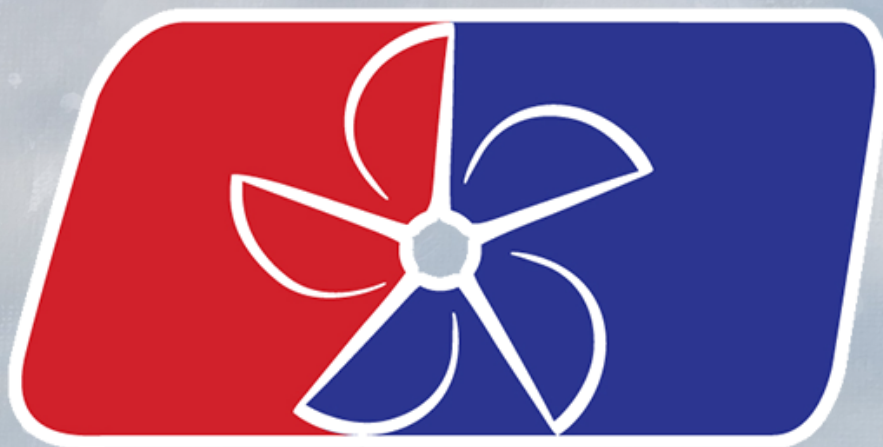




RACER PACKET

ST CLAIR, MI
July 24-26, 2026



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1. EVENT SANCTION

Offshore Powerboat Association LLC

2. RACE

2026 St. Clair River Classic

3. COMPETITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

By signing the official registration and waiver forms at the event, each participant acknowledges their understanding of the event rules and the inherent risks associated with offshore powerboat racing. After passing all required inspections and any immersion or swim tests, it is the sole responsibility of the competitor to decide whether to start or continue in the race.

Competitors are also required to read and fully understand all rules related to start procedures, overtaking protocols, and flag signals. Compliance with the OPA Racing 2026 Rulebooks is mandatory, including the use of all required safety gear such as helmets and life jackets.

All drivers, throttlemen, navigators, and crew members must hold a valid OPA membership in order to compete or gain access to the hot pit area.

4. RACE OFFICIALS & STAFF

OFFICIAL	NAME
President	Nick Smith
Vice President	Tommy Thomassie
Offshore Commissioner	Ed Smith
Race Control	Bob Currier/BWORA
Safety Director	Austin Megee
Chief Inspector	Tyler Crockett
Chief Scorer	Dee Ungarten
Bracket Class Tech	Nick Megee



5. RACE ADMINISTRATION & REGISTRATION

All competitors are strongly encouraged to pre-register at oparacing.org. Upon arrival at the race site, teams must check in at OPA Registration, located in the St Clair chamber of commerce . All participants and crew members requiring Hot and Wet Pit access must be current members of OPA with a signed waiver. Membership is mandatory to participate in this event.

Extreme	\$1,000.00	Bracket Class 200	\$200.00
Super Cat	\$1,000.00	Bracket Class 300	\$200.00
Super Vee	\$1,000.00	Bracket Class 400	\$200.00
Factory Stock	\$1,000.00	Bracket Class 500	\$200.00
Super Stock	\$1,000.00	Bracket Class 600	\$200.00
Mod Vee	\$1,000.00	Bracket Class 700	\$200.00
Vee Limited	\$1,000.00		
Cat 300	\$1,000.00		

6. RULES & REGULATIONS

The event will be run under the current 2026 Official OPA Rulebooks together with these race instructions and any other instructions issued before or during the Driver's Meeting. The organizers reserve the right to change these instructions at any time for safety reasons, provided that any change will be in accordance with the current rules. Organizers have the right to refuse any boat which is unsuitable and/or does not conform to the requirements of the present Rules, Race Instructions, or instructions issued at Driver's Meetings may lead to disqualifications or other penalties being applied by the President, Vice President, or Commissioner.

7. SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Pre-race safety inspections will be conducted on Thursday, July 23rd 2026 from 12pm to 5pm and Friday, July 24th 2026 from 8:00am to 5:00pm in the race pits both days. All teams must have their safety equipment—including helmets, harnesses, air tanks, and other in-cockpit gear—readily available for inspection.

Inspections must be completed, and teams fully signed in, prior to launching any boat for testing on Friday morning. Boats will not be permitted to launch until they have passed inspection.

Please Note:

- A pre-race safety inspection is not a full condition survey of the vessel.
- The safety inspection checklist is a general guideline and does not limit the safety officer from inspecting additional items at their discretion.
- The safety officer reserves the right to disqualify any boat if safety equipment is deemed non-compliant or unsafe.



8. TECH INSPECTIONS

Pre-race tech inspections will be held on Friday, July 24th, 2026 from 12pm-5pm. Inspections will take place in your pit area. Boats must be inspected, and teams signed in before any boat is launched. Crew chief and mechanic will be required to be present during the complete inspection. This is a first come first serve process. Teams will only be called during posted inspection hours.

- Have paperwork ready in your pit area for when it is your turn.
- An inspector will call you to schedule a time to inspect your boat, at your pit area.
- This is a first come first serve basis. Please turn your paperwork in ASAP.

Inspection Contact: Nick Smith - 609-891-7688

9. PIT AREAS + PARKING

The Dry Pits will officially open from 7:30AM to 5:00pm on Wednesday, July 22nd, 2026, and will be located at Palmer Park. All teams must contact Brian Kowalski at (810-357-5527) approximately 30 minutes prior to arrival for access and staging instructions.

10. DUNK/SWIM TEST

All drivers and throttlemen must have a current 2026 capsule training or swim test certificate.

11. CRANE + FUEL

The cranes will be located on site at Pine Shores Golf Course.

93 octane is available in the pits, with discounted 90 octane at the fuel dock, located at the boat ramp.

12. DRIVERS BRIEFING

Roll call will be taken at the Driver's Meeting. Please only drivers, throttlemen and team managers present at the drivers meeting. If you have any race specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact Nick Smith at 609-891-7688.



13. LAUNCHING-RESTRICTED AREA

Only officials, crew members who are responsible for the boat straps, driver and throttlemen will be permitted to be in the crane area. Straps must be secured on the boat by crew members before arriving at the crane. Straps will not be provided by OPA.

All crew members will need to be a member of the OPA in order to gain access to restricted areas, such as the crane and fueling area. Competitors must obey all local regulations and bylaws relating to excessive speed and noise. All competitors are requested to refrain from starting their engines unless necessary before proceeding to the race or official practice sessions. Failure to observe local regulations will result in penalties.

14. OFFICIAL PRACTICE- CLOSED COURSE TESTING

Official closed course testing will be on Saturday. Please see the event schedule for details. All boats who are on the water for testing must check in via radio with Race Control to notify that they are about to start testing. Likewise, when the team has completed their testing, they must check out via radio and notify Race Control they have completed testing and are heading back to the cranes. **Race Control will be on radio channel 78 or 78A.** This is for your safety.

15. PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT

All throttlemen, drivers and navigators will be required to go through a physical assessment conducted by medically trained personnel on both Saturday and Sunday morning prior to racing and as well on Friday for those that are testing. A breathalyzer may be used as well as a coordination assessment. Anyone who does not pass the assessment will not be permitted to race. It is the referee and safety officer's prerogative to stop anyone from racing if he or she is deemed not fit to race.

16. EMERGENCY CONTACT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

At OPA, safety is our top priority. In the event of an emergency, it is essential that we have your up-to-date emergency contact and medical information on file.

17. EMERGENCY SITUATION

In the event of an emergency, the designated Safety Officer will assume control of the response. Rescue operations will be supported by strategically positioned vessels staffed with experienced dive rescue personnel. These vessels will be located on the inside of the course and identified by a white flag bearing a red cross. Two dedicated transport boats will also be available on the course. An ambulance will be stationed at the designated emergency extraction point and will remain on standby throughout the event on both Saturday and Sunday.



18. RACE COURSE

The schematic drawing of the course is included for competitor's assistance and should not be used as a chart for navigational purposes.



COURSE MARKERS

The primary course markers will be large orange cylindrical buoys, each approximately 6 feet in height. All course turns will be left-hand turns. Some buoys may display commercial sponsor banners. Additional details will be covered during the driver's meeting.

Note: Any damage to, or total loss of, a course buoy will result up to a \$3,000 fine.

COURSE LENGTH: 4 MILES

The start/finish line on the course will be marked by cylindrical green buoys. Buoy coordinates subject to change. Coordinates will also be available at the Driver's Meeting.

GPS COORDINATES

Point Latitude Longitude

Buoy 1: N 42°50.280' - W 082°28.397'

Buoy 2: N 42°50.258' - W 082°28.299'

Buoy 3: N 42°48.774' - W 082°28.805'

Buoy 4: N 42°48.796' - W 082°28.906'

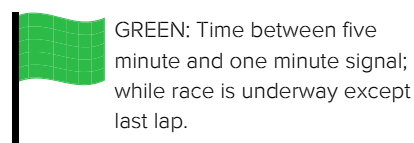
S/F: N 42°49.590' - W 082°28.864'

Notes for Garmin entry:

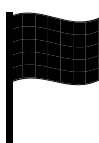
1. Make sure your unit is set to `**hddd°mm.mmm'` format (Settings → Units → Position Format → `hddd°mm.mmm'`).
2. Longitude on Garmin expects 3 digits for degrees (082°), which it will auto-pad or expect you enter 82.
3. If your unit asks for hemisphere, enter N for latitude, W for longitude.



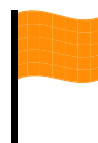
19. FLAGS



GREEN: Time between five minute and one minute signal; while race is underway except last lap.



BLACK: Course is closed, return to pits; do not leave pits.



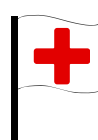
ORANGE: NON-RACING FLAG-official boats (media, marine, observers etc. will be flying an orange flag.



YELLOW CAUTION: Problems on race course, continue with caution and HOLD POSITION-NO OVERTAKING.



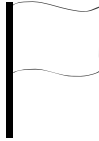
CHECKERED FLAG: Finish Line



WHITE WITH RED CROSS: NON-RACING FLAG-a vessel with this flag designates the vessel as a medical equipped boat or a boat with Paramedic/EMT Dive Team on board.



RED: STOP RACING! Be alert and watch for other signals. The discharge of red or orange smoke flares/aerial flares in conjunction with RED FLAGS may be used.



WHITE: Time between one-minute signal and start; leader has started last lap.

20. LAPS

ADD 4 MILES FOR PARADE LAP, AND FUEL FOR ONCOURSE DELAYS (OVERTURNED BOAT, RESTART, ECT. ECT.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Laps</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Laps</u>
Class 200	48 Miles	12 Laps	Mod Vee	48 Miles	12 Laps
Class 300	48 Miles	12 Laps	Super Stock	48 Miles	12 Laps
Class 400	48 Miles	12 Laps	Factory Stock	48 Miles	12 Laps
Class 500	40 Miles	10 Laps	Super Vee	48 Miles	12 Laps
Class 600	40 Miles	10 Laps	Super Cat	48 Miles	12 Laps
Class 700	28 Miles	7 Laps	Extreme	48 Miles	12 Laps
			Cat 300	32 Miles	8 Laps

21. PENALTIES

Penalties will be applied for violations as outlined in the 2026 OPA rulebooks.

22. RESULTS

All results are unofficial for 72 hours. Unless otherwise certified on site.

23. AWARDS FOR PODIUM FINISHERS

All awards and prize monies will be handed out on site. No prize monies shall be mailed after the event. Without express permission from OPA President or Vice President. Sportsmanship is part of our core values, and attendance of the awards ceremony is strongly encouraged.

24. PHOTOGRAPHY, MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Official photographers will be on site. Unauthorized drones are prohibited over the racecourse for safety and liability reasons. Media wishing to fly helicopters must receive prior approval, provide insurance, and attend the mandatory pilot briefing no exceptions.



24. LOCATIONS

Race Registration: St Clair Chamber of Commerce

Cranes: Pine Shores Golf Course

Drivers Meeting: St Clair Fire Department

Fuel: Gas Station in Pits(93) or Fuel Dock (90)

Immersion/Dunker & Swim Test: N/A

Dry Plots: Palmer Park

Block Party: Palmer Park

Boat Parade: N/A

Local Hospital:

Ramp: St Clair Boat Harbor

25. SCHEDULE

Event schedule can be viewed online and printed at
WWW.OPARACING.ORG/SCHEDULE

**RACER COMMUNICATION WILL BE IN THE BELOW
WHATSAPP GROUP. PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN.**

