

Regatta Review

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DRRA DECLINES SEPTEMBER RACE OFFER

Statement by: The Board of Directors of the DRRA, Inc.

The board of directors of the Detroit River Regatta Association, Inc (DRRA) has announced that it has declined the opportunity to host a second Unlimited Hydroplane race in Detroit this September 17-19.

The DRRA was approached on August 2 regarding a possible September event in Detroit. The DRRA board was immediately made aware of the approach and thoroughly reviewed and discussed the many considerations of staging such an event. The board set specific guidelines and timetables for further review before any approval would be considered. These criteria have not been met and the DRRA board of directors has agreed to end any further review of the proposed event.

We are sharply disappointed that a press release was issued on August 3 announcing that the DRRA would conduct the September event. Such announcement was inappropriate and not authorized by the DRRA and included comments wrongly attributed to DRRA representatives.

We apologize to our fans, volunteers and community supporters for the confusion created by these announcements and look forward to staging the American Power Boat Association Gold Cup race here on the Detroit River next summer.

**THIS SATURDAY!
MEET DANNY FOSTER FOR AN AMERICAN DIABETES FOUNDATION BENEFIT
IN MEMORY OF DANNY'S WIFE RUTH AND SON DENNIS**

See the record holding Miss U.S. under restoration, the replica 1969 Notre Dame under construction, and the new Schaller's GP boat under construction!

Hot dogs, refreshments and silent auction of Unlimited Hydroplane memorabilia from the 1940's and 1950's. Also, unique 100th Anniv Gold Cup Items.

The event is 4-7pm THIS SATURDAY, August 14th. The address is 827 Degurse near(in?) Marine City. Take I-94 to Marine City Hwy and go East to the end at King Rd. Make a right then a quick left onto Degurse.

For a map and more details, see the full event flyer on the Unlimiteds Detroit web site at:
<http://unlimitedsdetroit.com/docs/FosterMarineCity2004.PDF>

THE UNLIMITEDS RETURN TO MICHIGAN FOR A SECOND RACE IN 2004

The Unlimiteds return to Michigan for a race in St. Clair! The Bluewater International Hydrofest will be held August 20-22. For more information see:

<http://www.bluewaterhydrofest.com>

SEATTLE SEAFAIR RACE ON SPEED TV - AUGUST 22ND

The same weekend as the St. Clair race, the Seattle Seafair hydroplane race will be shown on SpeedTV, August 22nd at 6PM Eastern.

MORE PHOTOS POSTED ON THE GOLD CUP WEB SITE

Photos from Kathleen Wyrwas have been posted, including a great pic of the pre-final bumping which was one incident that Dave Villwock and the Miss Budweiser were disqualified for.

I'm almost done preparing my own photos, mostly boat and people closeups, so watch for those to be posted in just a day or two.

QUAKE ON THE LAKE 5 - A GREAT SUCCESS!

Two new Records Set!

August 2, 2004

Two new competition records were set at the 5th Annual Quake on the Lake in Pontiac, Michigan this past weekend. Records were for a one mile course in a five mile heat.

On Saturday Nicky Pellerin in the 2.5 Litre Modified A-60 Kraus Brick/Mr. Bud set a new speed at 89.960 MPH. The old speed was 89.180 MPH. Don Mashburn from Lafayette, LA is the owner.

Sunday saw Tom Thompson in the 1 Litre Modified CY-1 Sam's Club of Waterford/For Sale set a new record at 78.411 MPH. The old speed was 77.814 MPH. Joe Cheezum owns the For Sale craft.

The above was reported by Quake Announcer Jeff Ayler.

There were 28 heats of racing on Saturday, and near that many (if not a full repeat of the 28) on Sunday ... talk about a lot of racing to see! The race committee did an -outstanding- job running heats as close together as possible, and it still added up to 7 hours of racing. Wow! If you haven't been to Quake, you're missing the boat. See you at Quake 6.

(Contributed:)

Don't know how many of you heard about Mario Maraldo and his GP Baby Doll III, which puts out the greatest hydro sound I've ever heard, but the 66-year-old, who spent nearly five

years building this Baby Doll, won a heat on Saturday in impressive fashion but burned a piston, hauled the boat home and rebuilt the motor Saturday night and returned to run Sunday... not too well, but what an effort.

Dennis Macy looked good in a couple of races too, and challenged Jerry for a couple of laps... Dennis sure has a lot of fun racing... not sure if everyone knows... Dennis did get a couple of laps last season in Doc Muscatel's U-25.

NEW VEE-BOTTOM WORLD KILO RECORD - FROM JEFF GRIGG

Just a quick note from another world of boat racing. The Fountain powerboat team of Reggie Fountain on throttles and Ben Robertson driving set a new APBA/SBI/UIM V bottom kilo record last weekend. They averaged 171.8 mph with a one way mark of over 177 mph. According to Ben they were seeing speeds in excess of 180 as they hit the end of the trap!

This in a V bottom offshore boat! Ben also stated that the boat was loose and Reggie had to feather the throttles as they couldn't run wide open. Is 190 next?

See a video clip on the Fountain web page:

http://www.fountainpower.com/NewsEvents/news_aug04_1.htm

- Brian Reed - DRRA Volunteer