

## Regatta Review

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THE GOLD CUP ON SPEED TV - THIS SUNDAY AUGUST 1ST AT 5PM!

Watch for the Gold Cup coverage on Speed TV this Sunday, August 1st at 5pm Eastern. There is no replay scheduled, so if you can't watch it then be sure to set your VCR!

REMINDER: THIS WEEKEND! - QUAKE ON THE LAKE 5 - WATERFORD MI

This weekend, July 31-August 1, there will be a limited inboard hydroplane race in Waterford Michigan. Classes range from the 1.0 Litre class all the way up to the powerful big-block powered Grand Prix boats, and include the Jersey Speed Skiffs and Vintage hydros. The records that have been set here attest to the quality of the racing. Come see grass-roots racing at it's finest!

The viewing and pit areas are at the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area. Parking is \$6 per vehicle, admission to the viewing area is \$5 per person, children under 15 are free. Pit passes are available, keep in mind that open-toed shoes are NOT allowed in the pit area.

For photos from past years, maps, and more information visit the official Quake On The Lake web site at: <http://QuakeOnTheLake.org>

Also see the Marine Prop Riders Quake On The Lake page:  
<http://MarinePropRiders.com/quake/>

### A CORRECTION TO REPORT

In the last issue we reported that the U-25 BELL Forklift sat out a heat in the hopes that another team wouldn't finish, thereby earning the U-25 a spot in the final. This is inaccurate.

The U-25 suffered severe damage in heat 3 when a hot section and gear box blew. The crew thought they could make the changes in time for the 4th heat but found the damage more severe then originally thought: motor mounts were torn out and there was damage to the log shaft and the bottom of the boat.

### STILL PHOTOS OF THE PRE-RACE BUMPING BEFORE THE FINAL HEAT

Jack Lowe tracked down some video of the start then converted the sequence to stills captured from the video. The video, taken by Mike Andrews, offers a closer look at the U-16 / U-1 / U-8 activity at the start of the final: <http://www.hydroprop.com/news/040725.htm>

This is one of the pre-race incidents which Miss Budweiser was disqualified for.

### GOLD CUP PHOTO GALLERY

We're still adding photos to the Gold Cup web site, new ones include the latest by Dave Mabry and Robert Peters, as well as some by a new contributor, Richard Long.

#### PLANNING HAS ALREADY BEGUN FOR THE 2005 GOLD CUP

We're happy to report that we sold **THREE TIMES** as many tickets as we did for 2003's last-minute event, and the 100th Anniversary Gold Cup event was an unqualified success!

Look for an official announcement about the 2005 race next week.

#### CHRYSLER DODGE "MINIVAN SUMMER GAMES"

DETROIT SEMI-FINALS -- JULY 17, 2004

Families competing in the Motown Semi-Finals had their own unique soundtrack - the roar of the APBA hydroplane boat race on the Detroit River. A huge turnout of competitors (34 families) and fans brought an extra level of excitement to Detroit's Henderson Park - renamed Chrysler Park for the occasion. In the best spirit of Motown traditions, the competing families took the singing challenge very seriously, offering impressive renditions of "Tomorrow" from Annie, "Who let the Dogs Out?" and several original pieces. Families raced against the clock and, at times, the thunder clouds, but the rain held off until after the Games were played. And all three teams broke the 4,000-point barrier! The winning Gold medal team - the Pearlman family of Ann Arbor - turned in impressive times and a total of 4,870 points. The Anderson family, of St. Clair Shores clinched the Silver medal by showing great form and racking up 4,370 points. Bronze medal honors went to the Topoleski family of Royal Oak with a solid 4,165 point finish.

Congratulations to everyone who played in the Detroit Minivan Summer Games. The enthusiasm of all participants proved once again that it's all about family fun! We wish the Pearlman family good luck as they head to New York City to compete in the Final Games.

For photos and more info see:

<http://www.minivansummerngames.com/Site/Results5.aspx>

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