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## **Dayton, Ohio again!**

Our site for this year and for 2018 is the MetroPark's Eastwood Park Lake just outside downtown Dayton, Ohio. The host school for the event is Cedarville University. The dates for Solar Splash 2017 are **June 7-11, 2017**. Dayton is located in the southern part of Ohio, and you can see a travel map, the site location, and other travel information by clicking on the "Travel and site information" link on the Splash website menu at [www.solarsplash.com](http://www.solarsplash.com).

## **Are You Preparing for 2017? Keep Us In the Know!**

The preparations for Splash 2017 are underway at Splash Headquarters, and we hope that your team is also planning and preparing to come. We already have one registered team and have already from **8 other teams** that are preparing to attend Splash 2017! Headquarters activities at this point include: securing sponsorships, answering your questions, keeping the webpage updated, and keeping lines of communication open between Splash Headquarters and you! So don't hesitate to contact us by email, phone, or post – and let us know you are there and working to meet and compete in 2017!

**➔ If you're planning to enter in 2017, drop us an email note now so we can get the 'contacts' between us firmly in place – and to get your team listed/linked on the webpage as preparing a boat for the 2017 Splash! ⬅**

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## **Top Five 2016 Technical Reports Available**

The top 5 Technical Reports from the 2016 Splash are available for downloading by going to the "Technical Report Information" listing on the Splash website menu ([www.solarsplash.com](http://www.solarsplash.com)). Reading these reports and seeing the boats and equipment provides a wealth of technical information, plus they demonstrate how to structure a highly rated report!

Note: This year's Technical Report will be due **Monday, May 8, 2017**.

## **Entry Form, the Increased Entry Fee, and Dates**

You need to go to the website ([www.solarsplash.com](http://www.solarsplash.com)) to find the Entry Form for the competition. The Entry Fee has increased, but it will continue to cover the opening night dinner and lunches Thursday through Sunday for all participants. The new ‘early fee’ is \$600 if you get your Entry Form in by Tuesday, **January 17**, but the entry fee increases to \$800 if you enter after that date. The cut-off date for entries is Monday **April 24**, 2017. Again, getting the **Entry Form** to Headquarters is critical for meeting the dates, not when the check arrives! [However, sending the Entry Form in “promises” that you will pay the fee -- and the fee is “non-refundable” after the Entry Form has been submitted!]

### **Major Dates/Deadlines for This Year:**

Tuesday, January 17, 2017: Last date for “Early Registration” at the lower \$600 Entry Fee. After this date the Entry Fee is \$800.

Monday, April 24, 2017: Last date for receipt of the Entry Form to register for Splash 2017.

Monday, May 8, 2017: Last date to submit the “Technical Report” without a points penalty.

Wednesday, June 7, 2017: First day of the Competition. The only “required activity” this first day is the “Skippers’ Swimming Test” which requires each team’s Skippers to be onsite for the test about 2pm.

### **Rules Reminders and Rule Changes to Note**

It is the discretion of the Splash officials to conduct the ‘direction’ of travel in the Maneuverability, Slalom, Sprint, and Endurance Courses as is seen fit. Thus, clockwise, counter-clockwise, left-ward, or right-ward changes to the directions as seen in the Rules, or as conducted in previous Splash competitions, should always be planned for.

Several specific Rules have been “word-smithed” and “moved around” within the Rules booklet. Below is a quick listing of the major changes to last year’s Rules. However, there are date and time changes throughout that are updates, and all teams are responsible for reading and understanding ALL the Rules. If you have questions, be sure to send your questions to [hq@solarsplash.com](mailto:hq@solarsplash.com) for clarification.

Specific Rules to examine:

Rule 1: “The Faculty advisor may advise only....”

Rule 4.7: All Skippers must have APBA membership at the \$25 level.

Rule 7.13.1: Steering system fasteners required. [Note: The requirement for propeller fasteners is no longer “required” by the Rules. It’s just a good idea to do so!]

Rule 7.15: Propeller safety rules.

Rule 15.6: Closed-toes shoes are required for all participants while working on a boat.