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## **7 DAYS TO THE 2009 HYDRO-TURF APBA WATERCROSS NATIONALS**

### **Only 7 Days Until The 2009 U.S. National Championship**

**EASTPOINTE, MICH.** – With only 7 days remaining to the 2009 HYDRO-TURF APBA Watercross Nationals, presented by Mystic Lubricants, the event is once again shaping up to be the “must-attend” watercraft racing event of the Summer. 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. The event is also the U.S. National Championship for Amateur and Pro Freestyle. This event is guaranteed to provide the most exciting and competitive Watercross racing action to be seen anywhere in the country. Close to 300 competitors, from all over the United States and Canada are expected to participate at this year’s event. All the top U.S. and Canadian riders will be in attendance, as well as many foreign riders this year that could add a little twist. The event is open to all racers from all regions and no qualifying is necessary to attend.

The 6th annual APBA Watercross National Championships will take place on September 4 - 6 (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. 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 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](http://www.nashvilleshores.com).

We will be leaving tomorrow to prepare for the 2009 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](http://www.apbaracing.com) and pay by check, credit card, or paypal. It is quick and easy. Please make sure that you register by Tuesday September 1 to avoid paying late fees. If you are faxing entries (APBA Fax number is 586-773-6490) you can fax entries up until Tuesday September 1. Mailed in registrations must also be received at APBA National Headquarters by Tuesday September 1. All entries will be picked up on Wednesday morning. You can also register on site on Thursday 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 below.

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 2009 HYDRO-TURF APBA Watercross Nationals!!

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

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## LODGING AND CAMPING

Below is a list of hotels and camping and RV information for the 2009 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.

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

The hotels at the exit are the Vista Inn, Motel 6 and Super 8. These are nice hotels with decent rates.

| Hotel             | Rate       | Distance | Pool    | Reservations   |
|-------------------|------------|----------|---------|----------------|
| Vista Inn         | \$52.00    | 1 mile   | Outdoor | (615) 889-8940 |
| Motel 6 Hermitage | \$ 61 plus | 1 mile   | Outdoor | (615) 889-5060 |
| Super 8 Hermitage | \$ 45 plus | 1 mile   | Outdoor | (615) 871-4545 |

#### Directions to Vista Inn, Motel 6 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 \$69 per night for those wanting a nicer place to stay. This hotel is 5 miles from the race site. This is an awesome rate!

#### Exit 216 - I-40/Donaldson Pike

| Hotel                         | Rate    | Distance | Pool   | Reservations   |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|--------|----------------|
| Springhill Suites by Marriott | \$69.00 | 5 miles  | Indoor | 1-888-236-2427 |

### RV PARKING AND CAMPING

**To Reserve an RV or Tenting Camping spot call (615) 889-7050 and ask for TRICIA ext 220. Gail that used to handle this has retired.** 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 September 4 - 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

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

## [Saturday September 5 – 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 Open
- Amateur Runabout 4-Stroke Stock
- Amateur Runabout N/A Stock
- Amateur Runabout N/A Limited
- Amateur Runabout 800 Limited
- Masters Ski Open
- Vintage Ski 550 Modified
- Vintage Ski 750 Modified
- Sport Spec
- Sport Modified
- Amateur Freestyle
- Awards for all Friday and Saturday events at the Suntan Lagoon 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 Spec
- Pro-Am Women Ski Limited

- **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, September 3

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

### Friday, September 4

6:30 am - 7:30 pm                      Check-In all Friday 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, September 5

6:30 am - 7:30 pm                      Check-In all Saturday 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, September 6

6:30 am - 7:30 pm                      Check-In all Sunday Classes

8:00 am                                      Riders Meeting

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 (Estimated time)

## **COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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

QUESTION – How many people are in my class? **With half the racers register for the Nationals the last 2 days before the cut-off date, as well as 25% register on site, it is impossible for us to tell you how many people are in your class. Based on past APBA Watercross Nationals events almost all classes have been full.**

QUESTION – I did not race an APBA event this year but want to race Nashville can I attend? **Nashville is an open event and open to all riders from all regions as well as other countries.**

QUESTION – Does the APBA except IJSBA memberships for the Nationals? **For insurance reasons the APBA can not except IJSBA memberships for the APBA Watercross Nationals. You need to be at least a single event APBA member. To help the racers out the APBA will allow all those with a current IJSBA membership, or racers from regions that did not have an APBA race this year, to purchase a single event membership for \$20.**

QUESTION – Where are we parking this year? **We are parking in the same spots this year as last year. If you are staying overnight you will park in the RV spots. If you are not staying overnight you can park on the right near the racer gate entrance.**

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 4<sup>th</sup> -10th place riders. The top 10 riders will also receive awards for APBA National Highpoints. 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 need additional waterpark or parking passes how can I pay for them? If you need additional waterpark or parking passes you can pay for them when you check in.

QUESTION – I have a Tech question. Can I do this to my boat? Send your tech questions to [patrickmell@aol.com](mailto: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 Friday August 28 or visit [www.apbaracing.com](http://www.apbaracing.com) and [www.pwcfun.com](http://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](mailto:patrickmell@aol.com).

