

Regatta Review

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OFFSHORE PRO SERIES ADDED TO THE 2007 GOLD CUP EVENT!

The roar of eight Offshore Pro Series powerboats will add a new dimension to the Chrysler Jeep Superstores APBA Gold Cup race weekend on the Detroit River, July 13 - 15, DRRA President Tom Bertolini has announced.

"These will be the biggest boats to race on the Detroit River since the days of Gar Wood, and an exciting addition to our Chrysler Jeep Superstores Gold Cup race week," said Bertolini. Ranging from 39 to 44 feet in length and powered by automotive or turbine engines up to 3,700 horsepower the eight Offshore entries will add a new dimension to the DRRA's celebration.

"We look at the Gold Cup as the pinnacle of boat racing and we are proud to bring our Offshore boats to the most historic race course in boat racing" said Tom Abrams, of Canton, Michigan, owner/driver of Reliable Carriers, Inc. , a 39 foot catamaran.

"The Unlimited hydroplanes and our Offshore Pro Series boats are very different, but we hope to complement their event and to bring our fans and support to Detroit," said Abrams. "It is a little bit like having both Indy cars and NASCAR at the same event."

The Offshore boats will be based in a special area at Henderson Park, near the MacArthur (Belle Isle) Bridge. "We have a unique pit area set up that is very accessible to fans, they can come in, mingle with the teams, and see the boats up close, said Abrams.

Offshore boats raced as part of the Detroit events from 1979-1983 with winners including Joel Halpern, Betty Cook and Al Copeland running on a course from the Ambassador Bridge out into Lake St. Clair and back to downtown. "Our sport has changed a lot since then," said Abrams. "Many of our races now run on five mile long courses with seven or eight turns. The course in Detroit will be unique. This will be the first time that we have run on the hydroplane race course."

MORE PHOTOS OF U-6 OH BOY! OBERTO / MISS MADISON CONSTRUCTION

Owner: The Citizens of the City of Madison, Indiana

Driver: Steve David

<http://www.missmadison.com/content/2007/NewBoatMadisonShop07.html>

REMINDER - SPRING VOLUNTEER MEETING - FRIDAY MAY 11

When: Friday May 11, 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Bruce Post VFW

Address: 28404 E. Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, MI, 48081

Beverages Available

Food provided by Edibles Rex

Let's get together to rev up our plans for the 2007 Chrysler Jeep Superstores Detroit APBA Gold Cup Race July 13-15. It's time to meet your team leaders and hear the game plan for the races. Haven't paid your dues yet? Pay your dues at the door. Do you have friends or know of former volunteers who would like to volunteer this year? Bring them along and we'll sign them up at the door. (Remember, dues are \$35 per person and new members pay \$25. We accept Cash, Checks, Master Card, Visa, American Express and Discover.)

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at this kick-off meeting and want you to know, we can't do this without you. Every volunteer makes a big difference. Let's make this the best race year yet! Anyone may join the DRRA.

Please let us know if you will be attending by giving us a phone call at 586-774-0980.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Tom Bertolini
President, DRRA

- Brian Reed - DRRA Volunteer