for F3 class and the weekend warrior awards)** Below are the money plans for Pittsburgh and the different monetary breakdowns.

**F3 Class** – As we discussed with those drivers present in Knoxville, we will continue to pay the earned tow money but we will take the remainder of the purse and pay each driver a **flat fee of \$330 for participating**. Participating means that you must start at least the qualifying heats. Most drivers will receive **approximately \$400 (or more) when the tow check** is combined with the prize/participation check. **Entry fee:** \$95 (member) \$125 (non-member) Format: no changes; this class races only on July 3

**F2 Class** – Both SST 120 and SST 200 will be treated equally Payout: **\$800 per entry** to the first 12 boats – the first six SST 120 boats and the first six SST 200 boats in the final on July 4. This amount replaces the former combination of tow money plus prize money. Bonus: **\$100 per entry** if you agree to race both July 3 (see below) and July 4. Special Event: **July 3 Cash Dash** paying places 1 through 3 (on water finish) 1st - \$300, 2nd - \$200, 3rd - \$100 Cash Dash format to be determined but will include time trials. Entry Fee: **one entry fee for both days** - \$145 (member) and \$175 (non-member). July 4 Format – classes will not race together for qualify heats. Classes will be combined for final, but scored separately. The start will be determined once the final field has been set and will be based on safety and weather/course conditions.

**We think that the above idea puts as much money in all of your pockets as possible; make sure you entry early to get the best opportunities for your share of Superleague's best 2013 purse.**

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 three classes.

**POINTS** – APBA points, per APBA rule book, will be awarded including the North American Championship bonus points, Superleague points (for qualifying as well as the final), and the PROP/Superleague F2 Dave Packer Challenge points are also at stake. Superleague F2 points awarded for both July 3 and July 4 **IMPORTANT SCORING NOTE** – **per APBA Rule Book, we will schedule both SST 120 and SST 200 and race them as Formula Two. These classes will run together but be scored and paid separately.**

## **Fuel**

We understand that 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 fuel testing devices.



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## **Television**

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, and other Romesburg Media outlets including YouTube and other Internet outlets. Both F2 and F3 classes will be featured.

**IMPORTANT:** Be sure to bring and wear a clean uniform shirt for head shots and interviews – no tee-shirts, tank tops or other inappropriate attire – if what you are wearing is not suitable for broadcast then you will not be featured.

## **Schedule**

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

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### Tuesday, July 2

4 - 6 pm – check-in, credentials and safety inspection at the headquarters hotel, Microtel on Chauvet Drive (near airport)

### Wednesday, July 3

7:30 am – cold pit area opens  
7:30am –10:30 am -- check-in and safety inspection opens in cold pit area  
10:30 pm chapel service – legacy ministry  
11 AM– Drivers' Briefing

12:30pm – all boats in the July 3 program to hot pit/launch area  
2 pm first on-water segment  
4:30 pm second on-water segment and F2 Cash Dash  
7 pm Regatta F3 Championship finals

Thursday, July 4

8:00 – 10:30 am – credentials and safety inspection in cold pit  
10:30 am – chapel service/legacy ministry  
11:00 am – drivers' briefing  
12:30 pm – all F2 boats to hot pit/launch area  
2 pm first on-water segment  
4:30 pm second on-water segment  
7 pm Regatta Championship finals

Awards Presentation following each final as described during drivers' briefing

notes: **safety inspection will continue after driver's briefing both days** Drivers' Briefing is mandatory. Drivers not attending will be fined. Prize checks will be available at the conclusion of tech inspection in the inspection tent/area



## ***Important Notices***

**AUTOGRAPH SESSIONS** - Be prepared to sign autographs at the end of your final. We encourage all available drivers to come to the fence line and sign autographs. **Bring a sharpie marking pen.** If you don't have photo cards, bring plain index cards. Don't disappoint them, please find some time to make an appearance.

## ***Accommodations***

**ACCOMMODATIONS** - Book early the Regatta quickly 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 10 miles (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 = \$68.00 and Single = \$58.48. Address is 900 Chauvet Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15275. To reserve your room, you must mention "Pittsburgh Regatta" to access the room block. Call 412-788-7200 to book your room.



# 2013 Superleague Rules



All 2013 Powerboat Superleague Racing, High-Points Calculation and Yellow Card Rules are 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 rules. Remember we use the current APBA and OPC general, racing 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 2013 APBA/OPC general rules, racing rules and safety rules.** This is important if you are going to protest a call. Remember to bring your rulebook, the rule reference and your driver's rep with you for a rule discussion with any official.

## NEED TO CALL, FAX, OR E-MAIL US ?

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