

2024 Wheeling Vintage Raceboat Regatta Boat Registration

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ APBA # _____

Boat Name _____ Boat Number _____

**** Please complete a separate Boat Registration Form for each boat. APBA Entry Blanks will be filled out onsite. ****

2024 REGISTRATION FEE	\$130.00	
**MUST BE POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 1.		
**REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER AUGUST 1 WILL BE RETURNED.		
**NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ONSITE.		
Number of dinner tickets (2 included with each boat registration)	ONE or TWO (circle)	
Number of EXTRA dinner tickets	\$35.00 each	
LIMITED RV/camper parking at top of course	\$50.00	
Length of RV/camper _____		
2024 Membership in the Wheeling Vintage Raceboat Association APBA Club # 393 Help support the Regatta with your membership!	\$10.00 each	
Names for memberships _____ _____		
TOTAL ENCLOSED		

Make checks payable to

Wheeling Vintage Raceboat Regatta 1 Hawthorne Court Wheeling, WV 26003

For further information contact Debbie Joseph at 304-650-0185 or debbiejoseph26003@gmail.com

My signature below indicates that I, for myself, my executors, administrators and assigns do hereby release and discharge Wheeling Vintage Raceboat Regatta, River Heritage Foundation, Inc and any affiliates, their respective employees, directors, officers, representatives and all persons involved in the sponsorship or conduct of the Wheeling Vintage Raceboat Regatta from all claims, demands, or causes of action or loss, cost of injury, or damage whatsoever arising from or out of the participation in this event.

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

****2024 Wheeling Vintage Raceboat Regatta Information****

THERE ARE MAJOR CHANGES FOR THE WHEELING VINTAGE RACEBOAT REGATTA AND APBA RULES IN 2024. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY!

1. *****Due to recent increases in APBA fees and increases in the costs of running this event over the years, we are forced to implement the first increase in our registration fee in over 10 years to \$130.00 for 2024.*****
2. *****Due to space constraints in our pits, we may be forced to limit the number of boat registrations we can accept in 2024 to insure safe operations. We strongly suggest that you register as early as possible to avoid not being able to participate.*****
3. *****REGISTRATION WILL END ON AUGUST 1, 2024. ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 1; ANY REGISTRATION POSTMARKED AFTER AUGUST 1 WILL BE RETURNED. NO ON-SITE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.*****
4. Check-in for previously registered participants will take place from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM on Friday, August 30 in the Heritage Port registration trailer. All participants are requested to have their boats in the pits by 4:00 PM to facilitate inspections.
5. To get to our pits, enter ‘Heritage Port, Wheeling, WV’ into your GPS. Call for more information if you have questions: Dan Joseph 304-650-0907 or Debbie Joseph 304-650-0185.
6. Limited parking for one vehicle per boat will be available adjacent to Heritage Port. Parking for other vehicles will be available a short walk from the pits. There will be no parking in the pits except for those with disabilities.
7. Motor home/camper parking will be available on Water Street above the pits for a VERY LIMITED number of vehicles on a first registered basis. Advance registration for these limited spots is MANDATORY! Please let us know the length of your RV/camper on the registration form so we can accommodate as many campers as possible. Please, these spaces are strictly limited to boat owners only due to space limitations.
8. Our VIP and Sponsor dinner will take place on Friday night, August 30 in a place to be announced. Two tickets for this dinner are included with each boat registration. Additional dinner tickets may be purchased on the registration form, or by calling Debbie Joseph at 304-650-0185 no later than **MONDAY, AUGUST 19.** *****NO DINNER TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON SITE.***** Actual tickets for the dinner will be distributed on Friday at registration and will not be mailed.
9. We will hold our pre-Regatta gathering at Quaker Steak and Lube on Thursday night, August 29 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.
10. We will hold our post-Regatta gathering at TJ’S Sports Garden Restaurant on Sunday night, September 1 beginning at 6:00 PM.
11. On Saturday night August 31, a showing of the long-awaited film on the history of the New Martinsville Regatta will be held at the Towngate Theater, a small historic theater about a mile from the pits. More information will be forthcoming on this very special event.

12. The pit area will be guarded by the Wheeling Police Department on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights.
Please plan to leave your boat in the pits as parking at most area hotels/motels will be difficult if not impossible.
13. MANDATORY driver's meetings at 8:30 AM Saturday and 9:00 AM Sunday. You will not run if you are not present for roll call! Please come prepared for alcohol/drug tests each morning.
14. APBA Safety Inspections will be held on every registered boat in accordance with the 2024 Vintage and Historic Bylaws. Please come prepared with safety gear that is also in full accordance with the Bylaws.
15. Safety will be the primary concern at the Wheeling Vintage Raceboat Regatta. If your actions are viewed as being unsafe or unsportsmanlike either on or off the water by the Referees, Race Director, or the Safety Crew, you will receive appropriate sanctions for your actions.
16. A block of rooms is available at the Hampton Inn Wheeling, 304-233-0440 (\$139.00 plus tax) until August 1. Please ask for the Regatta rate when you call. Other hotels are available in the Wheeling area as well. Please call Debbie at 304-650-0185 if you need hotel recommendations.

Participants at Wheeling and any other APBA event are urged to stay informed about a recent rule change concerning the definition of hot/cold pits. The rule change below was sent out by APBA on 4/5/24 and posted on the APBA website as part of the General Racing Rules on 4/8/24. As of this writing, we believe that for Wheeling, our HOT PITS will be all areas inside of our green snow fencing and that we will have no COLD PITS. This means that EVERY PERSON will be required to purchase an APBA membership (full membership, non-racing membership, or single event membership) to go past our green snow fencing and gate into the pits. This interpretation may be subject to change, so we urge all participants to follow this issue closely.

RULE 35 • Hot Pit/Cold Pit Regulations

1. Hot Pits will be defined as anywhere at the race site where boats or racing craft are entering or exiting the water by hand, trailer or crane. This also includes the water area inside the outside course markers.
 - a. Due to race site variations, there is no set plan for this area. The Hot Pit area is to be marked and fenced separately from the Cold Pits to control unauthorized entry.
 - b. The only persons allowed to enter the Hot Pits must be: a Racing member of APBA, Single Event member of APBA, or Non-Racing member of APBA. Persons allowed in the Hot Pit area will wear a unique armband to indicate authorized access. APBA memberships are available at each race site as well as through www.APBA.org.
 - c. Racing members of APBA, Single Event members of APBA and non-Racing members of APBA are allowed into any APBA hot pits, unless there are additional category based restrictions or restrictions from the conducting club. Example, J drivers in Unlimited hot pits.
2. Cold Pits will be defined as anywhere a boat or racing craft is being stored and/or prepared during the entire event and properly signed and fenced. Anyone entering the Cold Pits must sign the APBA release waiver but does not need to be a member of APBA.