

## Regatta Review

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HELLO RACE FANS

There hasn't been a lot of news lately, but here at the DRRA we are very hard at work getting everything ready behind the scenes.

This week we had an event management meeting with all the team leaders so that everyone knows exactly where each task is at.

Last week we had a press conference with the Mayor of Detroit, Kwame Kilpatrick. The full press release can be found here: <http://www.tellusdetroit.com/sports/goldcup/goldcup-a.html>

**WORX, ABRA ANNOUNCE NEW 30-MINUTE WEEKLY SHOW  
BEGINNING TONIGHT!**

MADISON, Indiana--Unlimited hydroplane fans will be treated to a 30-minute weekly fest of racing information as WORX 96.7 FM radio in conjunction with the American Boat Racing Association will air a weekly radio show with host Tim Torrance starting Wednesday, June 13 at 7 p.m. EDT. <http://www.worxradio.com>

"Bruce Madej (ABRA Media Relations Manager) and I have been talking about this idea since the middle of the 2006 season," said Torrance, the station manager and unlimited hydroplane voice for WORX. "We really want to get this started. The first two weeks, we'll have the show on Wednesday and then, of course, during the Madison Regatta week we will move the show to Thursday."

The show will be simulcast on the web through a link to WORX radio. Fans wishing to ask questions of the guest can e-mail those questions to Tim Torrance at [timmyt@worxradio.com](mailto:timmyt@worxradio.com). The ABRA web site will have the schedule of guests by Tuesday prior to the show.

The first show will have ABRA Chairman Sam Cole plus legendary driver Billy Schumacher now the co-owner of the Miss Beacon Plumbing.. "This should be fun," said Torrance. "I know the fans of this sport are really trying to get as much information as possible and we'd also like other potential fans to become more interested in unlimited hydroplane racing. This will be a positive step in that direction."

**THE EVANSVILLE & MADISON RACES ARE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER**

The first race of the season is June 29-July 1 in Evansville Indiana, followed by the Madison Indiana race July 6-8, and then the Gold Cup. Watch the ABRA site for links to all the coverage: <http://www.abrahydroplanes.com>

## MISS U.S. 1 RESTORATION NEARLY COMPLETE

Danny Foster, himself a 2-time Gold Cup and 3-time President's Cup winner, has been spearheading the restoration of Miss U.S. 1 for the Simon Family. This is the boat that Roy DUBY used to set the world water speed record in 1962 at 200.42 mph through the speed-trap mile (average speed of one run each way).

After 2 1/2 years of work it is nearly complete, and the engine was started for the first time just two weeks ago! Technicians from Jack Roush's engine shop were on-hand to oversee the ignition. [http://www.dailytribune.com/stories/060707/spo\\_racing001.shtml](http://www.dailytribune.com/stories/060707/spo_racing001.shtml)

## 11 UNLIMITED HYDROPLANES EXPECTED FOR THE GOLD CUP

Mike Allen and the defending national champion U-1 Formulaboats II and Jeff Bernard in the U-5 Formulaboats I will both race again for the team that is in its second year.

Veteran Unlimited driver and owner Ken Muscatel is also expected after completing the purchase of Jim Harvey's U-2 equipment. Muscatel drove the newest Harvey boat at all seven races last year, but is expected to run the older of the two boats this season. That boat achieved its greatest success in the early 1990s as the T-Plus and won three races with current Oh Boy! Oberto pilot Steve David at the helm.

The rest of the field expected for the Gold Cup race is:

- \* U-3 Cooper Racing, Driver Jimmy King
- \* U-6 Oh Boy! Oberto/Miss Madison, Driver Steve David
- \* U-10 USA Racing, Driver David Bryant
- \* U-13 Detroit Unlimited, Driver J. Michael Kelly
- \* U-16 Miss Elam Plus, Driver Dave Villwock
- \* U-21 Freedom Racing, Driver Brian Perkins
- \* U-37 Miss Beacon Plumbing, Driver Jean Theoret
- \* U-100 Leland Racing, Driver Greg Hopp

## RAFFLE WINNERS AT THE DETROIT HOEDOWN

Congratulations to the raffle winners at the Detroit Hoedown May 11th-13th!

Friday's Winners:

Cyndi Villeneuve, Clarence Tuner, Margaret Okane, Robert Porrott and Cheryl Pack

Saturday's Winners:

Leona Pitts, Haley Hendricks, Dan Dugan, Ashley Toth and Jeffrey Scott

Sunday's Winners:

Don Carter, Ealy Hudson, Mac Peterson Jr., Jaclyn Jacks and Kyla Tallmadge

Thank you to all the volunteers and staff members that helped out at the Hoedown boat

display. The Event was a great success! We would not be able to do it without you so - Thank you again: Mark Weber, Bob Hutchins, Christy & Greg Retzlaff, Sharon & Steve Upton, Marty Adkins, Steve & Linda Mallard, Mary Dombrowski, Michelle Paonessa, Chrissy Jones, Kathleen Pauli, Michele Gill-best, Steve Garey and Larry Gawel.

- Brian Reed - DRRA Volunteer