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Up Next: Bernie Little Memorial at Twin Lakes

Contest Director Nels Enquist is all set for the August 11 Bernie Little Memorial at Twin Lakes Park.

As usual, there will be three rounds of preliminary heats (five laps each) followed by connies and finals. Finals will be the top six points boats, plus connie winners. The winner of each first connie will move into the final as a trailer, and the second place boat in each first connie will be an alternate to the final.

All Miss Budweiser boats in the registry are strongly encouraged to attend, and even boats that, at one time

in their history, either were at one time in their life a Miss Budweiser, or other Bernie-owned or Bernie-sponsored boat, i.e. Miss Michelob, Natural Light, Budweiser Light, etc.). Cougar Racing Team will sponsor the event, providing a 12 pack of Budweiser for the winning entry. All of the boats in this contest would be expected to run at least one heat during the Bernie Little Memorial, to qualify for the prize.

Set up will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m., and a 30-minute lunch break will be taken after the completion of the second flight of heats. A

10-second score up buoy will be used.

There is no power available at the park, so please bring generators or other ways to recharge your batteries. It's an open prop race for vintage boats, and there's lots of available water, so we'll set up a large course. Nels Enquist is the contest director for this event.

The Bernie Little Memorial has been run every year since Bernie's passing in 2004. Defending champions are Robbie Roberts with his 1960 Miss Burien, and Craig Bradshaw with the 2010 Oh Boy! Oberto.

upNEXT: bernie little memorial [sunday, aug 11 @twin lakes]; roger newton memorial [sunday, sept 8 @cherokee bay]

statGEEK tidBit: Former Bernie Little employees Jeff Campbell, Mike Campbell and Mike McIntosh account for 122 race wins in ERCU's history, including five Bernie Little Memorials.

insideTEASE: the mill ... race recaps ... club news update ... updated stats



Ho hum: 1971 Miss Madison wins another race

clubUPDATE

After meeting with the Cherokee Bay Community Club board of directors, ERCU's two dates for races at their lakefront clubhouse have been confirmed.

Initially, the dates we were scheduling were believed to be confirmed, but after further discussion, the dates have been adjusted.

The confirmed dates are:

- August 18, 2013 – Triple Crown Series Summer Regional, hosted by ERCU
- September 8, 2013 – ERCU Roger Newton Memorial Regatta

LONGVIEW, Wash. — For everyone but Ron Forister, this is starting to get a little bit boring.

He did it again, driving the 1971 Miss Madison to a race victory, scoring 1,500 points in the Cascade Title Columbia Cup at Lake Sacajawea Park.

Just 12 boats (seven modern and five vintage) made up the turnout for this race, on what appeared to be a very busy July weekend for a number of club members — just one year after a 29-boat turnout at the same race site.

It's the seventh time in this year's nine races that Forister drove his vintage boat to a race win, and this time the format wasn't a winner-take-all final, though he won that, too. The club record for most vintage race wins in a single season is nine, set in 2007 by Jeff Campbell's 1969 Pride of Pay 'n Pak Outrigger. With five races to go, there's a good chance Forister will challenge that mark.

Forister has already moved up the vintage class career

wins list, to fifth place. He's just one win behind Bill Smiley for fourth.

For just the second time this season, Nelson Holmberg's 2012 Graham Trucking hull posted a win, with 1,400 points on the day. It was Holmberg's 11th career win, moving him into third place by himself on the modern career wins list. He's eight behind Jeff Campbell's second place mark of 19.

Winning the vintage Columbia Cup didn't seem terribly difficult for Forister, who won three heats, including the final, and added a second place finish in one of the preliminaries.

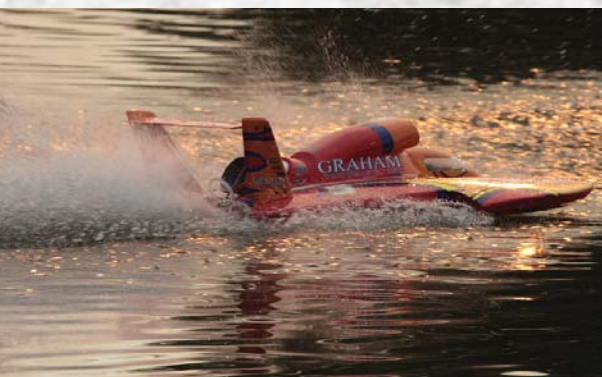
His closest competitor in the points standings was second-place finisher Robbie Roberts with the 1960 Miss Burien. The Burien scored 625 points, despite a DNS in the final heat after his driveline gave out during the mill.

Gentleman Jim Latimer's 1962 \$ Bill finished second in the final — which turned out to be a two-boat affair after the Burien dropped out — and took third in the final race results with 525 points. Fourth, despite finishing just one heat (in second) went to Ben Keller's 1957 Hawaii Ka'i III. The Kai broke a strut (for the second time this season) during the mill for the second heat,

and withdrew. Mick Shutt's 1968 Miss Eagle Electric was fifth with 169 points.

Holmberg didn't have it quite so easy in the modern class. He needed to win the final, and see the Znetix to finish third or lower in order to take the race victory. After Robert Roberts and Ron Cole with the 1972 Pride of Pay 'n Pak both jumped the gun, Holmberg had lane one and just had to hold off Forister's 1999 Miss Madison for the win. Second place in the day's accumulated points went to Forister with 1,300. Roberts was third with 1,269. Holmberg's second boat, the 2007 Formula Boats, was fourth with 925 points, followed by Cole's Pak (850), Shutt's 1978 Miss Budweiser (264) and Jim Dotson's 2010 Miss Peters & May with no points.

Shutt did an excellent job of putting on yet another outstanding Columbia Cup, even with the small turnout, and the weather was excellent after the morning marine layer burned off. Special thanks also go out to Forister, for stepping up to take the club trailer back to Seattle, where it will be returned to Red Dot in storage for the remaining five races of the season.





Roberts, Forister win Emerald Cups

CENTRALIA, Wash. — Ron Forister's win streak is old news, so we'll focus this time on Robert Roberts' win streak — which is on the verge of wearing thin itself.

After winning the Oregon Emerald Cup at Fort Borst Park in Centralia, Roberts has now won three of the last four modern finals in ERCU, and he's the only club driver to win more than one modern race this season.

Forister, on the other hand, has now won six of the eight ERCU vintage races this year, and has a commanding lead in the vintage high points.

It was the eighth stop, of 14, on the Corwin Beverage Championship Series presented by Peters & May.

After an hour's delay in the morning when the club tried removing milfoil that had grown in the center of the lake over the week previous to the event, it was decided to change the race course to the south shore of the lake, which worked great.

With 13 modern and 10 vintage boats in attendance, the racing was good and we still completed the event by 4 p.m.

For just the second time all season, we were able to run connies in both classes, and Craig Bradshaw swept both the

vintage and modern connies.

In the modern final, Nelson Holmberg blew an opportunity to complete his second consecutive perfect day with the 2012 Graham Trucking when he misjudged lane one in the backstretch and drove inside the score-up buoy, picking up a one-lap penalty. That opened the door for Roberts, who wisely stayed outside of the score-up bunch of buddies that included Holmberg, Forister's 1999 Miss Madison, and Dave Reiser's 1982 Executone, who all — legally — worked to get an inside lane.

Another driver who stayed wide of the score-up was Ron Cole, driving the 1972 Pride of Pay 'n Pak. Cole ended up finishing second in the final, followed by the Graham Trucking, which was able to make up its lap penalty against all but the top two boats. Fourth place went to Reiser's Executone followed by Bradshaw's 2010 Oh Boy! Oberto in fifth. Forister's 1999 Miss Madison did not finish.

By winning the vintage final, Forister did finish a perfect day with his 1971 Miss Madison, including one penalty-filled heat where he was able to pull off a win, even after jumping the score-up buoy.

Second in the vintage final,

despite having a glob of milfoil on his rudder for two full laps, was Holmberg, driving Ben Keller's 1957 Hawaii Ka'i III. Third was Robbie Roberts with the 1960 Miss Burien, and fourth went to Bradshaw's 1958 Coral Reef. Steve Dumanis' 1969 Pride of Pay 'n Pak Outrigger, which was the early leader for two laps, was disqualified after missing three buoys.

Special thanks go out to Dumanis, who volunteered to purchase a rake that helped with the early attempts to remove milfoil, and who set the race course, and who helped call heats throughout the day. Thanks also go to Mick Shutt for trailer hauling and for serving as the drivers rep, and to everyone who helped out with set up and breakdown of the club's equipment.

theMILL

MICK SHUTT is giving consideration to what changes he'll make to his modern boats this winter ... **CRAIG BRADSHAW** keeps threatening to unveil a new 2010 Oh Boy! Oberto ... Gentleman **JIM LATIMER** is proud to be STILL using Max-Amps batteries from several years ago while most others are gone, or serve as shop batteries.

And finally: It's time to start thinking about nominees for the 2013 ERCU Contest Board elections. Incumbents up for election this year are Bradshaw, **GERRY BORDON** and **NELS ENQUIST**.



2013 MODERN BOAT STANDINGS

(Through nine races)

#	Boat	High Points
1.	2012 Graham Trucking	9,159
2.	2000 Znetix	9,064
3.	1999 Miss Madison	8,033
4.	2010 Oh Boy! Oberto	5,643
5.	2007 Formula Boats (T-6)	5,298
6.	1972 Lincoln Thrift	3,340
7.	1978 Miss Budweiser	3,178
8.	1972 Pride of Pay 'n Pak	2,846
9.	2009 Formula Boats	2,279
10.	1980 KWWW	2,025

2013 MODERN DRIVER STANDINGS

(Through nine races)

#	Driver	High Points
1.	Nelson Holmberg	9,159
2.	Robert Roberts	9,064
3.	Ron Forister	8,033
4.	Craig Bradshaw	5,643
5.	Nels Enquist	3,340
6.	Ron Cole	2,846
7.	Mick Shutt	2,390
8.	Lance Sponberg (R)	2,279
9.	David Newton	2,150
10.	Steve Dumanis	2,025

CAREER STANDINGS

VINTAGE

#	Driver	Career Points
1.	Jeff Campbell	93,361
2.	Mike Campbell	84,080
3.	Bob Vanden Akker	72,259
4.	Bill Smiley	66,677
5.	Ron Daum	59,368
6.	David Newton	51,948
7.	Gerry Bordon	49,411
8.	Rick Lentz	47,418
9.	Craig Bradshaw	46,101
10.	Nelson Holmberg	42,684
11.	Robbie Roberts	40,240
12.	Gary Hansen	39,244
13.	Ryan Opfer	36,926
14.	Craig Mullen	35,124
15.	John Earnest	32,265

CAREER STANDINGS

MODERN

#	Driver	Career Points
1.	Mike Campbell	111,981
2.	Mike Gossler	77,432
3.	Nelson Holmberg	73,824
4.	Jeff Campbell	51,655
5.	Craig Bradshaw	42,960
6.	Gary Hansen	41,665
7.	Rick Lentz	41,110
8.	Bill Smiley	32,814
9.	Steve Twardus	28,048
10.	Ron Daum	27,721
11.	Henry Marvin	25,125
12.	Mark Hansen	24,762
13.	Mick Shutt	24,390
14.	Craig Mullen	23,941
15.	Jerry Johnston	21,349

2013 VINTAGE BOAT STANDINGS

(Through nine races)

#	Driver	High Points
1.	1971 Miss Madison	13,025
2.	1957 Hawaii Ka'i III	6,569
3.	1960 Miss Burien	6,125
4.	1969 Pay 'n Pak Outrigger	4,207
5.	1958 Coral Reef	4,182
6.	1970 Parco's O-Ring Miss	3,889
7.	1962 Gale V	3,369
8.	1965 Gale's Roostertail	3,325
9.	1962 \$ Bill	3,190
10.	1971 Hallmark Homes	2,335

2013 VINTAGE DRIVER STANDINGS

(Through nine races)

#	Driver	High Points
1.	Ron Forister	13,025
2.	Robbie Roberts	6,125
3.	Nelson Holmberg	5,469
4.	Craig Bradshaw	4,238
5.	Steve Dumanis	4,207
6.	Gerry Bordon	3,889
7.	John Earnest	3,594
8.	Jim Latimer	3,190
9.	Ryan Opfer	2,494
10.	Lance Sponberg (R)	2,302

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RACE WIN STANDINGS — VINTAGE

#	Driver	Race Wins
1.	Jeff Campbell	34
2.	David Newton	19
3.	Mike Campbell	15
4.	Bill Smiley	8
5.	Ron Forister	7
6.	Jesse Robertson	5
7.	Nelson Holmberg	5
8.	Gerry Bordon	4
9.	Roger Newton	4
10.	Bob Vanden Akker	4
11.	Steve Dumanis	3
12.	Gary Hansen	3
13.	Mark Hansen	3
14.	Jason Hartley	3
15.	Craig Mullen	3
16.	Nigel Steere	3

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RACE WIN STANDINGS — MODERN

#	Driver	Race Wins
1.	Mike Campbell	52
2.	Jeff Campbell	19
3.	Nelson Holmberg	11
4.	Mike Gossler	10
5.	David Newton	8
6.	Bill Smiley	6
7.	Gary Hansen	4
8.	Ron Forister	4
9.	John Williams	3
10.	Craig Bradshaw	3
11.	Robert Roberts	3

APRIL

- 13 Champion Spark Plug Regatta**
Centralia, Fort Borst Park
CD: John Earnest/Howard Price
(M) '86 Boat; (V) '71 Miss Madison
- 21 Apple Cup**
Lakewood, Waughop Lake
CD: Ben Keller
(M) '07 Formula; (V) '71 Madison

MAY

- 4 Atomic Cup**
Elma, Vance Creek Park
CD: Ron Daum
(M) '99 Madison; (V) '71 Madison
- 18 Governor's Cup**
Adna, Lake Silverado
CD: Craig Bradshaw
(M) '10 Oberto; (V) '71 Madison

JUNE

- 1 Seafair Trophy Race**
Marysville, Twin Lakes Park
CD: John Earnest/Howard Price
(M) '00 Znetix; (V) '57 Hawaii Ka'i
- 9 President's Cup**
Maple Valley, Lake Wilderness
CD: Ben Keller/Craig Bradshaw
(M) '00 Znetix; (V) '71 Madison

- 15 Diamond Cup**
Woodland, Horseshoe Lake
CD: Nelson Holmberg
(M) '12 Graham; (V) '58 Coral Reef
- 29 Oregon Emerald Cup**
Centralia, Fort Borst Park
CD: Nelson Holmberg
(M) '00 Znetix; (V) '71 Madison

JULY

- 20 Columbia Cup**
Longview, Lake Sacajawea Park
CD: Mick Shutt
(M) '12 Graham; (V) '71 Madison

AUGUST

- 11 Bernie Little Memorial**
Marysville, Twin Lakes Park
CD: Nels Enquist

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Roger Newton Memorial**
Maple Valley, Cherokee Bay Club
CD: David Newton
- 14 ERCU Gold Cup**
Adna, Lake Silverado
CD: ERCU Contest Board
- 22 Stan Sayres Memorial**
Kirkland, Juanita Bay Park
CD: Monte Steere & Ron Daum
- 28 Oryx Cup**
Woodland, Horseshoe Lake Park
CD: Nelson Holmberg