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Apple Cup finally lands at Waughop Lake

The third annual ERCU Apple Cup is up next, and it'll finally be held at Waughop Lake in Lakewood, where Contest Director Ben Keller has always wanted it to be.

Only one problem: Ben can't be there.

Work commitments mean the Contest Board will take over the day's CD duties for Keller, who does wish he could be there – especially since the race is just a mile from his home – but nothing else really changes about the event.

The trailer will arrive between 7:30 and 8 a.m., and setup will get started right away. A mandatory drivers meeting will be held at 10:45 a.m., with modern heat 1A to start shortly

after the drivers meeting is complete.

Vintage boats will be able to run open props.

Those who still need to have boats inspected are encouraged to arrive early and be ready to have inspections completed right away, out of fairness to our inspectors, who will also desire testing time in the morning. It's also a generator site, so if you have one, be sure to bring it.

The race format will be three flights of five-lap heats for modern and vintage boats. Depending on the turnout, first and second connies will be held for both classes. The winner of the second connies will advance to the first connies as a trailer boat, and the winner of the first connies

will advance to the finals as a trailer boat.

Final heat winners will be the race champions.

As is tradition for the Apple Cup, the vintage boats in attendance that ran in 1960 will run in a re-creation of the 1960 Apple Cup, which was run in Chelan. The winner of this re-creation will take home an Applebees gift card.

Mike Campbell swept last year's race and is the defending champion, driving his own 1986 Boat and Keller's 1957 Hawaii Ka'i III to the modern and vintage championships, respectively in 2011 at Bellevue Downtown Park.

upNEXT: apple cup [april 28 | @waughop lake, lakewood] ... atomic cup [may 5 | @vance creek park, elma]

statGEEK tidBit: nelson holmberg has moved into 3rd place in modern career points, passing jeff campbell, after centralia

insideTEASE: champion spark plug regatta recap ... big boat news ... rumor mill ... updated stats ... and more

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Bordon repeats at Champion Spark Plug

bigBoatSTUFF

Silly season is here, and there are a few kind of fun things going on around the world of HI Unlimiteds and the big boat teams. Most are real news, some are rumors.

NEWS:

The U-9 Jones Racing team is hot on the trail of a title sponsor for 2012 ... Things are quiet in the U-1 (16) shop as the team performs significant work to the hull ... USA Racing Partners will be back in '12, running as the 88 Degree Men with **Scott Liddycoat** driving ... U-22 is nearly done with installation of a new capsule.

RUMORS:

The U-57 left Decatur, Ind. for its new home in Chelan on 4/24, but who's the owner, driver & sponsor? ... Mystery still surrounds the U-13 ... **Ed Cooper** is reportedly building Turbo Allison. No confirmation yet why ... Stay tuned.

Gerry Bordon wasn't about to let a second-straight victory at the Champion Spark Plug Regatta get away from him.

Good thing his boat is so danged fast.

Bordon ran away from the field with his 1970 Parco's O-Ring Miss in the vintage final of the 2012 season-opening Champion Spark Plug Regatta at Fort Borst Park.

Nelson Holmberg won the modern final with his 2010 Formula Boats after a check of the rule book changed the actual order of finish.

Bordon's special win – which was a repeat of his first career victory, last year's Champion Spark Plug Regatta – was sealed when he was able to keep the 1969 Pride of Pay 'n Pak Outrigger of **Steve Dumanis** behind him, and after blowovers took out some of the other contenders in the vintage final.

On the first lap, **Robbie Roberts** watched his 1960 Miss Burién blow over in the right turn, ending his – until that point – perfect day. A couple of laps later, the surging Hawaii Ka'i III, driven by Holmberg, did a 360 flip, landing right side up, but taking on water on the landing.

Ron Daum's 1958 Wildroot Charlie, which was unable to start as the trailer.

The Ka'i was pushing to catch the Parco's when it flipped, but lost a position to the Outrigger before getting back on plane and underway. Holmberg ultimately finished third. **Nels Enquist's** 1959 Maverick and **Dave Reiser's** 1982 Miss Island Security Systems also were unable to finish the vintage final.

Daum was the only survivor of the vintage final, piloting the Wildroot Charlie to a con- nie victory. Shehan's 1970 Miss U.S. was unable to start the con- nie, as was **John Earnest's** Gale V, which was knocked out of the race as the result of a collision in the mill with **Mike Schultz's** Miss Chrysler Crew. The Chrysler Crew was DQ'd from the con- nie, leaving the Wildroot Charlie to run just three laps alone to "make it official".

In the modern final, all seven boats finished, but after the heat was over there was some confusion about something that happened in the mill, and the question was called about whether a penalty should have been called.

With less than 20 seconds

before the start, **Bill Smiley**, driving his 1977 Charlie's Girl, had lane one and cut the course at the last second, entering the infield before the entrance to the right turn. The problem happened when he exited the infield between the fourth turn buoy and the exit pin.

A review of the rule book proved that the rule for the milling period specifically says boats must re-enter the back-stretch between the exit of the right turn and the entrance of the left turn when cutting the course during the mill. Smiley ran an extra lap just in case, and passed three boats on that lap, finishing fourth in the official standings.

The review of the rules advanced Holmberg's Formula Boats to first place in the final, Daum's 2003 Lumar Window Films to second and **Craig Bradshaw's** 2010 Oh Boy! Oberto to third. Fifth place went to Enquist's 1972 Lincoln Thrift's 7 ¼% Special, followed by Schultz's 1979 Miss Budweiser and Reiser's 1982 Executone, which was the trailer boat.

Reiser won the modern con- nie by being the only driver to complete five laps.



Second Woodland race added to schedule

ERCU's Contest Board has accepted a generous offer to add a second race in Woodland, Wash., to the 2012 schedule.

In late March, the club was approached by the Woodland Planters Days organizing committee with a formal invitation to put on a race that would be an official event of the oldest community festival in the state.

The club's Contest Board accepted the invitation and the Planters Days board recently ratified the decision by a formal vote that ERCU would be an official part of the Planters Days festival.

We will be racing on Saturday, June 16, which is the same day as the Planters Days parade through downtown Woodland — just yards from the ERCU race course, and the potential for the biggest crowd to ever watch an ERCU event is large. Planters Days events take place in downtown all day long, including a car show, military vehicles show, carnival, frog jumping contest, and more.

The Planters Days committee already has all of the event permitting taken care of, and we'll be under their umbrella for our race. ERCU will not be responsible for any

fees or additional insurance or permitting requirements.

That said, we have not yet settled upon a name for this added race, so we're seeking member input for the naming of this event. Sticking with the traditional naming convention of the club, naming our events after real hydroplane races, we've suggested a few names in the poll below to let the membership decide what this race will be called. We'll keep this poll open until April 30, when we'll declare and post the official name of this new event.

rumorMILL

Howard Price and **Ryan Opper** continue work on converting the 2009 Buffalo Federal Savings to the 2011 Miss Peters & May ... **Jim Dotson** had so much fun with the 2010 Miss Peters & May at Centralia, despite steering difficulties, he's spending significant time on upgrades ... **John Earnest** continues to make progress on his 1982 Oh Boy! Oberto (hull #8255) ... **Jim Latimer** is expecting his \$ Bill to be ready in time for the Apple Cup, so that he can also attend ... **Ron Hartley** is getting "hitched" ... **Kerry Kjos** might be bringing out his brand new 1960 Miss Thriftway at the Apple Cup.

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2012 MODERN BOAT STANDINGS

#	Boat	High Points
1.	2010 Formula Boats	1,500
2.	2003 Llummar Window Films	1,127
3.	1977 Charlie's Girl	1,094
4.	2010 Oh Boy! Oberto	1,050
5.	1972 Lincoln Thrift	821
6.	1979 Miss Budweiser	795
7.	1982 Executone	746
8.	1976 Miss Vernor's	563
9.	2008 Beacon Plumbing	338
10.	2010 Miss Peters & May	0

2012 VINTAGE BOAT STANDINGS

#	Driver	High Points
1.	1970 Parco's O-Ring Miss	1,500
2.	1960 Miss Buriem	1,200
3.	1969 Pay 'n Pak Outrigger	1,050
4.	1957 Hawaii Ka'i III	1,025
5.	1959 Maverick	1,000
6.	1982 Island Security	925
7.	1970 Miss U.S.	723
8.	1957 Miss Wahoo	694
9.	1962 Gale V	525
	1958 Wildroot Charlie	525

APRIL

- 14 **Champion Spark Plug Regatta**
Centralia, Fort Borst Park
CD: Nelson Holmberg
- 28 **Apple Cup**
Lakewood, Waughop Lake
CD: Ben Keller

MAY

- 5 **Atomic Cup**
Elma, Vance Creek Park
CD: Ron Daum

JUNE

- 2 **Seafair Trophy Race**
Marysville, Twin Lakes Park
CD: Nels Enquist, Scott Fetterly
- 10 **Maple Valley Days/President's Cup**
Maple Valley, Lake Wilderness
CD: Scott Fetterly
- 16 **TBA/Woodland Planters Days**
Woodland, Horseshoe Lake
CD: Nelson Holmberg
- 30 **Oregon Emerald Cup**
Tualatin, Lake of Tualatin Commons
CD: Nelson Holmberg

2012 MODERN DRIVER STANDINGS

#	Driver	High Points
1.	Nelson Holmberg	1,500
2.	Ron Daum	1,127
3.	Bill Smiley	1,094
4.	Craig Bradshaw	1,050
5.	Nels Enquist	821
6.	Mike Schultz (R)	795
7.	Dave Reiser	746
8.	Mick Shutt	563
9.	Jesse Shehan	338
10.	Jim Dotson (R)	0

2012 VINTAGE DRIVER STANDINGS

#	Driver	High Points
1.	Gerry Bordon	1,500
2.	Robbie Roberts	1,200
3.	Steve Dumanis	1,050
4.	Nelson Holmberg	1,025
5.	Nels Enquist	1,000
6.	Dave Reiser	925
7.	Jesse Shehan	723
8.	John Earnest Ron Daum	525 525
10.	Mike Schultz	394

VINTAGE CAREER STANDINGS

#	Driver	Career Points
1.	Jeff Campbell	93,361
2.	Mike Campbell	84,175
3.	Bob Vanden Akker	70,990
4.	Bill Smiley	58,241
5.	Ron Daum	50,285
6.	David Newton	50,223
7.	Rick Lentz	47,193
8.	Gerry Bordon	40,647
9.	Craig Bradshaw	36,662
10.	Gary Hansen	35,619
11.	Craig Mullen	34,814
12.	Roger Newton	31,413
13.	Ryan Opfer	29,824
14.	Jason Hartley	28,018
15.	Henry Marvin	27,907

RACE WIN STANDINGS — VINTAGE

#	Driver	Race Wins
1.	Jeff Campbell	34
2.	David Newton	18
3.	Mike Campbell	14
4.	Jesse Robertson Bill Smiley	5 5
6.	Roger Newton Bob Vanden Akker	4 4
8.	Jason Hartley Craig Mullen Nigel Steere	3 3 3
	Gerry Bordon	3
12.	Nelson Holmberg Ryan Opfer	2 2

JULY

- 7 **Stan Sayres Memorial**
Bellevue, Bellevue Downtown Park
CD: Monte Steere
- 21 **Columbia Cup**
Longview, Lake Sacajawea Park
CD: Mick Shutt

AUGUST

- 11 **Bernie Little Memorial**
Marysville, Twin Lakes Park
CD: ERCU Contest Board
- 19 **Roger Newton Memorial**
Maple Valley, Cherokee Bay Club
CD: David Newton

MODERN DRIVER STANDINGS

#	Driver	Career Points
1.	Mike Campbell	108,781
2.	Mike Gossler	77,109
3.	Nelson Holmberg	51,902
4.	Jeff Campbell	51,655
5.	Rick Lentz	40,762
6.	Gary Hansen	38,096
7.	Bill Smiley	28,925
8.	Steve Twardus	27,766
9.	Craig Bradshaw	27,477
10.	Mark Hansen	26,502
11.	Henry Marvin	25,125
12.	Craig Mullen	23,641
13.	Jerry Johnston	21,349
14.	John Williams	18,929
15.	Brian Gilmore	18,927

RACE WIN STANDINGS — MODERN

#	Driver	Race Wins
1.	Mike Campbell	39
2.	Jeff Campbell	19
3.	Mike Gossler	9
4.	David Newton Bill Smiley Nelson Holmberg	4 4 4
7.	John Williams	3
8.	Gary Hansen Rick Lentz	2 2

SEPTEMBER

- 15 **Gold Cup**
Kirkland, Juanita Bay Park
CD: ERCU Contest Board
- 22 **Governor's Cup**
Adna, Silverado Ski Pond
CD: Craig Bradshaw

OCTOBER

- 6 **Oryx Cup**
Woodland, Horseshoe Lake Park
CD: Nelson Holmberg

TRIPLE CROWN SERIES

- March 18 — Hosted by Classic Thunder
Twin Lakes Park, Marysville
- August 26 — Hosted by ERCU
Cottage Lake, Woodinville
- Oct. 14 — Hosted by Classic Thunder
Twin Lakes Park, Marysville