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Little hydros are a big deal in Woodland

WOODLAND — Anticipation for the new big on-the-water attraction of Woodland Planters Days built to a crescendo in the week leading up to the race.

And the actual event lived up to the hype.

With ERCU replacing a long-time waterside highlight of this town's summer festival, with the Refuge Custom Painting Woodland Hydro-globe, hundreds of people came to the side of the lake to watch the almost unbelievable spectacle of three-foot radio controlled boats racing at speeds approaching 50 mph.

No one seemed to be disappointed, as on Monday morning even the Planters Days committee vice president was sharing positive responses about the addition of the race.

While a parade wound its way through downtown Woodland, just above the park, 1/10-scale hydros were cruising a big oval course, getting timing marks and practicing for the big race. By noon, a total of 23 boats (14 vintage and 9 modern) got the racing underway and the crowds were, at times, as many as six deep along the shoreline.

When it was all said and done, the winners were a guest racer and a grizzled ERCU veteran with ties to Woodland.

Nelson Holmberg — who works at the Port of Woodland — won the modern final, his fourth race win in six races this year, with his 2010 Formula Boats, after surviving a hard charge from Craig Bradshaw's 2010 Oh Boy! Oberto when the Oberto

flipped.

Second place in the modern final went to Nels Enquist and his 1972 Lincoln Thrift's 7¼% Special, followed in third by Mike Schultz's 1979 Miss Budweiser. Fourth was Ron Forister in the 1999 Miss Madison while fifth place went to Mick Shutt in the 1976 Miss Vernor's, which started as the trailer boat. Robert Roberts' brand new 2000 Zhetix was unable to start. Bradshaw's Oberto and Cole's 1972 Pay 'n Pak did not finish.

Speaking of Shutt's 1976 Miss Vernor's, Shutt had perhaps the best start of the day, and claimed a wire-to-wire heat victory in 2B.

In the vintage class, the final was a good one. With two models of the 1969 Pride of Pay 'n Pak Outrigger — Ron Cole's (visiting from Rose City Model Yacht Club) and Steve Dumanis's — in the final, the officials were charged with keeping on their toes. Dumanis' boat made it a little bit easier when it jumped the score-up buoy during the mill and was assessed a one-lap penalty.

When five laps were completed, Cole came out in first, followed by Holmberg in Ben Keller's Hawaii Ka'i

Ill and Forister's 1971 Miss Madison. Sounds easy, but second and third weren't decided until the last turn of the final lap, when the Madison left just enough room in lane one for the Pink Lady to slip through and capture second place.

Fourth went to Scott Fetterly and his 1968 Miss Budweiser, followed by Jim Latimer's 1962 \$ Bill, which started on the trailer. Dumanis finished sixth and Enquist's 1959 Maverick was seventh.



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statGEEK tidBit: bill smiley has passed 60,000 career points with his vintage boats

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Robert Roberts unveiled his beautiful new 2000 Znetix (with decals this time) at the President's Cup and finished fourth in the modern final at Lake Wilderness in Maple Valley. (Nelson Holmberg photo)

Smiley, Dumanis win Presidents Cup at MV

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As the big boats begin closing out their offseason prep and get ready for the drive to Madison, the season picture is beginning to come into focus. Here are some tidbits:

- U-1, Spirit of Qatar** — a new paint job; the cowling fin is back.
- U-5, Graham Trucking** — getting wrapped...traveling two boats.
- U-6, Oberto/Madison** — ready and waiting for the first race.
- U-9, Jones Racing** — overhauled boat is about ready to go.
- U-11, Miss Peters & May** — lots of offseason improvements lead to more hope in '12.
- U-13, Spirit of Detroit** — will be back for 2012, keep an eye out for a familiar face.
- U-17, Miss Red Dot** — tested last weekend in TC.
- U-18, Tempo** — the experimental G-Boat seems to be coming along.
- U-21, Albert Lee** — looks like just TC and Seattle for this team in '12.
- U-22, Matrix Systems** — thrashing to finish in time.
- U-37, Beacon Plumbing** — a new paint scheme for this year.
- U-88, DegreeMen** — The former U-10 is back!
- U-100, Leland Unlimited** — carrying on with Fred's wishes.

MAPLE VALLEY, Wash. — ERCU's ninth year as a part of the Maple Valley Days festival was a fruitful one for the club, and for Bill Smiley and Steve Dumanis.

Smiley claimed his first race win of the season, while Dumanis became the first two-time winner in the vintage class this year.

And a huge following of great spectators showed significant interest in the club and our boats throughout the day.

There may even be as many as three or four new members that come from the exposure.

But back to the racing.

There were no racers who had "perfect" days, but everyone in attendance had a lot of fun.

With 22 boats in attendance, the racing was quality with 86 percent heat efficien-

cy in modern and 83 percent efficiency in vintage.

When it came time for the finals, only a vintage first connee was run before the winner-take-all finals.

John Earnest, who had earned a consistent day of third-place finishes in his heats with his 1962 Gale V, was the class of the field in the connee and easily held off Nelson Holmberg's 1957 Miss Wahoo. Third went to Scott Fetterly, driving the 1961 Miss Madison. Ryan Opfer was unable to start

with the 1975 Miss Vernor's, while Robbie Roberts' 1960 Miss Burien and Ron Daum's 1958 Wildroot Charlie

did not finish.

In the modern final, Smiley got a really good start in the inside lane and commanded the heat. Holmberg finished a strong second with his 2010

Formula Boats, followed by Craig Bradshaw's 2010 Oh Boy! Oberto. Fourth place in the modern final went to rookie Robert Roberts, driving his brand new 2000 Znetix, followed in fifth by Nels Enquist's 1972 Lincoln Thrift's 7¼% Special and Fetterly's 1993 Miss Circus Circus in sixth. Daum's 2003 Llummar Window Films wasn't able to finish.

The vintage final was another competitive heat with Dumanis finishing first. Ben Keller's 1957 Hawaii Ka'i III, driven by Holmberg, was second, followed by Enquist's 1959 Maverick in third. Fourth place went to Earnest's Gale V — from the trailer position. Shawn McEvoy finished fifth with Opfer's 1968 Gale's Roostertail, subbing for Opfer in the final because he drove Kerry Kjos' 1960 Miss Thriftway, which was unable to finish. Sixth place went to Smiley's 1971 Hallmark Homes after two penalties bumped him to the back of the field.

All-in-all, the day was pretty good for everyone involved and there were no accidents.

Can't ask for much more than that.





Steve Dumanis won his first race of the season with his brand new 1969 Pride of Pay 'n Pak Outrigger at the Seafair Trophy Race at Gissberg Twin Lakes Park in Marysville. (Nelson Holmberg photo)

Dumanis, Campbell, Holmberg win Seafair

MARYSVILLE, Wash. – For four-and-three-quarters laps in the final heat of the Seafair Trophy Race, it looked like Mark Hansen's 1972 Van's PX would win the final at his first race of the season.

Until Steve Dumanis slipped by.

After giving chase for three laps, Dumanis took a last-gasp chance and dove his 1969 Pride of Pay 'n Pak Outrigger into the inside lane at the apex of the final turn on the final lap, stole the lead, then won a drag race to the finish.

It was an exciting way to cap off a pretty routine day of racing at Gissberg Twin Lakes Park, with a great turnout of 28 boats (16 vintage, 5 modern, 7 classic).

For the first time in club history, the modern class was split into classics and moderns – based on the new rules put in place over the 2011-12 offseason, and Mike Campbell easily won the classic championship with his 1986 The Boat, while Nelson Holmberg took the modern crown with his 2010 Formula Boats.

While there were enough boats in the pits to run a vintage second connie for the first time this year, radio troubles were such that two of them had to stay on the beach, leaving just two boats available for the second con-

nie, which wasn't run due to not having the minimum of three boats available.

The vintage first connie was won by Bill Smiley with his 1971 Hallmark Homes. Second went to Ron Forister's 1971 Miss Madison and third was the immediate past mayor of Normandy Park – Shawn McEvoy – driving Kirk Pagel's 1964 Miss Smirnoff. Fourth went to Mike Schultz and his 1966 Miss Chrysler Crew, which started on the front line for the first time this season after completing the 1,200 point rule in the third preliminary heat of the day. Ben Keller's 1957 Hawaii Ka'i Ill (driven by Holmberg) and Nels Enquist's 1966 Tahoe Miss both were unable to finish the connie.

The vintage final was quite a race, with just two boats unable to finish. Second place, of course, went to Mark Hansen followed by his father, Gary Hansen, in third with the 1956 Muvalong. Fourth, from the trailer position, was Smiley's Hallmark Homes while fifth place went to Enquist's 1959 Maverick. Craig Bradshaw's 1958 Coral Reef did not finish, and Gerry Bordon's 1971 Parco's O-Ring Miss did not start, going dead just after the score up.

The classic final was also quite a race, as just one boat was unable to finish. Behind Campbell in the final order

of finish was Mark Hansen's 1972 Notre Dame in second, while third went to Campbell's other boat – the 1982 Executone, driven in the final by Bordon. The fourth place finisher was Schultz with the 1979 Miss Budweiser, followed in fifth by Enquist's 1972 Lincoln Thrift's 7¼% Special. Sixth went to Smiley's 1977 Charlie's Girl.

The modern final, which marked the first time in club history a final in this class was run, was won by Holmberg with the 2010 Formula Boats, followed by Bradshaw's 2010 Oh Boy! Oberto, which completed a consistent day sweeping four second place finishes. Third went to Forister's 1999 Miss Madison, followed by the brand new 2000 Znetix of Robert Roberts and Jim Dotson's 2010 Miss Peters & May.

Special thanks go out to Enquist for a job well done with his first-ever duty as a contest director in ERCU. The race course and pits were set up early and the day went smoothly. Special thanks, also, to Howard Price and Ryan Opfer who pulled the trailer to and from the race site, and to all of the members who helped with set up and breakdown, making both processes go smoothly and quickly.

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Monte Steere's Stan Sayres

Memorial has been moved from early July in Bellevue to September 15 in Kirkland ...

Ron Daum took four boats to the NAMBA FE Nationals and came home with four trophies ...

Rick Lentz is gearing up for another season in the big boat pits ...

Dave Reiser has a new boat shop that he's excited about and has been working on his Miss Island Security

Systemes and 1982 Executone in it ... **Robert Roberts** continues to make improvements to the new 2000 Znetix and it gets

quicker with each race.

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2012 MODERN BOAT STANDINGS
(through six races)

#	Boat	High Points
1.	2010 Formula Boats	3,775
2.	2003 Llumar Window Film	3,072
3.	1972 Lincoln Thrift	2,811
4.	2010 Oh Boy! Oberto	2,640
5.	1999 Miss Madison	1,800
6.	1974 Miss Cott's Beverage	1,600
7.	1979 Miss Budweiser	1,433
8.	1977 Charlie's Girl	1,094
9.	2010 Miss Peters & May	821
10.	1982 Executone	746

2012 MODERN DRIVER STANDINGS
(through six races)

#	Driver	High Points
1.	Nelson Holmberg	7,494
2.	Craig Bradshaw	5,692
3.	Nels Enquist	5,503
2.	Ron Daum	3,941
5.	Ron Forister (R)	3,663
6.	Mike Schultz (R)	3,271
7.	Bill Smiley	2,916
8.	Gary Hansen	2,500
9.	Robert Roberts (R)	2,251
10.	Mike Campbell	1,600

CAREER STANDINGS VINTAGE

#	Driver	Career Points
1.	Jeff Campbell	93,361
2.	Mike Campbell	84,175
3.	Bob Vanden Akker	70,990
4.	Bill Smiley	60,232
5.	Ron Daum	51,998
6.	David Newton	50,223
7.	Rick Lentz	47,193
8.	Gerry Bordon	41,572
9.	Craig Bradshaw	39,475
10.	Gary Hansen	38,144
11.	Craig Mullen	34,814
12.	Nelson Holmberg	31,845
13.	Ryan Opfer	31,767
14.	Roger Newton	31,413
15.	Jason Hartley	28,018

CAREER STANDINGS MODERN

#	Driver	Career Points
1.	Mike Campbell	108,781
2.	Mike Gossler	77,109
3.	Nelson Holmberg	57,896
4.	Jeff Campbell	51,655
5.	Rick Lentz	40,762
6.	Gary Hansen	40,596
7.	Craig Bradshaw	32,119
8.	Bill Smiley	30,745
9.	Steve Twardus	27,766
10.	Henry Marvin	25,125
11.	Mark Hansen	24,763
12.	Craig Mullen	23,641
13.	Jerry Johnston	21,349
14.	Ron Daum	20,084
15.	John Williams	18,929

2012 VINTAGE BOAT STANDINGS
(through six races)

#	Driver	High Points
1.	1957 Hawaii Ka'i III	6,619
2.	1969 Pay 'n Pak Outrigger*	5,515
3.	1959 Maverick	5,499
4.	1960 Miss Burien	4,321
5.	1971 Miss Madison	3,725
6.	1962 Gale V	3,314
7.	1957 Miss Wahoo	3,219
8.	1958 Coral Reef	2,813
9.	1956 Muvalong	2,525
10.	1970 Parco's O-Ring Miss	2,425

* — Steve Dumanis' boat

2012 VINTAGE DRIVER STANDINGS
(through six races)

#	Driver	High Points
1.	Nelson Holmberg	6,619
2.	Steve Dumanis	5,515
3.	Nels Enquist	5,499
4.	Robbie Roberts	4,312
5.	Ron Forister (R)	3,725
6.	John Earnest	3,314
7.	Craig Bradshaw	2,813
8.	Gary Hansen	2,525
9.	Gerry Bordon	2,425
10.	Jim Latimer	2,403

CAREER RACE WIN STANDINGS — VINTAGE

#	Driver	Race Wins
1.	Jeff Campbell	34
2.	David Newton	18
3.	Mike Campbell	15
4.	Bill Smiley	6
5.	Jesse Robertson	5
6.	Roger Newton	4
8.	Bob Vanden Akker	4
8.	Jason Hartley	3
3.	Craig Mullen	3
3.	Nigel Steere	3
3.	Gerry Bordon	3
3.	Nelson Holmberg	3
3.	Gary Hansen	3
3.	Mark Hansen	3
3.	Steve Dumanis	3

CAREER RACE WIN STANDINGS — MODERN

#	Driver	Race Wins
1.	Mike Campbell	50
2.	Jeff Campbell	19
3.	Mike Gossler	10
4.	David Newton	7
4.	Nelson Holmberg	7
6.	Bill Smiley	6
7.	Gary Hansen	4
8.	John Williams	3
9.	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
- 16 **Hydroglobe**
Woodland, Horseshoe Lake
CD: Nelson Holmberg
- 30 **Oregon Emerald Cup**
Tualatin, Lake of Tualatin Commons
CD: Nelson Holmberg

JULY

- 14 **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

SEPTEMBER

- 15 **Stan Sayres Memorial**
Kirkland, Juanita Bay Park
CD: Monte Steere
- 16 **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