

## Regatta Review

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**THE CHRYSLER JEEP SUPERSTORES APBA GOLD CUP - JULY 10-12, 2009**

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### \*\*\* STATEMENT FROM DRRA - SPECIAL 2009 TICKET OFFER

As thanks for our loyal fans' support of boat racing in Detroit, the Detroit River Regatta Association is offering discounts to the 2009 APBA Gold Cup for those who had purchased reserved seat tickets for the 2008 Chrysler Jeep Superstores APBA Gold Cup.

\* Fans who purchased reserved seat tickets for the 2008 Chrysler Jeep Superstores APBA Gold Cup may purchase 2009 reserved seat tickets, pre-paid parking and pit passes at a 20% discount on or before December 1, 2008.

\* Order forms will be mailed to all 2008 Chrysler Jeep Superstores APBA Gold Cup preferred ticket holders.

\* All other fans who purchased reserved seat tickets for the 2008 Chrysler Jeep Superstores APBA Gold Cup will need to download the special order form from our web site, in order to take advantage of this offer. Proof of purchase of tickets for the 2008 Chrysler Jeep Superstores APBA Gold Cup (such as the actual tickets, credit card receipt, or copy of the canceled check) will be required.

\* No discounted tickets for the 2009 APBA Gold Cup will be offered on-line.

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer discounts to those fans who purchased general admission tickets for the 2008 Chrysler Jeep Superstores APBA Gold Cup. This will be the only discount offer available to 2008 ticket purchasers.

Tom Bertolini  
DRRA President

### \*\*\* 2009 VOLUNTEER FORM NOW AVAILABLE

The Volunteer signup form for 2009 is now available on our web site in the Get Involved section or directly as

<http://www.gold-cup.com/DRRA-VolunteerApplication-Waiver-2009.pdf>

Renewals before January 1st are \$25, afterwards it is \$35.

### \*\*\* REPORT ON VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

It was a glorious day at Stony Creek for the Volunteer Appreciation Party! Thanks to everyone that came out and congratulations to the service award winners:

Jack Love Award: Tim Hueston & Sam Anspach (launch operations) Presidents Cup: Bill Rands (DRRA Chairman) Chairmans Choice: Rob Snyder (courtesy cars), Steve Brandon (media room) & the U.S. Navy

### \*\*\* STREAK ON THE CREEK REPORT

This location is gaining a reputation as a perfect place for inboard hydroplane racing due to it's size, facilities, viewing areas and more.

The racing was fantastic, especially with the A-25 Fat Chance running record speeds on Saturday, even though they were not official because there must be 4 starters and 3 finishers in the heat. Things went better on Sunday for them, they made it official in the first heat then in the second heat went out and broke their earlier record to set the record at 101+ as an average speed for the 5-mile race. It was just amazing to see this boat GO!

A good newspaper story about Streak:

<http://www.romeobserver.com/Story.asp?page=community&storyid=12933>

Nice photos by Roger Schaaf:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/bigugly74/StonyCreek2008>

### \*\*\* MORE PICTURES IN THE GOLD CUP PHOTO GALLERY

Recently, Robert Peters has finished posting his photos to our gallery. Be sure to take a look!

We're still working on integrating the gallery into the overall page layout, in the meantime you might find viewing a little easier by using this link:

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

### \*\*\* JEFF BERNARD AND STEVE DAVID COME AWAY BIG IN SAN DIEGO

Jeff Bernard in the U-5 Formulaboats.com ended the 2008 American Boat Racing Association's season as the only driver to win two races after finishing first at the 2008 San Diego Bayfair powered by the Union-Tribune. Bernard was awarded the top spot after approximately two hours of official video review to determine which boats crossed the start/finish line before the start of the race.

When asked how this win compared to his first of the season, Bernard replied, "Having to wait two hours to find out took a little away from it. But I think it was the right decision. Today was a good way for our team to end the season."

ABRA officials were determined to make the correct call, and comprehensively reviewed video footage taken at the start/finish line.

"We purposely held up the official results while we reviewed video from the start," said ABRA Chairman Sam Cole. "We gathered all of the owners, except those from one team who sent a representative, and showed them video. Conclusively, it showed that three boats jumped the gun: the U-50 [Spirit of the NAVY], the U-13 [Graham Trucking/ Spirit of Detroit] and the U-6 [Oh Boy! Oberto/Miss Madison]. We told five boats to run an extra lap during the race because we weren't sure who had jumped and immediately placed the results of the race under review. Clearly we had to do what was right, and had go by the videotape."

The U-37 Miss Beacon Plumbing driven by Jean Theoret finished second while Mike Allen in the U-7 Formulaboats.com finished third. Newly crowned ABRA National High Points Champion Steve David in the U-6 Oh Boy! Oberto/Miss Madison finished fourth, beating J. Michael Kelly in the U-13 Graham Trucking/Spirit of Detroit. Brian Perkins in the U-50 Spirit of the NAVY rounded out the field.

Earlier in the day, David clinched its first National High Points Championship in the 47-year history of the team, after a second-place finish in Heat 2B. Despite finishing second, David needed only to finish the heat in any place to clinch the High Points title.

When asked how he felt, David replied, "Oh Boy! This is bigger than winning a single race. More than one boat can win a race during the year, but at the end of the season, there will only be one U-1. The city [of Madison, Ind.] is planning a big celebration on the first weekend of October."

The U-3 Grandview Resort Presents Hoss Mortgage Investors and driver Jimmy King were eligible to participate in the final heat, but withdrew from participation due to electrical problems that cause engine to miss when the boat achieves high rates of speed. The team was fearful that continuing would have risked blowing one of its turbo Allison engines.

Bernard previously won in Madison, Ind on July 8, 2008. The Bayfair victory secured Bernard and the Formula team second place in the National High Points standings behind David. Theoret and the U-37 Beacon team finished third.

- Brian Reed - DRRA Volunteer

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