



2019 APBA OFFSHORE CHAMPIONSHIPS

THUNDER ON COCOA BEACH

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 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 their 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 their 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 in to 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

3.

Class	Race status	Championship Event
OFFSHORE	APBA National	Championship Round 1

4. 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.

5. RACE OFFICIALS

EVENT SECRETARY:

Name: Dee Ungarten

Mobile: 732-977-5638

Email: Dee@oparacing.org

RACE OFFICIALS	NAME
RACE DIRECTOR	ED "SMITTY" SMITH
REFEREE	VAL FIORILLO
ASSISTANT REFEREE	JIM JACKSON
INSPECTOR	GREG KALTNECKER
HEAD SCORER	DEE UNGARTEN
RISK MANAGER	MIKE SADLON
TIME KEEPER	DEE UNGARTEN
SSAFETY	DAVID HARSHFIELD / DARKSIDE

6. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The races will be run under current the 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' Briefing.

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' Briefings or in race Bulletins may lead to disqualification or other penalties being applied by the organizing club.

7. 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

8. COMMUNICATION – RADIO CHANNEL

RACE TEAM – VHF 78A

9. TIMETABLE – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

THURSDAY MAY 16 TH	FROM	UNTIL	LOCATION
HIGH OCTAINE KICK OFF PARTY	06:00PM	10:00PM	JUICE N JAVA COCOA BEACH
FRIDAY MAY 17 TH	FROM	UNTIL	LOCATION
REGISTRATION & PITS OPEN	10:30AM	03:00PM	RADDISON / PORT CANAVERAL
DUNKER TEST	11:00AM	03:00PM	COCOA BEACH AQUATIC CENTER
SAFETY INSPECTIONS	11:00AM	03:00PM	RACE VILLAGE / PITS
PRESS CREDENTIALS	11:00AM	03:00PM	RACE VILLAGE / PITS
POWER PRE-PARTY	04:00PM	06:00PM	HUNKER DOWN
BLOCK PARTY STAGING	04:00PM	04:45PM	RACE VILLAGE
THUNDER ON COCOA BEACH BLOCK PARTY	05:00PM	10:00PM	COCOA BEACH - A1A
MEET THE RACERS / VIP PARTY	06:00PM	10:00PM	COCONUTS ON THE BEACH, COCOA BEACH
SATURDAY MAY 18 TH	FROM	UNTIL	LOCATION
DRIVER'S MEETING – MANDATORY	08:30AM	09:30AM	FISHLIPS – 610 GLEN CHEEK
REGISTRATION	10:00AM	03:00PM	RADISSON INN
DUNKER TESTING	10:00AM	05:00PM	COCOA BEACH AQUATIC CENTER
SAFETY NSPECTIONS	10:00AM	05:00PM	DRY PITS
FUELING – SATURDAY ONLY	09:00AM	05:00PM	HOT PITS
LAUNCHING	11:00PM	05:00PM	HOT PITS
TESTING	12:00PM	04:00PM	
RACER THE RACERS – RC RACING	01:00PM	04:00PM	TOWER POND
VIP PARTY / MEET THE RACERS	06:00PM	10:00PM	RISING TIDE, PORT CANAVERAL
SUNDAY MAY 19 TH	FROM	UNTIL	LOCATION
PHYSICALS	07:00AM	08:00AM	FISHLIPS
PRESS CREDENTIALS	08:00AM	09:00AM	
LAUNCHING	08:00AM	05:00PM	BLUE POINTS MARINA, SCORPION MARINA OR JETTY PARK BOAT RAMPS
DRIVERS MEETING - MANDATORY	08:00AM	09:00AM	FISHLIPS
RACE CONTROL OPERATIONAL	09:00AM	05:00PM	
MARINE OBSERVER HELO SWEEP	09:00AM	10:00AM	
RACE 1 BOATS TO MILLING AREA	09:30AM	10:00AM	RACE COURSE
RACE 1 –	10:00AM	11:00AM	RACE COURSE
HELO REFUEL	11:00AM	11:30AM	
RACE 2 BOATS TO MILLING AREA	11:00AM	11:30AM	RACE COURSE
RACE 2 –	11:30AM	12:30PM	RACE COURSE
RACE 3- BOATS TO MILLING AREA	12:00PM	12:30PM	RACE COURSE
RACE 3 -	12:30PM	01:30PM	RACE COURSE
HELO REFUEL	01:30PM	02:00PM	
RACE 4 – BOATS TO MILLING AREA	01:30PM	02:00PM	RACE COURSE
RACE 4 –	02:00PM	03:00PM	RACE COURSE
RACE 5- BOATS TO MILLING AREA	02:30PM	03:00PM	RACE COURSE
RACE 5 –	03:00PM	04:00PM	RACE COURSE
AFTER BURN PARTY	04:30PM	06:00PM	TBD
AWARDS	06:00PM		RACE VILLAGE – PORT CANAVERAL

10. RACE ADMINISTRATION SIGN IN

This will all take place on Friday May 17th and Saturday May 18th, 2019 at the Radisson Inn, 8701 Astronaut Blvd, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920.

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, if you need to complete the 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.

11. SITE MAPS – DRY PIT AREA



12. FUELING ARRANGEMENTS

Fueling will take place on Saturday only. Please make sure you fuel by the end of day Saturday in preparation for Sunday's race. Please review schedule for fueling times.

Fuel is available in the Hot pit area in Blue Points Marina Launching area. See site map

Sunoco fuel truck will have: Sunoco Super Unleaded 93 - Sunoco Standard 110 – Sunoco Maximal 116

Fuel: Minumim On-site

Purchase

Class One USA	100 gallons
Super Cat	70 gallons
Super Stock	35 gallons
Vee Extreme	35 gallons
ProStock V	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. It is the race team responsibility to bring appropriate and sufficient containers to store waste oil.

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

13. 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.

14. LAUNCHING

Launching is the boat crew's responsibility and should not be undertaken before inspections, unless otherwise stated. The cranes will be on site at the Blue Points Marina and Scorpion Marina and will remain in that location for the entire day. Details of marshalling the area, procedures and will be given at Drivers briefing.



15. TESTING

Testing will be Saturday. Please review the schedule for times. Information regarding testing will be issued during the drivers briefing.

16. MANDATORY DRIVERS BRIEFING

Mandatory Drivers Briefing will take place at Fishlips Bar and Grill both Saturday and Sunday morning.

Signing-in will commence 15 minutes before the Briefing. All crew 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.

17. MANDATORY PHYSICALS

Mandatory Physicals will take place Sunday morning at Fishlips waterfront Bar and Grill before the driver's briefing. 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.

18. MANDATORY IMMERSION (DUNK) / SWIM TEST

All drivers 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. You will issue a certificate of completion. The Immersion (Dunk) test will be administered by Dark Side Rescue / Dave Harshfield and his qualified staff. The test will be held at the Cocoa Beach Aquatic Center, 4800 Tom Warriner Blvd, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931. Please see schedule for times.

Race Teams MUST sign in with Dee Ungarten prior to going through the immersion and / or swim tests.

19. 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.

20. 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, from the launch site through the port, it is idle speed only.

Please be aware that cruise ships maybe entering and leaving the port over the weekend. Maintain a safe distance from the cruise ship and obey the marine rules of the road.

When traveling to and from the race course please follow the instructions of your escort, race officials and / or law enforcement.

21. START PROCEEDURE:

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

LAPS

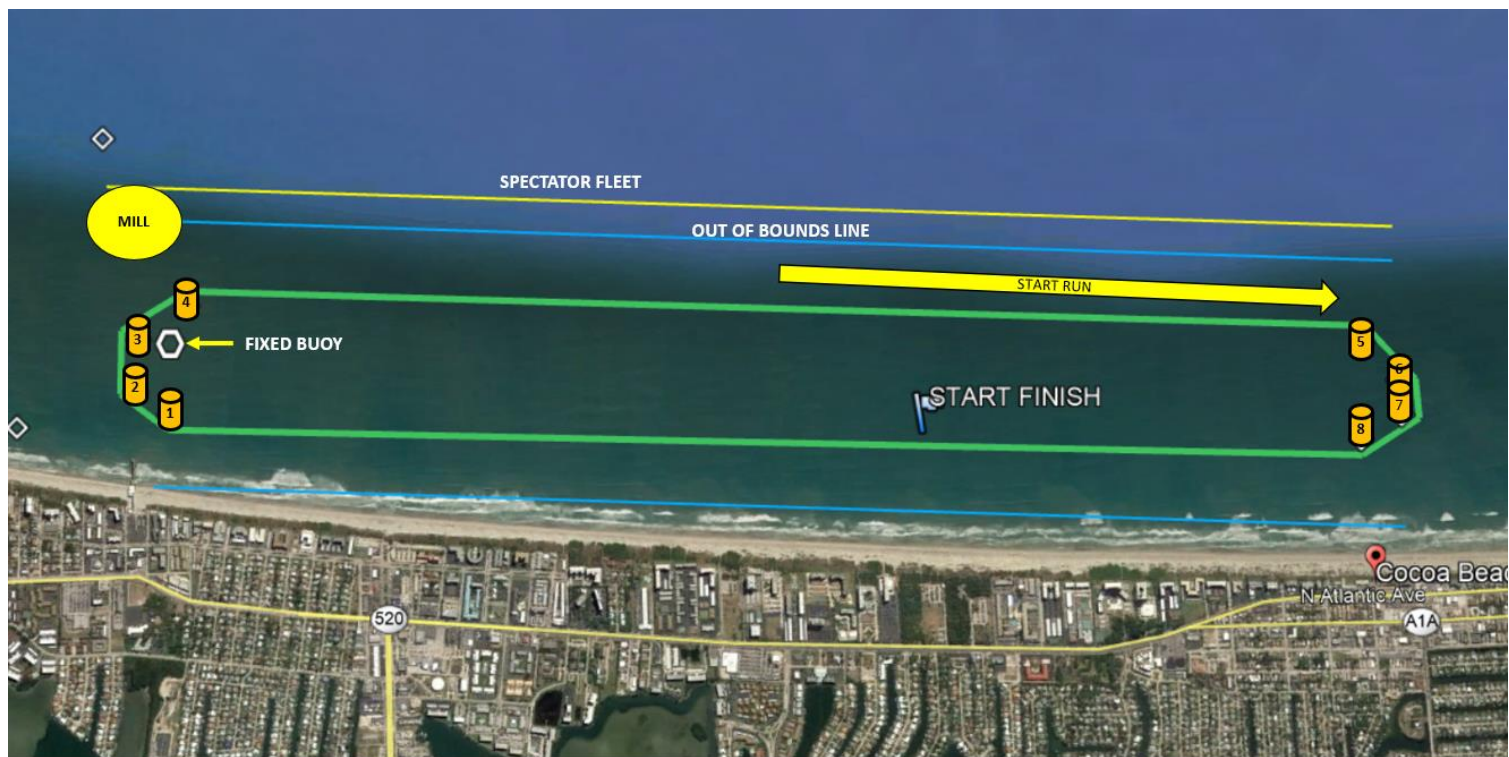
COURSE: 7.5 Miles

Class One USA	9 laps	67.5 miles
Super Cat	8 laps	60 miles
Super Stock	7 laps	52.5 miles
Vee Extreme	7 laps	52.5 miles
ProStock V	6 laps	45 miles
Super Vee Xtreme	6 laps	45 miles
P1 SuperStock	5 laps	37.5 miles
CLASS 1	7 laps	52.5 miles
CLASS 2	7 laps	52.5 miles
CLASS 3	6 laps	45 miles
CLASS 4	6 laps	45 miles
CLASS 5	5 laps	37.5 miles
CLASS 6	5 laps	37.5 miles
CLASS 7	3 laps	22.5 miles

TOWING

Space Coast Super Boat has contracted Tow Boat USA as the tow / salvage company as a recovery service. Towing charges my apply if services are needed.

22. COURSE DETAILS – 7.59-mile course



COURSE OUTLINE

BOATS WILL MILL IN DESIGNATED AREA UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE LEAD PACE BOAT. BOATS MUST MILL IN A COUNTER CLOCKWISE MOTION. ONCE THE COURSE IS CLEAR, THEY WILL BE LED TO THE START LINE BY THE PACE BOAT FOR THE START OF THE RACE.

COURSE BUOYS

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

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): 7.59-mile lap

Distance from pits to northern side of the race course is 5 miles one way.

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

If water is rough, the dog leg part of the course will be removed for safety purposes. Race Director will make the decision on the day of the race. Race teams will be notified at the drivers meeting Sunday morning and via bulletin.

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:

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 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place finishes.

25. 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.

26. PRIZE GIVING:

See schedule for podium time.

All competitors are required to attend wearing their race suits.

Non-Attendance at Prize Giving may result in Penalties.

27. TROPHIES:

Trophies will be presented at the podium.

28. KEY LOCATIONS

Host Hotel

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

RVs

JETTY PARK CAMPGROUND
9035 Campground Cir,
Cape Canaveral, FL 32920
321-783-7111

Meeting Locations:

FISHLIPS WATERFRONT BAR AND GRILL
610 Glen Cheek Dr.
Cape Canaveral, FL 32920
321-784-4533

Local Hospital:

HEALTH FIRST CAPE CANAVERAL HOSPITAL – TRAUMA CENTER
701 W Cocoa Beach Causeway
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931
321-799-7111

Nearest International Airport:

Orlando International Airport.
Orlando, FL

Dry Pit Location:

Port Canaveral,
700 Mullet Rd, Port Canaveral, FL

LAUNCHING LOCATIONS

Crane 1 - East side of Blue Points Marina.
Crane 2 - 950 Mullet Dr, Port Canaveral.
Ramps – 280 Jetty Park Rd, Port Canaveral,

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 in 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.*