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

***** VOLUNTEER KICK-OFF MEETING - MAY 15TH!**

The Spring volunteer kick-off meeting will be held May 15th at the same location as last year:

UFCW Hall
876 Horace Brown Drive
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Enter off 13 Mile Road at Montpelier Drive, Montpelier runs South between John R. Road and I-75. Take that all the way down to the corner and the UFCW Hall is in front of you. Remember that I-75 doesn't have an exit at 13 Mile, use 12 or 14 then John R. or Stephenson to get to 13 Mile.

You must RSVP by April 24 either by email or calling the office:

moreinfo@gold-cup.com
(586) 774-0980 (ask for Sharon)

***** THE DRRA WINS AN AWARD AT THE ANNUAL ABRA AWARDS CEREMONY**

The DRRA is pleased to announce that we won the 'Best Race Web Site' award from the ABRA at their annual awards ceremony! See the next story for a list of all the award winners.

***** MADISON IS BOAT RACING CAPITAL OF THE YEAR FOR ONE NIGHT**

MADISON, Ind. -- The annual American Boat Racing Awards Banquet is now history. A capacity crowd at The Livery Stables in the historic area of the city watched as Steve David and the U-6 Oh Boy! Oberto race team were awarded the National High Point trophies for the driver and the team championships-the first time that City of Madison owned hydroplane has captured the team title.

"To be able to receive this trophy in Madison is something special not just for our race team but for the entire community," said David. "I am so proud to be part of this ceremony and this race team."

Oh Boy! Oberto's Mike Hanson and Art Oberto also took home some

hardware from the ceremony. Hanson received Crew Chief of the Year while Art Oberto was given the ABRA Award of Excellence.

The banquet ceremony concluded two-days of official meetings and celebration.

ABRA Chairman Sam Cole also gave a State of the Sport address to the general public on Saturday afternoon. In the speech, Cole talked about the economic issues but pointed out that the sport of unlimited hydroplane racing has grown with the addition of the exhibition in Kelowna, British Columbia and the season finale in Doha, Qatar.

Both David and Cole also received a big surprise during the award ceremony. Tim Armstrong, the Mayor of Madison, presented both individuals with a Key to the City of Madison.

The next time all the hydroplane teams convene again will be for the season opener right back in Madison on July 3, 4 and 5 for the Indiana Governor's Cup on the Ohio River.

ABRA Awards 2009

- * National Champion: Team Miss Madison/Oh Boy! Oberto
- * National Champion: Driver Steve David
- * Rookie of the Year: Kip Brown
- * Crew Chief of the Year: Mike Hanson
- * Crew of the Year: FormulaBoats.com
- * Owner of the Year: Greg O'Farrell
- * Officials of the Year: Wes and Diane Patton
- * Race Site of the Year: Tri Cities Water Follies
- * ABRA Fans Choice Award: Team Gregory
- * ABRA Award of Excellence: Art Oberto
- * Marketing Excellence:
 - Proctor and Gamble
 - Oh Boy! Oberto
 - U.S. Navy
 - Lamb Weston
 - Chrysler Jeep Super Stores
 - San Diego Union Tribune
 - Chevrolet
- * Chairman's Award: Fred Leland
- * Outstanding Contribution Race Marketing Partners: Boeing Corporation
- * Special Contribution:
 - Schumacher Racing
 - Dave Bartush

- Jim Simpson

Media Awards

- * Best Newspaper Coverage: Season The Madison Courier
- * Best Newspaper Coverage: Race Seattle Times
- * Best Radio Coverage: Season WORX Radio
- * Best Live Radio Coverage: KONA Radio
- * Best Television Coverage: Season KNDU-TV
- * Best Television Production: KIRO-TV
- * Best Magazine Coverage: Powerboat Magazine
- * Best Magazine Article: H2 O
- * Photographer of the Year: James Crisp
- * Best Boat Photo of the Year: Bill Osborne
- * Best Fan Photo of the Year: Chris Denslow
- * Best Action Shot of the Year: Greg Gilbert
- * Web Site of the Year: HydroInsider.com
- * Team Web Site: U-3
- * Race Web Site: DRRA

- Brian Reed - DRRA Volunteer

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