

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Constantine  
Super Meet  
July 6, 7 & 8, 2018**

**Outboards & the Military**

*Participant Package*

Hosted by  
The Great Lakes Chapter and The Michiana Outboard Boaters  
AOMCI

**HELD ON THE GROUNDS OF THE CONSTANTINE AMERICAN LEGION POST #223  
LOCATED AT 65079 US 131 BUSINESS, CONSTANTINE, MI 49042  
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**Welcome!** to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Constantine Super Meet: Outboards & the Military. This meet has gotten bigger and bigger over the years and we hope this year to be one the best super meets yet. In order to help this weekend run smoothly, we have listed all of the important meet information in this packet for your review.

**This year we have taken a slightly different approach to selecting the “Featured Motors”.  
The featured motor will be one that is somehow tied to the military. Be creative!!!**

If you have any questions or require further information about the meet please see chairman Kevin Van Oirschot (“Kevinrude” - GLC) or co-chairman Steve Roskowski (MOB).

**Important Notes:**

- Overnight camping is available on a first-come basis for Friday and Saturday nights only (no hook-ups available). Camping is not permitted along the shoreline. Please set up as close to your neighbor as possible so there is room for everyone.
- Please keep in mind that we have been granted the use of the grounds and waterfront as guests of the American Legion. As guests, please be respectful of the hosts’ facilities, keep it clean, and in the event of any conflict in use, please defer to the Legion member.
- This year, we have secured a three-day special use permit. Boats running on Friday – Sunday need not have current registrations. However, the permits for the running of loud and/or fast boats are only valid on Saturday and on Sunday beginning at noon.
- You MUST be a current AOMCI National Club Member in order to participate in the meet. If you are not a member or need to renew, application forms will be available at the registration table. National dues are \$70.00 for a two-year term.
- All participants must vacate the American Legion grounds by 5:00PM Sunday.

**Running Time for Boats and Motors** (See water time schedule in this packet for classifications and time slot details)

There will be test tanks for test-running motors and there will be ample time between special water events for running your rig on the St. Joseph River. In order to help assure a safe boating experience at the meet, boat classifications and corresponding running times have been established. Running times for each class will be indicated by flag color and may be adjusted based on demand (i.e., number of boats in each classification). It is important for you to know the color of flag associated with your type of boat, and to only run that boat on the river when the appropriate color flag is displayed. **The American Legion Post has asked that we not run any boats that make excessive noise on Friday and before Noon on Sunday. Therefore, only OPEN and PUTT-PUTT class boats will be allowed to run on Friday and before noon on Sunday.** A towboat will be on duty at all times to assist anyone in the event of problems.

**The planned schedule of events follows on the next pages.  
Any changes to this schedule will be announced and posted at the  
registration tent.**

## Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

Grounds open at 6:00AM. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** All can set up camping and pre-registered swap spaces. The water is open to running motors (except loud and/or fast) throughout the day with the exception of scheduled events.

**Registration** Starts at 6:00AM, Friday and runs throughout the day.

Each family must sign in at the registration tent when first arriving at the meet (follow the signs). The fee is \$10.00 per family to help cover the costs of running the meet. You will receive:

- ID wrist tags for each family member which must be worn as proof of registration
- A schedule of events that will occur over the three days of the meet
- A list of meet rules and recommendations
- Instructions on how to enter into the competition for motor and/or boat/motor awards
- Your ballot(s) for the “People’s Choice Award”
- An opportunity to buy tickets for the Awards Banquet (if not already pre-purchased)

**Note** - If you pre-registered by mail, an envelope with your name on it containing the above items will be available at the registration.

**6:00AM ON Swap and Sell Event** There will be a huge area dedicated to swapping and selling of boats, motors, parts, etc. All proceeds go to the seller. There is no limit to what you can sell or swap. See Joe Brincat (GLC) for info.

**7:00AM – 3:00 PM Open water use for all except Quicksilver and Loud & Fast** The river is available for you to enjoy and run engines. If you aren’t sure if what you have is appropriate ask at registration and we will help you out. All traffic must run the counterclockwise pattern around the buoys that are set out.

**3:00PM – 4:00PM Putt-Putt and Rowboat Motor Water Polo** Putt-putt or Rowboat powered two-person teams must sweep a beach ball over an obstacle course.

**4:00PM – 5:00 PM Constantine Cup Fishing Motor Competition**

The Constantine Cup Fishing Motor Competition will test the overall operability of the smaller horsepower motors in a “fishing trip” scenario. Competitors will have a passenger in their “fishing” boat (or equivalent load), such that the total load is not less than 300lbs. Each competitor begins the designated course with a “cold start” of their motor. The course will include a “fast” leg, a short “rowing leg”, a hot restart, and a “slow” leg. Designated motors for this event will be any pre 1950 stock motor, direct drive (no gear shift or neutral lever). Allowable maximum size motors to be used on an annual rotation basis will be 5.5 hp, 3 hp and 2 hp. **This year the maximum size motor will be 5.5 hp**, next year 3 hp and so on. Note that you are free to use a motor of lesser horsepower than the annual designated size.

**5:00PM – ??? PM Open water use for all except Quicksilver and Loud and Fast** Here is a nice evening opportunity for fun on the water with quiet engines.

**7:00 Free Hog Roast**

The Chapters will once again be hosting the hog roast on Friday evening. Come gather around for some “Swine Dining” and catch up on things with old friends. This event is free for attendees and guests as a token of our gratitude for traveling to share this meet with us. Please stop by for some good food and friendship courtesy of the sponsoring chapters and dedicated volunteers – be sure and thank them.

## Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

**7:00AM – 10:00AM Breakfast** The American Legion Post serves a great breakfast at a great price upstairs.

**7:00AM – 5:00PM Registration**

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- A list of meet rules and recommendations
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**7:00AM – 8:30AM Putt-Putt engines only** We start the day with the quiet protected water for the putt-putts only.

**7:00AM – 4:00PM Kid’s Special Event – The Outboard Motor Mystery Part Hunt (The Motor Whiz Quiz!)** This event is for youngsters 15 years of age or younger and will challenge the kids to identify a dozen or so “mystery” outboard motor parts or motor related tools. The parts will be on display at the registration table all day Saturday where the kids can pick up an entry form. Youngsters are encouraged to ask questions of the club members and circulate through the swap and sell area in an attempt to find the identity of the mystery parts. The mystery parts may not be removed from the registration table. All entries **MUST BE TURNED IN BY 4:00 PM** to be considered for judging. Prizes will be awarded for the most successful “hunters”. See **Hans Jacobsson** or **Joe Brincat** for more information.

**7:00AM – 5:00PM Boat and Motor Display** (Judging begins at Noon, Saturday)

There will be a large display area under a tent to show off unusual, original and restored motors and boats (both full-size and toys) belonging to our members and guests. **Any individual wishing to have display motor(s) and/or boat and motor combination(s) judged must sign up at the display registration table before 12:00 noon on Saturday and must fill out a judging tag for each item to be judged and must attach the tags to the display items.** People entering the award competition are asked to designate the appropriate judging category for each item to be judged. There will be thirteen categories of awards (definitions available at the registration table).

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| • Best Original Antique Outboard Motor                | Best Original Classic Outboard Motor        |
| • Best Restored Antique Outboard Motor                | Best Restored Classic Outboard Motor        |
| • Most Unusual Outboard Motor                         | Concours d’Elegance Outboard Motor          |
| • Best Outboard Boat and Motor Combination            | Junior Class for ages up to 16 years of age |
| • Oldest Gas-Powered Outboard Motor Running on a Boat | Hard Luck Award                             |
| • People’s Choice Award                               | Best Military Outboard Motor                |
| • Best Display: Outboards & the Military              |   |

The "Concours d'Elegance" award is for over-restored motors (i.e., those with glossier than original paint, buffing where originals weren't buffed, plating where originals weren't plated, etc.). Eligibility for the "Oldest Gas Powered Outboard Running on a Boat" award requires sustained running on a boat on the river. A panel of experienced judges representing both chapters will decide winners.

The judges will not be aware of the entrant’s names at the time of their review. Recipients of one of these awards in any of the last three years will be ineligible to win the same award again this year with the **same motor**. See the designated head judge if you have any questions or would like to register.

## Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> Continued

### **8:30AM – 9:00AM Mandatory Participant Meeting**

There will be a brief meeting of all attendees at the bleachers to go over the events of the day and the meet rules/recommendations. One of the most important points to be covered is that there will be two safety chairmen that will be identifying any unsafe practices either on or off the water (e.g. running a motor on land with a propeller is NOT allowed). The meet safety officer is Jay Walls for the MOB and Roger DeBiasi for the GLC. Please follow their directions to maximize the safety of everyone at this meet! Other items to be aware of:

- Emergency contact phone numbers
- Fire extinguisher locations
- Meet logistics (location of restrooms, food, telephone and various meet events)
- Meet schedule and individuals responsible for each event
- Tow boat and what will happen in the event of accident

**Technical Seminars.** There will be seminars going on all day. The actual times and topics will be posted at the registration tent. We intend to offer a variety of topics that will help our participants' come away learning something new to help with their enjoyment of our hobby. Unless otherwise noted, the seminars will be held in the comfort of the Legion building. Seminar topics may vary but we expect to offer the following:

- \*Setting up Quicksilver gear cases
- \*Paint prep, materials and application methods
- \*Magneto coil testing using simple tools (No Merc-o-tronic)
- \*Gasket cutting
- \*1950'S Vintage OMC Carburetor Rebuild Procedures
- \*Gas tank dent removal
- \*Building a solid-state buzz box
- \*Magnet charging
- \*Early Mercury "K"

**11:00AM – 11:30AM Rowboat Motor Anti-Race and "Fast" Race** Two races this year! The Anti-Race is a chance to see whose rowboat motor can run the slowest in the competition by finishing last. The "Fast" Race is a chance to see whose rowboat motor can run the "fastest" by finishing first. Sign up at registration to enter.

**11:30AM – 2:00PM Lunch** Food can be purchased behind the American Legion Post on the patio.

### **11:30PM – 12:00 PM Stock 3.6 HP and Zephyr Time Trials**

This event will be run like the Modified 3.6 HP and Zephyr Time Trials and will be for stock 3.6 HP (or less) motors and 5.4 HP Evinrude Zephyr motors. Contestants can run any wood or aluminum 12 to 14 foot fishing type boat, either flat bottom or V hull. The contestant that covers the course in the least amount of time wins the event and trophies will be awarded to the top two finishers. Sign up at the registration table.

### **12:30PM – 1:00PM How Slow Can You Go?**

This contest is for internal combustion-type outboards and will be run in a test tank. Each contestant supplies his or her motor and attempts to run it at the slowest *sustained* idle speed. The speed is verified with an electronic tachometer and the contestant that achieves the slowest speed wins the event. Sign up is at the registration table. If you have any questions, see Mark Majcher or Stu Fillinger.

### **2:00PM – 2:30 PM Cup-of-Gas Contest**

This event will also run in a test tank. A small outboard engine is provided for the event and is fueled with one cup of gasoline. Each contestant signs up (sheets are at the registration table) and provides a guess as to how long in time the engine will run at a slow speed (something near 1500 rpm) on one cup of gasoline. All entries must be in **before** the engine is started. The engine is then run until it quits and the contestant with the predicted time closest to the actual time wins the event. See Mark Majcher or Stu Fillinger if interested.

## Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> Continued

### **3:30 PM – 4:00 PM Modified 3.6 HP and Zephyr Time Trials**

This event will be run out on the river with contestants using their own boats and motors. The event is for modified motors that were originally 3.6 horsepower or less (they still must be recognizable by the judges as having originally been 3.6 HP or less) and Evinrude Zephyrs (Originally 5.4 HP). There are no restrictions on boat type as long as the safety chairmen give the OK. A USCG or APBA approved life jacket must be worn. A helmet is recommended but not mandated. A kill switch is required. A course will be specified with a well-defined start and finish point in front of the dock. On command from the timekeeper, entrants will start the motor and proceed to cover one (1) lap of the course at maximum speed. The time will begin to elapse when the contestant is instructed to go. Engines may be warmed-up prior to the event. Contestants will be started a half-lap apart so they will be racing the clock and NOT the other boats. The contestant that covers the course in the least amount of time wins the event. Trophies will be awarded to the top two finishers. The 3.6 HP class of motors will be run first. Sign up at the registration table.

### **4:00PM Closing of Voting for “People’s Choice” Award**

All ballots must be turned in at the ballot box. Ballots must include the number of the motor or boat & motor combination (or an adequate description so the judges can identify it) in order to be counted.

### **Quiet Time** (5:00PM, until the close of the Auction Saturday)

All boats must be off the water and no more running of motors in the area.

### **Auction** (5:00PM, Saturday)

This event will be held at the big tree near the bleachers and is a money raiser that involves auctioning off donated merchandise (parts, motors, boats, marine accessories, or??). Hopefully, members and guests brought items they want to get rid of and submit them to be auctioned. Each item will be offered for bids and the highest bidder takes it home. Here is your chance to get rid of some of those old items that are lying around! The donor must take any item that doesn't raise any bids home. (Don't worry...this doesn't happen very often). Proceeds will be used to help defray the costs incurred for the meet. Ask at registration for more information.

### **Awards Banquet** (7:00PM, Saturday)

Saturday evening there will be an Awards Banquet in the American Legion Post to enable socializing with other members and guests and to find out who won the many awards and Saturday contests. Dress is casual but dry shoes, a shirt, and pants are requested. The American Legion staff always treats us to a fine meal for the banquet. Tickets are \$12.00 per head and seating is limited to 120 people. **Remember to bring your ticket, as it will be exchanged for your dinner plate!** A 50/50 raffle will be held at the banquet to raise money and help offset meet expenses and put smiles on the faces of the lucky few winners!

## **Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00AM – 10:00AM** **Breakfast** The American Legion Post serves a great breakfast at a great price upstairs.

**7:00AM – 10:00AM** **Quiet Engine Running** Until 12:00 there is to be no loud, fast or quicksilver engines running. Regular putt-putt and open engines are welcome and encouraged.

**10:00AM – 12:00PM** **River Cruise**

This Sunday morning event will be a cruise up the St. Joseph River about half way to Three Rivers (up to the bridge over the river) and back in boats provided by members and guests. Both planing and non-planing boats can participate so there may be considerable differences in time necessary to complete the whole trip. Lower powered boats may opt to not go the full distance. All participants are to gather by the bleachers for instructions on how to avoid the river hazards (stumps, crocodiles, etc.) before the cruise. The river is quite picturesque so the parade of boats up the river and back should be very enjoyable! Please have consideration for the neighbors on the river... observe the posted "No Wake Zones", especially at the campground as you near the first bridge heading north.

## **Running Time Classifications**

**PUTT-PUTT BOATS – (BLUE FLAG)** For any boat with a motor with less than 10 rated horsepower. Rowboat motors are encouraged to run in every putt-putt time slot.

**OPEN CLASS – (GREEN FLAG)** All other antique and classic outboard motors with underwater exhaust or mufflers

**PERFORMANCE PLEASURE – (BLUE AND YELLOW FLAG)** This slot is for larger boats that create larger wakes. Generally high performance vee bottoms with larger engines. Please check at registration if you aren't sure.

**QUICKSILVER ANTIQUE RACERS – (YELLOW FLAG)** Any Mercury, Martin, Chris Craft, Champion, etc. with racing lower units on boats that run less than 60 mph

**LOUD BOATS – (RED FLAG)** For any outboard motor (racing or not) with open exhaust, open tuned exhaust, and the Mark 20H conversion (A.K.A. "toilet bowl" or "howler") exhaust

**FAST BOATS – (RED FLAG)** For any outboard with expansion chamber exhaust and ANY outboard powered boat combination that is estimated to be capable of 60 mph or higher speeds

**BOATING CLOSED – (BLACK FLAG) All boats must clear the water immediately.**

Flag designations to indicate running times by boat class are listed on the running schedule on the following page.

**Please be off the American Legion Grounds by 5:00PM on Sunday!**

*When you see any members of the Legion Hall staff, please take a moment to thank them for their hard work as they are key to making this event possible.*

*Before departing the Legion property look around, if you see any trash please pick it up and dispose of it properly... if you don't, one of your fellow club members will have to do it late on Sunday afternoon!*

*Also, the local restaurants, gas stations, motels, etc. appreciate your patronage... let them know that you are in town for the Super Meet.*

Thank you for participating and a special thanks to all the members that volunteer their time to make this a truly SUPER MEET ... see you next year.



**2018 Constantine Super Meet Water Times by Boat Class**  
**TIMES SLOTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH PARTICIPANT NEEDS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Until</u>	<u>Class(es)</u>	<u>Flag Color(s)</u>
Friday	7:00AM	3:00PM	Open & Putt-Putt	Blue/Green
	3:00PM	4:00PM	Putt-Putt and RBM Water Polo	Blue
	4:00PM	5:00PM	Constantine Cup & Putt-Putt	Blue
	5:00PM	???	Open & Putt-Putt	Blue/Green
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Saturday	7:00AM	8:30AM	Putt-Putt	Blue
	8:30AM	9:00AM	Participant Meeting	Black
	9:00AM	9:30AM	Open	Green
	9:30AM	10:00AM	Performance Pleasure	Blue/Yellow
	10:00AM	10:30AM	Quicksilver	Yellow
	10:30AM	11:00AM	Loud and Fast	Red
	11:00AM	11:30AM	Putt-Putt/RMB Anti-Race/Fast Race	Blue
	11:30AM	Noon	Stock Time Trials then Open	Green
	Noon	12:30PM	Performance Pleasure	Blue/Yellow
	12:30PM	1:00PM	Quicksilver	Yellow
	1:00PM	1:30PM	Loud and Fast	Red
	1:30PM	2:00PM	Open & Putt-Putt	Blue/Green
	2:00PM	2:30PM	Open	Green
	2:30PM	3:00PM	Performance Pleasure	Blue/Yellow
	3:00PM	3:30PM	Quicksilver	Yellow
	3:30PM	4:00PM	Modified Time Trials then L&F	Red
	4:00PM	5:00PM	Open & Putt-Putt	Blue/Green
	After the Auction - until ???	Open & Putt-Putt	Blue/Green	
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Sunday	8:00AM	10:00AM	Putt-Putt	Blue
	10:00AM	12:00PM	River Cruise and Open & Putt-Putt	Blue/Green
	Noon	1:00PM	Quicksilver	Yellow
	1:00PM	4:00PM	Loud & Fast	Red

**Notes:**

- Boat classes are to run at specified times only.
- Appropriate flag color(s) will be posted near the dock at the specified times
- Boats must clear the water immediately when the **BLACK** flag is posted.
- Water times are also posted at strategic locations around the meet site.

# *Definitions of Classes for Display Motors*

## *Definitions:*

- Antique:** Any motor manufactured in or before 1950
- Classic:** Any motor manufactured from 1951 and at least 30 years old in the current year.
- Restored:** Any motor that has parts painted, buffed, or plated to original specifications, or has had new decals installed
- Original:** Any motor that has only been cleaned and waxed since manufacture
- Concours d'Elegance:** Any motor that has been restored to specifications that are beyond original (i.e., buffed in places where the original motor was not buffed, paint clear-coated to give glossier than original look, parts plated where originals were not, etc.)

## *Judged Classes:*

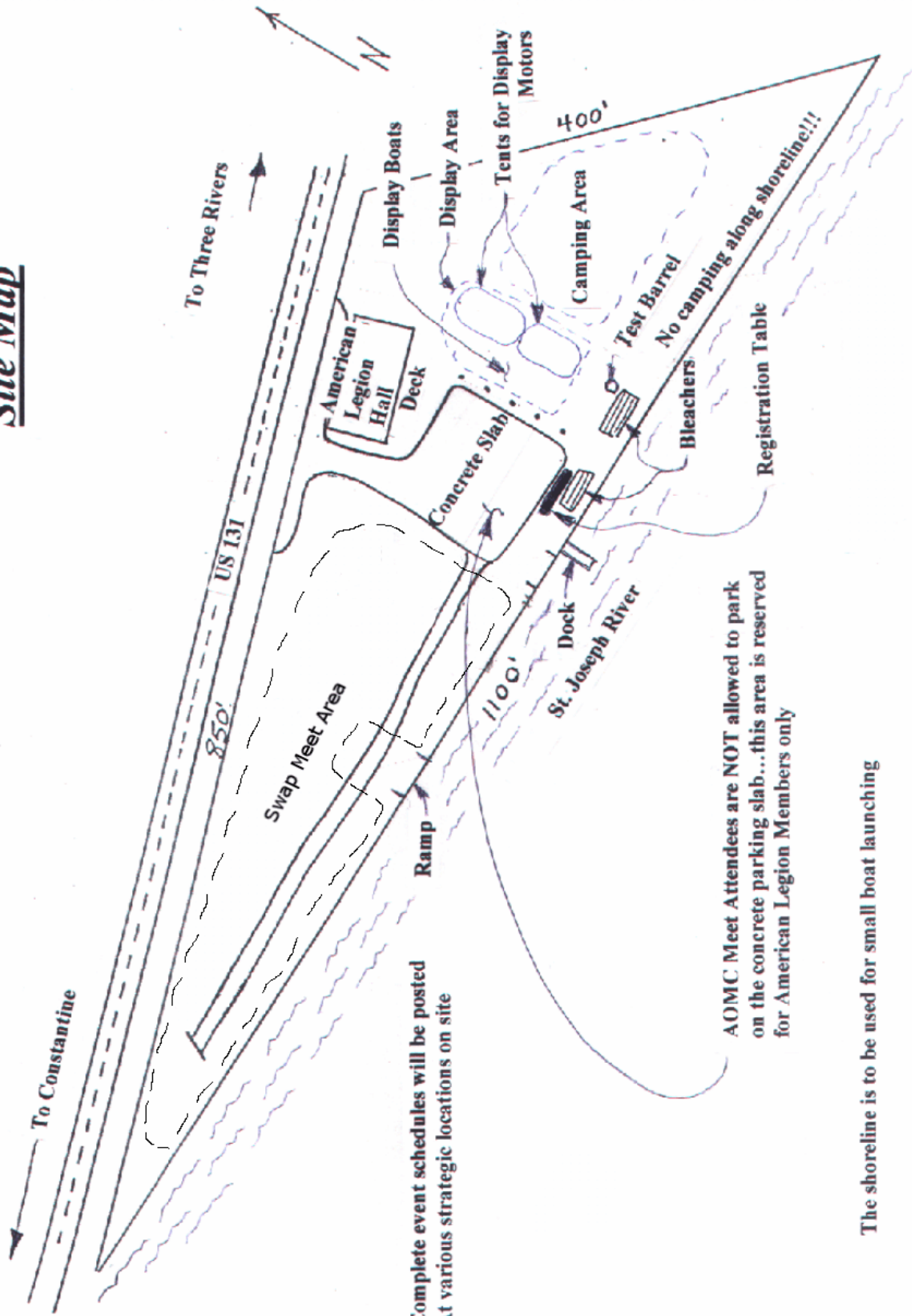
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| <b>Best Original Antique Outboard Motor</b>                | <b>Best Original Classic Outboard Motor</b>     |
| <b>Best Restored Antique Outboard Motor</b>                | <b>Best Restored Classic Outboard Motor</b>     |
| <b>Most Unusual Outboard Motor</b>                         | <b>Concours d'Elegance Outboard Motor</b>       |
| <b>Best Outboard Boat &amp; Motor Combo</b>                | <b>Junior Class</b>                             |
| <b>Hard-Luck Class</b>                                     | <b>People's Choice</b>                          |
| <b>Best Military Outboard Motor</b>                        | <b>Best Display: Outboards and the Military</b> |
| <b>Oldest Gas Powered Outboard Motor Running on a Boat</b> |   |

## Meet Rules and Recommendations

1. Non-members and guests are welcome at club meets but are not allowed to run motors for insurance reasons. All non-members must read and sign a liability release before participating in a club event. This will be done as part of the meet registration process.
2. Only classic (1951 thru 30 years old) and antique (1950 or older) outboard motors can be operated at club meets.
3. No alcoholic beverages are permitted at chapter events. Operating motors or boats while under the influence of alcohol is also not permitted.
4. Members should comply with all local and state laws, meet registration requirements, and any meet site rules (such as no parking areas). Copies of rules should be handed out as part of the registration process.
5. At every club meet, the club officers in attendance will make themselves aware of the location of the nearest available telephone or cellular phone and the appropriate telephone numbers to dial in emergency situations (i.e. fire and rescue). This emergency information is to be available in a 3-ring binder at the registration desk.
6. Each wet meet will have a board-appointed Safety Officer. Members must comply with safety-related requests made by the Safety Officer. Compliance with safety rules and applying common sense are the goals.
7. There must be an operable fire extinguisher available at each meet where outboard motors are run. Onboard fire extinguishers are *recommended* for all boats.
8. You may not attempt to start or run an outboard motor over land with a propeller on the prop shaft.
9. Gasoline and oil cannot be drained, poured, or dumped onto the ground or into the water for any reason. If you have waste fuel or oil it should be placed in a proper container and taken home. If you anticipate having waste fuel or oil, you should bring a suitable container with you.
10. All boat operators must have a wearable life jacket on board for each person in the boat. When operating a racing-type boat, the driver and any passenger must wear crash helmets and life jackets that have been approved for racing. It is *recommended* that drivers and passengers of other types of performance watercraft also wear the same safety apparel.
11. Racing-type boats must be equipped with either a safety shutoff (dead-man) throttle or tether-type ignition shutoff device attached to the driver. A full (bias-cut) throttle plate is *recommended* for use in each carburetor. See Roger DeBiasi or Jay Walls if you have any questions.
12. A red painted "Butt Can" should be provided at all means for cigarette and cigar butt disposal.
13. Members should make inquiries with their own insurance agents to determine the extent of their liability, property damage and medical coverage. In specific, know what coverage you have while towing a trailer, attending a meet and while operating a boat both in state and out-of-state. Also know whether others are covered when operating your boat, or riding in your boat.
14. A meet site must be left in the same or better condition than it was left in before the meet.

# Constantine Super Meet

## Site Map



Complete event schedules will be posted  
At various strategic locations on site

AOMC Meet Attendees are NOT allowed to park  
on the concrete parking slab...this area is reserved  
for American Legion Members only

The shoreline is to be used for small boat launching