

Regatta Review

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LOCAL SHOWING OF "MADISON" THE MOVIE - JUNE 14TH

It is official now! One last special showing of Madison, as a celebration of powerboat racing and In Memory of Jack Love.

The evening will feature the movie "Madison", legends of powerboat racing, static displays of race boats, cars, club and nautical displays, a short program and an after-glow party.

When: Tuesday June 14th

Where: Emerald Theatre Complex, Mt. Clemens MI

Time: 6:30 - 10:30pm

\$12.00 admission with some of the proceeds going to the DRRA, the Marine Prop Riders, and Unlimiteds Detroit.

Preliminary schedule:

4:00 Static displays of boats, cars & more in the parking lot

6:30 Reception and silent auction

7:30 Short presentation before the movie

8:00 The showing begins

9:30 Announcement of door prize winners, prize drawing, etc

10:00 Party @ Jonny G's with "Dream Street Rose" (next door)

The Emerald Theatre is located at 31 North Walnut Street in the heart of Downtown Mt. Clemens. Major cross streets are Gratiot and Cass.

We are asking everyone to purchase their tickets in advance. You can purchase them at the June 1st Marine Prop Riders meeting, the June 11th benefit at the Jefferson Yacht Club, or online by credit card through the DRRA ticket store. For info about ordering online, please see:

<http://www.gold-cup.com/news/05/madisoninvite2.html>

OPEN HOUSE PARTY AT THE JEFFERSON YACHT CLUB - JUNE 11

The Jefferson Yacht Club is having a membership drive / open house and have invited the DRRA and it's members. It is FREE and takes place Saturday June 11th from 1:00pm to 8:00pm. A great day of fun is planned!

Under the tent:

* The 2nd Annual "Detroit River Regatta Casper Cup" on "Lake Kosciuszko". The Casper boats are small models of our favorite hydroplanes past & present. Boats will be available for all to join in.

* Silent auction - racing memorabilia, Gold Cup tickets and much much more... benefiting the

DRRA Gold Cup.

* Ticket sales for the June 14th showing of Madison.

Around the pool & clubhouse:

- * Swimming and sun bathing
- * 50/50 JYC raffle
- * Entertainment
- * Food & Beverages - Cash bar

See why the JYC is the place to be! The JYC is at 24504 Jefferson between 9 & 10 Mile roads, behind the Jefferson Beach Marina store.

ABOUT UNLIMITEDS DETROIT AND THE MARINE PROP RIDERS

* Unlimiteds Detroit is a Detroit area Unlimited hydro fan club that gathers for fun, stories, news & rumors, model and souvenir show & tell, 'Casper' boat racing, and more.

My first must-have souvenir from the Gold Cup race is not from the event organizers, the sanctioning body, nor any team or sponsor... it's the UD calendar!! It has lots of great photos and conveniently, it begins with July. :^)

UD meets the last Thursday of each month (the next meeting is an exception: June 23), 8pm, at Pampa Lanes on Van Dyke between 13 & 14 Mile, in the basement meeting room.

See <http://www.unlimitedsdetroit.com> for more club info.

* The Marine Prop Riders is a local club of Limited Inboard Hydroplane racers and fans. Established in 1951, it is "America's Finest Inboard Racing Club". Members include racers, crew, volunteers and fans. Get involved with Inboard racing at the grass-roots level or just come see us race on Pontiac Lake in July, two weeks after the Gold Cup.

MPR meets the first Wednesday of each month (next: June 1), 7:30pm, also at Pampa Lanes on Van Dyke between 13 & 14 Mile, in the basement meeting room.

See <http://www.marinepropriders.com> for more club info.

Both clubs are looking for new faces. It's easy to become involved, and non-members are always invited to drop in! Out of towners: join for the newsletters... free samples are usually available on request.

PHOTOS FROM THE VINTAGE UNLIMITED TEST SESSION THIS WEEK

Some great photos of the Vintage Unlimited testing session on Lake Washington this past week have been posted on the web by Jim Clark:

<http://photobucket.com/albums/v604/JimClark/Harm%20Testing%205-24/>

TWO DRRA & CITY OF DETROIT PRESS RELEASES FROM LAST WEEK:

"THE THRILLER ON THE RIVER," 2005 CHRYSLER JEEP SUPERSTORES DETROIT APBA GOLD CUP, RUNS JULY 15-17 2005, ON DETROIT RIVER

2005 Event Marks The Start Of Second Century Of Competition For Gold Cup, The Oldest Trophy In Motor Sports

Unlimited Hydroplanes Cover Football Field in Less Than One Second At More Than 200 MPH with 3,000 HP Engines

DETROIT, Mich., May 26, 2005 - The oldest trophy in motor sports will begin its second century of competition at the 2005 Chrysler Jeep Superstores Detroit APBA Gold Cup on July 15-17, 2005 on the Detroit International Water Speedway course on the Detroit River near Belle Isle.

This year's event will be put on by the same team as the previous two years - the Chrysler Jeep Superstores, with participation from DaimlerChrysler AG, and the Detroit River Regatta Association (DRRA).

"2005 calls for a new beginning for Gold Cup racing since it's the start of the next 100 years of competition," said Jim Schebil, president of the Chrysler Jeep Superstores Advertising Association, and president of Fox Hills Chrysler Jeep in Plymouth. "The first century of the Gold Cup was capped by an exciting finish last year which proved that Detroit always draws the best field with the fastest boats in the world. 2005 is no different because the Detroit River will be a fast-paced, exciting raceway in July."

"We're excited about the next 100 years of speed, power and tradition in Detroit powerboat racing," said Bill Rands, president of the DRRA. "The Detroit River is the epicenter of powerboat racing. It's the grandest stage for the fierce competitors vying for the oldest trophy in motor sports."

The three-day event features high-speed unlimited hydroplane racing action on the Detroit International Water Speedway. In addition to the unlimited hydroplane boats, many other boats, such as vintage race boats, automotive-powered sweepstakes hydroplanes and others, will run on the river during the event.

The Gold Cup competition began in 1904 and came to Detroit for the first time in 1916. For many years the host site for the event was determined by which boat won the previous year's trophy. The winning boat's home yacht club hosted the race the following year and site locations fluctuated for many years.

In 1992, Detroit was named the permanent home of the Gold Cup. Detroit has historically drawn the biggest crowds, provided the best race facilities and hosted the event the most times in the trophy's history.

The 2005 Chrysler Jeep Superstores Detroit APBA Gold Cup features unlimited hydroplane boats with 3,000 horsepower engines reaching top speeds of more than 200 mph and covering the length of a football field in less than one second.

The title sponsor is the Chrysler Jeep Superstores Advertising Association with participation from DaimlerChrysler AG. The Chrysler Jeep Superstores Advertising Association is made up of the 40 independently owned Chrysler Jeep Superstores in Southeastern Michigan from Monroe to Fowlerville and from Clinton to Port Huron.

"MISS CHRYSLER JEEP" MAKES A PISTON-POWERED RUN AT GLORY AT 2005 CHRYSLER JEEP SUPERSTORES DETROIT APBA GOLD CUP

U-3 Boat is Only Piston-Powered Hull in Gold Cup Field As The "Roar" Returns To The Detroit River

DETROIT, Mich., May 26, 2005 - The roar of the automotive, piston-powered engine returns to the Detroit River as unlimited hydro U-3 will compete as "Miss Chrysler Jeep" at the 2005 Chrysler Jeep Superstores Detroit APBA Gold Cup, July 15-17 2005.

The piston-powered boat, the only one of its kind on the circuit, is owned and operated by father-son duo Ed Cooper, Jr., of Evansville, Ind., and Ed Cooper, Sr., of Madison, Ind., who make up Cooper Motorsports. "Miss Chrysler Jeep" will be driven by Mitch Evans of Chelan, Wash., who won the prestigious APBA Chrysler-Jeep Gold Cup on the Detroit River in 2003, plus two other races that season.

"We're ecstatic about having the premier piston-powered hydroplane competing under the Chrysler Jeep name," said Jim Schebil, president of the Chrysler Jeep Superstores Advertising Association. "This boat represents the raw power and determination that made Detroit the 'Motor City' and we're glad to have the thrill and roar of the automotive-powered engine back in Gold Cup competition."

"Miss Chrysler Jeep" made history in 2003 as "Master Tire," when it took first place at the inaugural race of that season in Evansville, Ind. The boat was the first piston-powered hydroplane to win in 14 years. Later that year in Seattle, the U-3 broke the two-mile qualification lap record for a piston-powered boat it set in Evansville by going 153.266 mph. It also exceeded 160 mph on 2.5-mile courses at both Tri-Cities, Wash., and San Diego.

"This hydroplane is reminiscent of the muscle cars Detroit made famous worldwide," Schebil said. "It is a roaring speed machine. The race fans will know when this monster is running."

Piston-powered hydroplanes are no longer the norm on the unlimited hydroplane racing circuit. In 1980, regulations were adopted allowing turbine engines in unlimited hydroplanes. Following Chip Hanauer's success with a turbine boat in 1984, most boat owners and builders switched to turbine engines. The engines were also used because of cost, reliability and power.

The Cooper Motorsports team is one of the few which has continued to rely on piston engines. Its "David vs. Goliath" approach has won race fans over as the U-3 race team has battled better-funded turbine boats for years. Cooper Motorsports built a new hull, which debuted in 2002, that made the U-3 hydroplane a true threat again. It set a piston-powered record in the second race it ran with the new hull.

Setting records is a regular occurrence for the U-3. In 2003 the boat set a two-and-a-half mile qualification lap record for piston-powered boats, reaching 160.915 mph in Tri-Cities, Wash. That speed was the fastest among any boat at the competition. Evans was even faster last year, pushing his record to 161.146 at Tri-Cities and 162.602 on San Diego's Mission Bay.

In 2003, Evans and the U-3 won more races than any boat on the circuit, three out of six events. They also won 10 out of 22 heats started.

Evans is the only unlimited driver in the sport today whose hydro relies on piston power. He set lap records in the U-3 boat the last two years running and is one of two racing Evans brothers. He first attempted to qualify as an unlimited driver in 1980 in the "KW3 Radio," an automotive-powered boat owned by Rick Bowles.

Evans has spent most of his unlimited career with Cooper Motorsports. He won the 1989 Tri-Cities Columbia Cup race with "Cooper's Express," and in 1991 set the world piston lap speed record at 147.953 mph. He raised it to 148.410 mph in 1995 with a turbocharged Allison.

- Brian Reed - DRRA Volunteer