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Waterford Recap, June 11-12

by Brian Sherriff

Weather conditions in Waterford held well enough to not delay or impede racing. One blanket and sweatshirt is all that some race officials needed to count laps on Sunday. It was a crash-free weekend, with some close racing where at least two boats touched in a corner.

63 entries were signed up for Saturday's racing with at least 10 to 15 Canadian entries not able to make it to the event due to school exams or other commitments. Well done people! Shows we are growing.

There was a good crop of volunteers to spread out the workload who did everything from the set-up to take down. People arrived at the rescue/turn boats on time to not delay racing. With a bit of prompting, there were enough volunteers at the judging/scoring area to keep the race action going. The group of volunteers was quite enthusiastic and was enjoying their time. The efforts of Jim and Jayne Misener did not go unnoticed, punctuating our great need to replace them after the Gravenhurst race. This is our club and it was nice to see great participation and willingness of volunteers. Certainly it is not easy to volunteer during the races if you are racing in multiple classes, or helping someone else get ready to race, but it will be great to see all who are able to help with all the other aspects of the race event.

There were numerous close calls at the judging stand for start-jumpers. I am sure all volunteer judges appreciated that there were no disputes or arguments. Keep it up! This means that lots of boats were running close together at the start that means great racing. Well done!

Gravenhurst will be the biggest

event of the year for spectators and sponsors. We need to do our best to be professional. This starts from organisation in the pit area, cooperation, numerous volunteers, and being in position when required. As you likely know, having read the rulebook, team uniforms are to be



worn and we encourage them. Do your best to have your uniform, team shirts, etc. looking good!

One of the nicest classes to watch was B-stock Runabout. Every boat had a different colour



Race Recap - Waterford, June 11-12

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scheme so they were all easily distinguishable, and it made a powerful visual impact every time they came onto the course. In other classes, there were nice yellow and bright green colours on the water that also looked great! Dark colours can look great in the pits, but bright colours really stand out on the water. Got time to add colour with paint or decals to your boat before Gravenhurst?

Glad to see so many boats out to the first race. I hope to see many more racing through the remainder of the season. Here's hoping you can all get repairs done, motors freshened and ready to race. The T-class boats expect to have a much better turnout in Gravenhurst. I hope to see you all there.

Pictures:

Pg 2 top, Ryan Taylor of Mississauga ready for pre-race weigh-in with his ASH. By Brian Sheriff

Pg 2 Mid, Jordan Elliott of Bracebridge suiting up for ASR. By Michael Rorke

Pg 2 Low-Mid, the starting pack of ASR. By Michael Rorke

Pg 2 Bot, 41 James Armstrong, 11 Eric Armstrong and 19CE Spencer Utman cross the startline in CSH. By Michael Rorke.

Pg 3 Bot, A beautifully restored 55H owned by Bill McKnight. Photo by Michael Rorke.

Results: Note, a current TORC membership list was not available when point were published, so this lists all racers at the event.



Class	Name	Total	Sat	Sun
20SSH	WERNER SR, MIKE	700	1	2
20SSH	LUKSEP,ERIK	569	4	1
20SSH	UTMAN, SPENCER	525	2	3
20SSH	ARMSTRONG,JAMES	394	3	4
20SSH	HUFF STEVE	222	5	6
20SSH	MARKELL,WILLIAM	180	8	5
20SSH	KNOX,HEATHER	166	6	7
20SSH	KRYSKOW,PAUL	71	7	0
20SSH	RORKE, MICHAEL	0	0	0
20SSH	POTTS DANNY	0	0	0
25SSH	ROSSMAN, BRIAN	800	1	1
25SSH	TOKARSKI,ED	525	3	2
25SSH	ROB DIXON	469	2	4
25SSH	VANVALKENBURG,GLEN	394	4	3
25SSH	FRALICK,RICK	222	5	6
25SSH	ELSEY,DAVID	222	6	5
ASH	FRALICK,ANDREW	700	2	1
ASH	TAYLOR,RYAN	525	3	2
ASH	FRANCE, RON	400	1	
ASH	OVERBURY,EMILY	225		3
ASH	LUKSEP,KRISTIAN	222	5	6
ASH	VANVALKENBURG,BRENDEN	222	6	5
ASH	ROB DIXON	169	4	
ASH	ERIC ABEL	169		4
ASR	WERNER JR, MIKE	700	1	2
ASR	FRALICK,GRAHAM	625	3	1
ASR	FRALICK,ANDREW	525	2	3
ASR	NOONAN,MIKE	338	4	4
ASR	ELLIOTT,JORDAN	127	5	0
ASXH	OVERBURY,EMILY	800	1	1
ASXH	TAYLOR,RYAN	600	2	2
ASXH	LUKSEP,KRISTIAN	394	3	4
ASXH	HUNTER WILL	352	5	3
ASXH	VIRGINIE GABRIEL	169	4	
BCH	ROSSMAN, BRIAN	800	1	1
BCH	TAYLOR,MARK	300	0	2
BCH	POTTS DANNY	300	2	0
BCH	HUNTER WILL	225		3
BCH	LOCKE, MIKE	0	0	0
BCH	ROB DIXON	0	0	0
BCH	GREER DAVID	0	0	0
CSH	ARMSTRONG,JAMES	800	1	1
CSH	ARMSTRONG,ERIC	427	2	5
CSH	LUKSEP,ERIK	427	5	2
CSH	UTMAN, SPENCER	338	4	4
CSH	LOCKE, MIKE	320	6	3
CSH	MCKNIGHT,BILL	225	3	0
CSH	RORKE PETER	95	0	6
CSR	ARMSTRONG,ERIC	700	1	2
CSR	WERNER SR, MIKE	400	0	1
CSR	RORKE, MICHAEL	300	2	0
DCH	GREER JOHN	700	2	1
DCH	OVERBURY,DOUGLAS	400	1	
DCH	MCKNIGHT,BILL	0	0	
DSH	KEEGAN,BILL	700	2	1
DSH	ROB DIXON	625	1	3
DSH	KEEGAN,ROB	525	3	2
FEH	HUNTER GRIMES III	400	1	
FEH	KEEGAN,BILL	300	2	
FEH	KEEGAN,ROB	0	0	
OSY400	HUFF STEVE	400	1	
OSY400	LUKSEP,ERIK	300	2	
OSY400	RORKE PETER	225	3	
OSY400	KNAPTON MITCH	0	0	
T750/T850	BRYAN GEIGER	800	1	1
T750/T850	COLE,RICHARD	600	2	2
T750/T850	MCGEACHAN LARRY	450	3	3
T750/T850	COULTER,PAUL	338	4	4
T750/T850	DUTTON,RYLEY	0	0	0

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Next stop, Gravenhurst

by Andrew Fralick

June 25-26 racing returns to Gull Lake! It's been about 15 years since racing has been held on Gull Lake in Gravenhurst. One of the premier spectator events in Ontario in its day.

Tim Horton's of Gravenhurst is on board as the events Title Sponsor and several other sponsors have stepped up too to make this event possible. It's getting good press and should have lots of spectators.

Several static displays and vendors will be on site too. Camp is not permitted on site... many are camping at the local KOA about 10 minutes away and they are offering a discount to people there for the races if you mention it. You can contact KOA at (800) 562-9883. There is also some offers of camping at peoples places if you look on FastBoatsCanada.com.

On Sunday the historic Miss Canada IV will be on display for the first time since being restored I believe. A great boat to look at. Harry Wilson, Harold's son (and famous Mercury 20H racer himself), will be on hand with the boat to discuss with people also I believe.

Two new classes of racing to CBF will be on hand too to give demonstrations. They are ThunderCat racing, small two person inflatable tunnel hulls that are a riot to drive and Outboard Drag racing... seeing how fast they can get down the strip. Sure to be exciting. After racing hours, I believe you can sign up for a demo ride in the ThunderCat. ThunderCat's will debut racing in Canada at Dunnville.

Also on site will be a couple magazine's and Powerboat TV and maybe another TV production company! So a great opportunity for your 5 minutes of fame and to promote our sport! Look sharp, ya never know who is watching.

The club has had some ups and downs getting this going, but the town of Gravenhurst has been behind it 100%. They could sure use your support

especially as a racer, but even as a spectator.

A big thanks to Jordan Elliott, Jim and Will Hunter and Erik Luksep who have put in lots of hours to this event. I'm sure there are others we'll find out about and hopefully mention in the race wrap up story in next issue.

Anyway, hope to see you there!!

Andrew





UPDATES

by Andrew Fralick

Erinsville, Ontario ... July 16-17

The town of Erinsville had its meeting on June 20 and the race is APPROVED! OPP has been contacted and also approved! Things are moving ahead.

Watch the forums for final updates. This was a great event last year and will be even bigger this year. Bar/Restaurant right beside the pits. Fuel and convenience store across the road. Free camping in a mowed field across the road.

Pits launching is tight and there is a plan for a temporary second ramp, but still... please as soon as your heat is done, leave the launch area and return to your pit to make room for other boats.

Last year food was on site during the day being served up by the local boy scout troop.

Dunnville, Ontario... August 13-14

Again not much new info reported to me. The same announcers from Gravenhurst should be on hand at Dunnville to add to the show! A second launch ramp has been added near turn two. One will be for dolly launching, one for trailer launching. More parking space. It will still be tight as more trailers

are expected. Great crowds at this event, 1000-1,500 people. Beer garden, live music Saturday night, a big history of racing in this town.

We know numbers will be a little low in some classes due to the USA Closed Course Nationals the weekend prior and the USA Marathon Nationals the same weekend. So please make an effort to attend if you are not involved with those events. Also to help fill the ranks Outboard Drag Racing and ThunderCat Racing will be on hand.

This will be the first time many have seen the ThunderCats, a fun new class to Canada and everything required for your race outfit can be bought new from the marine dealer showroom!

For more local racing outside of the OPRS-TORC events, see the race calendar on the back page.

Hope to see you at race a this summer! And if you're there to spectate, why not introduce yourself to the officials and volunteer to help out for the afternoon! Help is always welcome! And learn some things up close about the sport.

Andrew



The club would like to send out a special "Thanks" to **TopGun Marine** of Bradford, Ontario. Owner Paul Kryskow has donated lots of cash over the past year to club causes, helped piles of T boat racers, and this spring setup the CBF Rescue Boat with a brand new 50 hp Mercury Outboard. He's also fielded more than one boat that either he raced or offered up to others to race.

Check out his shop at www.topgunmarine.ca or calling 905-775-0862

It's behind the scene people like Paul and Bill Keegan, Bruce Bain, Jim Misener, Jayne Howard, Jim Hunter, and others that are donating time, money and/or racing equipment to keep this sport and club going and growing with little or no involvement in actually racing themselves. They do it so YOU can race.

On the Cover

Top: New T750 Racer Paul Coulter from Thorndale, Ontario learning the ropes at his first race, Waterford.

Photo by: Brian Sherriff

Bottom Right: Mike Locke of Hamilton, Ontario doing a last minute check before he goes out and wins B Classic Hydro at Waterford... later to unfortunately be DQ'd in Inspection.

Photo by: Brian Sherriff

Bottom Left: Glen VanValkenburg or Forest, Ontario diving into the turn in his 25SSH at Waterford

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Mid Right: A view of the pits at Waterford with Eric Armstrong's CSR from Stittsville, Ontario.

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Speaking of payments. The TORC email address and PayPal address are down temporarily. Please use this account instead: racingtorc@gmail.com Sorry for any troubles this causes.

GT Speed Shop has announced that it now sells PowerMist race fuels and products.



With it becoming harder to find pump gas that will pass the fuel meter readings at events, GT Speed has stepped up to the plate and will offer in store or at race deliveries. If you are in need of fuel please contact Joe Pemberton at (315) 388-5900.

Three new racers took to the water at the Waterford event. Darcy Sault with a CSR, Dave Elsey in 25SSH and Larry McGeachan in T850. And more are expected a future races... Mike Hooper and Alyssa Mittler in ASH, Steve Wace in CSR, Todd Billinger in ThunderCat, and more T drivers and I'm sure I'm forgetting others. We're growing like

crazy... keep it up! Offer rides to your friends, park your trailer at the local Canadian Tire for the afternoon, you'd be surprised how many people come up and chat. Erik Luksep with a couple other TORC members are at FleaFest (A new sea flea annual gathering) on 6 Mile Lake this weekend pumping out the hydroplane and racing runabout gospel. Haha.



by Andrew Fralick

I hear the Muskoka SeaFlea club had a great event on 6 Mile Lake this past weekend. About 20 boats showed up. Several TORC members went with seafleas and had a blast. The odd hydro got out on the water too. Word has it after struggling all day to get an outfit going, Wain Trotter finally did and then as luck would have it the OPP came around the corner and flagged him down. After discussions Wain talked his way out of \$300+ ticket in his Merc 55H outfit that had none of the required regulation safety equipment. Haha. Both Cottage Life and Power Boating Magazine were on hand to talk to people and take some pics for future articles.

2011 Series shirts are made and ready for sales. If you're not going to make it to a race, but would like one to have or support the club, please contact me. Sizes are Small through XXL. Call 905-453-7290 evenings or email andrew4ce@gmail.com

Word has it T racer Dave Whittington has been injured playing Rugby and may not make the Gravenhurst event. Things are day-to-day right now. We hope ya make it Dave!

Driver Profile

Send yours in today!

Driver Name: Steve Huff
Home: Pickering, Ontario
Class: 20SSH & OSY400

Team: B&D Racing
Boat Number: 22-CE
Years Racing: 14
Age: 54

Occupation: Telecommunications Consultant
Crew Chief: Warren Huff
CBF National Championships: 4
CBF High Point Championships: 4
CBF Speed records: 4
APBA Speed records: 1

In the premier class of outboard boat racing, Steve won two podiums in Modified Unlimited class... one being a 3rd at the Canadian Nationals in Gravenhurst in 1992

Some questions we asked Steve during an interview:

Q: If your motor burns a piston, are you the wrench or the wallet?

A: I look after the boat and wallet. My brother Warren the wrench.

Q: Anyone or sponsors you want to throw a Hi out too?

A: Unity Telecom

Q: You're trapped on a deserted turn boat during a wind delay... what's the one item you'd want with you?

A: A pretty, short, blond, chick

Q: In your return to boat racing... do you have any goals for this season?

A: Just to have fun and go like hell, turn left, plus the friendships: Werner's, France's, Webster's, Fralick's and many more.



Q: What other activities keep you busy?

A: Cottage life, snowmobiling, golf

Q: What kind of music are you listening to lately?

A: I'm old, 70's and 80's stuff

Q: In a few words, describe yourself?

A: Boat racing is in my blood, you spend 90% of your time working on the equipment and 10% on the water

Q: How did you first get into boat racing?

A: When we moved from Lindsay to Mississauga in 1972, one of our neighbours was Tom Bain and his race trailer was out on the street, Warren and I ended up buying his old A Hedland hydro, a Merc A and a Hotrod 15SS. I ran A hydro and Warren ran 15 SSH

Q: You're hungry, what do ya grab for a snack?

A: Veal on a bun and a Guinness



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GHS students build hydroplane

from Cottage County Now, by Allyson Snelling

GRAVENHURST -- A group of students at Gravenhurst High School are building a hydroplane from scratch.

Grade 11 students Will Hunter, Eric Cote, Ben Mason and Josh VanGerven, and Grade 12 student Glen Williams have taken on the challenge of constructing a nine-foot race boat at the construction shop at GHS.

Hunter, an experienced hydroplane racer, is leading the charge. He said building an A Stock hydroplane, hoped to travel at 50 miles per hour, is a great way to get to know the boats better.

"I thought it would be cool to get something going at school and get some hands-on experience with building hydroplanes," said Hunter.

He and his peers have never built a hydroplane before and

The design plans have been donated by Rick Fralick of Fralick Boats, a member of the Toronto Outboard Racing Club (TORC), which is bringing back the Ontario Powerboat Racing Series to Gull Lake June 25-26. TORC is also supporting the build.

With the plans in hand, the biggest challenge for the teens was converting the measurements to imperial from metric.

"It took some problem-solving skills. The plans were confusing, but a little easier if you know what you're looking for," said Hunter. The hydroplane is a replica of an A Stock hydroplane he already owns, he added.

Once the materials arrived, the students got busy tracing and cutting the various pieces from marine plywood. Each piece must be sanded before it is assembled and fastened together using epoxies and staples. Cote said it's hard to visualize the final product, but it is starting to come together.

Hunter and his father are donating the 15-horsepower Mercury race engine that will power the vessel.

"It won't be ready in time for the event, but maybe we can get it on the water before the race season is done," said Hunter. "We had no idea going in about the materials and costs and the time it takes to build it."

Next weekend's race event will see the return of outboard races in Gravenhurst after a 16-year hiatus.

The Tim Hortons Muskoka Powerboat Races are expecting up to 500 people at Gull Lake Rotary Park and 65 to 70 racing entries from as far away as Quebec and Michigan, U.S.

Hunter is the only one to have been behind the wheel of one in the past. All of the students have some construction experience from previous classes at school.

"It's fun and exciting," agreed Cote. "I had seen one before, but it's something new and different to work on."

After making some initial plans in January, the group got things underway several months later.

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- Jan 25-29 APBA A.G.M., Detroit MI
- Feb 5 TORC Meeting @ THSC 9am-12pm
- Feb 26 TORC Awards Party/Luncheon @ THSC 12pm-5pm
- Mar 25-27 London Speed Show, London (TORC Booth)
- Apr 2 TORC Meeting @ THSC 9am-12pm
- Apr 16-17 APBA Race - S.E. Divisionals, Jesup GA
- May 14 TORC Swap Meet & BBQ @ Fralick Boats, Picton, 10am-2pm
- May 14 TORC Test & Tune @ Fralick Boats, Picton, 10am-5pm
- May 14 TORC Pot Luck Party @ Fralick Boats, Picton, 5pm-??
- May 21-23 (Victoria Day) - APBA Race - Standish ME - SSOA
- May 28-29 APBA Race, Franklin PA - TRORA
- June 11-12 CBF/APBA Race - Waterford ON
- June 18-19 Muskoka Seaflea Meet, 6 Mile Lake Park
- APBA Race - Constantine MI
- June 25-26 CBF Race, Gravenhurst ON
- July 9 ACBS Vintage Show, Gravenhurst ON
- July 9-10 APBA Race, Grass Lake MI - MHRA (Inbs - Valleyfield)
- July 16-17 CBF Race, Erinsville ON + Outboard Drag Demo
- PWC Race / ThunderCat Demo, Belle River ON
- July 30-Aug 7 APBA Nationals, Wakefield MI
- Aug 6-7 Offshore Race / ThunderCat Race, Sarnia ON
- Aug 13-14 CBF/APBA Closed Course and Drag Race, Dunnville ON
- Aug 27-28 APBA Race - Haverhill, MA
- APBA Race - Dayton Record Runs, OH
- Sept 3-4-5 (Labour Day) - APBA Race - Lock Haven, PA
- Sept 10-11 APBA Race - Taunton, MA
- APBA Race - Grass Lake, MI
- Sept 17-18 APBA/CBF Race - Redwood NY - FLRC
- APBA Race - Berwick PA
- APBA Race - Big Rapids MI
- Sept 24-25 APBA Race - Kingston NH - 2nd Annual All Star Clash - SSOA
- Oct 8-9 APBA Race - Millville NJ
- Oct 29 TORC A.G.M



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