

Regatta Review

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UPCOMING BOWLING NIGHT - REMINDER - SATURDAY APRIL 19TH

Come on down and have a GREAT TIME with us and Screamin Scott from WRIF for the 1st Annual bowling fundraiser. Not a bowler, not a problem! Come on down and have pizza and pop for only \$5.00. Mingle with your friends and fans of the APBA Gold Cup Race. The Coolest part about the door prizes is you get to put your tickets in for the door prizes you want to win! Interested in the 4 day / 3 night stay at any Bluegreen Resort of your choice? Not a problem, put all your tickets in for that prize only! It's your call! 50/50 cash money! Bring the kids too (ALL AGES)! Face art and balloon twisting for all!

Some of the prizes are:

- * 4 day / 3 night stay at any Bluegreen Resort of your choice
- * Kenwood fold-down, detachable face color-shock CD receiver. The KDC-MPV5025 features MP3 and WMA playback. It also comes with a wireless remote, is HD ready. The Band: A Musical History Box Set includes 5 CDs with over six hours of music including 37 previously unreleased songs, 1 DVD and a book that contains never before seen photos & classic memorabilia.
- * Three hour blocks of limousine service (\$450 value)
- * Autographed Chauncey Billups hat & addias Piston Shirt
- * One hour massages
- * Restaurant certificates
- * One month unlimited tanning
- * More!

Call Christy or Sharon for more information and to reserve your lane space today!

See the complete flyer at <http://www.gold-cup.com/fundraisers/>

SPRING VOLUNTEER MEETING - FRIDAY MAY 16 2008

Let's get together to rev up our plans for the 2008 Chrysler Jeep Superstores Detroit APBA Gold Cup Race July 11-13... the 100th running of the Gold Cup! It's time to meet with your team leaders and hear the game plan for the event.

For everyone's convenience we are trying a new hall with a more central location near 13 Mile and I-75:

Friday May 16, 2008 - 6:30pm
UFCW Hall
876 Horace Brown Drive
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Please RSVP by April 25 to moreinfo@gold-cup.com or by calling the offices at (586) 774-0980.

Beer and Soda will be provided by the DRRA, Wine compliments of Barefoot Wine. The dinner will be BBQ Chicken, BBQ Ribs, Chilled Salads, Baked Beans, Relish Tray, Rolls and Butter with Scrumptious Desserts all compliments of Edibles Rex.

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

Haven't paid your dues yet? Pay at the door. Do you have any friends or know of former volunteers who would like to join us again? Bring them along and they can sign up at the door too. (Remember, dues are \$35 per person, new members pay \$25).

Looking forward to seeing you,

- Tom Bertolini
- DRRA President

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 2008 HOEDOWN - DOWNTOWN DETROIT

We are looking for volunteers to help crew the DRRA booth at the Detroit Hoedown at Hart Plaza May 9-11th. The Chrysler Jeep display boat will be there and we get a lot of great response from this event. Contact Sharon in the DRRA offices to set up a time slot to help out.

DRRA GOLF OUTING - JUNE 7TH!

Looking for a great way to spend your Saturday? WE CALL IT GOLF! On June 7th the DRRA is hosting the Golf Outing Fundraiser at Oak Ridge Golf Club in New Haven, MI (26 Mile Rd. & I-94). 50/50 Raffle, silent auction, low score trophy, longest drive & closest to pin CASH PRIZES!

Cost is \$100 per person and includes: 2 Beverage tickets, 12oz New York Strip Steak Dinner, use of driving range, 18 holes of golf, golf cart, great prizes and snacks at 9th hole. Not a golfer, not a problem! Dinner only is \$35.00.

Golf individual or get your buddies together for a team of 4. Either way it will be a GREAT time. Call Sharon at the office for more information and to reserve your spot now!

RV RENTALS AND PARKING AVAILABLE

Looking to spend more time at the race? All the information that you will need with pictures of the models available and floor plans: <http://www.gold-cup.com/fanguide/rv.html>

RV rentals are limited, reserve yours today! Call Sharon to reserve your RV parking space at 586-774-0980.

SPONSON SPRAY - FROM THE ABRA CHAIRMAN, SAM COLE

It has been 25 years since Sam Cole authored Sponson Spray, but this year, the ABRA Chairman will revive the concept for the sport.

1. Thanks to the efforts of Ted Porter and Mark Schneider, Mercury has donated a new, much more powerful engine to power the ABRA Rescue Boat. Wes Patton and Mark are coordinating the engine change which will bring much needed speed to the sled. Mark estimates the boat will now be able to run around 50 miles- an-hour! Thanks Mercury, Ted and Mark....we are working to improve our response time and this is great news and welcomed with MUCH appreciation.
2. New National Championship Trophy to be unveiled! We have been busy putting the finishing touches on a new trophy which will add a lot of luster and prestige to winning the top awards (team and driver championships) . We are working on a way to provide "keepers" to Steve David, Dave Villwock, Ted Porter and Eric Ellstrom for past year's. The Eagle is impressive. We are working on a Grand Piano to put it on during the winter months. Stay tuned for photos.
3. The Board of Directors has approved a new rule during the starting period for 2008. Boats must be "on plane" prior to and during the one-minute gun. More information will follow. The commitment is to continue improving our racing product and creating more excitement and action for our fans.
4. Wes and Scott Patton are leading the effort to replace all of the old fuel testing equipment prior to the start of the 2008 season. The Board of Director approved the purchase in February and will represent the replacement of all of the original gear over the past two seasons. We are pleased that we have been able to improve our monitoring gear designed to assist our officials and teams alike.
5. Jim Codling re-appointed as Chief Referee for 2008. We are pleased to have Jim return and look forward to another great year of racing under his watchful eye. Jim will soon be announcing the team of officials for the season. It is with sadness, but much appreciation that we announce that Don Melillo, Sam Houghtling and Barry Pray will not return in 2008. We appreciate all of their efforts and look forward to seeing them at races this year.
6. We are going to press in two weeks with our 2008 commemorative series poster featuring the work of Bill Osborne and our National Teams and Drivers. It is colorful, exciting and will be used to promote our sport for the month's ahead and will be made available for purchase at every race site. PLUS, we're going to try and re-do the graphics on the ABRA truck to match!

SOME SAD NEWS

We wanted to let you know that the local boat racing family has recently lost two volunteers.

Surveyor Don Ross passed away on March 28th. He worked with the course survey crew for the Gold Cup event for many many years.

Danny Long was a helper with the phone guys as well as helping with the race teams aircraft related lighting (canopy strobe, etc). Sadly, he and his daughter were taken from us in an auto accident March 17th.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and friends.

THE 100TH RUNNING OF THE GOLD CUP - JULY 11-13, 2008

It's time to plan for the historic 100th running of the Gold Cup, July 11-13 2008!

- Brian Reed - DRRA Volunteer