

POWERBOAT SUPER LEAGUE **gazette**

New Martinsville, WV
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Are you ready to "crank it up?" It's time to head to New Martinsville, WV. It's also one of the final opportunities to earn points for the 2026 season. We are ready to make some noise during the 15th anniversary celebration of RegattaFest. It's time for adrenalin-pushing action. It's race time! RegattaFest is an explosive event with two days of sanctioned APBA races, plenty of points opportunities and bragging rights. With a guaranteed purse plus tow money, this is a high-stakes event. Set your GPS, start your stopwatch – the countdown has begun for points and purse, including tow money and prize money.



REGATTA Fest

We are pleased to be a part of this family-fun festival, an event



with an incredible tradition of APBA sanctioned powerboat racing, going all the way back to 1938. The water is fast, and the area is waiting for the excitement of Superleague racing –it's our hometown and where the circuit started 40 years ago. Pre-

registration for this event is a must. We need to know you are planning to race with us in order to prepare a reasonable race schedule, one that will give everyone an equal opportunity to participate. Race check-in and safety inspection will start on Friday, September 25th from noon to 5 pm in the pit area. Race check-in and safety inspection will continue Saturday morning.

CRANK IT UP



Site Logistics

DATES: September 26-27 We will hold **registration check-in** and start issuing credentials from **noon – 5 pm on Friday, September 25, in the pit area, safety inspection will begin at the same time.** Racing is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. **Saturday evening BOAT PARADE – all classes are invited – begins at 5 pm from the race pit area.**

LOCATION: Racecourse is in downtown New Martinsville, along the waterfront at RegattaFest Way in First Responders' Park. **RACE Pit Area** is the large lot next to the community college, accessible from Main Street. If you arrive during the night, please do not park permanently. You may need to move.

DIRECTIONS: I-77 N/S take exit 1 (in Marietta, OH) to Rt. 7 North, crossing the bridge at Duffy, Ohio. Take Rt. 2 South following overhead signs for Rt. 2 south to North Street/downtown, turning right at Ace Hardware. Turn left at Riesbeck's Market on to Main Street, past two intersections; the pit access point will be on your left.

BODY OF WATER: The Ohio River is fresh water and used by pleasure craft as well as commercial traffic. There will be Coast Guard breaks.

SANCTIONING BODIES: This event is sanctioned and insured by APBA. It is a Powerboat Superleague event; Formula 200, SST 120, SST 60, SST 45 and VP-75, are on the



sanction for racing. **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. Everyone entering the restricted area (launch and start dock) must be a current member of APBA. Single Event Crew Memberships are available through APBA and can be purchased on site for \$20. RegattaFest**

and Powerboat Superleague do not keep any of the money collected for memberships. All membership money is sent directly to APBA. We must comply with all regulations. Without this identification, you will be asked to leave the restricted area. There is no charge for the regular pit pass, but this wristband does not include the launch ramp and start dock. Please read the APBA insurance guidelines for bringing children if their parents are not attending the event. Make sure that your crew/family sign in before 9 am on Saturday and Sunday. We will not be in the pit area to issue credentials after that time.

LAUNCH: by existing boat ramp. Weighing by bucket truck; remember to bring your slings and make sure that they are up to date to hold the weight of your boat.



Registration

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT. You are requested to use TRACKSIDE via APBA. However, Powerboat Superleague will accept entry blanks via fax or mail and e-mail. You can pay at the race site (checks or cash only); there is no Powerboat Superleague membership fee. **All entries, prepaid or unpaid paperwork, must be received by close of business (5 pm), September 23.** If we do not have your entry blank before on-site registration, a \$25 late fee is charged.

We ask for your cooperation; all necessary paperwork, planning, coordination, and tow money computations are completed before leaving the office for the event. **SEND RACE ENTRY TO APR EVENTS GROUP, P. O. BOX 539, NEW MARTINSVILLE, WV 26155.** Or email entry information to winer.sherron@gmail.com or samwiner3@gmail.com

NOTE: Entry Blank is available on the APBA web site.



ENTRY FEES FOR THIS EVENT:

Formula 200 = \$125 and \$75 for SST 120 drivers who want to race in both SST 120 and F 200

SST 120 = \$125

SST 60 = \$85

VP-75 = \$85

SST 45 = \$85

Late Fee for all classes = \$25 (without advance paperwork)

Notes: entry for racing covers both Saturday and Sunday.

Course and Format

Racecourse will be approximately 32-34 seconds for SST 120 and Formula 200. SST 60, VP-75, and SST 45 will race a smaller course. Insurance and Coast Guard parameters limit course size. TYPE: rectangular, using pillow buoys to make the turns, entrance and finish line. Course is non-surveyed and not approved for records. LeMans (modified) start for all classes.

DISTANCE: We will determine the format based on the number of entries. All classes will run a time trial for position in first qualifying heat. Qualifying Heats will be 10 laps per heat, per class, Finals will



be F 200, 30 laps, SST 120, 20 laps, SST 60, VP 75 and SST 45, will be 20 laps. As always, this is subject to change depending on prevailing conditions.

Money-Money

Tow money is based on one-way distance from the race site to your hometown. We calculate mileage using Google Maps and your address. Amount is \$0.75 per mile, one way and is paid per boat not per entry.

TOW MONEY and PRIZE MONEY

Formula 200, SST 120, SST 60, SST 45 and VP-75 will receive guaranteed \$1.00/mile one way to the race site in tow money paid on site.

Prize Money Payout Schedule

Formula 200: 1 - \$1500, 2 - \$1000, 3 - \$700, 4 through 10 - \$500, 11 through last - \$350.

SST 120: There will be an 85% return of the total SST 120 entry fees divided equally among the SST 120 entries

VP 75: 1 - \$500, 2 - \$400, 3 - \$300, 5 - \$300 6 through last - \$200

SST 60 and SST 45: 1 - \$500, 2 - \$400, 3 - \$300, 5 - \$300 6 through last - \$200 **You must start the final to be eligible for prize money**

Tow Money, per boat, is paid at registration if you have pre-registered; if you register at the race site, tow money is paid when prize checks are distributed.

Prize money is paid on site at the close of final inspection.

TROPHIES are awarded to the first three places in all classes.

POINTS – APBA points, per APBA rulebook, will be awarded for both days of racing.

Fuel

We do not mandate any specific fuel, but your choice must be able to pass the current APBA fuel test. There is a website, www.puregas.com, with information on fuel availability in the Duffy, OH/New Martinsville, WV area.

Hospitality

Please join us for a Superleague RegattaFest Team Party at the Wetzel County Commission annex on Main Street (about 4 blocks from the pit area) after registration closes. Once the parade ends on Saturday night, RegattaFest will host their traditional Saturday night dinner, a complete meal along with more of your favorite beverages, as well as entertainment, will be held in the Wetzel County Commission annex, Main Street downtown, same building as the Friday evening welcome party from the pit area.



2026 Rules



more groups. **Please read the most current APBA/OPC general rules, racing rules, safety rules, Bylaws and the Scorer's Handbook.**

Scoring has been were updated to give drivers more points for on-water performance. Read OPC Rule #11 Knowing all the current rules is essential 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.

We are not a recognized APBA/OPC series; however, we continue to provide a reliable group of professionally conducted races. Remember, we always use the current APBA and OPC general, racing, and safety rules. 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 of each heat/final and 3) to compute the overall score/position when combining two or

Accommodations

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

[Visit Holiday Inn Express Website](#)

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New Martinsville, WV 26155

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RegattaFest Rate: \$119 plus tax

Group Block Code: NMR

Deadline for Reservations: September 15, 2025



AMENITIES

- **Hot Breakfast 4 AM - 10 AM**
- **In room Keurig plus Mini-fridge/Microwave**
- **Free Wifi**
- **24 Hour pool and hot tub**
- **Plenty of free big rig parking (parking passes to be issued)**



NEED TO CALL, 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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Schedule

The following is the proposed internal schedule, please note that it may change if prevailing conditions warrant.

Friday, September 25

Noon – 5 pm	On-site registration. Check-in, and safety inspection – pit area
5:00 PM	Hospitality with food and favorite beverages – Commission annex

Saturday, September 26

8-8:45 am	Credentials, check-in, safety inspections – pit area
9 am	Drivers' Briefing – pit area
9:45 am	Start Launch for testing
10-noon	Testing Sessions
Noon	Mandatory Coast Guard break
12:30 pm	Opening Ceremonies
12:30 pm	Start launch of first class for racing heats
1-5 pm	Racing following the announced order and schedule from drivers' briefing
5 pm	Boat parade from pit area, down Main Street
6 pm	Driver and Team Hospitality/Dinner – Commission Annex

Sunday, September 27

9:30 am	Chapel Service in the pit area
10 am	Drivers' Briefing
11:15 am	Start launching boats for limited test session
11:30-noon	Test Session by appointment only
Noon	Mandatory Coast Guard Break
12:30 pm	Opening Ceremonies
12:30 pm	Start launching of race boats
12:45- 4pm	Championship Finals – as detailed during drivers' briefing

Trophies, Awards, Media Photos, and Autograph sessions are scheduled after all the championship finals at the officiating tent.

Notes: **safety inspection will continue after the driver's briefing** Drivers' Briefing is mandatory. Drivers not attending will be fined \$75.

Tow Checks are included in your on-site race registration packet. Prize checks will be available after tech inspection in the inspection tent/area.

Buoy Fine = \$75



**Now... It's Time to GEAR UP for the
REGATTAFEST COUNTDOWN
We'll see YOU
in the WINNER'S CIRCLE**