



33rd Annual Sarasota Powerboat Grand Prix Invitational Classes Race Instructions

Date:

July 1 & 2, 2017

Venue:

Lido Beach, Sarasota, FL

Approved by:



Organised By:

Powerboat P1 USA LLC,
2320 Clark Street Suite A1,
Apopka, FL 32703



RISK STATEMENT

Powerboat Racing is by its nature a dangerous sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.

By participating in or becoming involved with Powerboat Racing organised by APBA Affiliated clubs either as a participant, team member or otherwise individuals agree and acknowledge that:

They are aware of the inherent risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for exposing themselves to such inherent risk, including risks to their person, their property, drowning, hypothermia, collision injuries burns and other physical injuries as well as possible death they have satisfied themselves that they have the necessary skill and knowledge to take part in the event and deal with the conditions that may arise in the course of a race they will not participate in the event whilst under the undue influence of alcohol, drugs or whilst otherwise unfit to participate they are responsible for the safety of themselves their crew their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore the management of their boat including insurance is solely their responsibility scrutineering does not constitute a condition survey of the boat and it is solely their responsibility to decide whether or not to start or to continue in any powerboat race.

Ensuring the efficiency and suitability of the helmets and racing vests worn is solely their responsibility the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their responsibilities the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances to be bound by the conditions of the Race Entry Form, Racing Instructions and the General Competition Rules of the UIM and the APBA they will accept the decisions of the organising committee and officials nominated by the organising committee.

INDEMNITY

Participants in the event will be required on signing on to the event to save harmless and keep indemnified:

- (a) The owners of the premises at which the event is held;
- (b) The organising club, the sponsors and the APBA and their respective officials, servants and agents; and,
- (c) The other boat owners, drivers, passengers or mechanics engaged in the meeting, (Together with the "Indemnified Parties") AGAINST all actions, claims, costs, expenses and demands in respect of loss of or damage to the property of or personal injury sustained to the Indemnified Parties to the extent caused by the participants, their crew, their boat, their mechanics, support team, representatives or agents.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Persons under the age of 18 must have written authority signed by either Parent or Guardian.

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A TEAM'S DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN A RACE OR TO CONTINUE RACING IS THEIRS ALONE

1 EVENT APPROVAL

This Event has been approved by the APBA, the National Governing Body for Offshore Powerboat Racing in the USA.

2 COMPETITORS RESPONSIBILITY

Competitors must read the Risk Statement and Indemnity at the front of these race instructions. It is the competitors’ sole responsibility to decide whether to start or continue in a race once passed inspections.

3 EVENT SECRETARY

Tara Maley

Websites: p1superstock.com P1AquaX.com and www.sarasotapowerboatgrandprix.org

4 RACE OFFICIALS

APBA Chief Referee	Mick Pritchard	
APBA Assistance Referee	Craig Belfatto	813-777-1822
P1 AquaX Race Director	Lisa Barsby	
Race Director	Gene Stephens	813-731-8389
Risk Manager	Mike Sadlon	734-777-1878
P1 SSTK Tech Inspector	Keith Richardson	813-545-1024
APBA Head Scorer -*	Tara Maley	941-666-9907
Assistant Scorer	Erica De Robertis	
Boat Safety / Medical Director	JR Anderson	251-942-5224
Local Water Support	Sam Chavers	941-356-5787

5 RACE JURY To be Announced

6 RACE STATUS NATIONAL

7 CODE OF CONDUCT:

All Teams are required to wear the race suits while on the podium or while being interviewed by the TV Production crew. The use of profanity or inappropriate or disparaging comments or behavior while being interviewed by the TV crew is strictly prohibited.

8 RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The races will be run under current rules as stated in the APBA Offshore Rulebook together with these Race Instructions and any other instructions issued before or at Drivers' Briefings or in Race Bulletins. The Organizers reserve the right to change these Instructions at any time for safety reasons, provided that any change will be in accordance with the current rules. Any changes will be notified to competitors in a Race Bulletin and, if possible, announced at Drivers’ Briefing.

Organizers have the right to refuse any boat which they consider unsuitable and/or which does not conform to the requirements of the present Rules.

Any infringement of the Rules or of the Race Instructions, or instructions issued at Drivers' Briefings or in race Bulletins may lead to disqualification or other penalties being applied by the organizing club.

9 CANCELLATION

The Organizers may cancel or postpone the event or a race at any time in the event of bad weather, equipment failure or otherwise. The entry fee is not refundable unless specified by event organizers.

10 **TIMETABLE – TBC at Driver’s Briefing**

Thursday June 29, 2017	From	Until	Location
SET UP CREW ARRIVE	10:00am	6:00pm	DRY PITS
PITS OPEN	2:00pm	6:00pm	DRY PITS
VOLUNTEER STAFF MEETING	6:00pm	7:00pm	DRY PITS
Friday June 30, 2017	From	Until	Location
SAFETY BRIEFING FOR ALL EVENT STAFF	7:30am	8:00am	USCG BLDG.
REGISTRATION OPEN	8:00am	12:00pm	USCG BLDG.
INSPECTIONS	9:00am	4:00pm	DRY PITS
MEET AND GREET	12:00pm	2:00pm	HYATT
DRIVER’S BRIEF ALL DRIVERS	2:30pm	3:30pm	HYATT
“BOATS BY THE BAY” BLOCK PARTY STAGING	4:30pm	5:15pm	DRY PITS
BLOCK PARTY POLOCE ESCORT	5:15pm		
BLOCK PARTY MUST PRE-REGISTER	6:00pm	11:00pm	DOWNTOWN
Saturday July 1, 2017	From	Until	Location
PHYSICALS	7:30am	8:30am	USCG BLDG..
DRIVER’S BRIEFING - ALL DRIVERS & RIDERS	8:30am	9:00am	USCG BLDG.
AQUAX PRO RACE 1	9:30am	10:15am	RACE COURSE
HELO REFUEL / EXCHANGE HELOS	10:15am	10:30am	RACE COURSE
SUPERSTOCK PRACTICE + RACE 1	10:30am	11:15am	RACE COURSE
OPEN PRACTICE FOR SARASOTA INVITATIONAL CLASSES (Time slots will be announced at Drivers Briefing on Friday)	11:15am	1:45pm	RACE COURSE
SUPERSTOCK RACE 2 & 3	1:45pm	2:00pm	RACE COURSE
AQUAX PRO RACE 2	2:45pm	3:30pm	RACE COURSE
Sunday July 2, 2017	From	Until	Location
PHYSICALS	7:30am	8:30am	HYATT.
DRIVER’S BRIEFING ALL DRIVERS & RIDERS	8:30am	9:00am	HYATT.
AQUAX PRO RACE 3	9:15am	10:00am	RACE COURSE
SUPERSTOCK RACE 4	10:00am	10:30am	RACE COURSE
HELP REFUEL / EXCHANGE	10:30am	10:45am	
SARASOTA GRAND PRIX INVITATIONAL CLASSES CLASSES P1-3, P4-7	11:00am	12:00pm	RACE COURSE
SARASOTA GRAND PRIX INVITATIONAL CLASSES CAT LITE (SUPERSTOCK), SUPER VEE LITE, SUPER VEE LITE SPECIAL EVENT	12:00pm	1:15pm	RACE COURSE
HELO REFUEL	1:15pm	1:30pm	
SARASOTA GRAND PRIX INVITATIONAL CLASSES SUPER VEE, EXTREME (SUPER UNLIMITED), EXTREME LIMITED (SUPER UNLIMITED)	1:30pm	2:45pm	RACE COURSE
SARASOTA GRAND PRIX INVITATIONAL CLASS, SUPER CAT 750	2:45pm	4:00pm	RACE COURSE
PODIUM	5:00pm	6:00pm	DRY PITS

11 RACE ADMINISTRATION/REGISTRATION

This will all take place on Friday July 1st, 8am to 12pm at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Bldg. in the Dry Pits. If you are unable to make it to registration at the designated time allotted please contact Tara Maley to make arrangements for registration and let the Chief Referee Mick Pritchard know this information before the Drivers Meeting. If you do not contact Tara Maley or Mick Pritchard before the Drivers Meeting you run the risk of being given a penalty.

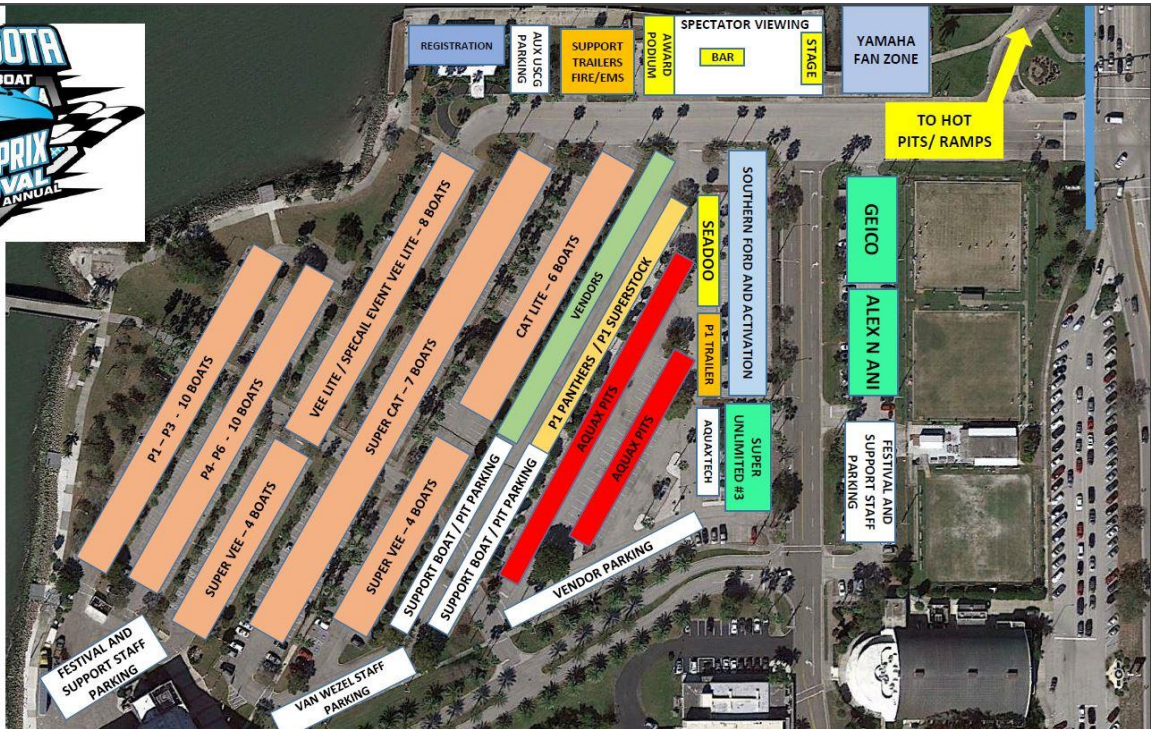
Please bring completed med forms, current APBA membership, FAA Class II physical examination or CDL Physical examination as outline in the APBA rule book, current APBA SET Certificate for canopy boat teams or Swim Test documentation for open canopy boat teams. Team escape plans for canopy boat teams must also be on file with the Race secretary.

12 RACE DRY PIT SITE MAP



South Side/Payne Terminal & Parking Lot
Setup begins 7:00 am on June 27 and cleanup is complete at Noon on July 3
*Public access restricted beginning 8:00 am on June 30 thru 6:00 pm on July 2

North Side (Boat Ramps)
Public closure 11:59 pm on June 29 thru 6:00 pm on July 2



RV PARKING will be in the Dry Pits. Please let Lucy Nicandri know if you are bringing an RV ASAP. NOTE: NO WATER OR ELECTRIC HOOK-UPS, MUST BE SELF CONTAINED

24 our security begins in the pits at 8pm June 28th through 9am July 3rd.

12 PIT AREA

There will be parking for your tow vehicle and boat in the pit area, please check with one of the officials when parking.

13 FUELING AND TOWING ARRANGEMENTS

ON SITE FUELING IN THE HOT PIT AREA

Saturday – July 1 from 8 am until 5 pm

Sunday – July 2 from 8 am until 1 pm

Truck Selling: Sunoco Super Unleaded 93 - Sunoco Standard 110 – Sunoco Maximal 116

Fast Response Towing will be on site with two vessels offering free tows to race teams and \$125 per foot for salvage.

14 INSPECTIONS

Inspections will all take place Friday June 30th. See timetable for times and location.

15 LAUNCHING

Launching is the boat crew's responsibility and should not be undertaken before inspections, unless otherwise stated. The crane will be on site at the 10th Street Ramp, Saturday July 1st from 11am to 4pm and Sunday July 2rd, from 8am to 5pm.

Details of the marshalling area and procedures will be given at Drivers briefing.

16 OFFICIAL PRACTICE ARRANGEMENTS

Official practice can be seen on the schedule. Any changes will be discussed at the driver's briefing.

17 DRIVERS BRIEFING

Mandatory Drivers Briefing will take place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Ballroom on Friday afternoon at 2pm. Signing-in will commence 15 minutes before the Briefing. All crews for each race boat must sign in to the briefing by the start time and attend the entire briefing. A Roll Call will be held. The start of drivers briefing marks the end of the eligibility protest period and the Jury members will be introduced. Penalty for absence may be disqualification from starting the race or other penalties as defined in Class Rules or by the race organizers.

18 PHYSICALS / DUNK TESTING

Mandatory Physicals will take place each morning at the pits before briefing – see timetable for timing. Penalty for absence may be disqualification from starting the race or other penalties as defined in Class Rules or by the race organizers. Breathalyzer and Drug tests may be given.

RACE TEAM DUNK TESTING AT ARLINGTON PARK POOL

2650 Waldemere Street, Sarasota, FL
Friday – June 30 from 9 am until 2 pm
Saturday – July 1 from 9 am until Noon

All open canopy boat teams must complete a swim test which will be held at the same location during the time frame.

Teams who have already gone through Dunk test training or a swim test this season must provide valid documentation of completion. If valid documentation cannot be produced, the dunk test will need to be completed again.

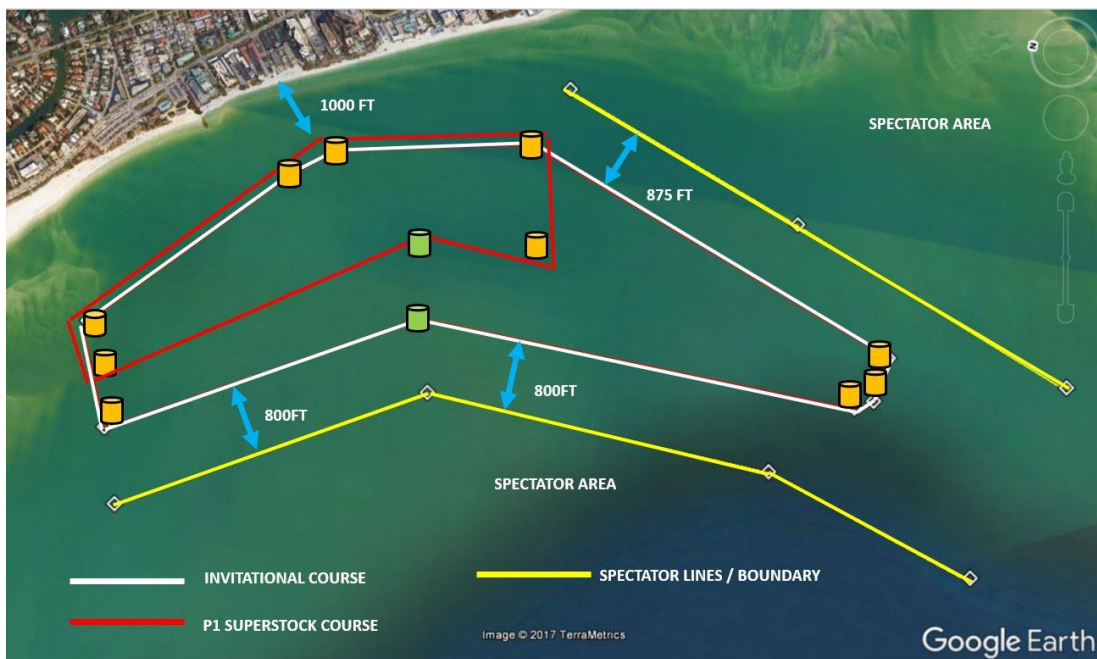
19 NOISE AND SPEED RESTRICTIONS

Competitors must obey all local regulations and Bye Laws relating to excessive speed and noise. All competitors are requested to refrain from starting their engines unless absolutely necessary before proceeding to the race or official practice sessions. Failure to observe local regulations will result in penalties being applied. NOTE: Testing will be in the Gulf of Mexico not in Sarasota Bay.

20 ROLLING STARTS

Full details of the starting procedure will be given at Drivers Briefing.

21 COURSE DETAILS



MILLING AREA AND START RUN



22 COURSE MARKS

A full description of the course and marks will be given at Drivers' briefing.

Race Distance (subject to change): 4.01-mile lap

RACE COURSE: A schematic drawing of the course is provided for your assistance. It is not to be used as a chart or for Navigational purposes.

23 FLAG SIGNALS

Competitors must have a full understanding of all flag signals.

If a competitor misses 2 red flags in any one race they will immediately be Disqualified with no appeal and referred to the Chief Referee for further disciplinary action. More information can be found in the APBA offshore rulebook.

24 POST-RACE INSPECTIONS:

Crewmembers must be available with their craft and all relevant mandatory equipment required by class rules for post-race inspections if required up to one hour after the posting of the Results. One or more engines may be checked and fuel sampling may take place.

First 3 finishers may be weighted. Fourth place to stand by in case of technical infractions from one of 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. place finishes.

25 PENALTIES

Race Organizers may apply penalties referred to in class rules as well as additional penalties.

26 PROTESTS

A Mandatory pre-protest arbitration session with Chief Referee or appointed person is to be held with drivers only before any formal protest will be accepted. If there is a disagreement with the Chief Referee then the protest will be taken to the race jury whose decision is final.

27 PRIZE GIVING:

See timetable for podium timings. Prize money to be awarded immediately after award ceremony.
Prize Money to be awarded as following:

EXTREME (SUPER UMLIMITED) & EXTREME LIMITED (SUPER UNLIMITED)

1ST PLACE - \$4,200
2ND PLACE - \$2,940
3RD PLACE - \$1,260
ENTRY FEE - \$1,750

SUPER CAT

1ST PLACE - \$3,900
2ND PLACE - \$2,730
3RD PLACE - \$1,170
ENTRY FEE - \$1,500

SUPER VEE

1ST PLACE - \$3,300
2ND PLACE - \$2,310
3RD PLACE - \$990
ENTRY FEE - \$1,250

CAT LIGHT (SUPERSTOCK)

1ST PLACE - \$3,000
2ND PLACE - \$2,100
3RD PLACE - \$900
ENTRY FEE - \$1000

VEE LIGHT

1ST PLACE - \$3,000
2ND PLACE - \$2,100
3RD PLACE - \$900
ENTRY FEE \$1,000

SPECIAL EVENT VEE LIGHT

1ST PLACE - \$3,000
2ND PLACE - \$2,100
3RD PLACE - \$900
ENTRY FEE - \$1,000

PRODUCTION CLASS (P1- P3)

1ST PLACE - \$2,400
2ND PLACE - \$1,680
3RD PLACE - \$720
ENTRY FEE - \$750

PRODUCTION CLASS (P4-P6)

1ST PLACE - \$1,800
2ND PLACE - \$1,250
3RD PLACE - \$540
ENTRY FEE - \$550

**** PLEASE NOTE****

**CLASSES WITH LESS THAN 3 BOATS – WINNER RECIEVES 3RD PLACE PRIZE MONEY
CLASSES WITH ONLY 3 BOATS – WINNER RECIEVES 2ND PLACE PRIZE MONEY**

28 TROPHIES:

Trophies will be presented at the podium. See Schedule for time and location.

29 KEY LOCATIONS

HOST HOTEL and Meeting Location:

Hyatt Regency Sarasota 1000
Boulevard of the Arts
Sarasota, FL 34236
Phone: 941-953-1234

Local Hospital:

Sarasota Memorial Hospital
1700 South Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, FL 34239

Nearest Airport:

Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport
6000 Airport Circle
Sarasota, FL 34243

Dry Pit Location:

Van Wezel Parking Lot
Tamiami Trail (US 41) and 10th Street
Sarasota, FL 34236

30 **Racer events:**

“Meet and Greet Who’s in the Driver’s Seat” June 30th 2017 12 noon to 2pm inside Hyatt Ballroom

“Boats on Main” Downtown Block Party, June 30th 2017 6pm to 11pm on Main Street

Fan Festival – July 1st and 2nd in the Van Wezel Parking Lot. 10am to 5pm

Awards Ceremony will be under the large tent in the Van Wezel Parking lot at 5pm

SAFETY INFORMATION

SAFETY TAKES PRIORITY OVER RACING AT ALL TIMES

All Race Boats must observe the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea when encountering any other Non racing craft

- A) *Swimmers, board sailors, private and commercial craft of all types of may be encountered. Competitors are reminded to keep a sharp look out at all times and to take the necessary action in accordance with the IRPCS Rules.*
- B) *Competitors are reminded to keep a sharp lookout at all times for any marine wildlife that may be encountered in the vicinity of the race course and take the necessary avoiding action.*
- C) *Competitors are warned to remember their speed and the fact that other craft may not be fully aware or able to keep clear.*
- D) *Competitors are asked to bear in mind that Official Patrol & Rescue boats have no power to insist that any craft or swimmer keep clear of the course of the race. Advice can only be given for the safety of other craft and swimmers.*
- E) *International Code Flag "A" denotes "DIVERS". Competitors must give a wide clearance of at least 100mtrs.*
- F) *The Course will be patrolled by Official Patrol & Rescue Boats with official Observer boats in the vicinity of certain race marks, other race marks may be observed from the shore*
- G) *Any Official Patrol/Rescue boat may wave a yellow flag to give warning of imminent danger in its vicinity. Competitors seeing this signal are to acknowledge the signal, slow down and keep clear of the danger area.*