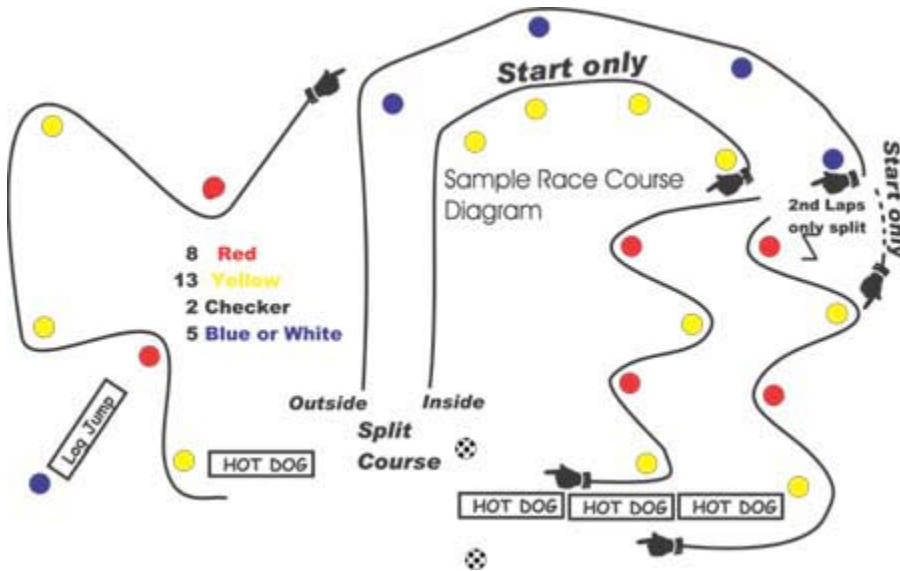


Frequently Asked Coast Guard/DNR Questions

The following are frequently asked coast Guard and DNR questions. Including this document with your permits will help answer their questions and speed up the permit process. An editable copy of this document in WORD is available to all APBA promoters. Send an e-mail to Patrick Mell at patrick@apba-racing.com for a WORD copy.

(1) Can you provide specific detailed maps of the race course area?



(2) When you define the "race course area" what does this include?

On water, the closed course racetrack will take up an area of water of approximately 1000 ft wide X 700 ft deep. Turns are marked with yellow and red buoys.

(3) Are we expected to protect the entire "event area"?

No. We have our own safety patrol boats and personnel to take care of the event area on the water. We will have a minimum of 2 personal watercraft on the water for the closed course events with our safety personnel.

(4) Can you provide a specific agenda regarding each event's course, size, start/stop times, number of participants, and method of deployment?

1) Closed Course

- Size 1000 ft wide X 700 ft deep
- Times 8:30am - 8 pm. While we do not intend on racing this long (we are normally done by 5:00 pm) but this is the requested time in case we have to make up any time for some a reason such as bad weather on any day.
- Between 4-18 participants on the course at one time.
- Deployment from a starting gate about 10-25 feet from shore.

2) Freestyle

- Within the closed course area
- This event will last about 1 hour - Estimated time Sunday from 12:00-1:00 pm
- One rider at a time doing tricks for 2 minutes

3) Slalom

- Takes up an area 200 ft X 75 ft.
- One participant at a time

(5) Can you provide the name of the person in charge and phone numbers and where can he be found during the event?

The person that is in charge of the event is ??????????. His daytime phone number is (???) ???-?????. His cellular phone number is (???) ???_?????. From Thursday through Sunday during an event weekend, ?????????????? can be reached on his cellular phone. Before the event he can be reached at his business phone. During the event ?????????? will be on the shore at the event.

(6) What normal boating rules or special conditions will be needed for the event?

a) Since this is a head-to-head racing event the minimal distance between watercraft would not apply for the event within the permitted race course area.

b) Since the event will take off from a distance of approximately 10 feet from shore, the no wake or speed limit laws near the shoreline would not apply within the permitted race area.

c) Since many of these watercraft are custom built boats, some may not have registration numbers. Therefore we request that the racers boats not require registration numbers within the race course area. If the participants chose to go outside of the permitted race course area they will be subject to al local and state watercraft rules including having proper boat registrations.

d) On land the participants utilize ATV's and golf carts to launch their personal watercraft and transport them from their trailers to the pit area. So we request the use of ATV's and golf carts to transport the watercraft.

(7) Who is the sanctioning body for the event?

The American Power Boat Association (APBA) will serve as the sanctioning body for the event, provide the event insurance package, and provide event continuity in the form of structured classes and rules for the event. The American Power Boat Association (APBA) is a governing body for power boat racing in the United States. With more than 7,000 racing members, the APBA sanctions over 250 events each year for just about any motorized watercraft imaginable from Unlimited Hydroplanes to rough riding Stock Outboard boats, to Personal Watercraft. Last year (2003) APBA celebrated its 100-year anniversary.

(8) What type of insurance is provided for the event and will the State of Michigan and DNR be listed as additional insured?

The State of ??????????, Department of Natural Resources or Coast Guard, its departments, officers, employees and agents, will be held harmless for any and all claims, etc., as well as named as an additional insured on a \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit spectator liability insurance policy. A copy of the policy is available upon request. The APBA normally issues the actual policy one-week prior to the event, but has a copy of the certificate available if you want to see it before then.

(9) What is your normal schedule of events for the event?

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

12:00 AM-8:00 PM On Site Set-Up

FRIDAY

9:00 AM-8:00 PM On Site Set-Up

SATURDAY

7:00-8:00 AM Registration
8:00-8:30 AM Riders' Meeting
9:00-10:00 AM Practice
10:00-1:00 PM Qualifying heats
1:00-2:00 PM Break
2:00-5:00 PM Heats Continued
2:00-5:00 PM Slalom
7:00 PM Awards

SUNDAY

7:00-8:00 AM Set up
8:00-8:30 AM Riders' Meeting
9:00-10:00 AM Practice
10:00-1:00 PM LCQ/Final Heats
1:00-2:00 PM Break
2:00-2:20 PM Freestyle Event
2:30-5:00 PM Final Heats
5:30 PM Awards & Site Tear Down

Thursday

Set-up stage on land, blow up buoys, and test the water depths to determine where the buoys for the race course will go.

Friday

Put the buoys in the water and test the race course. Finish decorating the land and set up the registration area.

Saturday

Day 1 of racing.

Sunday

Day 2 of racing. Tear down the race course and all buoys as soon as racing is completed.

(10) Regarding your safety personnel, how many do you supply? Will they be on shore or in the water? If in the water, what type of watercraft will they be utilizing? Will they have radio communications with local patrol boats and personnel?

Our normal operation is to have two to three safety personnel on the water that will be aboard personal watercraft. Each on-water safety patrol person will have radio communication with the event Race Director. We utilize two frequencies - one for the on-water safety patrol and one for everyone else. If you would like, we would provide the DNR/Coast Guard with a radio so that they will be in contact with the Race Director at all times if the DNR/Coast Guard chose to be on site during the event.

In addition to the on-water safety personnel, other event safety personnel will be on shore including an ambulance with 2 EMT's on site at all times. We also have a special floating stoke to transport injured riders to shore if needed.

(11) What is your inclement weather plan?

As long as there is no lightning we continue to run our event. Rain will not stop the event. If there is lightning we immediately stop the event and wait for it to stop. If we do not finish the event on Sunday we will not make it up on another day