

A monthly newsletter from the world's largest  
1/10-scale fast electric unlimited hydroplane  
racing club



## NAMBA Regional Triple Crown scheduled

The Northwest Triple Crown Series is a set of three regional points races that will be run using the current hull specifications for electric 1/10-scale unlimited hydroplane as stated in the NAMBA Official Rule Book.

Race formats and rules will be set in the spirit of club racing with clarifications to be given at the mandatory drivers meeting at 10:30 a.m. on the day of each event. A registration fee of \$5 per boat will be charged. Registration and testing will begin at approximately 9 a.m. The regional races are open to everyone.

Drivers who are not known to be qualified to drive 1/10-scale electric

hydroplanes in an organized club may be asked to demonstrate acceptable driving control before being allowed to drive in a heat. Racing will begin at 11 a.m.

The series will consist of annual Spring, Summer, and Fall regional races, preferably hosted by area clubs. Each regional race will have its own awards in both the vintage and the modern class. NAMBA membership or single event insurance is required to compete in TCS events.

Cumulative series points will be kept during each regional race. The vintage and modern boat with the

highest point total at the end of the three regional races will win the Series Championship Award in their respective classes.

The goal of the Triple Crown Series is to further promote 1/10-scale electric hydroplane racing by creating an opportunity beyond club affiliated events. In doing so, we strive to foster the sportsmanship and camaraderie that our common interest brings.

With the help of sponsors and other hobbyists, we hope to continue this series for years to come. We invite you to join in the fun.

**upNEXT:** roger newton memorial rc boat show [feb. 11 | @museum] ... trailer cleanup [march 10 | @red dot]

**statGEEK tidBit:** ben keller drove his own boat for the first time at cherokee bay after the 2011 season finale.

**insideTEASE:** rc boat show ... celebrating 10 years ... big boat update ... and more

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## Roger Newton Memorial RC Boat Show set

### bigBoatSTUFF

With the boats on their way back from Doha, there's still lots going on back home.

### The U-9 Jones Racing Team

announced that they'll be back to run the full circuit in 2012. Jon Zimmerman is the driver and Jeff Campbell the crew chief. A handful of other former Bud guys join Jeff on the crew ([www.u9racing.com](http://www.u9racing.com)).

**The U-11 Miss Peters & May** team is putting together spare parts and programs in preparation for the 2012 season, so things are busy in their shop, even though the boat isn't back yet ([www.u11racing.com](http://www.u11racing.com)).

**Ted Porter** announced in early January that he and his family will be leaving the sport, and that they had placed all of their boats — seven of them — trailers, haulers, tools and gear ([www.u5racing.com](http://www.u5racing.com)).

Bob Senior has been reminding us for months, so there's no excuse.

Just don't miss the 2012 Roger Newton Memorial RC Boat Show presented by Unlimiteds Unanimous.

This year's event is set for Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Hydroplane & Raceboat Museum in Kent.

The show will run from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and each modeler is asked to pay a \$5 fee to participate in the show and should bring their own display tables.

Unlimiteds Unanimous — publishers of the Unlimited News Journal ([www.unlimitedsnewsjournal.net](http://www.unlimitedsnewsjournal.net)), which is now online and free — is again sponsoring the event and will have its monthly meeting during the day at the museum.

In recent years, at least four clubs from around the Pacific Northwest have participated in this event, giving model hydroplane enthusiasts and hydro racing fans who appreciate the scale appearance and technical specs

of our boats an opportunity to visit and bench race just weeks before the start of the racing season.

More than 50 scale hydroplanes are expected to be on display, a great opportunity for ERCU to show itself off.

A pizza lunch will be available.

For those who don't already know, the Hydroplane & Raceboat Museum is located at 5917 South 196th Street in Kent. Directions can be found on the museum's website at [www.thunderboats.org](http://www.thunderboats.org).







## ERCU Celebrates its tenth year in 2012

The year 2003 was a year of much news.

- The war in Iraq started
- Bob Hope passed away
- The Space Shuttle Columbia was lost on re-entry
- Utah's Elizabeth Smart was found

And while all of those things were happening, a bunch of dedicated individuals,

including Roger Newton, put in a lot of hard work a decade ago to get ERCU started.

This year, the world's largest 1/10-scale hydroplane racing club, celebrates its 10th anniversary.

We'll celebrate the year by participating in the NAMBA Triple Crown series, hosting 13 of our own important races, introducing

as many as four new race sites, and making our "guest racer" rules and membership requirements a little more friendly for those who just want to come race with us.

We'll also be handing out information at each of the racesites and encouraging others to take a closer look at ERCU, and 1/10-scale fast electric unlimited hydroplanes.

To our founding members, thank you for everything you did a decade ago and for what you continue to do.



### rumorMILL

**Robert & Robbie Roberts** are working on a model of one of **Fred Leland's** green Znetix boats and if they can find the paint numbers, they'll be in business ... **John Earnest** is currently building a new 1982 Oh Boy! Oberto (8255 hull) ... **Craig Bradshaw** has sold the Oberto boat he ran in 2011, and is currently building a replacement for himself ... **Nelson Holmberg** also has registered a second modern hull, and he hopes to race the 1987-88 Sutphen Spirit in 2012. West Coast Custom Boats is currently building the hull ... **Scott Fetterly** has a new 2011 Miss Albert Lee in the works for the coming season, as well.

### onTheWEB

Hydroplane & Raceboat Museum  
www.thunderboats.org

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**2011 MODERN BOAT STANDINGS**

#	Boat	High Points
1.	1986 The Boat	14,169
2.	1982 Executone	14,163
3.	1978 Miss Circus Circus	10,344
4.	2010 Formula Boats	10,021
5.	2010 Oh Boy! Oberto	8,094
6.	1972 Lincoln Thrift	7,178
7.	2009 Buffalo Federal	4,944
8.	2003 Llummar Window Film	3,846
9.	1977 Charlie's Girl	3,269
10.	1976 Miss Vernor's	2,700

**2011 MODERN DRIVER STANDINGS**

#	Driver	High Points
1.	Mike Campbell	14,169
2.	Mike Gossler	10,344
3.	Nelson Holmberg	10,021
4.	Craig Bradshaw	8,094
5.	Nels Enquist	7,178
6.	Ron Daum	5,366
7.	Ryan Opfer	4,944
8.	Mick Shutt	4,594
9.	Bill Smiley	3,296
10.	Jesse Shehan	3,125

**VINTAGE CAREER STANDINGS**

#	Driver	Career Points
1.	Jeff Campbell	93,361
2.	Mike Campbell	80,975
3.	Bob Vanden Akker	69,338
4.	Bill Smiley	55,541
5.	David Newton	49,360
6.	Ron Daum	49,103
7.	Rick Lentz	47,193
8.	Gerry Bordon	37,922
9.	Craig Bradshaw	35,718
10.	Craig Mullen	34,814
11.	Gary Hansen	34,325
12.	Roger Newton	31,413
13.	Ryan Opfer	28,028
14.	Jason Hartley	28,018
15.	Henry Marvin	27,907

**MODERN DRIVER STANDINGS**

#	Driver	Career Points
1.	Mike Campbell	107,281
2.	Mike Gossler	74,015
3.	Jeff Campbell	51,655
4.	Nelson Holmberg	49,252
5.	Rick Lentz	40,762
6.	Gary Hansen	37,046
7.	Steve Twardus	27,766
8.	Bill Smiley	27,604
9.	Mark Hansen	26,502
10.	Craig Bradshaw	25,525
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

**2011 VINTAGE BOAT STANDINGS**

#	Driver	High Points
1.	1957 Hawaii Ka'i III	14,119
2.	1970 Parco's O-Ring Miss	12,133
3.	1975 Miss Vernor's	9,259
4.	1960 Miss Burien	8,995
5.	1958 Coral Reef	8,314
6.	1962 Thunderbolt	8,172
7.	1964 Miss Smirnoff	7,463
8.	1957 Miss Wahoo	7,213
9.	1959 Maverick	6,812
10.	1971 Hallmark Homes	6,394

**2011 VINTAGE DRIVER STANDINGS**

#	Driver	High Points
1.	Mike Campbell	12,525
2.	Gerry Bordon	12,133
3.	Ryan Opfer	9,259
4.	Robbie Roberts	8,995
5.	Nelson Holmberg	8,513
6.	Craig Bradshaw	8,314
7.	Steve Dumanis	8,172
8.	Bill Smiley	8,019
9.	Nels Enquist	6,812
10.	Scott Fetterly	5,929

**RACE WIN STANDINGS — VINTAGE**

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

**RACE WIN STANDINGS — MODERN**

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

**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
- 30 **Oregon Emerald Cup**  
Tualatin, Lake of Tualatin Commons  
CD: Nelson Holmberg

**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: TBA
- 19 **Roger Newton Memorial**  
Maple Valley, Cherokee Bay Club  
CD: David Newton

**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**  
Woodland Creek Park, Lacey