

SWAMI SEZ: Short, but highly competitive. The Swami lays it down for the coming season.

BY BRIAN ANDERSON

The Unlimited hydroplane season for 2022 will stage five races around the country as well as an exhibition and a testing day open to any current team. Gone are the days of a 10-race season. What it lacks in the amount of races will be made up by the competitive race teams that now comprise the sport. While only one boat will be champion by the end of the year, there are

now seven boats capable of pulling off a win at any time. It's a bit of a shame there are not more races to showcase this show.

Before the season even began, a four-boat exhibition took place May 20 in Vancouver, Wash., on the Columbia River. Four boats took to the water just one at a time to lay down some test runs and get the fans excited. The *Miss Beacon Plumbing* undoubtedly had the best showing. This city also hosted a previous exhibition in 1979. Maybe there will be a race in the future?

The five races start with the biggest one of them all: the Gold Cup, which this year will be held at Guntersville, Alabama, on beautiful Lake Guntersville, June 25–26. It marks the first time this city has hosted boat racing's biggest

and most prestigious event. That will be followed by the traditional stop in the small town that's steeped in boat racing history: Madison, Indiana, on July 1–3. From there it's the northwest swing in Washington state with stops in Tri-Cities July 29–31 and a return to Seattle after two years on August 5–7. After a bit of a break, the teams stay on the West Coast with the season ending finale in San Diego, California, September 16–18.

Even with the seven aforementioned teams capable of winning a race, the season championship will come down to just two, the U-1 *Miss HomeStreet* driven by Jimmy Shane and the U-8 *Miss Tri-Cities* driven by the 2021 driver champion J. Michael Kelly. *HomeStreet* will most likely come out of the blocks fast and edge out



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Jimmy Shane as the U-1 *Miss HomeStreet* are the Swami's favorites for 2022.

the *Miss Tri-Cities* at the Gold Cup and the points race will go back and forth after that all the way until the season finale. It should go all the way down to final at that last race.

But let's not totally count out the remainder of the top boats that will be right on the heels of these two. The second boat from Strong Racing, the U-9 *Pinnacle Peak Consulting* driven by Corey Peabody, won the Columbia Cup in 2021 and will be right there if either of the top two falter. The same can be said for U-12 *Graham Trucking* driven by hard charger Andrew Tate and the second team from Madison the U-91 *Goodman Real Estate* with Jeff Bernard, who has wins to his credit in the Unlimiteds.

And oh, let's not count out the all-time winningest driver Dave Villwock, who will be piloting Kelly Stocklin's *Miss Beacon Plumbing*, which looks plenty fast in the preseason. Another team with a shot at winning would be Jamie Nilsen whose U-11 from the Unlimited Racing Group showed a vast improvement in speed at times in 2021.

Rounding out the field are the fan favorite and only piston boat on the circuit, the U-3 *Griggs Ace Hardware*, which will be driven by Jimmy King in its expected two race appearances and a two-, maybe three-race season by the U-21 to be driven by Brian Perkins.

As always, the season will consist of

spectacular heat races, breakage followed by hard work and long hours, a few upsets, plenty of heartbreak, and finally a champion will be crowned in Southern California in September. With few races, and no room for error it's going to be a wild ride. So, buckle up.

The Swami has chiseled the stone tablets for the season:

Three at the top

1) U-1 *Miss Homestreet*

DRIVER: Jimmy Shane, 20 career wins

OWNER: Miss Madison, LLC, 33 career wins

HOME: Madison, IN

SWAMI SEZ: Too much firepower, too much experience and a six-time na-

tional champion driver with a highly experienced crew and the best crew chief in the sport today. Will sweep team and driver championships, as well as Gold Cup while winning two of the five scheduled races. Should be top qualifier at four of the five events.

2) U-8 *Miss Tri-Cities*

DRIVER: J Michael Kelly, six career wins

OWNER: Vanessa and Darrell Strong, three career wins

HOME: Auburn, WA

SWAMI SEZ: This team is strong enough to not fall prey to the sophomore season slump. Now in its second year, the team came through in its first season with driver Kelly winning the driving championship. Expect this boat to be in all five final heats, winning two of them.

3) U-40 *Miss Beacon Plumbing*

DRIVER: Dave Villwock, 67 career wins

OWNER: Sharon and Kelly Stocklin, 0 career wins

HOME: Snohomish, WA

SWAMI SEZ: Much off-season work should make this boat even better than last year. With the all-time leader in race victories doing the driving, the threat to win is there at every race. Recent test in at the Vancouver exhibition showed some dramatic speed and smoothness



Miss Tri-Cities (right) and its teammate on the Strong Racing Team, the U-9 *Pinnacle Peak Consulting*, should be in the hunt all season, sez the Swami.



Lots of off-season improvements should make *Miss Beacon Plumbing* a threat to win at every race.

first time out. If things align, this team could have a championship.

Oh, so close

4) U-9 Pinnacle Peak Consulting

DRIVER: Corey Peabody, 1 career win

OWNER: Vanessa and Darrell Strong, three career wins

HOME: Auburn, WA

SWAMI SEZ: The second of the two Strong racing boats will be a contender in all the preliminary heats and should be in the hunt at all finals. A win is not out of the question, but would be considered a mild upset. Reliable enough to finish high in the points again.

5) U-12 Graham Trucking

DRIVER: Andrew Tate, eight career wins

OWNER: Rob Graham, four career wins

HOME: Kent, WA

SWAMI SEZ: As always, Rob Graham will be fielding a top-flight team with an aggressive driver and should make all final heats as well as many wins in the prelims. It was odd not to see Tate victorious in any of the races in 2021, so look for them to grab at least one win.

6) U-91 Goodman Real Estate

DRIVER: Jeff Bernard, three career wins

OWNER: Miss Madison, LLC, 33 career wins

HOME: Madison, Ind.

SWAMI SEZ: Second boat for the Indiana team will be a strong runner. By strong it means capable of victory in the prelims or in the final heat at any time. This is the season dark horse that could break through at any race. A good showing at the Vancouver exhibition exposed a few easily fixable issues and will be in top form for the first race.

7) U-11 Unlimited Racing Group

DRIVER: Jamie Nilsen, 0 career wins.

OWNER: Shannon and Scott Raney, 0 career wins

HOME: Cle Elum, WA

SWAMI SEZ: The team at times found all kinds of speed in 2021 and if it can stay consistent, watch out with a victory being a possibility. For the most part it will be second or third in the preliminary heats and will appear in most finals.



The Swami sez *Graham Trucking* should win many preliminary heats this season and should make all of year's final heats.

Rounding out the field

8) U-21, *Miss Lakeridge Paving*

DRIVER: Brian Perkins, 0 career wins

OWNER: Greg O'Farrell, 0 career wins

HOME: Maple Valley, WA

SWAMI SEZ: This team will race the two Northwest events and perhaps San Diego if all goes well. Brian Perkins will put the boat through its paces at the June 3 test session. Brian drove the boat at its last appearance at Seattle in 2018.

9) U-3 *Griggs presents Miss Ace Hardware*

DRIVER: Jimmy King, 0 career wins

OWNER: Ed Cooper, four career wins

HOME: Evansville, IN

SWAMI SEZ: Expect Griggs Ace Hardware to sponsor the only piston boat in the field for its efforts in Guntersville and Tri-Cities. The fan favorite should make the final heats and the team shall certainly finish higher in the point standings. The Go3 should give the turbines a run for their money at the events where it competes.



Chris Denslow

The U-91 *Goodman Real Estate* should be a threat to win any heat it enters.

We need you back

U-27 Wiggins Racing

DRIVER: Cal Phipps, 0 career wins

OWNER: Wiggins Racing, 0 career wins

HOME: Gadsden, AL

SWAMI SEZ: Repair work is ongoing. Maybe later this year?

U-7 *Spirit of Detroit*

DRIVER: Bert Henderson, 0 career wins

OWNER: Dave Bartush, one career win

HOME: Detroit

SWAMI SEZ: Not expected on the circuit this year. Would be nice, though.

U-10 *Spirit of Detroit II*

DRIVER: Patrick Haworth, 0 career wins

OWNER: Dave Bartush, one career win

HOME: Detroit

SWAMI SEZ: Bartush's second boat. Not expected, either.

U-98 *Graham Trucking II*

DRIVER: Not named

OWNER: Rob Graham, four career wins

HOME: Kent, WA

SWAMI SEZ: Plans unknown at press time.

Still out there

Last known as U-2

OWNER: Dave Bartush

HOME: Detroit

SWAMI SEZ: Former *Trendwest* hull. Rebuilt and probably for sale.

Last known as U-37

OWNER: Jane and Billy Schumacher, four career wins

HOME: Seattle

SWAMI SEZ: Last seen at Darrell Strong's shop in Auburn. Has a sale been made? ❖



Chris Denslow

The Swami expects the U-11 to be a strong finisher in each of the heats it enters.

THE UNJ'S H1 UNLIMITED 2022 RACE PROGRAM

THE 2022 HYDRO FLEET:

U-1 Miss HomeStreet



Chris Denslow

Owner: Miss Madison, LLC.
Driver: Jimmy Shane
Race Team: Miss Madison Racing
Boat Shops: Madison, Ind., and Tukwila, Wash.
Built: 2018 (Hull #1801)
Builder: Miss Madison Racing Team
Power: Lycoming T-55/L-7 turbine
Names in Previous Seasons: *Miss HomeStreet* (2018-21)
Drivers in Previous Seasons: Jimmy Shane (2018-21)

Race Victories: 2 (including 2019 Gold Cup)
National Titles: 2 (2019 and 2021)

U-3 Griggs presents Miss Ace Hardware



Chris Denslow

Owner: Ed Cooper
Driver: Jimmy King
Race Team: Go3 Racing
Boat Shop: Evansville, Ind.
Built: 2002 (Hull #0203)

2022 H1 Unlimited Racing Series

June 25-26 Guntersville, Alabama APBA Gold Cup
July 1-3 Madison, Indiana Madison Regatta
July 29-31 Tri-Cities, Washington HAPO Columbia Cup
August 5-7 Seattle, Washington HomeStreet Bank Cup
September 16-18 San Diego, California San Diego Bayfair

Builder: Rick Bowles and Dale Van Wieringen

Power: Turbocharged V-12 Allison

Names in Previous Seasons: *Vacationville.com* (2002-04), *Master Tire* (2003-09), *Toyota of Kirkland* (2003, 2005), *Fox Hills Chrysler Jeep* (2003), *Llumar Window Film* (2003), *Miss Chrysler Jeep* (2005-09), *U-3* (2005, 2010), *Conover Insurance* (2006), *Acura of Seattle* (2006), *Hoss Mortgage Investors II* (2007), *Hoss Mortgage Investors Too* (2008), *Hoss Mortgage Investors* (2008), *Grand View on the Lake* (2009), *Griggs presents Miss Ace Hardware* (2015-21), *Miss HomeStreet Bank* (2015), *Miss DiJulio* (2016), and *Roostertail* (2018).

Drivers in Previous Seasons: Mitch Evans (2002-04) and Jimmy King (2005-10, 2015-21).

Race Victories: 3 (including 2003 Gold Cup)

National Titles: None

U-7 Spirit of Detroit



Owner: Dave Bartush

Driver: Bert Henderson

Race Team: Detroit Unlimited

Boat Shop: Detroit

Built: 1996 (Hull #9601, T-5), Rebuilt in 1997

(Redesignated Hull #9712)

Builder: Hydroplanes, Inc.

Power: Lycoming T-55/L-7 turbine

Names in Previous Seasons: *Miss Budweiser* (1996-2004), *Formula II* (2006-08), *Graham Trucking* (2009-11, 2016), *Air Guard* (2010), *Graham Trucking II* (2014-16), *Spirit of Detroit* (2017-19), *Spirit of Detroit/Boitano Homes* (2019), and *Spirit of Detroit presented by Boitano Homes* (2019).

Drivers in Previous Seasons: Mark Evans (1996), Dave Villwock (1997-2004), Mike Allen (2006-08), Jeff Bernard (2007, 2011, 2016, 2018), J. Michael Kelly (2009-10, 2016), Cal Phipps (2014), Jesse Robertson (2015), and Bert Henderson (2017-19)

Race Victories: 24 (including 2000 Gold Cup)

National Titles: 5 (1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2006).

U-8 Miss Tri-Cities

Owner: Vanessa and Darrell Strong

Driver: J. Michael Kelly

Race Team: Strong Racing

Boat Shop: Auburn, Wash.

Built: 2014 (Hull #1496)

Builder: Ron Jones, Jr. and Mike Hanson

Power: Lycoming T-55/L-7 turbine



Names in Previous Seasons: *Qatar* (2014), *Ellstrom E-Lam Plus* (2015), *Oh Boy! Oberto* (2016-17), and *Miss Tri-Cities* (2021).

Drivers in Previous Seasons: Kip Brown (2014), Jean Theoret (2014-16), J.W. Myers (2017), and J. Michael Kelly (2021).

Race Victories: 2

National Titles: None

U-9 Pinnacle Peak Consulting



Owner: Vanessa and Darrell Strong

Driver: Corey Peabody

Race Team: Strong Racing

Boat Shop: Auburn, Wash.

Built: 1992 (Hull #92102)

Builder: Ron Jones, Jr.

Power: Lycoming T-55/L-7 turbine

Names in Previous Seasons: *Coors Dry* (1992), *Miss Circus Circus* (1993), *Miss Exide 2* (1994, 1996), *Miss Cost Less Carpets* (1998), *Miss Sammamish Lake Watch* (1998), *Jones Racing* (2000), *Miss WABX* (2001-03), *Carpenter Communications* (2000), *Miss Go Bowling* (2000), *Sun Harbor Mortgage* (2000-03), *Miss Bello's Pizza* (2001-03, 2012), *Tubby's Grilled Submarines* (2001-02), *Fiesta Bowl & Casino* (2001), *Skyway Park Bowl & Casino* (2001-03), *Miss Jack-Sons Sports Bar* (2002), *Al Deeby Dodge* (2003), *Jack-Son's Kennewick* (2006), *Miss Car Pros Kia* (2006), *Conover Insurance* (2007), *Miss Tri Arc Electric* (2007), *U-9* (2009, 2012-13), *Oh Boy! Oberto* (2011), *Miss VisitTriCities.com* (2011), *Corporate Fleet Services* (2012), *Miss Sound Propeller Services* (2012), *Red Dot* (2013), *Qatar* (2014), *Les Schwab/Red Dot* (2014-15), *Red Dot/811 Call B4 You Dig* (2015), *Call 811/Les Schwab/Red Dot* (2015), *Bello's Realtrac Performance* (2016), *Les Schwab* (2016), *Delta Research/Realtrac* (2016), *Delta Realtrac* (2017-19), *Les Schwab Tires* (2017-18), *Auxier Marketing presents Delta Realtrac* (2019), and *Pinnacle Peak Consulting* (2021).

Drivers in Previous Seasons: Dave Villwock (1992-93), Jimmy King (1994), Mark Weber (1996 in Previous Seasons), Mike Jones (1996), Lindsey (1998), Mike Hanson (2000-03), Chris

Bertram (2006-07), David Williams (2009), Jon Zimmerman (2011-14), Scott Liddycoat (2015), Andrew Tate (2016-19), and Corey Peabody (2021).

Race Victories: 13 (including 2001 and 2018 Gold Cups)

National Titles: 1 (2018)

U-10 Spirit of Detroit II



Karl Pearson

Owner: Dave Bartush

Driver: Patrick Haworth

Race Team: Detroit Unlimited

Boat Shop: Detroit

Built: 1989 (Hull #8901, T-3) Rebuilt in 1995

(Redesignated Hull #9501)

Builder: Hydroplanes, Inc.

Power: Lycoming T-55/L-7 turbine

Names in Previous Seasons: *Miss Budweiser* (1989-2000), *EMCOR* (2006), *Al Deeby Dodge* (2006), *Solutions Plus* (2006), *Todd Hoss presents Fairweather Masonry* (2006), *Designer Glass and Shower* (2006), *Ahern Rentals* (2007-08), *Hoss Mortgage Investors* (2007-08), *Miss Dover Environmental* (2008), and *Degree Men* (2012).

Drivers in Previous Seasons: Jim Kropfeld (1989), Tom D'Eath (1989-91), Scott Pierce (1991), Chip Hanauer (1992-96), Mike Hanson (1994), Mark Evans (1995-97), Dave Villwock (1997-2000), Nate Brown (2006), J.W. Myers (2006), David Bryant (2007-08), and Scott Liddycoat (2012).

Race Victories: 33 (including 1989, 1992, 1995, 1997, and 1998 Gold Cups)

National Titles: 6 (1989, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1997, and 1998)

U-11 Unlimited Racing Group



Chris Denslow

Owner: Shannon and Scott Raney

Driver: Jamie Nilsen

Race Team: Unlimited Racing Group

Boat Shop: Cle Elum, Wash.

Built: 1994 (Hull #9401, T-4), Rebuilt in 2021 (Redesignated Hull #2111)

Builder: Hydroplanes, Inc.

Power: Lycoming T-55/L-7 turbine

Names in Previous Seasons: *Miss Budweiser* (1994-95), *Llumar Window Film* (2003), *Llumar* (2004-05), *Miss Seattle* (2006), *Miss Beacon Plumbing* (2006-08), *Miss Bello's Pizza* (2009), *Miss DYC* (2009), *Hoss Mortgage Investors* (2009), *Renton Coil Springs* (2009), *Miss Peters & May* (2009-10), *Peters & May* (2013-16), and *J&D's* (2021).

Drivers in Previous Seasons: Chip Hanauer (1994-95), Mike Hanson (1994), Mark Evans (1995, 2003), Nate Brown (2003), J.W. Myers (2004, 2009-10), Jean Theoret (2005-09), Tom Thompson (2013-16), and Jamie Nilsen (2021).

Race Victories: 7 (including 2006 Gold Cup)

National Titles: None

U-12 Graham Trucking



Chris Denslow

Owner: Rob Graham

Driver: Andrew Tate

Race Team: Graham Racing

Boat Shop: Kent, Wash.

Built: 2001 (Hull #0001, T-6)

Builder: Hydroplanes, Inc.

Power: Lycoming T-55/L-7 turbine

Names in Previous Seasons: *Miss Budweiser* (2000-04), *Formula* (2006-10), *Valken.com* (2011), and *Graham Trucking* (2012-21).

Drivers in Previous Seasons: Dave Villwock (2000-04), Mike Weber (2006), Mike Allen (2006), Jeff Bernard (2006-10), Scott Liddycoat (2011), Jimmy Shane (2012-13), J. Michael Kelly (2014-19), and Andrew Tate (2021).

Race Victories: 26 (including 2003 and 2016 Gold Cups)

National Titles: 3 (2003, 2004, and 2013)

U-21 Miss Lakeridge Paving

Owner: Greg and Brian O'Farrell

Driver: Brian Perkins

Race Team: Go Fast Turn Left Racing

Boat Shop: Maple Valley, Wash.

Built: 2019 (Hull #1999)

Builder: Go Fast Turn Left Racing Team

Power: Lycoming T-55/L-7 turbine

Names in Previous Seasons: *Darrell Strong presents*



PayneWest Insurance (2019), and CARSTAR powers Miss Rock (2019)

Drivers in Previous Seasons: Brian Perkins (2019)

Race Victories: None

National Titles: None

U-27 Wiggins Racing



Owner: Milt Wiggins

Driver: Cal Phipps

Race Team: Wiggins Racing

Boat Shop: Gadsden, Ala.

Built: 2007 (Hull #0717)

Builder: Nate Brown

Power: Lycoming T-55/L-7 turbine

Names in Previous Seasons: Red Dot (2007, 2010-12), Our Gang Racing (2008, 2014), U-17 (2009), West Pasco Family Dental (2009), USNW Express (2009), Seal Shield (2009), O'Brien Law (2010), Qatar (2013), Fox Plumbing and Heating (2014), Dalton Industries (2015-16), Wiggins Racing (2017), Chase Building Group (2018), and Oberto (2018).

Drivers in Previous Seasons: Nate Brown (2007, 2009-10, 2012), Kip Brown (2008-13), Cal Phipps (2011, 2015-16, 2018), Jeff Bernard (2014), and J.W. Myers (2017).

Race Victories: 1 (2013 Gold Cup)

National Titles: None

U-40 Miss Beacon Plumbing

Owner: Sharon and Kelly Stocklin

Driver: Dave Villwock

Race Team: Bucket List Racing

Boat Shop: Snohomish, Wash.

Built: 2007 (Hull #0721)

Builder: Ron Jones, Jr.

Power: Lycoming T-55/L-7 turbine

Names in Previous Seasons: Meyer's Auto Tech (2007), The



Plumbing Joint (2007), All Access Rentals (2007, 2015), Albert Lee Appliance (2010-13, 2015-17), Go Fast Turn Left Racing (2010, 2014), Lakeridge Paving (2011, 2014), TapouT (2011), Miss HAPO (2012), Snoqualmie Casino (2012-13), Miss Al Deeby Dodge (2014-15), Fasteners (2015), PayneWest Insurance (2016-17), Miss Al Deeby (2016), All Access Equipment (2016), Darrell Strong presents PayneWest Insurance (2018), and Miss Beacon Plumbing (2021).

Drivers in Previous Seasons: Brian Perkins (2007, 2010-13, 2015-18), Jamie Nilsen (2013-14), and Dave Villwock (2021).

Race Victories: None

National Titles: None

U-91 Goodman Real Estate



Owner: Miss Madison, LLC

Driver: Jeff Bernard

Race Team: Miss Madison Racing

Boat Shops: Madison, Ind., and Tukwila, Wash.

Built: 2007 (Hull #0706)

Builder: Miss Madison Racing Team

Power: Lycoming T-55/L-7 turbine

Names in Previous Seasons: Oh Boy! Oberto (2007-13), Oberto (2014-15), Miss HomeStreet (2016-18), Oberto Super Salami (2019), and Goodman Real Estate presents Miss HomeStreet (2021).

Drivers in Previous Seasons: Steve David (2007-13), Jimmy Shane (2014-18, 2021), and Jeff Bernard (2019-21).

Race Victories: 25 (including 2014, 2015, 2017, and 2021 Gold Cups)

National Titles: 8 (2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017)

U-98 Graham Trucking American Dream

Owner: Rob Graham

Driver: TBA



Race Team: Graham Racing

Boat Shop: Kent, Wash.

Built: 1998 (Hull #9899)

Builder: Fred Leland

Power: Lycoming T-55/L-7 turbine

Names in Previous Seasons: U-99 (1998), Miss Bell Forklift (1998), United Furniture Warehouse (1998), PICO American Dream (1998), Miss PICO (1999), Znetix (2001), Miss U.S. (2002), Miss Chrysler Jeep (2002), Miss Raben Tire (2003), Mariann Travel Inn (2003), ReMax (2005), Demaree Automotive Group (2005), Miss Rebecca (2005), Miss Beacon Plumbing (2005), Lady Lexus (2005), Mirageboats (2008-09), U-100 (2009-10, 2012-13), Miss Jarvis Paintin' (2009), Jerry's Tavern (2009), Jarvis Property Restoration (2010), Fleury Auto & Truck Parts (2010), Miss Lay's Kettle Cooked (2010), HAPO Summer (2011), Leland Unlimited (2011, 2015), Xtreme Precision Products (2012), Fifth Third Bank (2012), Fox Plumbing & Heating (2012), Sahara Pizza (2013-14), Central Coast Airbrush (2013), Tony Roma's (2014), Miss CARSTAR (2015), Dooley's/Miss CARSTAR (2015), CARSTAR/Miss Rock (2016), CARSTAR-powered Miss Rock (2017), KISW Miss Rock powered by CARSTAR (2017), CARSTAR powers Miss Rock (2018), and Graham Trucking American Dream (2019).

Drivers in Previous Seasons: Rick Christensen (1998),

Mark Weber (1998), Greg Hopp (1998-03, 2005, 2008-12, 2017), Mark Evans (1998), Chip Hanauer (1999), Ryan Mallow (2011-13), Dave Warren (2013-14), Kevin Eacret (2015-16), Aaron Salmon (2018), and Corey Peabody (2019).

Race Victories: None

National Titles: None

U-440 Bucket List Racing



Chris Denslow

Owner: Sharon and Kelly Stocklin

Driver: Dustin Echols

Race Team: Bucket List Racing

Boat Shop: Snohomish, Wash.

Built: 2012 (Hull #1218)

Builder: Dale Van Wieringen

Power: Lycoming T-53 turbine

Names in Previous Seasons: Bucket List (2012), Bucket List Racing (2014, 2017-21), and Snuskitush (2015-16).

Drivers in Previous Seasons: Kelly Stocklin (2012, 2014-15, 2021), and Dustin Echols (2016-21).

Race Victories: None

National Titles: None

THE 2022 DRIVERS:

JEFF BERNARD

Hometown: Kent, Wash.

Age: 37

Boats Driven: Hull #9399:

Lakeridge Paving (2005) ... Hull #9610:

Lakeridge Paving (2006) ... Hull #0001:

Formula (2006-10) ... Hull #9712:

Formula II (2007), Graham Trucking

(2011), Graham Trucking II (2016), Spirit

of Detroit (2018) ... Hull #0717: Red Dot

(2012), Our Gang (2014), Fox Plumbing and Heating (2014) ...

Hull #9010: Graham Trucking II (2016) ... Hull #0706: Oberto Super

Salami (2019) and Goodman Real Estate presents Miss HomeStreet

(2021).



H1 Unlimited

Race Victories: 3 ... 2008 Indiana Governor's Cup, Madison, Ind.; 2008 San Diego Thunderboat Regatta, San Diego; and 2009 Thunder on the Ohio, Evansville, Ind.

National Titles: None

DUSTIN ECHOLS

Hometown: Monroe, Wash.

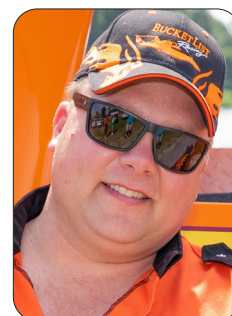
Age: 42

Boats Driven: Hull #1218:

Snuskitush (2016), Bucket List Racing (2017-21).

Race Victories: None

National Titles: None



Chris Denslow

PATRICK HAWORTH

Hometown: Valleyfield, Quebec

Boats Driven: Hull #9712: *Spirit of Detroit* presented by Boitano Homes (2019).

Race Victories: None

National Titles: None



Robert Peters

BERT HENDERSON

Hometown: Brockville, Ontario

Age: 50

Boats Driven: Hull #9712: *Spirit of Detroit* (2017-19), *Spirit of Detroit/Boitano Homes* (2019), and *Spirit of Detroit* presented by Boitano Homes (2019).

Race Victories: None

National Titles: None



Robert Peters

J. MICHAEL KELLY

Hometown: Bonney Lake, Wash.

Age: 43

Boats Driven: Hull #0302: *Miss APBA* (2004), *Graham Trucking* (2004-05), *Graham Trucking/Sinbad's Roostertail* (2004), ... *Dick Scott Automotive Group* (2005) ... Hull #8700: *Acura of Bellevue* (2006), *Spirit of Detroit* (2007), *Car Pros* (2007), *Graham Trucking* (2008), *Miss DYC* (2008) ... Hull #9712: *Graham Trucking* (2008, 2016), *Air Guard* (2010) ... Hull #1188: *Degree Men* (2011), *Miss Beacon Plumbing* (2012-13), *Performance Chevrolet* (2013) ... Hull #0001: *Graham Trucking* (2014-19) ... Hull #1496: *Miss Tri-Cities* (2021).

Race Victories: 13 ... 2009 Oryx Cup UIM World Championship, Doha, Qatar; 2014 Indiana Governor's Cup, Madison, Ind.; 2014 Albert Lee Appliance Seafair Cup, Seattle; 2014 San Diego Bayfair, San Diego; 2014 Oryx Cup UIM World Championship, Doha, Qatar; 2015 Albert Lee Appliance Seafair Cup, Seattle; 2016 APBA Gold Cup, Detroit; 2017 HAPO Columbia Cup, Tri-Cities, Wash.; 2019 HAPO Columbia Cup, Tri-Cities, Wash.; 2019 HomeStreet Bank Cup, Seattle; 2019 HomeStreet Bank Bayfair, San Diego; 2021 Guntersville Lake Hydrofest, Guntersville, Ala.; and 2021 HomeStreet Bank San Diego Bayfair, San Diego.

National Titles: 1 (2021)



Chris Denslow

JIMMY KING

Hometown: Memphis, Mich.

Age: 61

Boats Driven: Hull #9210: *Miss Exide 2* (1994) ... Hull #9299: *Miss Wellness Plan* (1995), *Miss Jennifer* (1996), *Empire Contractors* (2004) ... Hull #8808: *Lynnwood Honda* (1996), *Pflueger Honda/KPOI Radio* (1996), *LLumar Window Film* (1999-

02) ... Hull #8401: *Carpenter/Miss Exide* (1996), *Miss Exide* (1997) ... Hull #9516: *Miss E-Lam Plus* (1998-99) ... Hull #0203: *Master Tire* (2005-09), *Miss Chrysler Jeep* (2005-09), *U-3* (2005), *Toyota of Kirkland* (2005), *Conover Insurance* (2006), *Acura of Seattle* (2006), *Hoss Mortgage Investors* (2007-08), *Hoss Mortgage Investors Too* (2008), *Grand View on the Lake* (2009), *U-3* (2010), *Griggs presents Miss Ace Hardware* (2015-21), *Miss HomeStreet Bank* (2015), *Miss DiJulio* (2016), *Roostertail* (2018).

Race Victories: None

National Titles: None



H1 Unlimited

J.W. MYERS

Hometown: Kenmore, Wash.

Age: 49

Boats Driven: Hull #0010: *Tony Roma's* (2003), *Miss Nicole Marie Yacht Charters* (2003), *Miss Epoch Events* (2003), *Von's presents American Pride* (2003), *Miss Peters & May* (2010) ... Hull #9401: *LLumar* (2004), *Miss DYC* (2009), *Hoss Mortgage Investors* (2009), *Miss Peters & May* (2010) ... Hull #0116: *Ellstrom* (2005) ... Hull #9501: *Al Deeby Dodge* (2006), *Solutions Plus* (2006), *Todd Hoss presents Fairweather Masonry* (2006), *Designer Glass and Shower* (2006) ... Hull #0925: *Peters & May* (2011-12) ... Hull #0717: *Wiggins Racing* (2017) ... Hull #1496: *Oh Boy! Oberto* (2017).

Race Victories: 1 (2005 Belterra Casino & Resort Indiana Governor's Cup, Madison, Ind.)

National Titles: 0



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JAMIE NILSEN

Hometown: Fife, Wash.

Age: 37

Boats Driven: Hull #0721: *Albert Lee* (2013), *Go Fast Turn Left Racing* (2014), *Miss Al Deeby Dodge* (2014), and *Lakeridge Paving* (2014) ... Hull #9610: *Snoqualmie Casino* (2013) ... Hull #0925: *J&D's presented by Reliable Diamond Tool* (2019).

Race Victories: None

National Titles: None



Robert Peters

COREY PEABODY

Hometown: Kent, Wash.

Age: 43

Boats Driven: Hull #9210: *Spirit of Detroit* (2016) and *Pinnacle Peak Consulting* (2021) ... Hull #9899: *Graham Trucking American Dream* (2019).



Chris Denslow

Race Victories: 1 ... 2021 HAPO Columbia Cup, Tri-Cities, Wash.

National Titles: None

BRIAN PERKINS

Hometown: North Bend, Wash.

Boats Driven: Hull #0721: *Meyer's Auto Tech* (2007), *The Plumbing Joint* (2007), *All Access Rentals* (2007), *Albert Lee Appliance* (2010-13), *Go Fast Turn Left Racing* (2010), *Lakeridge Paving* (2011), *TapouT* (2011), *Miss HAPO* (2012), *Snoqualmie Casino* (2012-13), *Fasteners* (2015), *Albert Lee Appliance* (2015-17), *Al Deeby Dodge* (2015), *All Access Rentals* (2015), *PayneWest Insurance* (2016-17), *Miss Al Deeby* (2016), *All Access Equipment* (2016), *Darrell Strong presents PayneWest Insurance* (2018) ... Hull #9399: *Spirit of the Navy* (2008), *Albert Lee Appliances* (2008), *Whirlpool* (2009) ... Hull #9610: *Albert Lee Appliance* (2009) ... Hull #1999: *Darrell Strong presents PayneWest Insurance* (2019) and *CARSTAR powers Miss Rock* (2019).

Race Victories: None

National Titles: None



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CAL PHIPPS

Hometown: Avon Lake, Ohio

Boats Driven: Hull #8700: *Miss DYC* (2010), *Miss Jillian's* (2010), *Alternative Automotive Technologies* (2010), *Tubby's* (2012) ... Hull #0717: *Red Dot* (2011), *Dalton Industries* (2015-16), *Chase Building Group* (2018), *Oberto* (2018) ... Hull #9712: *Graham Trucking II* (2014).

Race Victories: None

National Titles: None



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AARON SALMON

Hometown: Bonney Lake, Wash.

Boats Driven: Hull #9899: *CARSTAR powers Miss Rock* (2018).

Race Victories: None

National Titles: None



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JIMMY SHANE:

Hometown: Covington, Wash.

Age: 36

Boats Driven: Hull #9299: *Formula II* (2007) ... Hull #9010: *Formula II* (2008, 2010), *Formula* (2011) ... Hull #0001: *Graham Trucking* (2012-13) ... Hull #0706: *Oberto* (2014-15), *Miss HomeStreet Bank* (2016), *Miss HomeStreet* (2017-18), *Goodman*

Real Estate presents Miss HomeStreet (2021) ... Hull #1801: *Miss HomeStreet* (2018-21).

Race Victories: 20 ... 2012 Lamb Weston Columbia Cup, Tri-Cities, Wash.; 2012 Oryx Cup UIM World Championship, Doha, Qatar; 2013 Oryx Cup UIM World Championship, Doha, Qatar; 2013 Albert Lee Appliance Cup, Seattle; 2013 Diamond Cup, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; 2013 San Diego Bayfair, San Diego; 2014 APBA Gold Cup, Detroit; 2014 HAPO Columbia Cup, Tri-Cities, Wash.; 2015 HAPO Gold Cup, Tri-Cities, Wash.; 2015 UAW/GM Spirit of Detroit Hydrofest, Detroit; 2015 San Diego Bayfair, San Diego; 2016 Indiana Governor's Cup, Madison, Ind.; 2016 HAPO Columbia Cup, Tri-Cities, Wash.; 2016 HomeStreet Bank San Diego Bayfair, San Diego; 2017 Albert Lee Appliance Seafair Cup, Seattle; 2017 APBA Gold Cup, Detroit; 2018 Midwest Tube Mills Madison Regatta, Madison, Ind.; 2019 Guntersville Lake Hydrofest, Guntersville, Ala.; 2019 APBA Gold Cup, Madison, Ind.; and 2021 APBA Gold Cup, Madison, Ind.

National Titles: 6 (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2019)



H1 Unlimited

ANDREW TATE

Hometown: Canton, Mich.

Age: 32

Boats Driven: Hull #9210: *Bello's Realtrac Performance* (2016), *Les Schwab* (2016), *Delta Research/Realtrac* (2016), *Delta Realtrac* (2017-19), *Les Schwab Tires* (2017-18), and *Auxier Marketing presents Delta Realtrac* (2019) ... Hull #0001: *Graham Trucking* (2021).

Race Victories: 9 (2016 Albert Lee Appliance Seafair Cup, Seattle; 2017 Indiana Governor's Cup, Madison; 2017 President's Cup, Detroit; 2017 HomeStreet Bank Bayfair, San Diego; 2018 Guntersville Lake Hydrofest, Guntersville, Ala.; 2018 HAPO Columbia Cup, Tri-Cities, Wash.; 2018 Albert Lee Appliance Seafair Cup, Seattle; 2018 APBA Gold Cup, Detroit; and 2018 HomeStreet Bank Bayfair, San Diego)

National Titles: 1 (2018)



Chris Denslow

DAVE VILLWOCK

Hometown: Monroe, Wash.

Age: 68

Boats Driven: Hull #9031: *Miss Circus Circus* (1990) ... Hull #92102: *Coors Dry* (1992), and *Miss Circus Circus* (1993) ... Hull #8401: *Miss Circus Circus* (1993) ... Hull #9399: *American Dream* (1994), *U-100* (1994), and *PICO American Dream* (1995-96) ... Hull #9610: *PICO American Dream* (1996) ... Hull #9501: *Miss Budweiser* (1997-2000) ... Hull #9712: *Miss Budweiser* (1997-2004) ... Hull #0001: *Miss Budweiser* (2000-04) ... Hull #0116:



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Ellstrom (2005-09), *Amos W. Hoss* (2008), and *Spirit of Qatar* (2010-12) ... Hull #1188: *Cost Less Carpets* (2014), *Miss Beacon Plumbing* (2014), and *Miss Seattle* (2014) ... Hull #0721: *Miss Beacon Plumbing* (2021).

Race Victories: 67 ... 1992 Budweiser Cup, San Diego; 1994 Texaco Cup, Seattle; 1994 Bayfair, San Diego; 1996 Gila River Casino Unlimited Regatta, Phoenix; 1996 APBA Gold Cup, Detroit; 1996 Pontiac Thunder on the Ohio, Evansville, IN; 1996 Budweiser Columbia Cup, Tri-Cities; 1996 Texaco Cup, Seattle; 1996 Canadian Cup, Kelowna, BC; 1997 Chrysler Jeep APBA Gold Cup, Detroit; 1997 Pontiac Thunder On The Ohio, Evansville, Ind.; 1997 Budweiser Indiana Governor's Cup, Madison, Ind.; 1997 Virginia is for Lovers Cup, Norfolk, Va.; 1998 Pontiac Grand Am Thunder, Evansville, Ind.; 1998 Chrysler Jeep APBA Gold Cup, Detroit; 1998 Virginia is for Lovers Cup, Norfolk, Va.; 1998 Budweiser Columbia Cup, Tri-Cities; 1998 Texaco Cup, Seattle; 1998 Budweiser Indiana Governor's Cup, Madison, Ind.; 1998 Bayfair Bill Muncy Cup, San Diego; 1998 Las Vegas Cup, Las Vegas; 1999 Budweiser Thunderfest at Barrie, Barrie, Ont.; 1999 Budweiser Thunder on the Ohio, Evansville, Ind.; 1999 Virginia is for Lovers Cup, Norfolk, Va.; 1999 Budweiser Columbia Cup, Tri-Cities; 1999 General Motors Cup, Seattle; 1999 Budweiser Thunderfest, Kelowna, BC; 1999 Bayfair Bill Muncy Cup, San Diego; 1999 JN Chevrolet Hydrofest, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; 2000 Mojave Unlimited Hydrofest, Lake Havasu City, Az.; 2000 Budweiser Thunder on the Ohio, Evansville, Ind.; 2000 Indiana Governor's Cup, Madison, Ind.; 2000 Chrysler Jeep

APBA Gold Cup, Detroit; 2000 General Motors Cup, Seattle; 2000 Bayfair Bill Muncy Cup, San Diego; 2001 Budweiser Thunder on the Ohio, Evansville, Ind.; 2002 Thunder on the Ohio, Evansville, Ind.; 2002 APBA Gold Cup, Detroit; 2002 General Motors Cup, Seattle; 2003 Budweiser Madison Regatta, Madison, Ind.; 2003 General Motors Cup, Seattle; 2004 Thunder on the Ohio, Evansville, Ind.; 2004 UIM World Championship, Madison, Ind.; 2004 Budweiser Columbia Cup, Tri-Cities; 2004 General Motors Cup, Seattle; 2004 Washington Mutual Bill Muncy Cup, San Diego; 2005 Budweiser Columbia Cup, Tri-Cities; 2005 Thunderboat Regatta, San Diego; 2006 Thunder on the Ohio, Evansville, Ind.; 2006 Madison Regatta, Madison, Ind.; 2006 Atomic Cup, Tri-Cities; 2007 Thunder on the Ohio, Evansville, Ind.; 2007 Indiana Governor's Cup, Madison, Ind.; 2007 Chrysler Jeep APBA Gold Cup, Detroit; 2007 Lamb Weston Columbia Cup, Tri-Cities; 2008 Chevrolet Cup, Seattle; 2009 Indiana Governor's Cup, Madison, Ind.; 2009 Chrysler Jeep APBA Gold Cup, Detroit; 2009 Chevrolet Cup, Seattle; 2010 Jarvis Restoration APBA Gold Cup, Detroit; 2010 Air National Guard Championship, San Diego; 2010 Oryx Cup UIM World Championship, Doha, Qatar; 2011 APBA Gold Cup, Detroit; 2011 Lamb Weston Columbia Cup, Tri-Cities; 2011 Air National Guard Championship, San Diego; 2012 Lucas Oil Indiana Governor's Cup, Madison, Ind.; and 2012 NYC presents APBA Gold Cup, Detroit.

National Titles: 10 (1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007, and 2011)

STANDING SPEED RECORDS:

ALL-TIME SPEED RECORDS:

	SPEED	DRIVER	BOAT	LOCATION	YEAR
Qualifying.....	173.384 mph.....	Dave Villwock.....	Miss Budweiser.....	San Diego.....	1999
Competition Lap.....	166.221 mph.....	Steve David.....	Miss T-Plus.....	Pearl Harbor, HI.....	1992
Heat Avg.	161.712 mph.....	Mark Tate.....	Winston Eagle.....	San Diego.....	1993
Race Avg.	156.830 mph.....	Mark Tate.....	Close Call.....	Pearl Harbor, HI.....	1997

SPEED RECORDS ON A 2.5-MILE COURSE:

Qualifying.....	173.384 mph.....	Dave Villwock.....	Miss Budweiser.....	San Diego.....	1999
Competition Lap.....	166.221 mph.....	Steve David.....	Miss T-Plus.....	Pearl Harbor, HI.....	1992
Heat Avg. (3 Laps).....	161.712 mph.....	Mark Tate.....	Winston Eagle.....	San Diego.....	1993
Heat Avg. (5 Laps).....	154.260 mph.....	Mark Tate.....	Close Call.....	Pearl Harbor, HI.....	1997
Race Avg.	156.830 mph.....	Mark Tate.....	Close Call.....	Pearl Harbor, HI.....	1997

SPEED RECORDS ON A 2-MILE COURSE:

Qualifying.....	165.974 mph.....	Chip Hanauer.....	Miss Budweiser.....	Evansville, IN.....	1993
Competition Lap.....	156.713 mph.....	Chip Hanauer.....	Miss Budweiser.....	Evansville, IN.....	1993
Heat Avg. (3 Laps).....	154.185 mph.....	Chip Hanauer.....	Miss Budweiser.....	Evansville, IN.....	1993
Heat Avg. (5 Laps).....	146.904 mph.....	Chip Hanauer.....	Miss Budweiser.....	Evansville, IN.....	1993
Race Avg.	145.024 mph.....	Mark Tate.....	Smokin' Joe's.....	Evansville, IN.....	1996

GUNTERVILLE, ALABAMA:

2.5-mile course:	SPEED	DRIVER	BOAT	YEAR
Qualifying.....	162.422 mph	Jimmy Shane	Miss HomeStreet	2019
Competition lap.....	159.452 mph	J. Michael Kelly	Miss Tri-Cities	2021
7.5-mile heat (3 laps).....	159.311 mph	Jimmy Shane	Miss HomeStreet	2019
12.5-mile heat (5 laps).....	152.004 mph	Andrew Tate	Delta Realtrac	2018
15-mile heat (6 laps).....	106.719 mph	Ron Musson	Miss Bardahl	1964
Race avg. (35 miles).....	151.379 mph	J. Michael Kelly	Miss Tri-Cities	2021

MADISON, INDIANA:

2.5 mile course:				
Qualifying.....	166.852 mph	Chip Hanauer	Miss Budweiser	1993
Competition lap.....	152.954 mph	Nate Brown	Tide	1994
7.5-mile heat (3 laps).....	151.578 mph	Dave Villwock	Ellstrom	2009
12.5-mile heat (5 laps).....	145.573 mph	Mark Tate	Smokin' Joe's	1996
Race avg. (35 miles).....	147.501 mph	Dave Villwock	Ellstrom	2007

TRI-CITIES, WASHINGTON:

2.5 mile course:				
Qualifying.....	170.471 mph	Dave Villwock	Miss Budweiser	1999
Qualifying (5-lap avg.).....	160.212 mph	Jean Theoret	Ellstrom E-Lam Plus	2015
Competition lap.....	162.666 mph	Dave Villwock	Spirit of Qatar	2011
7.5-mile heat (3 laps).....	156.957 mph	Chip Hanauer	Miss Budweiser	1994
10-mile heat (4 laps).....	151.412 mph	Andrew Tate	Les Schwab Tires	2017
12.5-mile heat (5 laps).....	150.422 mph	Dave Villwock	Spirit of Qatar	2011
Race avg. (35 miles).....	152.157 mph	Chip Hanauer	Miss Budweiser	1994
Race avg. (42.5 miles).....	146.610 mph	Dave Villwock	Spirit of Qatar	2011
Race avg. (47.5 miles).....	146.280 mph	J. Michael Kelly	Graham Trucking	2016
Race avg. (52.5 miles).....	146.729 mph	Jimmy Shane	Miss HomeStreet	2019

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON:

2-mile course:				
Qualifying.....	163.451 mph	Dave Villwock	Miss Budweiser	1999
Competition lap.....	155.256 mph	Kip Brown	Spirit of Qatar	2013
6-mile heat (3 laps).....	150.880 mph	Mark Tate	Winston Eagle	1993
10-mile heat (5 laps).....	141.880 mph	Jean Theoret	Miss Beacon Plumbing	2006
Race avg. (28 miles).....	140.011 mph	Mike Hanson	Kellogg's Frosted Flakes	1993

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

2.5-mile course:				
Qualifying.....	173.384 mph	Dave Villwock	Miss Budweiser	1999
Competition lap.....	164.919 mph	Mark Tate	Winston Eagle	1993
7.5-mile heat (3 laps).....	161.712 mph	Mark Tate	Winston Eagle	1993
12.5-mile heat (5 laps).....	153.550 mph	Dave Villwock	Spirit of Qatar	2010
Race avg. (35 miles).....	152.631 mph	Dave Villwock	Spirit of Qatar	2010

GOLD CUP RECORDS (2.5-mile course):

Qualifying.....	170.087 mph	Mark Tate	Winston Eagle	Detroit	1993
Competition lap.....	158.155 mph	Chip Hanauer	Miss Budweiser	Detroit	1993
7.5-mile heat (3 laps).....	152.526 mph	Chip Hanauer	Miss Budweiser	Detroit	1993
10-mile heat (4 laps).....	151.974 mph	Dave Villwock	Ellstrom	Detroit	2009
12.5-mile heat (5 laps).....	152.120 mph	Mark Tate	Smokin' Joe's	Detroit	1995
Race avg. (45 miles).....	116.387 mph	Dean Chenoweth	Miss Budweiser	Seattle	1981
Race avg. (52.5 miles).....	147.943 mph	Mark Tate	Smokin' Joe's	Detroit	1994
Race avg. (60 miles).....	108.974 mph	Tom D'Eath	Miss U.S.	Tri-Cities, WA	1975
Race avg. (90 miles).....	75.599 mph	Stanley Dollar	Skip-A-Long	Detroit	1949

AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Race Site News by Chris Tracy



Traveler's guide to the Tri-Cities.

With the 2022 season schedule set, all are hoping everything will come off this year without a COVID hitch! For fans heading to testing in the Tri-Cities or to the HAPO Columbia Cup, here's a spotlight on that race and on Richland, Kennewick, and Pasco.

The Tri-City Water Follies announced that Mark Williams has been hired to replace retiring event director Kathy Powell. Although Powell had hoped to retire before this year's race, she agreed to stay on until her replacement was hired. She will work together with Williams to carry out the 2022 HAPO Columbia Cup.

Williams has event experience and has been associated with the Water Follies, as the firm he previously worked for handled security for the Tri-City race. He is from Spokane, although his former employer is based in Texas. Powell reports that the 2022 event is scheduled to be like pre-pandemic races, and most popular special area tickets are back, such as Hydro Hot Spot, Round Table, and the Bulldog Beach Club. Telephone orders are accepted.

Lots of fans from Western Washington head to Eastern Washington for Tri-City spring testing in June and for the HAPO Columbia Cup race in July. We are living in unusual times, so here's a tip for those driving from the west side to the east side:

If gas is needed, likely the least expensive places to buy fuel are off the Cle Elum exit at Warrior's Shell directly

on the north side of the street off the Cle Elum exit, or at Shree's off the Thorp exit (near Ellensburg), next to Thorp Fruit and Antiques.

Most lodging chains are in Richland, Kennewick, or Pasco and many new hotels have been built in the past few years. Please note that the Economy Inn, the Days Inn, and the former Best Western Plus Columbia River Hotel (formerly Clarion, formerly Richland Tower) in Richland, are closed as the properties will be redeveloped.

The popular Shilo Inn, now called the Riverfront Hotel-SureStay Collection by Best Western, is open, but the property has been for sale, so confirm it is open. The Clover Island Inn in Kennewick is open but has also been for sale. It is popular with hydro fans as it is walking distance to the hydro pits. For fans going to the Tri-Cities for the first time and staying overnight, all three cities—Kennewick, Richland and Pasco—are convenient to the racecourse.

Many chain restaurants are in the Tri-Cities, but here are a few, non-chain options, popular with local residents:

For fine dining in Richland, check out Drumheller's at the Lodge at Columbia Point, Bookwalter Winery, or Dovetail Joint. Casual places to eat include Pacific Pasta and Grill, Lu Lu Craft Bar + Kitchen, Casa Mia (for pizza in Richland and Kennewick), and Family Garden (for Chinese food.)

White Bluffs Brewing, Iconic Brewing, and Atomic Ale have great local brews. Technically in Richland, but a little bit out of town, is the Goose Ridge Winery (and ciders) with a fun tasting room, light food, and often live music on Saturdays.

Tumbleweeds is great for Tex/Mex take-out food. In Pasco, Magill's is a great local spot, especially for breakfast; you won't go away hungry. In Kennewick, The CG Public House is a popular, casual place. Moonshot Brewing is great for local beer and the Fast and Currious food truck is generally there Friday evenings until 7:30 pm.

Europa Italian & Spanish Cuisine is a great choice for dinner. Authentic Filipino food can be found at the casual, but ultra-modern, Dagupan Grill. Breakfast, lunch, and pie are offered at super casual, Just Joel's, a mainstay hole-in-the-wall in Kennewick.

These are just a few of the great local spots.

And don't forget that Friday (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and Saturday (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.) of HAPO Cup race weekend, there is the big Art in the Park arts and crafts show at Howard Aman Park, on the Columbia River in Richland. Lots of vendors and the local rod and gun club serves up a pretty good BBQ salmon and cole slaw dinner, too.

Other Notes: The UNJ would like to give a shout out to Bill and Dee Moore. They are fans and good friends of the UNJ and unlimited hydroplane racing. Bill and Dee stepped up and their company, May Awning and Patio, were both the presenting sponsor for the Vancouver exhibition and sponsored the U-11 for their Vancouver appearance. Thank you! ❖

We love to hear from our readers.

My compliments regarding your article regarding the cost and logistics of running a race. Most fans and most crew members have no idea what it costs to run a race let alone what it costs to run a boat. Having raced with Bill Wurster for 21 years and another 16 years with Erick Ellstrom, it ain't cheap. Also, the races live on volunteers, without them no race site would make it.

Thanks and I look forward to next month's issue.
David Heye

I was reading your "2 cents" article in the May issue of the *NewsJournal*.

One other thing that has to happen is that the city has to be competent enough that when you request a permit to run the race, that the people in the city government don't lose it.

Literally, Detroit's situation.
Jim Piteo

HYDROFILE

Race Team News by Lon Erickson



U-11 Unlimited Racing Group

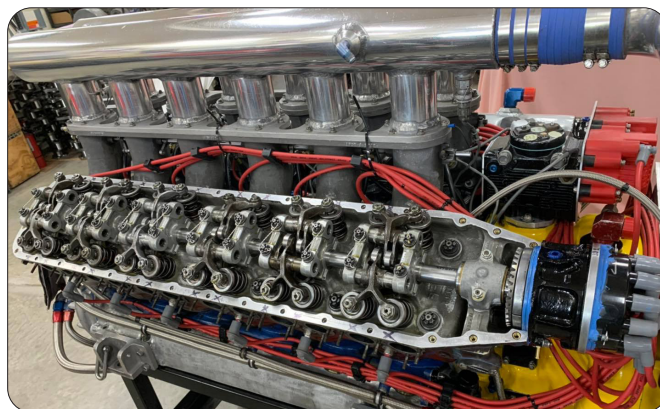
One of the U-11's T-55 L-7 turbines after Scott Raney went through the motor prepping for the 2022 season.



Scott Raney

Go3 Racing

Preparations continue on the Go3's inventory of turbocharged V-12 Allison's. The Go3 team announced they will be competing at the APBA Gold Cup in Guntersville this year and is also expected to make what has become its now traditional visit to the Columbia Cup in the Tri-Cities to compete.



Go3 Racing



Go3 Racing

Miss Madison Racing

The U-91 *Goodman Real Estate* hull as it received final preparations before heading to the Vancouver H1 exhibition.



Trey Holt

U-27 Wiggins Racing

Wiggins Racing continues to make progress on the new build of the U-27 hull. Here is some of the work being done laying up the deck and on the infusion process of the decking.



Wiggins Racing



Wiggins Racing

Strong Racing

The U-8 *Miss Tri-Cities* headed to Pasco in mid-May for display opportunity before the Vancouver H1 exhibition.



Strong Racing

Schumacher Racing

A boat and hauler that hasn't been seen since 2014 showed up in the Seattle area on May 17. The hull that previously raced as the U-88, U-37, and U-21 arrived at the Strong Racing shop in Auburn from New York. No formal announcement from owners Jane and Billy Schumacher on the status and future of the hull, though it was reported that Strong Racing has acquired the hauler from the Schumacher's.



Lon Erickson



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U-21 Go Fast Turn Left Racing

The *Miss Lakeridge Paving* is seen here recently at the team's Maple Valley shop. They are expected to attend the Tri-Cities spring testing session to check systems and get ready for racing at the Columbia Cup in late July. The U-21 team is registered to race in 2022 and driver Brian Perkins went through the process to keep his H1 license current.



Spring Training

June brings the traditional spring testing for the H1 unlimiteds at the Neil F. Lampson pits in Kennewick's Columbia Park, site of the HAPO Columbia Cup. Testing in the Tri-Cities is set for Friday, June 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. H1 teams scheduled to appear are the U-1 *Miss HomeStreet*/Jimmy Shane, U-8 *Miss Tri-Cities*/J. Michael Kelly, U-9 *Pinnacle Peak Consulting*/Corey Peabody, U-12 *Graham Trucking*/Andrew Tate, U-21 *Miss Lakeridge Paving*/Brian Perkins, U-40 *Miss Beacon Plumbing*/Dave Villwock, and U-91 *Goodman Real Estate*/Jeff Bernard.

Lon Erickson



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COMMENTS FROM H1

Jan Shaw, Director of Operations



The 2022 H1 Unlimited racing season has nearly arrived. We've had one exhibition event, another test session is coming very soon, and the season will get underway later this month with the Gold Cup in Guntersville, Alabama.

The exhibition in Vancouver, Washington, was a great success. As with all first-time events, there were hiccups along the way. We weren't able to get the boats on the Columbia River as quickly as we hoped and other complications popped up that got in the way, but thanks to the efforts of race chair Nelson Holmberg and the volunteers that he organized, they showed Vancouver to be a viable site for unlimited hydroplane racing.

The promoters of the event, Visit Vancouver, also seemed delighted with the result. Their goal is to make Vancouver a stop on the regular H1 Unlimited Racing Series, and they made an excellent case for just that to happen in the not-too-distant future. A good crowd of people attended and there was front-page coverage in the local newspaper.

The race committee also was happy with how it turned out. They will freely admit that they have some details to work out about holding an unlimited event, but learning those things is the whole point of holding an exhibition. They'll be more than ready when it comes time to run a real race.

Another group of boats will test on the Columbia River again on Friday, June 3, but this time will be about 230 miles upstream from Vancouver at the Tri-Cities, Washington. Then, the boats will be ready for racing. The 2022 season will start June 25 and 26 with the Gold Cup in Guntersville, and will continue with events at Madison, Indiana, on July 1 to 3, the Tri-Cities on July 29 to 31, Seattle on August 5 to 7, and San Diego on September 16 to 18.

H1 will try something new at some of the races this summer. The sport's board of directors has approved a new race format that will be tested as a semi-feature event on Saturday at some race sites.

Called a match-race format, or

Showdown, the event will feature a series of two-boat match races of two laps each then a final heat of three laps to determine the winner. The match-race pairings will be determined by qualifying speed, with the slower of the two boats starting from the inside lane.

Points toward the national title will be earned by the competitors in the Showdown event and, if enough race sites hold the match-races, there may be separate recognition at the end of the year for the boats that have performed the best during these Saturday semi-feature events.

The Saturday Showdown events are intended to provide fans with something new on the race schedule that will offer them nearly continuous action on the water. As for the regular race, if a race site chooses to run a Showdown event on Saturday, it would not hold preliminary heats that day. Instead, the entire race, two sets of preliminary heats and the winner-take-all final will happen on Sunday. ❖

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