

Welcome to 12th Annual Powerboating Poker Run!

We are working hard to ensure this is a safe, successful event and that you have a good time. We are looking for your feedback, both good and bad, so we can improve this event for next year.

Thank you for attending!

Fun is the order of the day, but safety is the key to a great Poker Run. You will find our rules on an attached page, and they are for your safety, the safety of the other participants, and the safety of your crew. Adhere to them to ensure a safe and fun day on the water - break them and your day with us will be short.

Important Information—PLEASE READ!

Captains Bag – You can pick them up at registration at the Sheraton Waterside River Walk Room (Poker Run Event Headquarters)

Wrist Bands - Captains have a “captains” wrist band. This wrist band is to be worn the entire time of the event. *Do not* remove it until after the event is over and you are leaving. *There are different color wrist bands for the captain and your crew.* Make sure they put them on and **keep them on** until the end of event. No one will be admitted to the Friday Fun Run, Friday Party, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday lunch, Saturday Dinner or the awards banquet without a wristband.

Bar Tenders / Waitresses- are working for tips. Be kind to them. Hotel & Lunch Stop Pool Area – Absolutely no glass containers are allowed in the vicinity of the pool. NO EXCEPTIONS. If you are seen with a glass container, you will be asked to remove it.

Boat Pictures – John Ainslie and Chuck Guthrie will be shooting pictures from the helicopter - don't try to outrun the helicopter! If you do – no pictures for you! We will also have drones in the air all weekend. Smile!

Number sticker – Please put your MAPA sticker on the deck of your boat right away – NOT the windshield.

Charts & GPS co-ordinates – These available for download on our website

Stops - There will NOT be anyone at stops handing out cards. There will be a unique MAPA flag at each stop for you to photograph with your phone. We made this change to allow better flow at each stop, avoid the possibility of damaged graphics, and to simply make it easier for you! Proceed single file and photograph the flags off your starboard beam.

The flag is 3' x 5' and is blue background with a large yellow beer stein on it – with a number inside the beer stein.

Stop # 1 will be flying at a boat that will be announced at the CAPT Meeting Saturday Morning. When you circle this boat to take a picture, please come off plane and proceed with caution.

Stop # 2 is Blue Water Yachts – the Lunch Stop...that flag will be easy to photograph.

Stop # 3 Is Chick's Oyster Bar at Lynnhaven Inlet....you can circle and picture or raft up for a refreshment.

Stop # 4 Is Rudees at Rudee Inlet. The Rudee Restaurant flag will be on the Rudee's flagpole (last business / dock on right inside Rudee inlet) If the Ocean conditions are too rough to proceed to Rudee Inlet, we will eliminate that stop and not penalize anyone for not stopping there – everyone will play 5 cards. Multiple Hands: You are only allowed to play your best hand – 1 winner per Team.

Stop # 5 is back at Waterside Marina. Any Boat who arrives at the Card Playing in the Sheraton with all 5 numbers pictured gets a bonus 6th card – you can only play your best 5!

Your liquor, beer, wine - DO NOT bring adult beverages off the docks. You cannot bring adult beverages on Sheraton property either or in the pool area at Blue Water.

Bridges – Slow down going under bridges! You will receive a summons if you go fast under a bridge on James River! More info at captains meeting.

POWERBOATING FOR A CURE POKER RUN ENFORCES A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION DURING THE RUN OR AT LUNCH BY THE CAPTAIN.

If we find you to be drinking alcohol before the run, during the run, or at lunch then your sticker will be removed; you will be disqualified, and you and your crew will be ejected from the run. You are out – no refunds, no dinner, and your card hands are forfeited – no exceptions will be made. This is an Insurance Company Requirement!

Powerboating for a Cure adheres to the Poker Run 10 Commandments.

They are:

1. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages for the captain until the Poker Run is OVER.
2. All participating poker run boat occupants must wear PFD's while boat is at speed.
3. Driver must wear ignition safety switch lanyard(s) while the boat is underway
4. No sitting on top of the seats or on sun pads when the boat is on plane
5. Break startups into groups based on speed
6. The Poker Run is NOT a race. At no time during the Poker Run will racing occur between/among participating vessels
7. Driver's attendance at the Captain's Safety Meeting is mandatory
8. Minimum separation of 100' fore-and-aft and 50' side-to-side between boats when on plane
9. Written instructions/charts handed out by organizer with appropriate speed limit and safety notations.
10. Strict speed limits in no wake or congested areas.

Please find the schedule and rules below.

We will be starting the Poker Run in 2 waves – We are breaking up the field based on speed like last year.

A pace boat will be leading each wave down the river to where it is safe to increase to your cruising speed.

The first wave will depart at approximately 10:15 (Watch pace boat) with second wave starting about 15 minutes later. If you are in the 2nd wave, please follow the lead of the pace boat!

Anyone caught operating their boat recklessly: cutting other boats off, disobeying no-wake zones, putting others at risk, or disobeying minimum separation rules will be immediately removed from the run.

Make no mistake about our resolve when it comes to operating a safe event. If you break our rules – you're gone.

Please remember that the start of the Poker Run is always the most challenging time as numerous boats come up on plane and establish a lane for running. Please be very cautious at this time.

A chart of the course along with GPS Positions for all card stops is included in your registration package.

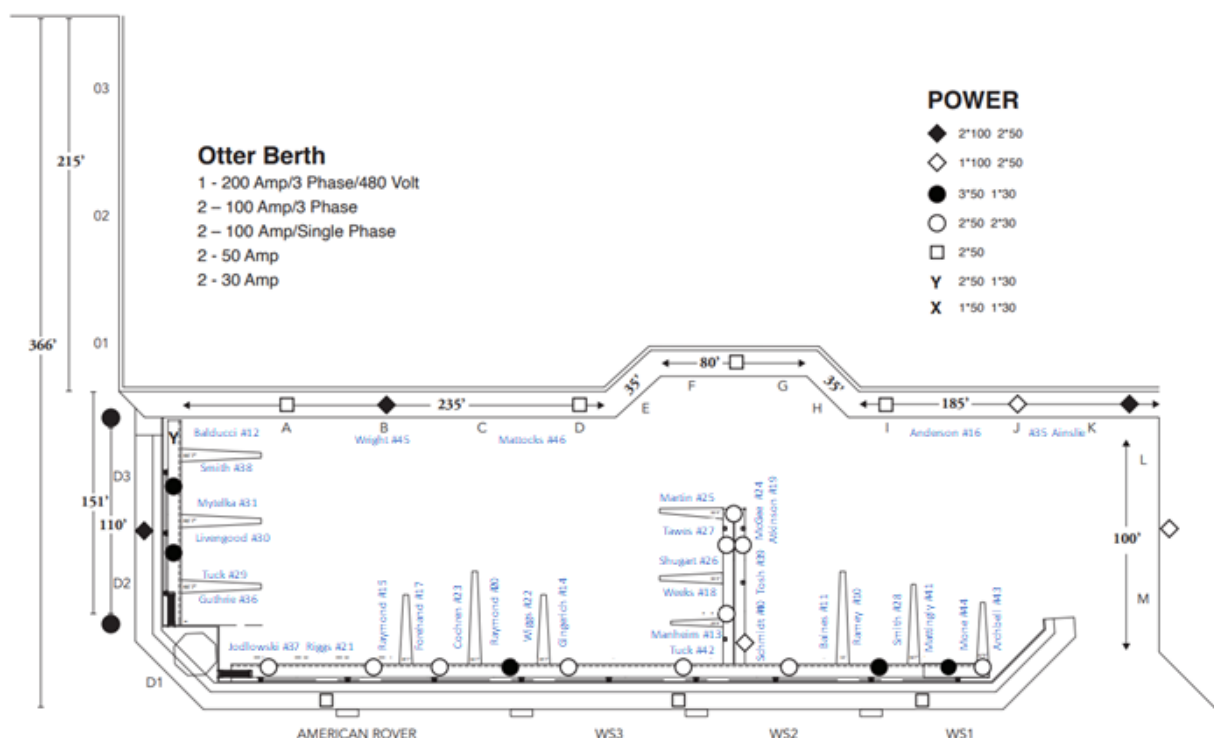
Please ensure that you or your passengers raise a hand over your head when coming off plane to let following boats know of your decrease in speed. This safety procedure is vital but do so in a safe manner.

We may have to do some rafting up at Bluewater Marina (our lunch stop). Please ensure your bumpers are inflated properly, large enough, and have covers on them if they are dirty or oily; and to lash boats together tightly. The key to proper rafting is to have all the boats lashed together tightly so they move as one.

Be respectful of other's boats and remove your shoes when walking across someone's bow or cushions.

All participants are required to wear PFDs at all times when at speed. In addition, captains must wear safety lanyards to their engine kill switches when running.

Safety and Fun are our Number One Priorities!



Directions to launch Ramp

DIRECTIONS FROM I95 TO THE Portsmouth City Park Ramp:

Coming from/thru Richmond:

Take **I-64 E** toward **Petersburg/Norfolk** Continue to follow I-64 E 63 miles

Merge onto I-664 S/HAMPTON ROADS BELT via EXIT 264 toward DOWNTOWN NEWPORT NEWS/SUFFOLK/CHEESAPEAKE 16 miles

Take exit **11B** to merge onto **Portsmouth Blvd/ VA-337 E** toward **Portsmouth** 3.7 miles.
WATCH FOR SPEED TRAP ON PORTSMOUTH BLVD BRIDGE

Turn **left** at traffic light onto **City Park Ave** 1.3 Miles
Continue thru light onto **City Park Ave** go straight into park, ramp is at end. You will have passed rig parking on your left.

The GPS co-ordinates for the ramp - W36 50.092 W76 22.292

The Address for the Ramp is 100 City Park Ave, Portsmouth, VA 23701

LAUNCH RAMP:

The launch ramp is available at the Portsmouth City Park.

TRUCK & TRAILER PARKING:

Truck and trailer parking available at the Portsmouth City Park where you'll be launching your boat. There is no charge to store your truck and trailer on Friday and Saturday nights.

FUEL: 89 and 93 Octane fuel is available locally. If needed, please ask a volunteer for locations.



Launch Ramp - Portsmouth City Park, 140 City Park Ave, Portsmouth VA 23701

N36 50.092 W76 22.292

Follow yellow line to get into main channel then either line to WaterSide Marina

N36 50.595 W76 17.376

When leaving / coming to ramp - go straight out from ramp to channel - then turn into channel - watch depth gauge!

Docking at Waterside Marina

- Make sure you have plenty of nice clean bumpers and lines. Just like every poker run across the country, there will be rafting.
- Docking can be a complex puzzle; this year is relatively simple - we will have staff at the marina making sure everyone is in their proper slip - **we will enforce that you are docked where you are supposed to be.**
- Please note your location on our dock chart and make sure that is where you tie up.
- Please do not space boats out on the wall.
- **Please DO Not Use Someone Else's Slip! The Dock hands have the authority and will move you!!!**

Sheraton Hotel Info

The Sheraton Golf Cart:

We will have a shuttle between marina and hotel. It will take you and your luggage to/from hotel.

Golf Cart: 757-438-3027 Back Up # 757-622-6664 X 7131

Dock Master: 757-625-3625

Poker Run Headquarters will be at the Sheraton again this year. Friday Fun Run is at Bennett's Creek Marina. Friday evening event is in the River Walk Room of the Sheraton. On Saturday, all events will be held in the River Walk Room.

Pool Area – NO glass bottles, glass containers or otherwise allowed around pool area. If we see you with any glass containers, we HAVE to take it from you. Plastic cups, containers only.

Your Coolers – DO NOT bring adult beverages off the docks. Bringing your own beer, liquor, wine, etc onto or into the Sheraton grounds will get you kicked out of the event and could possibly get you arrested as that is against Virginia's ABC laws. Area police will be available to enforce this and answer any questions you may have.

Your Items - DO NOT leave any of your items behind. We are not responsible for you leaving ANYTHING in the Poker Run areas we are using.

FRIDAY 7/22 SCHEDULE

- Registration will be open at Bennett's Creek Marina to pick up wrist bands (captain's bags can be picked up at the River Walk Room Sheraton at 6 pm)
- 11:00 - 3:00 PM: Friday Fun Run will be at Bennett's Creek Marina. Boats will be leaving Waterside at 10:45 am (assemble Waterside Marina at 10:30 am) **Wrist Band Controlled. YOU WILL NEED ID EVEN IF NOT DRINKING**
- 6 – 8 pm – Dinner, Auction items and Registration Open in the River Walk Room
- 8:30 pm – 11:00pm Waterside District Outside Band
- 8:30 – til.... Dock Party
- Friday Night Band at Waterside District / Waterside Marina

SATURDAY 7/23 SCHEDULE

- 8 AM-10 AM: Breakfast 1st Floor Ballroom **Wrist Band Controlled**
- 8 AM – 9 AM: Late Registration open in the Riverwalk room, pick up captains bags, drop off insurance forms etc.
- 9 AM-9:30 AM: MANDATORY Captains ONLY Meeting at Sheraton Riverwalk Room (same as last year). Have your crew ready your boat.
- 9:45 AM: First Horn and helicopter arrives at Harbor Park
- 9:50 AM: Second Horn
- 10:15 AM: Helicopter at start

NOTE: Bridges – Slow down going under bridges! You will receive a summons if you go fast under a bridge on James River! More info at captains meeting.

- **10:15 AM: 1st start is for boats that cruise over 65, Wait for pace boat and helo**
- 10:30 AM: 2nd start is for boats that cruise under 65, Wait for pace boat and helo
- 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM: Mandatory lunch 2nd Stop at Bluewater Marina in Hampton. Lunch will be served at the Bluewater Pavillion by Brick House Diner.. Pool is open for a nice dip. **DO NOT BRING ANY BEVERAGES / ALCOHOL TO POOL AREA! DO NOT BRING GLASS INTO POOL AREA!**

Important Lunch Stop Info

Boat docking at lunch

We will have experienced staff out on the docks to direct you where to tie up. Look for our staff in the EVENT shirts and follow their instruction.

Pool Use at lunch

We will have use of the pool at Bluewater Marine. But we MUST adhere to these rules which will be strictly enforced. Please make sure everyone on your boat is aware of these simple rules:

- 1: Keep your adult beverages (alcohol, Liquor, beer, wine, etc) in your boat. **DO NOT bring any adult beverages to lunch or pool area.**
- 2: **NO GLASS containers of any type permitted in pool area.**
- 3: There will likely be other guests (not from our poker run) in pool area. Please be on your best behavior.

Lunch will be served

Lunch will be served in the Bluewater Pavillion (not the Surf Rider restaurant). We will have tables and chairs set up for you. Plus it will be air conditioned! Non-Captains can purchase adult beverages at Surf Rider Bar if you feel the need. Menu will be: Hot Dogs, Cheeseburgers, Fish Tacos, chips, cole slaw, baked beans, potato salad, fruit with yogurt, cookie platter, drink's.

- 1:30 PM: Leave as a group from (lunch)
- 4th Stop is at Long Bay Point in Lynnhaven Inlet
- 5th stop is at Rudee's Restaurant at Rudee Inlet – Flag is on the Gas Dock Flag Pole.
- Boats Return to Waterside Marina, bar is open at Sheraton Waterside

SUNDAY 7/24 SCHEDULE

- Boats Depart Waterside Marina.

POWERBOATING FOR A CURE POKER RUN

Rules and Regulations

12th ANNUAL Powerboating for a Cure POKER RUN

SAFETY RULES & REGULATIONS

Any references to the "Poker Run" shall mean the event sponsored by Mid Atlantic Powerboat Association, known as 11th ANNUAL Powerboating for a Cure POKER RUN, starting at 10:00 a.m. (EDT) and ending at 5:00 p.m. (EDT).

1. Driver's attendance at the Driver's Safety Meeting is mandatory. Failure to attend the Driver's Safety Meeting will result in participating vessel's inability to participate in the Poker Run.
2. USCG/CCG approved life vests, a/k/a life jackets are mandatory for everyone on board a participating hi speed vessel (speeds of 40mph +), and must be worn at all times the participating vessel is in motion above "no wake zone speeds". High impact (lifeline style) jackets are recommended for faster vessels. "Fanny Pouch" type jackets / vests are not permitted. USCG/CCG approved life vests, a/k/a life jackets are recommended for everyone all other participating vessels.
3. Ignition safety tethers must be in working condition and suitably attached at all times during the Poker Run.
4. Drivers are prohibited from consuming alcohol during the Poker Run, including, and at least two (2) hours prior to the start of the Poker Run. Additionally, it is required that no alcohol be consumed until the poker run is over. The drivers must be capable of passing a 0.08 alcohol Breathalyzer test if required during the event.
5. Each participating vessel must visibly display a valid identification sticker during the Poker Run.
6. Each participating vessel should maintain a safety zone of at least a one hundred (100) hundred feet radius when the participating vessel is not in idle speed.
7. When the participating vessel is not in idle speed, pick a lane (or bearing) and remain in said lane (or on such bearing). When changing course, first confirm ability to do so, and then act accordingly. Your participating vessel must not "cut off" other boats, whether participating in the Poker Run or not, or be the cause of emergency reaction on the part of other boats.
8. Prior to coming off plane, first confirm ability to do so, and then make sure at least one person on the participating vessel waives both arms overhead for at least ten (10) seconds prior to coming off plane.
9. The areas around each participating stop, shall be considered a SAFETY ZONE, meaning all participating vessels shall maintain a speed of no more than ten (10) knots in said SAFETY ZONE.
10. All other official NO WAKE ZONES are clearly labeled and must be adhered to.
11. The Poker Run is **NOT a race**. At no time during the Poker Run will racing occur between/among participating vessels.
12. Communications with the telephone network via cellular telephones and with other participating vessels via a VHF radio must be on board and in working condition. Below are a list of contact telephone numbers and VHF channels to be used by the participating vessels during the Poker Run:

VHF CHANNELS

- 69 Use to indicate that a participating vessel has dropped out of the Poker Run for whatever reason or to indicate that assistance is needed.
- 16 Distress or emergency channel.
- 2/3 Current weather conditions.

13. All participating vessels must obey all federal, state, and local laws, e.g., possessing the required safety equipment on the vessel. It is the responsibility of the participating vessel's driver to familiarize themselves and the occupants of the participating vessels of these laws. In the event law enforcement or the United States Coast Guard tickets a participating vessel for reckless driving, said participating vessel shall be immediately disqualified.

14. Each occupant of a participating vessel, whether passengers or crew, must execute a waiver before the participating vessel will be allowed to participate in the Poker Run.

15. The driver of each participating vessel is responsible for all occupants and their actions.

16. Drivers are to determine in their own discretion if the own vessel is seaworthy for current conditions and potential conditions that arise during the Poker Run.

17. Each participant must have in force valid and sufficient liability insurance for the participating vessel, passengers, and crew.

18. Flag signals on the official event boats must be understood and obeyed at all times.

19. No occupant of a participating vessel may sit and/or lie on top of a seat or sunpad while the boat is on plane.

20. Except as provided above, any violation of the above rules and regulations may result in the immediate disqualification of the entire participating vessel or the forfeiture of poker hands for the violating party(ies). Said disqualification or forfeiture decision will be made by a three (3) person panel.

This three(3)person panel may also consult with local law enforcement and/or the United States Coast Guard in reaching a conclusion. In the event of forfeiture of poker hands or disqualification of the participating vessel, no refunds will be given, all card hands aboard the participating vessel will be forfeited (in the event of a disqualification), and no occupants on the participating vessel will be allowed to attend the party.

21. If you have / need to raft up. Make sure you have large (8"+ diameter) bumpers, they should also have CLEAN covers over the bumper to protect the multi-thousand dollar paint jobs of some of the boats. If you think your bumpers are questionable - ASK!

22. Every boat must carry a safety kit that conforms to local regulations. This safety kit should include:

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| 1. First aid kit | 2. Flares |
| 3. Bottled water | 4. Sunscreen |
| 5. VHF Radio | 6. Additional clothing |
| 7. Cellular phone | 8. Anchors and lines |

WE TAKE YOUR SAFETY SERIOUSLY AND WE EXPECT YOU TO TAKE OUR RULES SERIOUSLY!

POWERBOATING FOR A CURE POKER RUN EMERGENCY NUMBERS & INFORMATION

Powerboating for a Cure organizers do not provide towing services nor do we deliver fuel in the event you run out. If you breakdown you must contact a towing service or make arrangements with friends in advance to tow you or bring you fuel.

- **Bob Veith 757-672-6782**
- **Joe Beachum 757-373-8190**
- **Craig Mytelka 757-409-8112**
- **Sonny Shelton 757-439-1031**
- **Sea-Tow: 757-496-1999**
- **US Coast Guard Search & Rescue: 800-418-7314**
- **Waterside Marina: 757-625-3625 / 26**
- **Tow Boat US: (recommended) 757-692-4555 & VHF 16**
- **US Coast Guard: Channel 16**
- **Black & White Cab: 757-855-4444**
- **Checker Cab: 757-855-3333**
- **Andy's Cab: 757-461-8880**
- **US Coast Guard Cellular Emergency Number: *CG**
- **Sheraton Waterside: 757-622-6664**

Poker Hand – Pulling cards at event

Winning hand is determined by the "Best 5".



Five of a Kind

A five of a kind, only possible when using wild cards, is the highest possible hand. If more than one hand has five of a kind, the higher cards wins, five Aces will beat five kings, which beats five queens, and continues on by the ranking of the cards.



Royal Flush

A straight from a ten to an ace with all five cards of the same suit. In poker all suits are ranked equally.



Straight Flush

Any straight with all five cards of the same suit.



Four of a Kind

Any four cards of the same rank. If two players share the same Four of a Kind, the bigger fifth card (known as the kicker) decides who wins the pot.



Full House

Any three cards of the same rank together with any two cards of the same rank. Our example shows "Aces full of Kings" and it is a bigger full house than "Kings full of Aces."



Flush

Any five cards of the same suit (not consecutive). The highest card of the five determines the rank of the flush. Our example shows an Ace-high flush, which is the highest possible.



Straight

Any five consecutive cards of different suits. Aces can count as either a high or a low card. Our example shows a five-high straight, which is the lowest possible straight.



Three of a Kind

Any three cards of the same rank. Our example shows three-of-a-kind Aces, with a King and a Queen as side cards - the best possible three of a kind.



Two Pair

Any two cards of the same rank together with another two cards of the same rank. Our example shows the best possible two-pair, Aces and Kings. The highest pair of the two determines the rank of the two-pair.



One Pair

Any two cards of the same rank. Our example shows the best possible one-pair hand.



High Card

Any hand not in the above-mentioned hands. Our example shows the best possible high-card hand.