

## **2023 FVRC “Spring Thunder” Schedule of Events**

<b>Friday, March 17, 2023</b>	8:00 AM	Driver’s School begins, Regatta Setup begins
	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration, Safety Inspections, Course Setup Dinner on your own The Vintage Race Boats will remain in place overnight with Full Security
<b>Saturday, March 18, 2023</b>	7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Registration and Inspection (LAST MINUTE)
	7:30 AM – 8:00 AM	Mandatory Meeting for Safety & Patrol Boats, Referee, Risk Manager, Fire Dept, Law Enforcement, & Ambulance in the Pavilion
	8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Mandatory Drivers meeting in the Pavilion
	9:30 AM – Noon	Vintage Race Boat Heats – Pits are closed to the Public
	Noon – 1:00 PM	Lunch - Pits are open to the Public
	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Vintage Race Boat Heats – Pits are closed to the Public
	6:00 PM	FVRC Annual Meeting
	7:00 PM	Buffet Dinner The Vintage Race Boats will remain in place overnight with Full Security
<b>Sunday, March 19, 2023</b>	8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Pits open to the Public
	9:30 AM – 10:15 AM	Mandatory Drivers Meeting in the Pavilion. All Drivers, Safety & Patrol Boats, Referee, Risk Manager, Fire Dept, Law Enforcement, & Ambulance
	11:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Vintage Race Boat Heats – Pits are closed to the Public
	4:00 PM	Tear Down Begins

For tickets to the Dinner or to volunteer, contact Registrar:

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## **SAFETY AND OTHER INFORMATION**

- **APBA Membership.** To be permitted on the water, you must be a member of the American Power Boat Association and minimum age of 16. You are responsible for showing that you are an APBA member. The Registrar cannot accept outdated cards. Please contact APBA if you have not received a current card. Single event memberships of \$100 will be available at registration.
- **SMBC Membership.** Drivers and riders must be current members of the FVRC or another APBA associated club to be on the water. FVRC 2023 membership is \$40.
- **Waiver of Liability.** All participants must sign an APBA approved waiver of liability and release form. Parents or guardians of minors must sign a waiver and release form. If a minor will not be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to a race, the Minor Release may be completed by the parent or legal guardian off-site. The original must be brought to the race site, printed in color, notarized and should not be folded. A minor is less than 18 years old,
- **Invitation Only.** This is an invitation only event. All boats must be pre-registered and inspected.
- **Physical Exam.** All drivers “at the age of 60 years or older” must have a physical examination dated within the last 2 years. Use the APBA or other approved physical form. Please bring the completed medical form with you to Registration if current physical is not reflected on your APBA card.
- **Safety Inspection.** All boats must be inspected prior to being allowed on the water. Inspections will take place on Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. It is the responsibility of the Owner/Driver to contact an inspector. Have all safety equipment available. You must sign the APBA safety inspection sheet with APBA number or APBA single event membership number. Kill switches are mandatory. Secondary throttle return springs must be present. Turnbuckles must be safety wired. Fire extinguishers, minimum 5 lbs., must be readily accessible in the hot pit area. ALL props must be covered in the hot pit area.
- **Driving Safety.** Only owners of boats will be allowed to drive unless they have prior approval from the Event Referee at the event. All drivers/co-drivers/riders must sign the APBA Entry Form for the boat in which they are riding. Any unsafe operation of boats will be addressed.
- **Consumption of Alcohol.** No one shall participate on the water, nor shall any official serve in an official capacity, after having consumed alcohol or controlled substances, or while intoxicated. Consumed shall mean from midnight before the day of the event. The Referee will have an approved portable breathalyzer onsite. Crew members are not exempt. Direct any driving safety concerns to the Drivers’ Representative at the event.
- **Personal Safety Gear.** Helmets and jackets must be consistent with APBA approved guidelines. Goggles, face shields or V&H approved eyewear required. Drivers must wear appropriate driving gear with long sleeves, long pants and closed toe shoes. **All crew must wear closed toe shoes in the pits.**
- **Pit Safety**
  - No engines running with propeller or hardware on prop shaft.
  - No smoking or alcohol permitted in the hot pit area during the event.
  - Only active APBA Drivers, Crews, and Officials allowed in the hot pit and launching area.
  - Please stay aware at all times.
  - No pets in the hot pit area.

**Thank you for your participation. Be Safe. Have a great time!**