



## 2008 HYDRO-TURF APBA WATERCROSS NATIONALS COMPETITOR'S GUIDE

Welcome racers. On behalf of the American Power Boat Association (APBA) and its regional race promoters, thank you for your interest in attending the 2008 HYDRO-TURF APBA Watercross Nationals, presented by Sea-Doo watercraft. We have worked extremely hard preparing for this year's event and have put together an exciting program for you and your families.

As the season ending Closed Course Championship for all Novice, Amateur and Pro-Am racing classes, the APBA Watercross Nationals will feature the finest watercraft competitors from all over the United States. This event is guaranteed to provide the most exciting and competitive Watercross racing action to be seen anywhere in the country. More than 300 competitors, from all over the United States and Canada are expected to participate at this year's event. The event is the final points round for the APBA Watercross National Tour for the 11 National Tour classes, the National Championship for the 23 regional classes and the final points round for the coveted APBA National Highpoints system that determines rider's national ranking and 2009 race number. The event also features the National championship for Amateur and Pro Freestyle that is always a crowd pleaser.

The 5th annual APBA Watercross National Championships will take place on August 29th – August 31st (Labor Day weekend) at Nashville Shores Park - just a few minutes from downtown Nashville. Nashville Shores is located in Hermitage, Tennessee, just 8 miles from downtown Nashville, on J. Percy Priest Lake. Nashville Shores Water Park is Tennessee's premier recreation and watersports destination. It's your ticket to wide-open beauty of 14,000-acre J. Percy Priest Lake, which 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 addition to the park, there are many activities including live entertainment, watercraft rentals, paddleboats, mini golf, volleyball, and more to enjoy. On site facilities include motor home and trailer camping, watercraft and boat rentals, and more. Bring the entire family and get ready for some fun. Check it out at [www.nashvilleshores.com](http://www.nashvilleshores.com).

We would like to wish all racers and their families and friends a warm welcome to the 2008 HYDRO-TURF APBA Watercross Nationals. So get ready to rumble and have a great time enjoying the most exciting sport on the water and the 2008 APBA Watercross Nationals!!

**Patrick Mell**  
**APBA PWR Director of Marketing and Events**

## QUALIFYING

**Due to the fact that some APBA regions had no races this year and others had most of the season cancelled Nashville will be an Open event this year. To participate you must have raced at least one APBA or APBA affiliate event before. If you raced at least one event before you can enter any other class that you qualify for by skill and age. First time racers will be allowed to participate in the Beginner classes only.**

Due to low participation in 2007 Masters Ski Stock has been dropped. Masters Ski Open is still a class. A new class Vintage Ski Open has been added that is for stand-ups that were produced in 1995 or older, SXis and roundnose SuperJets except 2008.

## 2008 APBA WATERCROSS NATIONALS CLASSES

### Runabout Classes

Beginner Runabout Limited  
Novice Runabout Limited  
Amateur Runabout 800 Limited  
Amateur Runabout 800 Open  
Amateur Runabout N/A Stock  
Amateur Runabout N/A Limited  
Amateur Runabout 4-Stroke Stock  
Veteran Runabout Limited  
Women Runabout Limited  
Expert Runabout Limited  
Expert Runabout Open  
Pro-Am Runabout 800 Open  
Pro-Am Runabout Stock  
Pro-Am Runabout Open

### Ski Classes

Beginner Ski Limited  
Novice Ski Stock  
Novice Ski Limited  
Novice Women Ski Limited  
Amateur Ski Open  
Amateur Ski Box Stock  
Veteran Ski Open  
Vintage Ski Open (NEW)  
Expert Ski Limited  
Pro-Am Ski Stock  
Pro-Am Ski GP  
Pro-Am Women Ski Limited  
Juniors Ski 10-12 Stock  
Juniors Ski 13-15 Stock  
Junior Ski 13-15 Limited  
Masters Ski Open (Age 40+)

### Sport Classes

Sport Modified

### Freestyle Classes

Amateur Freestyle  
Pro Freestyle

## SIGN UP INFORMATION

Pre-registration is highly recommended to participate in the APBA Watercross Nationals. Riders have the option of entering by mail, online registration or by fax. Entry fees are listed on the entry form and below. All riders are required to purchase a \$10 parking pass and \$20 3-Day Waterpark SuperPass. **All mail in, fax, and online registrations must be received by Tuesday, August 26th.** All others will be considered late and be charged a late fee of \$25 per class. PLEASE pre-register and save some money. Pre-registration forms must be accompanied with payment for entry fees, APBA membership (if membership is expired), parking passes and waterpark tickets and numbers and backgrounds purchased (if needed). Personal checks, money orders, cash and credit cards are acceptable forms of payment. No single event memberships will be sold at this event. If your membership is expired you will need to purchase a one-year APBA membership.

NOTE: Accepting Credit Cards is a service to the racers. Those riders giving wrong on declined credit cards will be required to pay cash at all future APBA events.

You can also register online at the [www.apbaracing.com](http://www.apbaracing.com) . If you are paying by credit card you can fax entry form to (586) 773-6490. Please MAIL all entry forms to, APBA, 17640 East Nine Mile Road, Eastpointe, MI 48021. ALL ENTRY FORMS MUST HAVE A CREDIT CARD OR PAYMENT.

## ENTRY FEES

PRO-AM & EXPERT	\$155.00
NOVICE & AMATEUR	\$130.00
BEGINNER/JUNIOR	\$110.00
MASTERS/VETERAN	\$130.00
VINTAGE	\$110.00
FREESTYLE	\$100.00

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENTERING

- 1) Fill out the form completely.
- 2) Enter the race number and brand for each class entered. VERY IMPORTANT
- 3) Total up the entry fees, Nashville Shores Tickets (mandatory), parking pass (mandatory) and enter this in the "entry fees" box.
- 4) Send the correct amount immediately to the address on the entry form or you can fax the entry form to APBA at (586) 773-6490 if you are paying with a credit card.
- 5) Do not mail or fax in an entry form without payment as they will not be accepted.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### APBA Requirements

The 2008 APBA Watercross Nationals is sanctioned and governed by the APBA and run according to the APBA rulebook. All participants must be a current APBA competition member and must present proof of valid membership to compete. Please bring your APBA membership cards. If you do not have your APBA membership card with you, be prepared to pay for a new membership when you check in. Single event memberships will not be sold at this event.

### Safety Gear

A properly fitting full coverage helmet, with chin and mouth protection (face shield removed), that meets current DOT or SNELL M-rated standard, must be worn at all times while on the water. A U.S. Coast Guard-approved Type III life personal floatation device (PFD), in sound condition, must also be worn at all times while on the water, including during practice. Fines will be assessed to all riders in violation of these rules. Wetsuits, protective footwear and eyewear are highly recommended.

### Racing Numbers

You must have two sets of race numbers, with the correct color backgrounds on your boat – one on each side in the front of the watercraft. If you do not have the proper numbers and backgrounds on your watercraft you will not pass safety inspection. Racing numbers must be black, a minimum of 7 inches high, and spaced at least ½ inch apart. Standard block-type numbers, without shading or outlining, must be used. If there are duplicate race numbers in your class, you may be asked to change your number during the riders meeting. New or replacement numbers are available at registration.

**Important Notice** – All riders are encouraged to run their APBA National Highpoints number that was earned during the 2007 season. If there is a duplicate number problem in a class, riders racing in a class with a number that was not earned will be required to change their number. We do not care what place you finished regionally or if the number on your boat came with it when you bought it. If you did not earn the number get it off your boat. If you are running a boat in more than one class and you have an earned number in one of the classes, you will be required to either:

- 1) Add a "X" after your number.
- 2) Add a "1" or some other number to make the number different than the earned rider's number.

**NOTE: If you did not earn a number please be prepared to buy new numbers and backgrounds to correct your number.**

### Pre-Race Safety Inspection

In the interest of safety, APBA rules require that all watercraft receive a complete safety inspection before being allowed on the water. Every participant is required to have his/her watercraft tech inspected and it is the responsibility of the rider to submit his/her watercraft to the Technical Director for safety inspection. See below for the check-in/safety inspection times for your class(es). Tech inspection is to check to see if your boat is safe to go on the water – not to see if it is legal for class participation.

### Event Sign In/Check In

Whether pre-registered or not, every participant is required to check in, show their membership card, sign the waiver and release and get a wristband. This includes all racers, holders and mechanics that will be participating in the event. See schedule of events for check-in times. If you race on Sunday, please do not check in on Friday morning.

### **Riders Meetings**

It is mandatory that all participants attend the published riders meeting at the scheduled time for each of the classes entered. Roll call will be taken to insure that everyone's smiling faces will be in attendance.

### **Sponsor Decals**

In consideration of sponsor commitment and support of this event, participants will be required to display a HYDRO-TURF decal, as well as APBA stickers, on each side of his or her boat. Stickers will be available to participants at registration.

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### **Post-Race Tech Inspection**

Every participant that finishes the race and receives the checkered flag, must immediately proceed to the tech inspection area, and submit their watercraft for inspection. Failure to submit your watercraft for inspection may cause you to be disqualified. We know that many events have had very little post race tech this season. This will not be the case at this event. Please bring your tools and expect to have your boat down.

### **Admission Fees**

There will be no cost for you or you family, friends and other spectators to watch the races on Friday. There will be a \$5 fee to watch races on Saturday and Sunday. Admission to Nashville Shores Water Park and parking is separate from the race. We have struck a deal with the park to offer a special rate for the participants. See below.

### **Nashville Shores Tickets**

Nashville Shores tickets are only needed if you plan on entering the water park, and are not needed to race. The rates for Nashville Shores water park tickets are \$21.95 per day if you do not get them through us. They have given us a rate of \$10 per day or \$20 for a 3-day pass. These tickets must be purchased from us to get the special rate. So if you plan on bringing the family and going to the water park, this is a great deal. You can buy Nashville Shores tickets on the entry form.

### **Event Parking/Parking Fees**

The event will take place at the beach in front of Nashville Shores. Look for signs to Watercross Nationals Participant Parking as well as directional signs as you come into the park. Nashville Shores charges \$5.00 per day parking fee. All participants must purchase a \$10.00 4-day parking pass. Please make sure you put your parking pass in your front driver's side window or you will be charged \$5 for each time you enter the park. You can purchase additional parking passes when you send in your entry form. NO parking for the event until Wednesday August 27 at Noon. There will be people directing you to where to park.

### **Pit Vehicles**

Because of the tremendous number of people that will be attending the 2008 Nationals, pit vehicle rules will be strictly enforced. ATV's, Mules, golf carts, beach carts, etc. will be allowed to transport equipment to the beach. There will be a 5-mile per hour speed limit set and it will be strictly enforced for all ATV's, Mules, golf carts, Go-Peds, Scooters, etc. Fines will be assessed to those breaking this rule. All pit vehicles must remain in the pit area and follow the correct pathway to the race area. Please observe the speed limit signs and watch out for pedestrians and do not wreck this privilege for all racers. Those racers abusing the privilege will be fined and/or have their pit vehicle impounded.

### **Tow Loops**

All watercraft are required to have a tow loop on the front of their watercraft. Watercraft without a tow loop or piece of strong rope will not pass safety inspection and thus not be allowed to race or practice.

### **Determining Overall Champions**

Overall standings in each racing class will be determined from by using a two moto scoring system if there is no qualifying necessary in a class or one main final event if qualifying is necessary in a class. No points are awarded for LCQs and Semis.

## Awards

The prestigious APBA Watercross National Championship titles and overall awards will be awarded to the top 3 riders in the 33 different classes. Pro-Am and Expert racers will also receive a cash award (50% cash payback). Plaques will be awarded to the 4th through 10th place overall finishers in each class. APBA National Highpoints and National Tour awards will also be presented at this time – so there will be many awards presented. **Racers that do not pick up their award when their name is called will have to wait until the end of the awards ceremony to pick their awards up.** Riders that do not pick up their awards can have them mailed to them for a handling fee plus the cost of shipping. Awards not claimed by November 1, 2008 will be forfeited.

## How to Get There

Nashville Shores Park is located in Hermitage, Tennessee, just a few miles from downtown Nashville. It is just a few miles east off of I-40. Take I-40 and get off at the OLD HICKORY BLVD exit- exit number 221B. Go SOUTH onto OLD HICKORY BLVD. Turn RIGHT onto BELL RD. You will see signs to Nashville Shores. You will enter the Nashville Shores MAIN entrance. NOT THE MARINA ENTRANCE.

## **LODGING AND CAMPING**

Below is a list of hotels and camping and RV information for the 2008 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".

### **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. Most of the hotels have a cut off date of August 15, 2008 so book early if you want a discounted rate.

#### **Exit 221 - I-40/Old Hickory Blvd Exit**

The hotels at the exit are the Motel 6 and Super 8. These are nice hotels with decent rates. **Motel 6 has given us the great rate of \$39.95 a night.**

Hotel	Rate	Distance	Pool	Reservations
Motel 6 Hermitage	\$44.95	1 mile	Outdoor	(615) 889-5060
Super 8 Hermitage	\$69	1 mile	Outdoor	(615) 871-4545

#### **Directions to Motel 6:**

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.

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

#### **Exit 219 - I-40/Stewarts Ferry Exit**

Hotel	Rate	Distance	Pool	Reservations
Days Inn East	\$69	2 miles	Outdoor	(615) 889-8881

### **RV PARKING AND CAMPING**

To Reserve an RV or Tenting Camping spot call (615) 889-7050 and ask for Gail. We will begin taking reservations on July 1, 2008. There is a minimum charge of \$120 (4 nights) to stay on site with an RV or camper at Nashville Shores. We will be using the right side of the park and point this year for RV parking and tent camping.

Site	Distance	Rate	Reservations
RV Parking	On-Site	\$120.00 for 4 nights	(615) 889-7050
Tent Camping	On-Site	\$18.50 per night	(615) 889-7050

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Below is the schedule of events. Racing will take place over 3 days. Thursday will be check-in for all classes but there will also be check-in on Friday and Saturday mornings as well.

### Friday August 29 - All Novice, Junior, and Veteran Classes

You can check-in on Thursday from 2:00 pm -7:00 pm or Friday Morning from 6:30 am - 7:30 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. All races for the classes listed below will be run on Friday. **The awards ceremony for these classes will take place on Saturday at the Suntan Lagoon.**

### FRIDAY EVENTS

- Beginner Ski Limited
- Beginner Runabout Limited
- Novice Ski Stock
- Novice Ski Limited
- Novice Women Ski Limited
- Novice Runabout Limited
- Veteran Ski Open
- Veteran Runabout Open
- Junior Ski 10-12 Stock
- Junior Ski 13-15 Stock
- Junior Ski 13-15 Limited

### Saturday August 30 – All Amateur, Masters, Vintage, Sport, Amateur Freestyle

You can check-in on Thursday from 2:00 pm -7:00 pm, Friday from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, or Saturday Morning from 6:30 am - 7:30 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. **The awards ceremony for these classes will take place on Saturday at 7:00 pm at the Suntan Lagoon area.**

### SATURDAY EVENTS

- Amateur Ski Box Stock
- Amateur Ski Open
- Amateur Runabout 4-Stroke Stock
- Amateur Runabout N/A Stock
- Amateur Runabout N/A Limited
- Amateur Runabout 800 Limited
- Amateur Runabout 800 Open
- Masters Ski Open
- Vintage Ski Open
- Sport Modified
- Amateur Freestyle
- Awards for all Friday and Saturday events in the Awards tent area.

### Sunday August 31 - All Expert and Pro-Am Class, Pro Freestyle

You can check-in on Thursday from 2:00 pm -7:00 pm, Friday from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, Saturday from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm or Sunday Morning from 6:30 am - 7:30 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. All races for the classes listed below will be run on Sunday. **The awards ceremony for these classes will take place on Sunday at the Suntan Lagoon. Time will depend on time of last race.**

### SUNDAY'S EVENTS

- Expert Ski Limited
- Expert Runabout Limited
- Expert Runabout Open
- Women's Runabout
- Pro-Am Ski GP
- Pro-Am Ski Stock

- **Pro-Am Women Ski Limited**
- **Pro-Am Runabout 800 Open**
- **Pro-Am Runabout Stock**
- **Pro-Am Runabout Open**
- **Pro Freestyle**
- **Awards for all Sunday events at the Awards Tent Area.**

### Freestyle Riders

Amateur Freestyle will be run on Saturday and Pro Freestyle will be run on Sunday. You can check in on Thursday from 2:00 pm -7:00 pm, Friday from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm or Saturday Morning from 6:30 am - 7:30 am. Pro-Freestyle can also check in on Sunday morning from 6:30 am – 7:30 am. If you do not check in during these times you will not compete.

## **APBA WATERCROSS NATIONALS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### Thursday, August 28

2:00 am to 7:00 pm                      Check-in and Safety Inspection All Classes

### Friday, August 29

6:30 am - 7:30 pm      Check-In Beginner, Novice and Junior Classes  
 8:00 am                      Riders Meeting  
 8:30 am - 10:00 am      Practice All Friday Classes  
 10:00 am - 5:00 pm      Racing All Friday Classes  
 11:00 am - 4:00 pm      Check-In all other classes

### Saturday, August 30

6:30 am - 7:30 pm      Check-In Amateur, Masters, Sport & Expert Veteran Ski Classes  
 8:00 am                      Riders Meeting  
 8:30 am - 10:00 am      Practice All Saturday Classes  
 10:00 am - 5:00 pm      Racing All Saturday Classes  
 11:00 am - 4:00 pm      Check-In all other classes  
 1:30 pm                      Amateur Freestyle  
 7:00 pm                      Awards for all Friday & Saturday Classes

### Sunday, August 31

8:30 am - 10:00 am      Practice All Sunday Classes  
 10:00 am - 4:00 pm      Racing All Sunday Classes  
 1:30 pm                      Pro Freestyle  
 5:00 pm                      Awards for all Sunday Classes

For more information, contact Patrick Mell at (586) 598-2856 or visit [www.apbaracing.com](http://www.apbaracing.com) on the internet.