

Regatta Review

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2006 WINNER: JEAN THEORET IN U-37

WOW! What a race! What a weekend!

The DRRA would like to congratulate driver Jean Theoret, owner Billy Schumacher and team sponsor Beacon Plumbing for their strong performance in the final, leading to their Gold Cup win.

Congratulations to previous owner Bill Wurster too! He's the one that put the package together over many years.

Theoret was the first non-American to win since Italy's Count Theo Rossi won with Alagi in 1938. England's Kaye Don took the trophy in 1936 in Impshi. Guy Lombardo, the leader of the famed Royal Canadian big band of the 1940s, won with Tempo VI in 1946, but while he was born in Canada, he had become a naturalized U.S. citizen.

In what was probably the hottest weekend this summer, the racing was hot as well, with the competition being closer than any year in recent memory. In the final, Mike Allen in the Formula Boats II kept pace with Theoret but on lap three, hit the wake flying through the white water and then had to battle Jimmy King in the U-3 piston-powered Chrysler Jeep in wild fashion for second. Allen would have placed third but was penalized for lane encroachment and finished sixth. King took second and Steve David in the U-6 Oh Boy! Oberto took third. Fourth place went to Nate Brown in the Elam Plus, and fifth to Ken Muscatel and David Williams trading driving duties in the U-2.25 Michigan Mortgage Consulting.

The event finished without the usual boat flips and serious crashes. The worst incident came in the Gold Cup final when Allen had a minor collision with Theoret. Allen also collided with Nate Brown's Elam when Allen was doing an extra lap for the earlier penalty.

The full official Timing and Scoring report with lap-by-lap times and speeds is available on the Gold Cup website.

DETROIT NEWS AND FREE PRESS STORIES

"Golden day for Theoret":

<http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2006607170343>

"Holy smoke! Thick haze, pesky buoys create drama":

<http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2006607170342>

"Canadian overcomes boat damage to take title":

<http://www.detnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2006607170347>

"Defending champion puts up no fight":

<http://www.detnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2006607170348>

LOTS OF PHOTO COVERAGE TO SEE

Don't forget to see our photo gallery. Pictures are still being added, so check back soon too.

<http://gold-cup.com/gallery>

Photos from Unlimiteds Detroit:

http://www.unlimitedsdetroit.com/photos_Detroit2006.cfm

Photos from the Vintage Race Boat Shop:

<http://www.vintageraceboatshop.com/Detroit2006Photos.htm>

LETTER FROM THE DRRA PRESIDENT

Everyone connected with the 2006 Chrysler Jeep Superstores APBA Gold Cup has reason to feel very proud of a job well done. We had a great weekend, a safe race, a good time for the fans, and a successful event overall. Tom Bertolini and I and the other Board members have recieved many positive commments about the whole event. Sincerest thanks from me and all of the Directors go to each of the volunteers and staff who made such a fine event possible.

You all know that we will have a volunteer appreciation event later on in the summer and I will award the President's Cup to an outstanding volunteer. This year I saw so many fine performances by volunteers that I would very much like the ideas of the Group Leaders by way of nominations for the President's Cup recognition. So if you have somebody that you think really did a bang up job let me or Tom Bertolini know.

Thanks everybody!!!!

Bill Rands

DRRA President

FANS --- WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

If you attended the 2006 Gold Cup races, we want to hear from you! We're asking for your feedback to help us continue to improve the event. What did we make better, what did we mess up on or forget to do?

Please send your feedback to moreinfo@gold-cup.com.

There was one fan I personally spoke to on Friday, who had already had a number of problems. It seemed like anything that could go wrong, did, for him and his family. If you're reading this, I met you at the far end of the grandstands and initially asked you about your

sandals. Please send me an email via news@gold-cup.com ... I wish I'd said that at the time.

CHIP HANAUER BLOGS ON THE ABRA SITE

"Warrior: Good for the ego, bad for the soul"

<http://www.abrahydroplanes.com/index.cfm?page=Hanauer-Blog-3>

ROOSTERTAIL CONTINUED TRADITION AT GOLD CUP

The Roostertail Entertainment Complex and Simpatico Beer teamed up to provide some excitement on the Detroit River and the famed Roostertail Turn during the Chrysler Jeep Superstores APBA Gold Cup.

The Roostertail was recognized with the famous Roostertail logo on the rear wings of the black and gold Miss Simpatico U-21 for the Detroit Gold Cup. Miss Simpatico placed 2nd in Heat 1A, 3rd in Heat 2A, 4th in Heat 3B, and 4th in Heat 4A finishing with 863 points, just 30 points short of a spot in the Gold Cup final.

Roostertail owners John and Michael Schoenith toasted the Detroit River Regatta Association and the Miss Simpatico U-21 during a Simpatico Beer Tasting at a Gold Cup Kick Off Reception held at the Roostertail Thursday, July 13th.

UPDATES ON THE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN MADISON

Some more good news about Jean. She is now in her own room, address to follow at the bottom of the e-mail.

Billy Cousins & wife Betty visited Jean yesterday and he advised me that Jean was sitting up (with assistance), eating solid food and was talking to everyone. This is GREAT news. Dave [Jean's hubby] said that they will have to do work on Jean's right leg, but that will come later.

Billy continues to improve. He is still bruised on the left leg, hip & thigh. He is still slow getting around but mobility is coming back. Billy is in good spirits, I know, because when he called this morning he was asking about Celina & Rocky Fork. Hey, ya just can't keep a good man down !!!!!

I don't have any additional information on Jennifer Willett, however, Dave says that she's still hanging tough. WHAT A GAL, keep her in your prayers. I've been asked to receive cards for Jennifer and to deliver them to her family at the I.C.U. waiting room, which I will be more than glad to do. My address to follow.

I want to mentioned that I talked to Alan Radue this morning. Alan's and Lisa's families are having some health problems at this time. I'm asking that they also be remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

Again, thanks for all the thoughts, prayers & concerns.

Jean's hospital address:
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Address to send cards to Jennifer Willett:
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Best to all,
Joe Johnson

- Brian Reed - DRRA Volunteer