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7 DAYS TO THE 2010 HYDRO-TURF APBA WATERCROSS NATIONALS

Only 7 Days Until The 2010 U.S. National Championship

EASTPOINTE, MICH. – With only 7 days remaining to the 2010 HYDRO-TURF APBA Watercross Nationals, presented by Mystic Lubricants, the event is once again shaping up to be another great event at one of the greatest race sites ever. As the season-ending Closed Course Championship for all Novice, Amateur, Expert and Pro-Am racing classes, the APBA Watercross Nationals will feature the finest watercraft competitors from all over the United States and Canada. This event is guaranteed to provide the most exciting and competitive Watercross racing action to be seen anywhere in the country.

The event is open to all racers from all regions and no qualifying is necessary to attend. The event is the final points round for the 2010 HYDRO-TURF APBA Watercross National Tour. This year Nashville will determine the National Champion in all Junior, Novice, Amateur, and Veteran classes – a single event like the World Finals. The event is also the U.S. National Championship for Amateur and Pro Freestyle. There are great prizes and trophies and awards for the top TEN in each class. Special prizes for the Junior riders as part of the Hot Products Junior Star program. The event will be filmed for two separate 30 minute shows produced for MavTV and Untamed Sports networks. ALL CLASSES will be filmed this year and a special DVD will be produced showing all of the action. This year everyone will be on camera.

The 7th annual APBA Watercross National Championships will take place on September 4 - 5 (Labor Day weekend) at Nashville Shores Park - just a few minutes from downtown Nashville on J. Percy Priest Lake. J. Percy Priest Lake features thirty miles of natural shoreline, sand beaches and water activities. On site, soak up some excitement and twisting thrills as you speed down one of Nashville Shores eight waterslides, cool off at the Bucket of Fun waterfall, or hang out and soak up the rays at the Sun Tan Lagoon. In 2010 the park has doubled in size and has a new 3 million dollar wave pool and lazy river. On site facilities include motor home and tent camping, watercraft and boat rentals, and more. All the major restaurants are located right down Old Hickory Road as well as the hotels that are just one mile from the race site. The hotels offer great rates (starting at \$40.99) and the airport is just four miles from the race site. It is an awesome race site that half the APBA membership votes as their favorite race site year after year. Bring the entire family and get ready for some fun. Check it out at www.nashvilleshores.com.

We will be leaving this weekend to prepare for the 2010 APBA Nationals and have listed below the important information you will need and commonly asked questions. If you have not registered yet please do so ASAP. You can register online at www.apbaracing.com and pay by check, credit card, or paypal. It is quick and easy. Please make sure that you register by Wednesday September 1 to avoid paying late fees. If you are faxing entries (APBA Fax # is 586-773-6490) you can fax entries up until Wed. Sept. 1. Mailed in registrations must also be received at APBA National Headquarters by Wed. Sept. 1. You can also register on site on Friday afternoon as well each morning. As you can expect the phone rings off the hook right now and we get bombarded with questions. Answers to the most commonly asked questions are listed at the end.

On behalf of the APBA, HYDRO-TURF, Nashville Shores, and all the other Watercross Nationals sponsors and vendors we look forward to seeing you in Nashville. Drive safe and get ready to rumble and have a great time enjoying the most exciting sport on the water and the 2010 HYDRO-TURF APBA Watercross Nationals!!

Patrick Mell - APBA PWR Director of Marketing and Events

LODGING AND CAMPING

Below is a list of hotels and camping and RV information for the 2010 HYDRO-TURF APBA Watercross Nationals. The rates listed are specially reduced rates reserved for APBA participants. To get the special rate, call reservations phone number and mention "APBA" or "American Power Boat Association".

Family/Economy hotels

These hotels are the closest to the site. There are many restaurants all around these hotels and all the hotels are only 1 mile from the site. You must mention APBA to get the special rate.

Exit 221 - I-40/Old Hickory Blvd Exit

The hotels at the exit are the Vista Inn, Americas Best Value Inn and Super 8. These are nice hotels with great rates. The Americas Best Value Inn used to be called Motel 6. Mention "APBA" to get the special rate.

Hotel	Rate	Distance	Pool	Reservations
Vista Inn	\$ 45.00	1 mile	Outdoor	(615) 889-8940
Americas Best Value	\$ 42.99	1 mile	Outdoor	(615) 889-5060
Super 8 Hermitage	\$ 54.95	1 mile	Outdoor	(615) 871-4545

Directions to Vista Inn, Americas Best Value Inn and Super 8:

Traveling on I-40 East: Exit at Old Hickory Boulevard, exit #221-B, and travel north. Motel 6 will be on the right. Super 8 is across the street.

PREMIUM LODGING

The Springhill Suites by Marriott has given us the special rate of \$74 per night for those wanting a nicer place to stay. This is an awesome rate!

Exit 216 - I-40/Donaldson Pike

Hotel	Rate	Distance	Pool	Reservations
Springhill Suites by Marriott	\$74.00	4 miles	Indoor	1-888-287-9400

RV PARKING AND CAMPING

To Reserve an RV or Tenting Camping spot call (615) 889-7050 and ask for TRICIA ext 220. THE CAMPING FEE IS \$30 per night with NO minimum fee. You must ask for Tricia to reserve a camping/RV spot.

Site	Distance	Rate	Reservations
RV Parking	On-Site	\$30.00 per night	(615) 889-7050 ext 220
Tent Camping	On-Site	\$18.50 per night	(615) 889-7050 ext 220

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Below is the schedule of events. Please note that the race schedule has changed as the event will now run in two days with an open practice session on Friday evening. Friday will be check-in for all classes but there will also be check-in on Saturday and Sunday mornings as well.

PRACTICE

Each racer will receive a practice chip for each division of racing they have entered (Ski, Sport or Runabout). Racers will be allowed one practice per division. There will be an open practice session on Friday and Saturday evening as well as a last chance practice each morning.

Friday September 3rd Events

You can check-in on Friday from 2:00 pm -7:00 pm or Friday Morning from 6:30 am - 7:45 am. If you do not check in during these times you will not race. If less than a full field of racers you will run 2 motos. If a full field you will run heats, LCQ and ONE final. **The awards ceremony for ALL classes will take place on SUNDAY at the Suntan Lagoon.**

FRIDAY EVENTS

- **Open Practice Session**
- **Racer Check-In**

Saturday September 4th Events

You can check-in on Friday from 2:00 pm -7:00 pm, or Saturday Morning from 6:30 am - 7:45 am. If you do not check in during these times you will not race. If less than a full field of racers you will run 2 motos. If a full field you will run heats, LCQ and a final. All races for the classes listed below will be run on Saturday. Practice will be on Friday evening from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. There will also be a last chance practice on Saturday morning.

The awards ceremony for these classes will take place on SUNDAY at 7:00 pm at the Suntan Lagoon area.

SATURDAY EVENTS

- **Novice Ski Stock Spec**
- **Novice Ski Limited**
- **Novice Women Ski Limited**
- **Novice Runabout Limited**
- **Amateur Runabout 4-Stroke Stock**
- **Amateur Runabout N/A Stock**
- **Amateur Runabout N/A Limited**
- **Amateur Runabout 800 Limited**
- **Masters Ski Open**
- **Sport Spec**
- **Sport Modified**
- **Junior Ski 10-12 Stock Spec**
- **Junior Ski 13-15 Stock Spec**
- **Junior Ski 13-15 Limited**
- **Amateur Freestyle**

Sunday September 5th Events

You can check-in on Friday from 2:00 pm -7:00 pm, Saturday from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm or Sunday morning from 7:00 am - 7:45 am. If you do not check in during these times you will not race. If less than a full field of racers you will run 2 motos. If a full field you will run heats, LCQ and a final. All races for the classes listed below will be run on Sunday. Practice will be on Friday evening from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. There will also be a last chance practice on Sunday morning. **The awards ceremony for these classes will take place on SUNDAY at 7:00 pm at the Suntan Lagoon area.**

SUNDAY'S EVENTS

- Amateur Ski Open
- Veteran Ski Open
- Veteran Runabout Open
- Expert Ski Limited
- Expert Runabout Limited
- Expert Runabout Open
- Women's Runabout
- Pro-Am Ski GP
- Pro-Am Ski Stock Spec
- Pro-Am Women Ski Limited
- Runabout 800 Open
- Pro-Am Runabout Stock
- Pro-Am Runabout Open
- Pro Freestyle
- Awards for ALL CLASSES.

Freestyle Riders

Amateur Freestyle will be run on Saturday and Pro Freestyle will be run on Sunday. You can check in on Friday from 2:00 pm -7:00 pm, or Saturday morning from 6:30 am - 7:45 am. Pro-Freestyle can also check in on Sunday morning from 7:00 am – 7:45 am.

APBA WATERCROSS NATIONALS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 3

2:00 am to 7:00 pm Check-in and Safety Inspection All Classes
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Open Practice Session for ALL Classes

Saturday, September 4

6:30 am - 7:45 pm Check-In all Saturday Classes
8:00 am Riders Meeting
8:30 am - 9:15 am Last Chance Practice All Saturday Classes
9:15 am - 5:00 pm Racing All Saturday Classes
11:00 am - 4:00 pm Check-In all other classes
1:30 pm Amateur Freestyle
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Open Practice for all Sunday Classes

Sunday, September 5

7:00 am - 7:45 pm Check-In all Sunday Classes
8:00 am Riders Meeting
8:30 am - 9:15 am Last Chance Practice All Saturday Classes
9:15 am - 5:00 pm Racing All Sunday Classes
1:30 pm Pro Freestyle
7:00 pm AWARDS FOR ALL CLASSES

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

To help with the questions we have made a list of the common questions with the answers below.

QUESTION - What day am I racing? Check the schedule above.

QUESTION - Do you except IJSBA memberships? It is an APBA rule and condition of the insurance program that all racers that race at an APBA event MUST be an APBA member. Because of this we can not accept IJSBA memberships. Buying two memberships is unfortunate and extra expense for the racer. While we can not accept IJSBA memberships, to help the racers we will offer racers that have a current IJSBA membership a \$20 discount on their entry. When you come to the race you can show your valid IJSBA membership card and fill out the \$20 single event APBA membership application. You will pay your normal entry fee if you pre-register and your single event membership fee will be paid.

QUESTION - I did not attend an APBA race this year as there we no races in my region or my promoter in my region was IJSBA but I want to attend Nashville. Can I come? The APBA Watercross Nationals is an open event and open to all racers – both APBA and IJSBA. Since 2001 Nashville has site and host been the US National Championship. There is no qualifying necessary and you did not have to attend an APBA race to qualify or attend.

QUESTION – How many laps are we running? It is the National Championship and you will be running lots of laps. 10-15 lap qualifiers finals and 15-20 lap finals for the top Pro-Am classes. The number of laps for the qualifiers will depend on the # of riders in the class. The more riders in your class the more laps you will run.

QUESTION – How many places are you giving awards to? The top 10 people in each class for the Nationals will receive awards. Top 3 will receive awesome trophies with plaques awarded to the 4th -10th place riders. The awards are really nice this year.

QUESTION – I called for camping and Nashville Shores said they do not have camping. Is there camping? Yes there is camping allowed on site. The only event that Nashville Shores allows camping at all year long is our event. **To reserve a spot you must call (615) 889-7050 and ask for TRICIA ext 220 during normal business hours.** If you get her voice mail leave her a message with your name and tell her to reserve a spot for you. There is plenty of space and you can even get a spot at the event. If you reserve a spot you will get a better spot then if you just show up.

QUESTION – What kind of race track is it? The race track will be a left hand start track with a dual starting line. While the track will have a long back straightaway where racers can open up their boats it will be a short and tight track that will test the racers riding/racing skills. It will not be a horsepower track that will test which racers have the fastest boats.

QUESTION – I am thinking about also entering XYZ class but not sure yet and do not want to pay a late fee. Can I avoid the late fee if I enter? As long as you pre-register for one class you can add as many other classes as you want on site and not have to pay a late fee.

QUESTION – If I do well in my Novice class I may want to race Expert/Pro-Am on Sunday. Can I do that? Yes you can do that, however you now have been reclassified and as Expert rider for the 2010 season.

QUESTION – I am a Novice/Expert rider can I run an Amateur class? The definition of an Amateur class is a combined Novice and Amateur skill level class. The definition of a Pro-Am class is a combined Expert and Pro skill level class. So any Novice rider as well as any Expert rider can run in the Amateur classes. So if you race on Friday or Sunday you can also race any Amateur classes on Saturday as well that your boat is legal for. Amateur Ski Open is normally a huge class as many people enter that class as a second class.

QUESTION – I have a Tech question. Can I do this to my boat? Send your tech questions to patrickmell@aol.com . I will be checking e-mails each night and try to answer your question ASAP!

QUESTION – Who is doing Tech at the Nationals? There will be several guys in Tech at the Nationals. It does not matter who is their get your boats legal before you show up!

QUESTION – When does the fun/party start? The fun/party starts when you get there!

For more information, contact Patrick Mell at (586) 598-2856 up until Saturday August 28 or visit www.apbaracing.com and www.pwcfun.com on the internet. Starting Saturday August you can reach Patrick Mell by calling 586-201-6823 or send an email to patrickmell@aol.com .

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