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## New Members

Full member contact details are on the TORC website.

**Luksej, Kristian & Erik**—This is a father and son team from Toronto. Erik will be running AXSH and ASH and Kristian JH to get things rolling. They went to Rideau Ferry and had a great time. They'll be at Crystal Lake and Waterford this year.

## Just Belong?

*Are you an active member?  
The kind that would be missed,  
Or are you just contented,  
That your name is on the list?*

*Do you attend the meetings  
And mingle with the crowd,  
Or do you just stay at home,  
And grumble long and loud?*

*Do you ever go and visit  
A member who is sick,  
Or leave the work to just a few  
And talk about a clique?*

*Come to the club more often  
And help with hand & heart,  
DON'T BE JUST A MEMBER  
But take an active part!*

*We need RACER'S to  
Make this a better year  
Help us to remember  
BE A VOLUNTEER.*

*Think this over members,  
You know right from wrong.  
Are you an ACTIVE member  
Or "DO YOU JUST BELONG?"*

Author unknown. Originally sent in by Bruce Bain of #81, Let Me Go... 5L Hydro Team and printed in May/June TORC Talk 1996. Jim Misener was looking at old newsletters and sent it in again. See you at the pre convention and club elections TORC Meeting on Nov 14?

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## Waterford, take two! ACTION!

For those of you who haven't heard yet, we all owe Bill Keegan and Bath Fitter of Oshawa a big round of applause! Bill contacted the club and said, we need another race this year, lets make it happen! And after some phone calls to key people, we did! For the first time ever we'll be racing twice this year (and hopefully annually) at the Waterford Tri-Oval.

On October 2-3-4 the new "Frostbite Finale" race sponsored by 'The Bath Fitter' of Oshawa Ontario will take place. And a big effort is taking place to make sure this event runs smoothly and on time and not repeat the mistakes that caused long delays in the spring. For starters... The course and digital weigh scales in inspection should be setup Friday afternoon.

It is CBF and APBA sanctioned and will host all J-Stock-Modified non capsule classes. Rumour has it that 20SSH will run an extra race on Saturday and the largest class excluding 20SSH will run twice on Sunday time permitting as the last class of the day for a \$20 entry fee and some valuable CBF points!

Friday, use of the water is at your risk... not part of the event. This is a private and sheltered park lake, so conditions are almost always perfect.

The club has been told that even though the race is late in the parks season, all facilities including showers, are open for us. Only thing in question is the food stand, and they are working on that, let you know when I know. Watch the CBF Forum.

Pushboats races for kids and kids at heart will be Sat after regular races (weather permitting) with trophies provided by the VanValkenburg and Son Jewelers... please let me know if you want to participate, or can make a pushboat or two for kids to use/have. Classes are 15 and under, and 16 and older. Also a trophy for "Best in Show". Pushboat races are free.

Also, back by popular demand, a limited supply of event shirts will be for sale at the race, \$17. Sizes

Small through XXL will be on hand. Get 'em early! A special thanks goes out Garrett Kline Photography for lending the use of one of his terrific shots from Lock Haven for the artwork.

You can view and purchase copies of Garrett's great work at [www.bytesandpix.com](http://www.bytesandpix.com)

Race Entry Fees:  
\$45 first class  
\$30 second class  
\$20 third class  
\$20 JH and JR

We've worked hard with the CBF Forum readers

to come up with a TENTATIVE race schedule based on classes and drivers that historically show up. Here it is:

Set 1	JH 25SSH 350ccMH/400ccMH (BMH/25MH) 850ccMH(FEH) CSR/BSR/BCR
10 min Patrol Boat Break	
Set 2	AXSH BSH/BCH 750ccMH(DMH) ASR CSH
10 min Patrol Boat Break	
Set 3	20SSH ASH 500ccMH(CMH) DSH/DCH

Camping is permitted at the race site, in the pits or in real camp sites with fire pit/hydro. It's about \$26 CND per night if I remember right.

Jim has also setup a hotel deal for those interested at the Comfort Inn at Simcoe, near Hwy #24 & Hwy #3, about 10 km from the site. 85 The Queensway E. Phone 519 426 2611. 2 Person/2 Beds Friday night and/or Saturday night. Regular rate \$152 per night. Racers \$102.59 price per night if you mention you are

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## Rideau Ferry Review

by Jim Misener

The RFYC put on a fantastic event. Nearly 5000 were expected to come over the 2 day event but numbers were less than that. Vendors from Boating Canada and Boat Smart were on hand to answer questions and give boating operator certificates to those who wrote and passed their test on site. Remember boat racers, that all race drivers and civilian boaters by 15th Sept must have a valid boat operators certificate in order to race or operate a boat at any event or on any water in Canada. This is happening down south as well so get online and do your test and get your certificate now. It's good for life and in different regions. We recognize the American equivalent and clubs down south recognize ours.

Also there was a 'real lemonade' stand, plus burger, dog, fries booth with home cut fries, and another that did poutine, souvenir T-shirts, hats and other items, displays of powered, handcrafted, remote controlled race craft complete with scaled down trailers to match! Sail Boats you can make from plans on display were just beautiful and not your little fair weather crafts either, but capable vessels.

There was a canoe building workshop set up and over the 2 days where folks built their own canoe from scratch to completion and late on Sunday they all gathered on the water, paddles in hand and had a race for bragging rights! A canoe built by the organizers of this workshop was raffled off after the race and won.

Brad Pretty who all you Torc members know as "the announcer" at our races recently was on hand with a collection of outboards on display including a Quincey Louper, a Konig or two, and a mighty 6 cylinder Mercury beast sitting on top of a Yamato hatchet foot, and an LOL motor I know none of you ever owned or run! You had to be there to get that joke.

Brad was the announcer at this event and again did a superb job. Marv Hart filled him in on some of the vintage inboard technical stuff but you'd never know it to listen to him. Every class that went out Brad had the info on them you wanted to hear. Horsepower, hull design, boat builder, motor configurations and racing history of the different craft as well.

Brad will be at our fall race announcing for us and his fine work will be recorded this time as we have a mobile audio video internet system (MAVIS) coming to collect all the video and audio we can feed to it, edit it onto a master, and burn it to DVD for us to use in future for promotion and prosperity.

On Saturday night the RFYC held a roast beef and roast pork dinner with lots of side dishes, and due to numbers being down a bit, it was all you can eat! Everyone gathered for dinner in the shade after a very hot day and had a great time eating and talking boat racing. Our dog and a few others ate good that night too!

Later by the 'motar box campfire' a trio of un-

plugged musicians played for hours as everyone gathered with their drinks and sang into the night. Dave Scott was in top form that night on guitar with Scott Cammeron and his collection of harmonicas backed up by John Kessel on stand up bass. John Kessel is a sailor, boat builder, photographer, writer and storyteller and pretty good on the stand up too!

This bi-annual event is still a work in progress and the less than expected numbers has them going back to the drawing board for 2011. First year in 2009 it was a combined current outboard event with vintage inboard and outboard as well. This year it was vintage only with any outboard wanting to test in flybys invited. The outboard turnout was weak. Maybe 6 boats went out on the water. That includes vintage! With Clayton N.Y.s event being not far away and on alternate years than Rideau Ferry it would seem the numbers could have been better. But all over North America there has been a slight decline in racers travelling, no doubt due to the economic climate since last summer. Things are beginning to improve both for the economy and boat racing with new sponsors coming on board and dedicated volunteers, who without, they're would be nothing.

Congratulations to the Rideau Ferry Yacht Club for putting on a fine, organized event, that was enjoyed by all I spoke to over the weekend and the board of directors namely Jim Ramsey, Steve McVeety, Scott Cameron, Mike Noonan & Pat Foster.

See you all there a the next one! Jim



Erik Luksep new CBF & TORC member with hydroplane bought from Wain Trotter #7. Erik and his son Kristian will both be racing come this fall having recently bought 4 boats to compete with. Both are from Toronto, heard about our sport from other racers and fans and decided to get involved. By the smiles from both on the weekend I think the hook is set!

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# Rideau Ferry Review

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Mark Krzyzanowski of Ottawa Ont a former Torc member and his 1946 Neal A Hydro. Mark and his Dad, Mike, are involved in the vintage classes with Dad picking up a Jersey Skiff recently # JS-32 which Mark drove in the Jersey Skiff flybys as well.



Bob Mason from Quebec Outboard Club with his hydro came to test and network with other outboarders. The QOC is a new club & Bob and some of his club members came to the CBF convention last year and announced they would be running at St. Flecian on the inboard schedule. Unfortunately those plans did not work out, but they are working on recruiting and planning on coming to the Ontario races next year.



by Jim Misener

Jocelyn (Peewee) Belanger #43 of Quebec climbing in his 20SSH to test in the outboard flybys. Peewee has been very fast this past year and his honing his skills every chance he gets. The 20SSH hydro is fast becoming a popular and competitive class with off the shelf race built Yamato motors that are resonably priced, easy to maintain and nearly bullit proof we expect to have elimination rounds next year as the rolls increase for 20SSH.



Dave Scott on his second run on the course runs out of fuel!! He's swimming back with his boat when Jim Misener decides to cool off and swim out to help. It took 10 minutes with Jim at the stern and Dave at the sponson to get themselves and the hydro back to the pits!

## CBF Convention

Mark the calendar! Nov 20,21 & 22

It has been confirmed that this years Convention will be held at the Quality Inn, Royal Brock Convention Centre, in Brockville, Ontario.

www.qualityhotelbrockville.com  
Phone: (800) 267-4428

The welcome aboard party will be Friday evening. Meetings & Dinner/Banquet/Awards & Dance on Saturday November 21. Dunk testing for capsule drivers needing certification in the pool on Sunday November 22.

A group of 50 rooms have been reserved for the CBFNC Convention at cost of \$79.95 for single & \$89.95 for double. You must mention CBF for the special room rate.

The meal will be two serving tables providing Hot Buffet.

Special activities are also being planned!

Watch the www.cbfnc.ca website for further details about costs and itinerary.



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## Well Worth the Trip!

Haverhill, MA. One of the South Shore Outboard Associations races that several TORC Members attend. Pictures by Dave Goodwin of the Crescent Yacht Club and TORC Member Christine Brewster

Well, If you haven't heard much about Region 1 races the recent race at Haverhill, MA was an excellent reason to hear more about the great racing in the New England area. This was another first year event that was extremely well organized by Steve Noury and the Crescent Yacht Club. It ran off without a hitch,

despite fighting some rain and the threat of hurricane Bill.

Some of you may remember the support that we received at Deseronto a number of years ago, well the Haverhill community surpassed that support through their spectators and their interest in the event, even during some harsh rain at times.

To add to the support, we also saw great support from out of regions racers Mark Kurz (Michigan) and Jeff Brewster (Ohio). These two competitors only added to the great group of region one drivers and crew that gather together on a regular basis.

Now let's get to the racing. This event provided some great racing, with a real driver's course. With long straights, a slight dogleg, tight two pin turns, and a current/tide to contend with

each driver had to be at their best to top their class. Highlights were Teddy O'Neil and Manny Diaz rubbing paint in ASR, both in roll-ups. And how about Jeff Brewster getting 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in 25ssh



after blowing over backwards in the second re-start of the first heat on Sunday. Billy Allen received a standing ovation after almost every heat. And last but not least, the marathon

was an accomplishment to finish, and each driver receiving praise from the fans every time they passed the finish line.

I hope that all of you consider this race in the future, especially if you hope to make one or two races outside of region 2 and Canada. You will not be disappointed!

### Saturday's Results

- JSH 2<sup>nd</sup> Billy Audette  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jack Cavanaugh
- ASH 1<sup>st</sup> Manny Diaz  
2<sup>nd</sup> Colleen Tweedy  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dick Currier
- 20ssh 1<sup>st</sup> Billy Allen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Noury  
3<sup>rd</sup> Terry Morse
- 25ssh 1<sup>st</sup> Joe Kent



### by Carleton Tweed

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff Brewster  
3<sup>rd</sup>
- CSH 1<sup>st</sup> Jeff Thompson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Morse  
3<sup>rd</sup> Charlie Gonyea
- DSH 1<sup>st</sup> Peter  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alex Poliakov  
3<sup>rd</sup> Shawn Cavanaugh
- OSY 400 (Lemans start)  
1<sup>st</sup> Billy Allen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Schmidt Jr.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Howe
- 250cch 1<sup>st</sup> Billy Allen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Schmidt Jr.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mike Schmidt
- ASR 1<sup>st</sup> Ted O'Neil  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Akerstrom  
3<sup>rd</sup> Manny Diaz
- CSR 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Cook  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Thompson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Luipold
- Marathon  
ASR 1<sup>st</sup> Ted O'Neil  
2<sup>nd</sup> Manny Diaz
- CSR 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Kurz  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Forrester  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mike Cook



## Frostbite...

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a racer at the "CBF - Waterford Race". Pets are allowed. You get an internet connection and continental breakfast.

Also, Jordan Elliott Contracting of the Muskoka area has also donated an item to be raffled or given out in some way at the race... \$45 value and it's sure to keep you toasty warm!! :) Thanks Jordan!

The CBF season is far from over... with 6-7 days of racing left depending on class, we're not even half way yet!! Come out to Waterford and see who comes out on top!! See you there!



## Tunnel Talk

by Scott Toole

For all you fan's of Formula One powerboating, or for the last few years the F1 ChampBoat series in the USA, the series has unfortunately come to an end, but a



familiar one has been reborn to take its place. F1 will now work along side the familiar faces of Greg Jacobsen, Bob Schubert, and Wayne Worthy. They have worked together to re-form the F1 PROP Tour. 2010 will start in May in Port Neeches, TX and should include Bay City, MI in June, Kankakee, IL in September and Naples, FL in November.



This year Canadian Brian Venton battled his way to a fourth place overall finish with an exciting up and down year that ended on a high note with the previous seventh overall last year. Canadian Ted Gryguc's Speedmaster Marine team with driver Shaun Torrente took home first place overall consistently wowing the crowd with Shaun's amazing driving ability. To follow what's going on visit [www.f1prop.com](http://www.f1prop.com) and see the latest updates.

I know I'm getting ready for the CBF convention this year and I'm excited to start working on my new boat for next year in the newly approved "T" class to have fun in 2010 and attempt to call myself an official boat racer. Thanks again to Andrew Fralick, Don Whittington, Glen Stevenson and all the CBF board for all of their efforts to make this class a reality.

As always I'll keep helping any way I can, contact me anytime at [scottie@donjenkinsonracing.com](mailto:scottie@donjenkinsonracing.com)

## The Unlimiteds go Global

from [Gulfnews.com](http://Gulfnews.com)

### Hydroplane series final to be held in Doha

By Alaric Gomes, Senior Reporter  
Published: August 07, 2009, 22:36

Seattle: Shaikh Hassan Bin Jaber Al Thani and American Boat Racing Association (Abra) chairman Sam Cole have signed a contract that will bring 10 unlimited hydroplanes - the fastest boats in the world - to Qatar in November.



Shaikh Hassan and Qatari racing colleague Abdullah Al Sulaiti were in Seattle last week to witness the action at the Seattle Seafair Chevrolet Cup Abra Unlimited Hydroplane race.

During the race, Shaikh Hassan signed an agreement on behalf of the Qatar Marine Sports Federation (QMSF) to host the final round of the 2009 series in Doha on November 12-14. The meeting will be known as the Oryx Cup World Championship.

"Sam Cole from the Abra racing series visited our Class One race in Doha in April and we discussed the possibility and logistics of bringing this exciting form of power boat racing to the Middle East," said Shaikh Hassan. "I have been over in Washington State this week to meet the people involved in the championship. I was also given a ride in one of the boats that are used to gain an idea of how they compare with our Class One boats. It was a fantastic experience. This is a sport which we are looking forward to bringing back to Doha in November."

Shaikh Hassan joined Larry Fuller from the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum and also had a ride in Miss Wahoo - a legendary U-77 hydroplane race hull - on Lake Washington during the Seattle Seafair round of the series.

## Web Pick

This months internet pick is

[www.alterscale.com](http://www.alterscale.com)

Bruce Bain sent this one in... a terrific site with lots of history and engines for sale as low as \$189 brand new! The catch... they are 5" tall or



so! Beautiful scale models of various engines from racing and pleasure boating history. Now you can own that Mercury 55H you always wanted, or other various motors. Pretty cool. Build a scale boat to suit it



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## As the prop turns

Just a note to let you know TORC Memberships that come in now are good for the 2010 season! So don't delay and send in your dues to Jim!

Congrats to TORC Member Jordan Elliott who races in the ASR and BCR classes. He is also a very skilled snowmobile rider and past snowcross racer among other things. A guy has to have winter hobbies too! Recently Jordan got his first cover shot on a magazine! And on the annual buyers guide edition no less!! Supertrax International Magazine is the number one sled publication in North America, maybe the World. Awesome shot Jordan! And Congrats! PS—Where is the TORC sticker on the sled!???? ;)



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I don't have much to report from the US Junior, Stock or Modified Nationals... but the chart shows a list of winners from the Stock and Jr Nationals.

### 2009 APBA Stock National Champions

JH - Logan Sweeney  
 JR - Carter Olson  
 AXSH - Aaron Peterson  
 AXSR - Dylan Runne  
 ASH - James Luce  
 ASR - Greg Lyons  
 BSH - Andrew Tate  
 BSR - Cooper Jess  
 CSH - Joe Pater  
 CSR - Joe Pater  
 DSH - John Peeters  
 DSR - Brian Rose  
 20SSH - Donny Allen  
 25SSH - Joe Zolkoske  
 25SSR - Ed Hearn

I received sad news today from Kirk Cranley of Peterborough, that club member Percy Edgar passed away back on May 17th. Kirk was a long time and good friend of Percy. The two had hopped to get involved in racing in the coming years and were gathering equipment to do so. Percy had health issues on and off over the past few years connected with his heart and

diabetes. But this spring things had been going great. Percy was found in his home and it was believe by Kirk to be heart attack. Percy had been a member or TORC for several years and often showed up at a race or two and at the swap meets to enjoy the fun and show.

Here is a blurb from Steve Noury about Lock Haven, PA on Labour Day Weekend: *Congratulations to Joey Pemberton on his 2009 Northeast Modified Divisional Championship win in 500ccMH (CMH). I was working the judges*

by Andrew Fralick

stand and Joe nailed the best two starts of his career and absolutely dusted the field. Chris Mizener ran 3rd giving the "N" boats two podium finishes.



Ron France won ASH on Sunday in an 11 boat field while Mike Locke dumped it in Heat One of the 20SSH Eliminations. Not sure how he did on Sunday as we were hitting the road when the 20's were going out. Brian Rossman had a 2nd on Sat and a 1st on Sunday in 25SSH. Michigan's Joe Pater won the CSH Dash for Cash against 18 other CSH's. 321 entries for Saturday and Sunday. They ran 48 heats on Saturday from 10am to 6pm. A Long Day!

As noted above Mike Locke was at Lock Haven although he had some bad luck and some wood repair is needed... he was there for good reasons. He picked up a new to him CSH Bezoat to add to his 20SSH outfit (just in time it turned out... haha. Sorry for your luck Mike!). It looks spanking new and he will be a welcome addition to the class. Yamato's have quickly taken over up here as the dominant classes and it's great action to watch the full fields of boats battle it out with all skill levels out there. Everyone has some-one of similar skill/speed to race against it seems, providing great races to watch and be in.



I routinely over hear or am told ideas or comments about the likes and dislikes about many things to do with racing from racers and club members. To my ears, some seem like awesome ideas, others seem half baked, haha. Always glad to hear them though, any ideas can trigger others in a brainstorm and really lead to great things. But regardless what I think, this club is a democracy. We vote on every issue. Leadership of the club is voted on every year too. If you have concerns or ideas or don't like where things are going, let your executive know in writing or in person at a meeting so it can be dealt with. Sitting by the way side and complaining or letting your great ideas go to waste does the sport and the club no good. If the club

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countries I couldn't decipher the language their websites were written in, haha.



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hears nothing then they assume all is great. You may mention something at a race but that doesn't mean it will carry through to the meeting season. Write it down and send it in, or better yet show up at the meetings. See you on Nov 14?

This info has kinda slipped by the way side because those involved and myself have been very busy... but **DON'T FORGET there is a race in Kingston, NH on Sept 26-27.** It is CBF sanctioned!! I believe the first time ever a race in region one has been Joint Sanctioned. These are great people and support our races and parties on a regular basis. Many club members are heading out there from all points and looking for a great time. Select classes will be run and it's 3 days in 2. A great spot I'm told. Come and see my debut in 20SSH! Yikes! Also as a special feature there will be a points race over the weekend towards the CAN-AM Cup! USA drivers scored against Canadian drivers in all classes to see who comes out on top! Should be a blast! The sanctions are listed on both the CBF and APBA websites.

**New Stock Outboard Classes!**

After almost a year of planning, proposals, demonstration views and displays and more it is with great pleasure the CBF Board of Directors and ORC announce two new classes for racing in Canada. T750 and T850. They are UIM classes, T750 designed around entry level racing (55 mph) and T850 around the more experience drivers (65-70 mph). They use stock motors up to 750 cc in T750 and 870 cc in T850 and adapted stock boats or race built boats based on production boats.

They are world class based, so participants can race at any UIM event with them on the program and set world records and attend world championships. They currently race these classes in England, Holland, Ireland, Portugal and many other

Many people are very excited about these new classes. The group hopes to be involved at all the suitable stock outboard races in 2010. They will be at the CBF Convention to discuss events and the new classes with people. New boats are being built, manufacturers are involved and many are hunting down suitable used boats to rig up. Sounds like there are 10-12 drivers ready to go already. They want to support the clubs, support CBF and be involved.

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## OPC Nationals

by Mike Wienandt, APBA OPC Chairman

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Kankakee IL September 5th 2009 - Race Day One  
The OPC Nationals got off to a great start on Saturday with the most aggressive schedule ever run here with LeMans starts. Twenty-one heats of racing were completed. Never before have we been able to run more than 18. It is a great credit to Great Lakes Boat Club staff and everyone understanding of the schedule. All drivers really stepped up to do their part to be on time for the heats. We got very lucky—overcast skies eliminated the problem of glare blinding the driver and making them unable to see the buoys.

The racing started with Mod U heats. Chris Fairchild won the first heat, with Terry Rinker second and Tim Seebold third. Heat two was Terry Rinker, Shaun Torrente and Randy Rinker. Fairchild did a great save from blowing over, but his engine took a slug of water, ending his run early. Mike Schubert had a pair of 4ths running the SeaWay Johnson. Finals for Mod U will be Monday.

SST 60 heats had two groups, with Tammy Wolf-Jakob on the pole for the first time ever. However, Brent Dillard led into the first turn and was never challenged, winning with a 17-second lead over Tammy. Mike Hooper was third and Merv Bjork finished fourth. The second heat was reverse start. Again Brent Dillard led into and out of the first turn. However, pulling out another big lead did not work for him as a failed gearcase left Brent floating downriver. Tammy Wolf-Jakob scored a victory, followed again by Mike Hooper. And a very good

run for Toby Hood with Jeff Telcott coming in fourth.



Heat two had Sam LaBanco on the pole. Sam won both heats, putting him on the pole for the Sunday Final. Chip Wavro was second the first heat and did a 360 rollover at the commitment buoy in the heat 2 start. The lane went away, Chip rode up a roostertail and rolled over sideways, landing

right side up. After checking his shorts he did run the restart. Sam Miller finished second and Carole Reno third. Dillard's first heat time and LaBanco's first heat time had Dillard 4 seconds faster but, due to not finishing the second heat, Brent's position for the final will be 6th.

SST 45 had three groups with Jason Williams winning heat one. RJ West won heat two. Jose Mendana won heats 3 and 4. Bud Nollman won heat 5 and Steve MerLeau won heat 6. Formula 150 crowned a repeat champion—Jeff Shepherd was followed by Jimmi Merleau and Jay Fox.

Sport C was almost considered an upset win by Mike Hodges, doing everything right in the final. Class favorite Allan Hunting failed to fire off the dock with everyone else and had to pass the entire field, coming in a lap short of the win. Hunting was clearly faster, but Mike Hodges got to the checkered flag first by 30 feet. Duane Hodges was third, and Denise Talcott fourth.

Day 2 at the OPC Nationals started with concern about the weather. On the way to the track I kept thinking we should have run to Wal-Mart for raincoats. However, the weather cleared in time for morning testing and we had a beautiful day. It was breezy but very raceable. You just had to really watch the water.

After time trials for SST 120 and Champ, we started racing with the Champ class. Shaun Torrente won the first heat from the pole with Tim Seebold second and Mike Schubert third. Torrente's win was no real surprise, and Tim's run was very respectable. But the run by Michael Schubert was incredible. As the SeaWay Johnson stumbled at the start, he was the last one to leave the start dock by two boat lengths. Mike just marched through the field to third. Terry Rinker finished fourth.

The second heat was won by Tim Seebold with Torrente second and Terry Rinker in third. On lap 8 Chris Fairchild barrel-rolled and ended his day on the water.

Sport C UIM World Championship:

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heat 1 had Allan Hunting first and Alyssa Petroni second, followed by Denise Talcott. Heat 2 was again Allan Hunting with Denise second and Alyssa third. For Midwest OPC members, the drivers were as rusty on the clock start as the officials. UIM heats 3 and 4 on Monday will be Dock starts.

The SST 120 heats were where the challenge began for this day. The first turn in Group A and B claims boats to sample the taste of the Kankakee River.

The first group win went to polesitter Lee Daniels. Jay Fox and Donnie McDowell chased him in that order. The second heat was Jay Fox, Lee Daniels and Mark Welch. Donnie McDowell took a wild ride, blowing over in the first turn—a single-boat crash with no help; as a gust of wind was a little too much.

In group two, Mark Jakob won from the pole position. That was as good his day would get, because he blew over in the first turn of heat two. Mark was OK but his boat was not. Jimmie Merleau was second and Kris Shepard was third. The second heat was won by Jeff Reno, followed by Kris Shepard and Jimmie Merleau.

The SST 60 Final was the best race all day. Lots of action. Sam LaBanco was on the pole, followed by Tammy Wolf-Jakob, Mike Hooper, Chip Wavro, Sam Miller and Brent Dillard. Going into the first turn were LaBanco, Wolf-Jakob and Dillard. Coming out of the first turn were Sam and Brent, and the chase was on. The two of them pulled away from the rest of the field. Brent was on the chase and Sam never made a wrong move. Each lap Brent got closer and was just on LaBanco's outside hip when the red flag flew, caused by Sammy Miller rolling over in the turn. The restart was LaBanco, Dillard, Wolf-Jakob and Hooper. Again LaBanco led to the first turn. He now had more space between him and Dillard than before the restart. But Dillard was still coming. By lap 18 they were side by side. Dillard had the lead for about 100 feet. LaBanco came off the corner like a shot. Just then Dillard's

steering slipped in the hub and he could not turn all the way to set the boat for the line that was working for him. Brent shot to the outside line. We all thought he had hit something, because he just seemed to let Sam go. But the end result was that Sam drove a perfect race all weekend. Dillard's two equipment failures kept him off the top step on the podium.

Third was Mike Hooper and Carole Reno was fourth. It was another great day of racing as we finished just in time for the sun to become blinding to racers going into the first turn.

More to come on Monday. The weather forecast says it may be raining. We'll try to finish the rest of the finals on Monday. Wish you could have seen this racing all day.

—Mike Wienandt,  
OPC Chairman

### Junior Hydro

1st Carter Olson  
2nd J. R. Broge  
3rd Mike Shepard  
4th Callie Shensky  
5th Holden Mackey  
6th Leland Broge

### Sport C UIM Worlds

1st Allan Hunting  
2nd Alyssa Petroni  
3rd Denise Talcott  
4th John Rinker  
5th Frank Banducci

### National Championships

#### Sport C

1st Mike Hodges  
2nd Allan Hunting  
3rd Duane Hodges  
4th Denise Talcott  
5th Alyssa Petroni  
6th Lance Destefans  
7th John Rinker  
8th Frank Banducci  
9th Dave Wilson

#### SST 45

1st Jason Williams  
2nd Jose Mendana Jr.  
3rd Bud Nollman  
4th Jason Nelson  
5th Amanda Hagerl  
6th Kurt McCourtie  
7th Daniel Guimond  
8th Steven Dawe  
9th Paul Trolian  
10th Ashton Rinker  
11th Mike Beegle

12th Steve Merleau  
13th Gary Barber  
14th Ruben Ascencio III  
15th Don Wilson  
16th Milo DeGugas  
17th Chris Wensler  
18th Robert Rinker  
19th Robert West  
**20th Dan Orchard**  
21st Mark Schmerbauch  
22nd Butch Ott

#### SST 60

1st Sam LaBanco  
2nd Brent Dillard  
3rd Mike Hooper  
4th Carole Reno  
5th Daniel Guimond  
6th Toby Hood  
7th Mervin Bjork  
8th Jeff Talcott  
9th Bill Mastro  
10th Dan Bunting  
11th Chip Wavro  
12th Jeff Hansen  
13th Tammy Wolf-Jakob  
14th Sam Miller

#### SST 120

1st Jay Fox  
2nd Lee Daniels  
3rd John Fleming  
4th Jeff Reno  
5th Mark Welch  
6th Mark Jakob  
7th Dan Schwartz  
8th Jimmie Merleau  
9th Don Lick  
10th Reuben Stafford  
11th Mike Schubert  
12th Howie Nichols  
13th Kris Shepard  
14th Barry Wolf

#### Formula 150

1st Jeff Shepherd  
2nd Jimmie Merleau  
3rd Jay Fox  
4th Mark Welch  
5th Dan Schwartz  
6th Howie Nichols  
7th Stacy Funk  
8th Reuben Stafford

#### Champ

1st Shaun Torrente  
2nd Tim Seebold  
3rd Terry Rinker  
4th Mike Schubert  
**5th Brian Venton**  
6th Jose Mendana Jr.  
7th Lynn Simburger  
8th Dino Kotsonis  
9th Mark Johnson  
10th Randy Rinker  
11th Jeff Shepherd

#### Mod U

1st Terry Rinker  
2nd Shaun Torrente  
3rd Randy Rinker  
4th Chris Fairchild  
5th Dino Kotsonis  
6th Mike Schubert

## The Swamp

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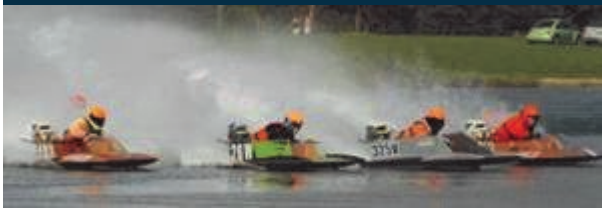
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May 30-31	Waterford ON (+ Classic and T Class display)
June 6-7	Carleton Place ON (3 days in 2)
June 13-14	Augusta MI, Hubbardton VT
July 4-5	Pittsburgh PA (OPC)
July 11	ACBS Gravenhurst Summer Boat Show (Classics)
July 11-12	Akron OH, Valleyfield QC (INB), Marietta OH (OPC)
July 15-19	Zanesville OH, Mod Natls, Trenton MI (OB OPC)
July 25-Aug1	Grass Lake MI, Stock Nationals
Aug 1-2	St. Louis, MO (OPC)
Aug 8-9	Marathon Natls, Indian River MI, Algonac MI (OPC INB)
Aug 15-16	Rideau Ferry ON (Classic Inboard and Outboard)
Aug 22-23	Haverhill MA (+ Marathon)
Aug 29-30	Dunnville ON (postponed to 2010)
Sept 5-6	Kankakee IL (OPC Nationals)
Sept 12-13	Taunton MA
Sept 19-20	Redwood NY
Sept 26-27	Kingston NH (3 days in 2)
Oct 3-4	Waterford ON
Nov 14	TORC Meeting @ THSC Club House - Guests Welcome
Nov 20-21-22	CBF Convention, Brockville, ON
Jan 22-24, 2010	Canadian Motorsports Expo, International Centre, Toronto



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