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## **Chattanooga to host U.S. Championship and Speed Runs** **“United We Race”**

Rossville, GA -- The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Chattanooga Offshore Powerboat Races presented by the STARS Powerboat Racing Rescue Team will be hosting the inaugural U.S. Championship featuring offshore race teams from the [OPA Racing Organization](#), [Offshore Pro Series](#) and [AMF Offshore Racing](#). Another first for Chattanooga will be the appearance of the [Miss Geico Race Team](#); a 41 foot MTI with twin turbine engines producing 1850 HP each. Racing action begins October 11-12, 2007.

“We are honored and excited to be given the opportunity to host this event in our hometown.” said Jim Poplin, Executive Director of the STARS Rescue Team. “Chattanooga is going to witness the paramount of offshore race teams in the country battling it out for their share of the U.S. Championship Title.”

“We also will continue with our annual speed runs, this has become a major part of our event, there is a lot of bragging rights on the line to be the fastest boat in your class,” Poplin says. Check the [STARS](#) web site for results from the previous two years.

The race village will once again be located at the TVA Chickamauga Dam Reservation at Hwy 153 & Annicola Hwy. Race teams will start arriving in Chattanooga on Wednesday Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. Pits will be open free to the public on Thursday and Friday Oct 11 & 12. Weekend pass is \$10.00 for adults, children 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the gate.

Schedule of events will be updated regularly and posted on the [STARS](#) web site.

Portion of the proceeds will once again go to Make A Wish Foundation of East Tennessee, the official charity of the STARS Powerboat Racing Rescue Team.

Chattanooga is home to the STARS Powerboat Racing Rescue Team, which got started in powerboat racing during the 1983 Riverbend Festival. Since that event the Team has traveled around the country providing safety and rescue for over 32 different powerboat racing categories.

For more information on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chattanooga Offshore Powerboat Races click [www.starsrescue.com](http://www.starsrescue.com) or call 706-861-1417.

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