

## Regatta Review

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SEE THE APBA GOLD CUP RACE ON SPEED CHANNEL THIS SUNDAY!

Don't miss the upcoming showing of the Chrysler Jeep Superstores APBA Gold Cup race on SPEED Channel this weekend! Tune in Sunday September 14th at 2:00 PM (Eastern) for all the action.

A TENTATIVE DATE FOR THE 2004 GOLD CUP HAS BEEN SELECTED!

The tentative date for the 2004 Gold Cup is July 15-18th. The Chrysler Jeep Superstores Dealers will return as our title sponsor. Stay tuned - more details later as we make plans for the Centennial APBA Gold Cup Celebrations!

THE J. LEE SCHOENITH MEMORIAL AWARD GOES TO .. DAVE VILLWOCK

The J. Lee Schoenith Memorial Trophy is awarded to the boat with the fastest overall time, as a historic nod to the way the Gold Cup winner was determined in years past. This year, the winner is Dave Villwock and the Miss Budweiser team. Interestingly, in recent years the opposite has happened as well ... Dave won the race but not the JLS award.

NATE BROWN TO DRIVE THE REPAIRED U-8/LLUMAR AT SAN DIEGO

The U-8 Racing Team and several hard working volunteers have been working day and night to repair the tremendous damage suffered when Mark Evans blew over in the Detroit Gold Cup Race on August 24th, 2003. The boat sustained major fractures in several places to the hull and frame, which required the replacement of most of the deck. See the full press release on the HydroProp web site:

<http://www.hydroprop.com/news/030910.htm>

GOLD CUP 2003 PHOTOS

We have a wide assortment of photos now posted on our web site. We're still working on the descriptions, but check them out! Many by Robert Peters, some by Brian Reed, and links to other's photos as well. <http://www.gold-cup.com/photos/>

LETTER FROM TOM D'EATH TO ALL DRRA MEMBERS

September 12,2003

To all DRRA members:

As Judy and I pack our bags and turn our car toward our Florida home, I have to reflect on

the events of the last 8 weeks and shake my head in amazement.

Who would have thought that the 2003 Gold Cup regatta, which was literally dead in the water on July the 7th, would be up and running on August 22nd - 24th.

I don't have to tell you what a great race the city of Detroit and its many visitors enjoyed on that memorable weekend.

And I probably don't have to tell you what an accomplishment it was to go from zero to hero in that short period of time.

What I do have to tell you is thanks, from the bottom of my heart.

To say that we couldn't have done it without you is an under- statement.

Obviously great sponsors like the Chrysler-Jeep Superstores, Anheuser-Busch, Sindbads, the Roostertail, Authorized Cellular, the Omni Hotel, DTE Energy and others provide the financial and logistics support to stage the regatta, but the fact of the matter is, it is each and every one of you who make the event possible.

Without you, there could be no Detroit APBA Gold Cup Regatta... and for that every race fan in the world should be thankful to you.

I know I am.

Thanks again. I look forward to working with all of you again next year.

Regards,

Tom D'Eath  
President, Detroit River Regatta Association.

- Brian Reed - DRRA Volunteer