

# 2019 APBA OFFSHORE CHAMPIONSHIPS



## 35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SARASOTA POWERBOAT GRAND PRIX FESTIVAL

### DRIVER PACKET

SANCTIONED BY



## **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 organized 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, such as drowning, hypothermia, collision injuries, burns and other physical injuries and possible death. They further accept responsibility for possible damage to any property.

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 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 the participant's responsibility to decide whether or not to start or to continue in any powerboat race.

Ensuring the efficiency and suitability of helmets and racing vests worn is solely the participant's responsibility. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, and other volunteers by the event organizers 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 organizing committee and officials nominated by the organizing committee.

## **INDEMNITY**

Participants in the event will be required, when signing into the event, to hold harmless and keep indemnified:

- (a) The owners of the premises at which the event is held;
- (b) The organizing club, the sponsors and the APBA and their respective officials, staff, employees, and agents; and the city, county and /or principality where the race is held.
- (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 to the loss of, or damage to, the property 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 Legal Guardian, Proof of age is required.

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

## 1. EVENT SANCTION

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

## 2. RACE AND STATUS

CLASS	RACE STATUS	EVENT
OFFSHORE	APBA NATIONAL	ROUND 3

## 3. COMPETITORS' RESPONSIBILITY

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

## 4. RACE OFFICIALS

### P1 USA CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER:

Michelle Petro Cell: 352-572-8686 Email: [Michelle.Petro@PowerboatP1.com](mailto:Michelle.Petro@PowerboatP1.com)

### EVENT SECRETARY:

Name: Dee Ungarten Cell: 732-977-5638 Email: [Dee@oparacing.org](mailto:Dee@oparacing.org)

RACE OFFICIALS	NAME
RACE DIRECTOR	ED "SMITTY" SMITH / MICHELLE PETRO
REFEREE	VAL FIORILLO
ASSISTANT REFEREE	JIM JACKSON
INSPECTOR	GREG KALTNECKER
HEAD SCORER	DEE UNGARTEN
RISK MANAGER	DEE UNGARTEN
RACE CONTROL	DALE OWENS
SAFETY	DAVID HARSHFIELD / DARKSIDE

## 5. RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The races will be run under the current APBA Offshore Rulebook together with these Race Instructions and any other instructions or race bulletins issued before or at Drivers' meetings.

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' meeting.

Organizers have the right to refuse any boat which they consider unsuitable and/or 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' meeting or in race Bulletins may lead to disqualification or other penalties being applied by the organizing club.

## 6. 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 non-refundable unless specified by event organizers

## 7. COMMUNICATION – RADIO CHANNEL –

- RACE TEAM VHF 78A

## 8. TIMETABLE – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FRIDAY JULY 5 <sup>TH</sup>	FROM	UNTIL	LOCATION
PITS OPEN	09:00AM	05:00PM	VAN WEZEL PARKING LOT
REGISTRATION	10:30AM	03:00PM	HYATT REGENCY – TROPICS ROOM
SAFETY INSPECTIONS	10:30AM	05:00PM	VAN WEZEL PARKING LOG
MEDIA CREDENTIALS	10:30AM	03:00PM	HYATT SARASOTA
MEET AND GREET EVENT – RACE TEAM AUTOGRAPH SIGNING	01:30PM	03:00PM	HYATT BALLROOM
BLOCK PARTY STAGING	03:30PM	04:00PM	VAN WEZEL PARKING LOT
BLOCK PARTY POLICE ESCORT OUT OF DRY PITS TO DOWNTOWN	04:00PM	05:30PM	VAN WEZEL PARKING LOT
SUPPORT VESSEL – MEETING	05:00PM	06:00PM	HYATT BALLROOM
DOWNTOWN BLOCK PARTY HOURS	06:00PM	10:00PM	MAIN ST. DOWNTOWN
SATURDAY JULY 6 <sup>TH</sup>	FROM	UNTIL	LOCATION
DRIVER'S MEETING – MANDATORY	08:30AM	09:30AM	HYATT REGENCY
REGISTRATION	10:30AM	03:00PM	HYATT REGENCY -TROPICS ROOM
DUNKER TESTING	10:30AM	05:00PM	ARLINGTON POOL
SAFETY INSPECTIONS	10:30AM	05:00PM	VAN WEZEL PARKING LOT
MEDIA CREDENTIALS	10:30AM	03:00PM	HYATT SARASOTA
FUELING AREA OPEN	09:00AM	05:00PM	CENTENNIAL PARK
RAMP AREA & CRANES OPEN	09:00AM	05:00PM	CENTENNIAL PARK
TESTING	12:00PM	04:00PM	CENTENNIAL PARK
SUNDAY JULY 7 <sup>TH</sup>	FROM	UNTIL	LOCATION
PHYSICALS	06:30AM	07:45AM	HYATT BALLROOM
FAA PILOTS MEETING	07:00AM	07:30AM	HYATT REGENCY
CHAPEL	07:45AM	08:00AM	HYATT BALLROOM
DRIVER'S MEETING – MANDATORY - UPDATES	08:00AM	08:30AM	HYATT BALLROOM
FUELING AREA OPEN	08:00AM	12:00PM	HOT PIT AREA
LAUNCHING -CRANES OPEN – PRIORITY GIVEN TO RACE CLASS ORDER	08:00AM	04:00PM	CENTENNIAL PARK
<i>MARINE OBSERVER HELO SWEEP</i>	<i>09:00AM</i>	<i>10:00AM</i>	
RACE 1 BOATS TO MILLING AREA	09:30AM	10:00AM	RACECOURSE
RACE 1 – CLASS 1 - 7	10:00AM	11:00AM	RACECOURSE
<i>HELO REFUEL</i>	<i>11:00AM</i>	<i>11:30AM</i>	<i>CENTENIAL PARK</i>
RACE 2 BOATS TO MILLING AREA	11:00AM	11:30AM	RACECOURSE
RACE 2 – SUPERSTOCK, SUPER VEE EXTREME, PROSTOCK VEE	11:30AM	12:30PM	RACECOURSE
RACE 3- BOATS TO MILLING AREA	12:00PM	12:30PM	RACECOURSE
RACE 3 – SUPERCAT	12:30PM	01:30PM	RACECOURSE
<i>HELO REFUEL</i>	<i>01:30PM</i>	<i>02:00PM</i>	<i>CENTENICAL PARK</i>
RACE 4 – BOATS TO MILLING AREA	01:30PM	02:00PM	RACECOURSE
RACE 4 – CLASS ONE & VEE EXTREME	02:00PM	02:30PM	RACECOURSE
AWARDS	06:00PM		HYATT BALLROOM

## 9. RACE ADMINISTRATION SIGN IN:

This will all take place on Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency, in the Tropics room next to the Hyatt Check in area. The Hyatt is located at: 1000 Blvd of the Arts, Sarasota, FL 34236.

Any new team members who have not gone through a swim or dunk test must complete the test before testing on Saturday or racing on Sunday. Please notify race secretary, Dee Ungarten, at sign in if you need to complete the test. Participants must sign in with Dee prior to doing the dunk or swim test.

If you are unable to make it to registration at the designated time, please contact, Dee to make other arrangements for signing in. Val Fiorillo must also be made aware before the Drivers Meeting. If you do not contact Dee or Val before the Drivers Meeting you run the risk of being issued a penalty.

## 10. PIT AREA

There will be parking for your tow vehicle and boat in the pit area, please check with the pit officials when you arrive so you can be sent to your allocated pit area. If you arrive after 6pm Thursday or Friday, please park in Centennial Park overnight. You will be directed to your correct pit area the following morning. Be prepared to park non-essential vehicles off-site.

If you are bringing an RV other than your support trailer, you will need to check in with the pit manager when you arrive. Please be aware that parking will be limited.

## 11. FUELING ARRANGEMENTS

Fueling will take place on Saturday and Sunday morning only. Fueling truck will be in Centennial Park which will also be designated as the "Hot Pit" area. This will be a restricted area and only race teams and their working crew will be allowed access to this area. Please review schedule for fueling times.

Sunoco fuel truck will have:

Sunoco Super Unleaded 93 - Sunoco Standard 110 - Sunoco Maximal 116

### Fuel: Minimum On-site Purchase

Class One	100 gallons
SuperCat	70 gallons
SuperStock	35 gallons
Vee Extreme	35 gallons
ProStock Vee	35 gallons
Super Vee Xtreme	35 gallons
P1 Super Stock	35 gallons
CLASS 1	35 gallons
CLASS 2	35 gallons
CLASS 3	35 gallons
CLASS 4	35 gallons
CLASS 5	35 gallons
CLASS 6	35 gallons
CLASS 7	Does not apply

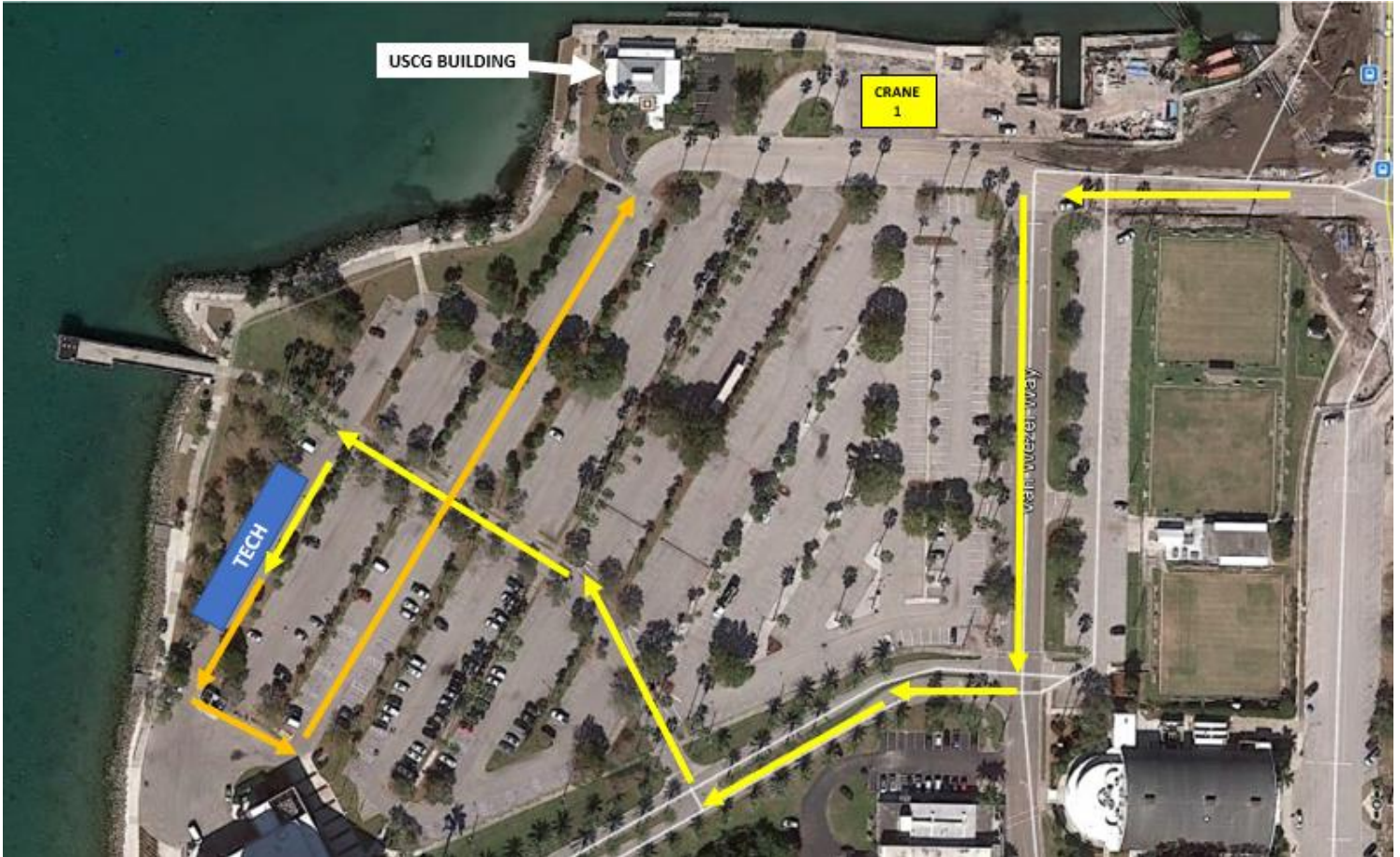
### **WASTE OIL AND REFUSE DISPOSAL**

Please make sure you dispose of any oil and waste properly in an environmentally friendly manner. There will be two 55-gallon oil containment receptacles on site provided by a certified oil recycling company. The receptacles will be located inside the Twisted Metal pit area.

Please dispose of all trash and refuse in proper containers. There will be trash receptacles in the pit area for your convenience. Waste oil must not be placed in the public dumpsters or trash cans. Any team who leaves any kind of waste or refuse in the pit area will be charged for the cleanup.

## 12. INSPECTIONS

Safety Inspections will all take place on Friday and Saturday. See timetable for times. The Inspector must sign your boat off before the end of the Inspection time scheduled. Boats may not launch prior to being inspected and signed off. Safety inspections will occur in the tech area.



## 13. LAUNCHING

Launching is the boat crew's responsibility and should not be undertaken before inspections, unless otherwise stated. There will be two cranes on site, one at Centennial Park and the other on the harbor wall opposite the ramps. They will remain in that location for the entire day. Details of marshalling the area, and launch procedures will be given at Drivers Meeting.

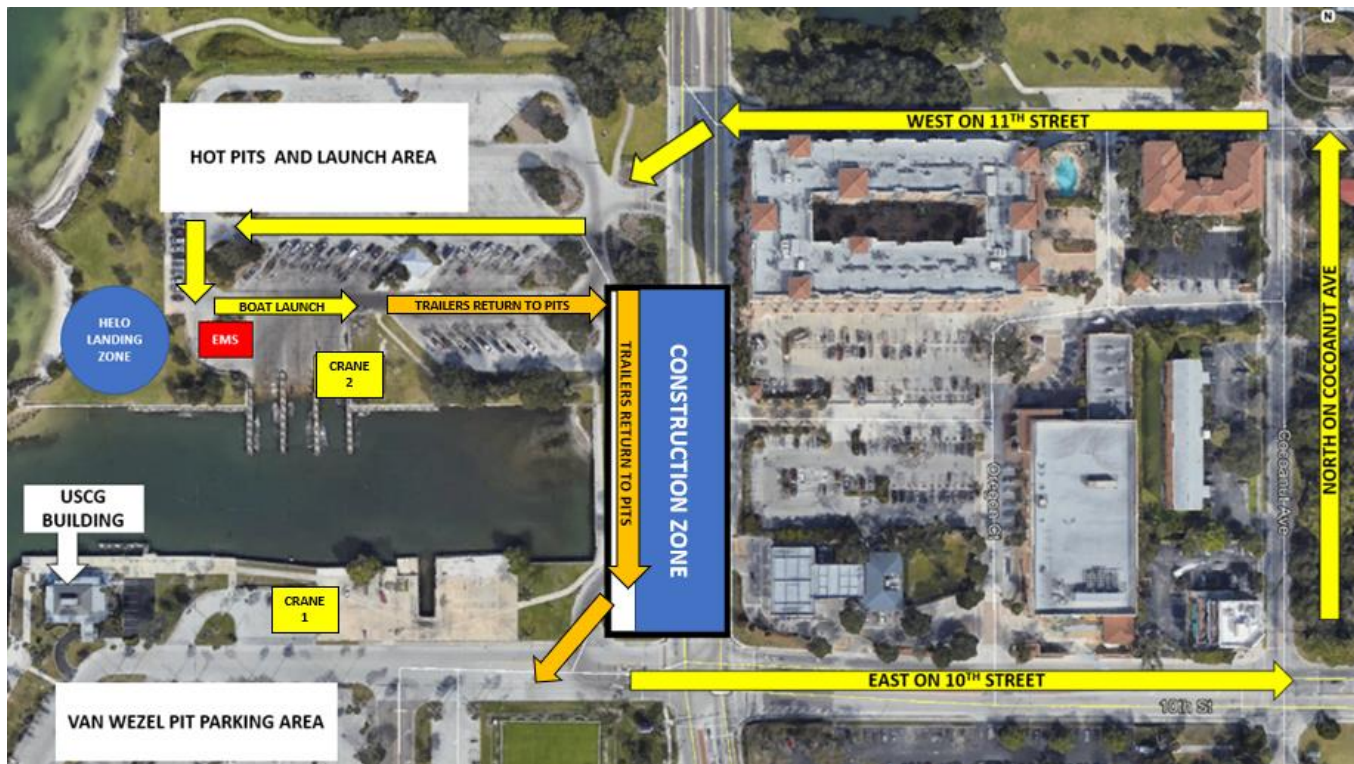
If you are craning in, please be ready by the time you arrive at the cranes. All lifting straps must be on and lines ready. If you are not prepared to crane in, you will be asked to go to the back of the line so those who are prepared can be craned. You must return your rig to your designated pit area once your boat has been craned in.

There will be two cranes at this event. The cranes will be assigned to your class at the driver's meeting.

### **MOT - ROUTE TO HOT PIT / LAUNCH AREA**

There is heavy construction in the area. Please review the maintenance of traffic (MOT) flow and the route to take for access to the hot pits.

## LAUNCHING Continued: MOT



### 14. TESTING

Testing will be Saturday. Please review the schedule for times. Information regarding testing will be issued during the drivers meeting on Saturday morning. **TESTING WILL BE IN THE GULF OF MEXICO. TESTING IN THE BAY IS NOT PERMITTED**

### 15. MANDATORY DRIVERS MEETING

Mandatory Drivers Meeting will take place at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom both Saturday and Sunday morning.

Signing-in will commence 15 minutes before the meeting. All crew for each race boat must sign into the meeting by the start time and attend the entire briefing. A Roll Call will be held. The start of drivers meeting marks the end of the eligibility protest period. Penalty for absence may be disqualification from starting the race or other penalties as defined in class rules.

### 16. MANDATORY PHYSICALS

Mandatory Physicals will take place Sunday morning at the Hyatt Ballroom before the driver's meeting. Please see schedule for times. Penalty for absence may be disqualification from starting the race or other penalties as defined in the Rule book. Breathalyzer and Drug tests may be administered.

### 17. MANDATORY IMMERSION (DUNK) / SWIM TEST

All drivers, throttlemen and navigators must go through a swim and / or immersion (Dunk) test prior to racing. Please make sure you go through the test prior to racing. The Immersion (Dunk) test will be administered by Dark Side Rescue / Dave Harshfield and his qualified staff. The test will be held at the Arlington Pool, 2650 Waldemere St, Sarasota, FL 34239. Participants will be issued a certificate of completion which must be shown to Dee Ungarten prior to racing. Please see schedule for times. Race Teams MUST sign in with Dee Ungarten prior to going through the immersion and / or swim tests.

**18. DR ISSUED PHYSICALS**

Please be sure you bring the correct medical paperwork, including the Dr’s physical as outlined in the rulebook, with you when you sign in.

**19. NOISE AND SPEED RESTRICTIONS**

Competitors must obey all local regulations and bylaws relating to excessive speed and noise. All competitors are requested to refrain from starting their engines unless necessary before proceeding to the race or official practice sessions. Failure to observe local regulations will result in penalties. Please note, there is a no wake zone going through the pass as you approach the racecourse. Maintain a safe distance from other boats and obey the marine rules of the road. When traveling to and from the racecourse please follow the instructions of your escort, race officials and / or law enforcement.

**20. START PROCEEDURE:**

Full details of the starting procedure will be given at drivers meeting.

**LAPS**

**COURSE: 6.2 Miles**

Class One USA	11 laps	68.4 miles
Super Cat	10 laps	62.2 miles
Super Stock	9 laps	55.9 miles
Vee Extreme	9 laps	55.9 miles
Pro-Stock V	7 laps	43.5 miles
Super Vee Xtreme	7 laps	43.5 miles
P1 Super Stock	6 laps	37.3 miles
CLASS 1	9 laps	55.9 miles
CLASS 2	9 laps	55.9 miles
CLASS 3	7 laps	43.5 miles
CLASS 4	7 laps	43.5 miles
CLASS 5	6 laps	37.3 miles
CLASS 6	6 laps	37.3 miles
CLASS 7	4 laps	24.8 miles

**TOWING:**

Fast Response will be on site for towing and salvage services. Towing charges are as follows:

**RACE DAY:**

Mechanical Breakdown with vessel afloat: Towing is free.

Salvage which includes boats that have flipped and / or submerged: \$125 per foot.

**TEST DAY:**

Mechanical Breakdown with vessel afloat: Towing is \$150 flat rate.

Salvage which includes boats that have flipped and / or submerged: \$125 per foot.



## 21. COURSE DETAILS – 6.22-mile Course



### COURSE BUOYS

A full description of the course and marks will be given at Drivers' meeting. **If a buoy is missed, the race team must not turn around to pick it up.** Doing so will result in disqualification. A team who misses a buoy must continue on course to the next buoy. A missed buoy will result in a penalty.

Please note: Any race team who damages a buoy(s) during racing or testing will incur penalties and charged for repair or replacement. Replacement can run anywhere between \$550 - \$2000 depending on the buoy and the damage incurred.

**Race Distance (subject to change):** 6.2-mile lap  
**Distance from pits to milling area:** 4 miles.  
**Course Direction:** CLOCKWISE  
**Co-Ordinates:** Will be provided at the drivers meeting.  
**Finish Line:** Is illustrated as white buoy in the diagram above.

**Finishing the race:** Once your team has raced past the checkered flag, please continue past buoy #1 and safely turn into the center of the course. The winning team will be given a checkered flag to parade if time permits.

**RACECOURSE:** The above schematic drawing of the course is provided for your assistance. It is not to be used as a chart for navigational purposes. Race teams will be notified at the drivers meeting Sunday morning of any course changes and via bulletin.

## **22. 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.

## **23. POST-RACE INSPECTIONS:**

Crew members must be available with their craft and all relevant mandatory equipment required, per class rules, for post-race inspections 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 will be weighed. Fourth place to stand by in case of technical infractions from one of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes.

## **24. 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.

## **25. PRIZE GIVING:**

See schedule for podium time.

P1 Panthers and Class ONE competitors are required to attend wearing their race suits.

Non-Attendance at Prize Giving may result in penalties.

## **26. TROPHIES:**

Trophies will be presented at the award ceremony.

## **27. KEY LOCATIONS,**

### **Host Hotel**

<https://powerboatp1.hotelplanner.com/>

### **Meeting Locations:**

#### **HYATT REGENCY**

1000 Blvd of the Arts,  
Sarasota, FL 34236

#### **Local Hospital:**

Sarasota Memorial Trauma Center  
1700 South Tamiami Trl.  
Sarasota, FL 34239  
Phone: 941-917-9000

#### **Nearest International Airport:**

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

#### **Dry Pit Location:**

Van Wezel Performing Arts Parking Lot,  
777 N Tamiami Trl,  
Sarasota, FL 34236

PIT BOSS – Rich Davis Cell: 941-232-4427

#### **LAUNCHING LOCATIONS**

Crane 1 - North side of Dry pit area. 777 N. Tamiami Trl.  
Crane 2 – Centennial Park 10<sup>th</sup> Street Ramps

## **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 may be encountered. Competitors are always reminded to keep a sharp look out and to take the necessary action in accordance with the IRPCS Rules.
- B) Competitors are always reminded to keep a sharp lookout for any marine wildlife that may be in encountered in the vicinity of the racecourse 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 300ft.
- 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.