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## Awards Banquet set for this Saturday!

H1 Unlimited high points champion and two-time UIM World Champion Jimmy Shane will be the special guest at this year's ERCU End of Season Banquet this Saturday.

Shane, who just finished his second year as a full-time driver for Ted Porter's 5 LA Structures Northwest presents Graham Trucking by winning the Albert Lee Appliance Cup at Seafair, the Diamond Cup in Coeur d'Alene and the Bill Muncey Cup at Bayfair and clinched the national championship by winning the final heat at San Diego, will be the first current national champion we've had as a special guest at the banquet.

This year's banquet will be at the Sizzler Restaurant in SouthCenter (16615 Southcenter Parkway in Tukwila). The banquet begins at 7 p.m.

on Saturday, Nov. 2.

A multi-time national champion in the limited ranks, Shane joined U-5 Racing Team in 2008 and became Porter's primary driver in 2012. He earned his first career unlimited win at the Lamb Weston Columbia Cup in Tri-Cities before finishing the 2012 season with a UIM World Championship victory at the Oryx Cup in Doha, Qatar in January.

Shane started the 2013 season by repeating at the Oryx Cup UIM World Championship in February, and earned podium finishes in Sacramento (second) and Tri-Cities (second). Shane then finished the 2013 season winning three in a row. With his six career race wins, Shane now has half of Porter's 12 race wins, and one of Porter's two national championships.

He's the first driver in the picklefork era of unlimited hydroplane racing to win six races in his first two full years since George Henley won 10 in the Pay 'n Pak "Winged Wonder" in 1974-75. Shane is also the first driver not named Steve David or Dave Villwock to win the drivers championship since Mark Tate won it in 1997.

Jimmy and his wife, Bianca, recently moved from Havre de Grace, Md. to Seattle, and were married October 12, in Chelan. They have a son, Colton.

At the banquet, Shane will share a few thoughts about his experience as an unlimited driver and about his first two seasons.

He will also help with presenting this year's ERCU season awards.

**upNEXT:** ercu end of season banquet [saturday, nov. 2 @sizzler restaurant southcenter]; member meeting [saturday, dec. 14, 10 a.m.]

**statGEEK tidBit:** with his nine wins in 2013, ron forister came one win short of the club record for most vintage class driver wins in a single season, which is 10 wins by jeff campbell in 2007

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## Big Boat News: APBA denies Madison appeal

### bigBoatNOTEBOOK

#### 1 Graham Trucking:

Offseason work has already begun in the Decatur, Ind., shop.

**6 Oberto:** The rumor mill is churning about who the new driver will be.

**9 Miss Red Dot:** Repairs from the CdA damage are underway.

**11 Miss Peters & May:** Not much news coming out of the 11 shop, though the crew is working.

**14 Centurion Racing:** Jay Leckrone says they'll race in 2014.

**21 Miss Albert Lee:** The new boat is still under construction.

**22 Webster Racing:** Engine work is a big deal for the Websters.

**37 Miss Beacon Plumbing:** Hull mods are one of the projects underway at Schumacher Racing.

**57 Miss Fedco:** As of the beginning of October, the 57 was still on tilt outside the Evans Brothers Racing shop in Chelan.

**95 Spirit of Qatar:** Got to keep their Gold Cup.

**96 Spirit of Qatar:** New boat is on the way. Pics can be seen on the H1 Unlimited website.

**100 Central Coast Airbrush:** Apparently planning to return in 2014. Lots of offseason work set for the hull they finished '13 with.

Those awaiting the results of Miss Madison's appeal of the penalty during the Final heat of the 2013 Detroit Gold APBA Gold Cup have an answer.

The appeal has been denied by the APBA National Commissioner as part of the "Final Appeal" process.

This means that the Gold Cup victory by Kip Brown in the 95 Spirit of Qatar will stand.

APBA National Commissioner Charles D. Strang wrote in his ruling, "per the applicable rules, the referee's ruling in the 2013 APBA Gold Cup race must stand and I am compelled to deny the appeal. It is denied."

H1 Chairman Sam Cole had this comment. "On behalf of H1 we appreciate the hard work and consideration by the APBA National Commissioner

and stand behind his decision. It is a process that allows for a "Final Authority" beyond a racing category and I respect that a great deal. We will not comment on anything related to this appeal out of respect to all of those involved and impacted.

"Now that this matter has concluded, I am hopeful that we can focus on the future of this sport and turn our attention towards the business at hand."

#### Madison to celebrate David at the Boneyard

Miss Madison, Inc. announces an evening to honor its now-retired driver, Steve David, at the Boneyard Grill, 513 Clifty Drive, Madison, IN 47250 on Friday, Nov. 8 from 7-9 p.m.

The event is open to the public and all are invited to

stop by the restaurant to congratulate Steve on his retirement after 13 years as driver of the Oh Boy! Oberto sponsored Miss Madison. There will be no admission charge.

Steve first stepped into an unlimited hydroplane in 1988 driving Jim McCormick's U-4. In 1991, he moved to Jim Harvey Motorsports capturing his first unlimited victory in the U-2 in 1993 at the Texas Hydrofest. In 1999, Steve retired from unlimited hydroplane racing, but was soon coaxed out of retirement to drive the U-6 Oh Boy! Oberto/Miss Madison. During Steve's tenure as pilot of the Oh Boy! Oberto/Miss Madison, he captured six National High Point Driver Championships including National High Points Championships for the team in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2012.



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## Registrations expire October 31

Under the new rule passed by membership in 2012, the racing season (i.e. fiscal year) begins on November 1, and that's when all registrations are due for renewal. Updated registration forms will be posted to the website before the end of October, and will be available at the banquet and at all member meetings this winter. Current members will have first right of refusal to re-register their own boats between November 1 and January 1. As of January 2, all unregistered boats will be made available on a first-come-first-served basis to anyone who wants them.

### December member meeting scheduled

Kirk Pagel has scheduled the King County Library in Des Moines for our December 14, 2013 Membership Meeting, so mark your calendars to attend this first of our winter meetings.

The meeting will be called to order shortly after 10 a.m., when the library opens, and will be finished no later than 12:30 p.m. An agenda will be sent to the membership, and posted on the website, in the week leading up to the meeting.

The King County Library — Des Moines is located at 21620 11th Ave. S.

Registrations and memberships for the 2014 season will be accepted at this meeting.

### Earnest, Forster, Roberts elected to 2013-14 Contest Board

The 2013 ERCU Contest Board elections have been finalized and one new board member joins three veterans to serve the club in 2013-14, Chairman Nelson Holmberg announced recently.

John Earnest, Ron Forster and Robbie Roberts will join the board, effective November 1, joining Holmberg, Ben Keller, Ron Daum and Kirk Pagel will remain on the board for the second year of their current terms.

Nels Enquist, who served for the last year as the treasurer/registrar, was not elected to another term, while Secretary Craig Bradshaw and Technical Inspector Gerry Bordon both chose to not run for re-election.

The complete board will meet in advance of the End of Season Banquet to agree upon director positions at an organizational meeting of the board. More details about that meeting will be shared with the membership when they're settled.

### Forster, Roberts win championships

The final standings from the 2013 Corwin Beverage Championship Series presented by Peters & May have been posted and the champions are now official.

Robert Roberts swept the

modern boat and driver titles with his 2000 Znetix this year, winning his first high points championship. In the vintage class, Ron Forster pretty much dominated the season, winning nine races on his way to the boat and driver championships with his 1971 Miss Madison.

Roberts won four races in the modern class and finished 605 points ahead of Nelson Holmberg and his 2013 Graham Trucking boat, which also won four races and took second in the points standings as a brand new boat.

Behind Forster in the vintage Top-10 drivers are: Robbie Roberts in second, Craig Bradshaw in third, John Earnest in fourth, Holmberg in fifth, Steve Dumanis in sixth, Ryan Opfer in seventh, Jim Latimer in eighth, Bill Smiley in ninth and Gerry Bordon in tenth.

Modern boats finishing behind the Znetix in the standings include: Holmberg's 2013 Graham Trucking, Forster's 1999 Miss Madison, Bradshaw's 2010 Oh Boy! Oberto, Holmberg's 2007 Formula Boats in fifth, Enquist's 1972 Lincoln Thrift in sixth, Shutt's 1978 Miss Budweiser in seventh, Earnest's 1982 Oh Boy! Oberto in eighth, Cole's 1971 Pride of Pay 'n Pak in ninth and Hansen's 1974 Miss Cott Beverages in tenth.

Complete standings are posted on the ERCU website.

### theMILL

**NELSON HOLMBERG** now has a "classic" boat after picking up the 1984 Texmo from Pete Schille.

Holmberg's plans are to run the boat occasionally in 2014 ... **CRAIG BRADSHAW** is busy in the West Coast Custom Boats shop, having just unveiled his new Arena 30-foot vintage hull, and is closing in on making molds for a Gilliam hull ... **JIMMEJAMES CUSWORTH** got his new 2011 Valken Sports boat wet at the Roger Newton Memorial, and ran again at the Triple Crown Series Fall Regional, where he won the modern connie and qualified for the final ... **CHARLES XAUDARO** passed his drivers test and his written rules test prior to the Triple Crown Series Fall Regional and had a great race with his brand new 2001 Miss Budweiser. Look for both he and Cusworth to be competitive in 2014 ... **RON FORISTER, ROBBIE ROBERTS, CRAIG BRADSHAW** and **RON COLE** occupied four of the top five spots in the vintage Triple Crown standings ... Forister, **ROBERT ROBERTS** and Holmberg (with two boats) were among the top five in modern.

### 2013 MODERN BOAT STANDINGS

(Final)

#	Boat	High Points
1.	2000 Znetix	11,889
2.	2012 Graham Trucking	11,284
3.	1999 Miss Madison	10,658
4.	2010 Oh Boy! Oberto	7,297
5.	2007 Formula Boats (T-6)	6,523
6.	1972 Lincoln Thrift	4,509
7.	1978 Miss Budweiser	3,924
8.	1982 Oh Boy! Oberto	3,479
9.	1972 Pride of Pay 'n Pak	2,846
10.	1974 Miss Cott Beverage	2,619

### 2013 MODERN DRIVER STANDINGS

(Final)

#	Driver	High Points
1.	Robert Roberts	11,889
2.	Nelson Holmberg	11,284
3.	Ron Forister	10,658
4.	Craig Bradshaw	7,297
5.	Nels Enquist	4,509
6.	John Earnest	3,479
7.	Mick Shutt	3,136
8.	Ron Daum	3,109
9.	Ron Cole	2,846
10.	Gary Hansen	2,619

### CAREER STANDINGS

#### VINTAGE

#	Driver	Career Points
1.	Jeff Campbell	93,361
2.	Mike Campbell	84,080
3.	Bob Vanden Akker	73,709
4.	Bill Smiley	68,702
5.	Ron Daum	60,662
6.	David Newton	51,948
7.	Craig Bradshaw	49,645
8.	Gerry Bordon	49,411
9.	Rick Lentz	47,418
10.	Nelson Holmberg	43,884
11.	Robbie Roberts	42,950
12.	Gary Hansen	40,738
13.	Ryan Opfer	39,726
14.	Craig Mullen	36,524
15.	John Earnest	35,360

### CAREER STANDINGS

#### MODERN

#	Driver	Career Points
1.	Mike Campbell	111,981
2.	Mike Gossler	77,432
3.	Nelson Holmberg	75,949
4.	Jeff Campbell	51,655
5.	Craig Bradshaw	45,244
6.	Gary Hansen	43,215
7.	Rick Lentz	41,110
8.	Bill Smiley	32,814
9.	Ron Daum	29,240
10.	Steve Twardus	28,048
11.	Mick Shutt	25,136
12.	Henry Marvin	25,125
13.	Mark Hansen	24,762
14.	Craig Mullen	24,036
15.	David Newton	21,704

### 2013 VINTAGE BOAT STANDINGS

(Final)

#	Driver	High Points
1.	1971 Miss Madison	14,625
2.	1957 Hawaii Ka'i III	8,869
3.	1960 Miss Burien	8,836
4.	1958 Coral Reef	7,557
5.	1962 Gale V	5,714
6.	1969 Pay 'n Pak Outrigger	5,257
7.	1962 \$ Bill	4,165
8.	1961 Miss Supertest II	3,944
7.	1970 Parco's O-Ring Miss	3,889
10.	1971 Atlas Van Lines	3,351

### 2013 VINTAGE DRIVER STANDINGS

(Final)

#	Driver	High Points
1.	Ron Forister	14,625
2.	Robbie Roberts	8,836
3.	Craig Bradshaw	7,782
4.	John Earnest	6,689
5.	Nelson Holmberg	6,669
6.	Steve Dumanis	6,426
7.	Ryan Opfer	5,294
8.	Jim Latimer	4,165
9.	Bill Smiley	4,050
10.	Gerry Bordon	3,889

### CAREER

#### RACE WIN STANDINGS — VINTAGE

#	Driver	Race Wins
1.	Jeff Campbell	34
2.	David Newton	19
3.	Mike Campbell	15
4.	Ron Forister	9
5.	Bill Smiley	8
6.	Jesse Robertson	5
	Nelson Holmberg	5
8.	Gerry Bordon	4
	Roger Newton	4
	Bob Vanden Akker	4

### CAREER

#### RACE WIN STANDINGS — MODERN

#	Driver	Race Wins
1.	Mike Campbell	52
2.	Jeff Campbell	19
3.	Nelson Holmberg	13
4.	Mike Gossler	10
5.	David Newton	8
6.	Bill Smiley	6
7.	Gary Hansen	4
	Ron Forister	4
	Robert Roberts	4
9.	John Williams	3
	Craig Bradshaw	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  
(M) '12 Graham; (V) '71 Madison

### SEPTEMBER

**8 Roger Newton Memorial**  
Maple Valley, Cherokee Bay Club  
CD: David Newton  
(M) '00 Znetix; (V) '58 Coral Reef

**14 ERCU Gold Cup**  
Adna, Lake Silverado  
CD: ERCU Contest Board  
'11 Peters & May; '61 Supertest

**22 Stan Sayres Memorial**  
Kirkland, Juanita Bay Park  
CD: Monte Steere & Ron Daum  
Canceled due to weather

**28 Oryx Cup**  
Woodland, Horseshoe Lake Park  
CD: Nelson Holmberg  
(M) '12 Graham; (V) '71 Madison