

Regatta Review

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE DRRA

Without much news in the off-season this may be the last Regatta Review we send out this year, so we'd like to extend our Happy Holiday wishes to one and all. May your wishes come true and Happy New Year!

ANNUAL UNLIMITEDS DETROIT HOLIDAY PARTY - DECEMBER 10TH

The Unlimiteds Detroit annual holiday party and auction is this Saturday, Dec 10th. This year's auction is bigger and better than ever with over 125 items in the silent auction alone! The live auction will only have about 15 items but they're really nice. Lots of framed art in both auctions.

The silent auction begins about 1:00pm and will remain open for about 2 hours. The live auction follows the silent auction, then a quick awards presentation.

The party is in Warren at Skinny's Sport Bar, 13330 E. Ten Mile Road, just West of Schoenherr. 586.754.7131

There will be great food and holiday cheer available, as well as race boat videos and conversations.

Hope to see you all there!

Hank Kosciuszko
President - Unlimiteds Detroit

REMAINING 2005 SPORTSWEAR AND SOUVENIRS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Through our event merchandiser, Pure Image, the remaining 2005 Sportswear and Souvenirs are now available. Call 1-800-337-6057 or visit their web site for details:

<http://www.skidfin.com/detroitmerch.html>.

2006 MEMBER VOLUNTEER FORM AVAILABLE ONLINE - SIGN UP NOW

Would you like to help present Detroit's most exciting motorsport event?

Do you like to work with the public, or want to lend your special skills behind the scenes?

Anyone may join the DRRA to volunteer their support of the Gold Cup event!

The 2006 sign-up form is now available online, see <http://www.gold-cup.com/volunteer/>.

Sign up before December 31st for the early-bird special (\$25). After the 1st of the year it is \$35.

JIM SCHEBIL IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE FIRST JACK LOVE AWARD

At the fall DRRA Volunteer party, Jim Schebil of the Chrysler Jeep Superstores organization was the first recipient of the new award in memory of Jack Love. The award was presented by Jack's son John and the DRRA. Jack was a long-time hydroplane supporter and co-founder of the Spirit Of Detroit Association in 1962.

Jim and the CJ Superstores were instrumental in saving the event back in 2003 by providing the funding and asking Tom D'Eath to organize the DRRA.

The perpetual award is a large plaque that will be displayed in Pit Tower during race week, with a badge for each recipient. There's a photo of Jim and his 'keeper' plaque currently on our home page.

A GOOD ARTICLE ON THE STATE OF UNLIMITED RACING

Powerboat magazine has a very good article about the state of the sport, written by Gregg Mansfield and titled "Better Days":

http://www.powerboatmag.com/2005features/12_05_betterdays.php

There's five great photos at the bottom of the article too.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO - NOVEMBER 13TH 1980

"Twenty-five years ago, Lee Taylor set out to reclaim the world water-speed record on the frigid waters of Lake Tahoe.

In the blink of an eye, he died trying.

Taylor, who grew up in Compton, Calif., drove his first speed boat in 1961 and his lust for the speed record quickly developed. It nearly ended in 1964 when he crashed his boat, Hustler, during a world record attempt at Lake Havasu. He came back from the near-fatal experience more determined than ever and in June 1967, he drove Hustler 285.213 mph on Lake Guntersville in Alabama to break Campbell's record of 276.30 set in 1964.

Taylor's record stood a decade until Warby broke it with a run of 288.60 mph at Blowering Dam in Australia. Warby bettered his own record a year later, hitting 317.60, and Taylor was determined to break it and bring the record back to the U.S."

For the full story see:

<http://news.rgj.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20051113/NEWS10/511130348/1016/NEWS>

Worth note is that Ken Warby's record still stands, over 27 years later. See <http://www.kenwarby.com> for details about that and his new boat... he's going after his own record again! Ken told me that he has surpassed 400 MPH, but in just one direction (a record setting attempt requires a return pass through the one-mile timing trap, all within an hour, and the speed recorded is the average of both runs).

SOME SAD NEWS

The DRRA would like to extend our deepest sympathies to DRRA volunteer Kathy Shuler on the recent passing of her mother.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

- Brian Reed - DRRA Volunteer