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1/10-scale fast electric unlimited hydroplane
racing club



Season-ending Oryx Cup is up next

WOODLAND, Wash. – It's down to your last chance to get legal finishes, make a surge in the points standings, or give it your best effort to win a race this season.

It's time for the Refuge Custom Painting Oryx Cup at Horseshoe Lake Park.

The final race of the 2012 Red Dot Championship Series presented by Peters & May is set for Saturday, Oct. 6. It'll be, format-wise, an event similar to the others we've run this season with three rounds of preliminary heats for modern and vintage, followed by connies (boat count allowing), and winner-take-all finals for both classes.

Race sponsors include Fibre Federal Credit Union, Minuteman Press of Longview, Lewisriver.com, Loves Street Playhouse and Cascade Title.

Judging by the standings just released, the modern driver and boat points championships appear to be locked up, but the vintage championships are still very much up in the air, and a number of other positions in the top 10s are still up for grabs. Even awards such as Rookie of the Year, Most Improved Driver, Sportsmanship, and others could still be influenced by the final race of the season.

At around noon, we'll take an hour-long lunch break and line up all of the boats that you bring (registered in the event or not) in the park and allow spectators and members to vote on the boats they like the best in a Best of Show Contest, sponsored by Woodland's reigning Citizen of the Year, John "JJ" Burke who has provided a prize for modern and vintage

best of show awards, which will be announced at the trophy presentation after all cleanup is done and the trailer is packed.

Just for fun, we'll also conduct a five lap modern exhibition after the finals, which will pit any of the boats that ran in the real Oryx Cup finals in 2009 or 2010. Of the boats currently in our club, that would include: 2009-10 Formula Boats, 2009-10 Oh Boy! Oberto, 2009 Ellstrom Elam Plus, 2010 Spirit of Qatar, 2009 Peters & May (T-4 hull), 2010 Peters & May (Leland hull), 2009-10 Graham Trucking, 2009 Miss Red Dot, 2010 Go Fast Turn Left Racing, and 2010 Great Scott. This exhibition will be limited to six boats, so if there are more than six that qualify for it, a blind draw will be held to determine the field.

upNEXT: oryx cup [oct. 6 @horseshoe lake park, woodland]; awards banquet [nov. 10 @old spaghetti factory, southcenter]

statGEEK tidBit: kirk pagel's new 1971 atlas van lines became the 100th boat to score points in the ercu vintage class

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Robbie Roberts claimed his second win of the season with the Miss Burien when he won the inaugural Governor's Cup at Silverado Lake. Ron Forister won the modern Governor's Cup for his second win of the year as well (Ben Keller photos).

Forister, Roberts claim Governors Cups

bigBoatSTUFF

With five races of the HI Unlimited Air National Guard Series finished, we've seen a lot of great racing & two points lead changes:

- 1, Spirit of Qatar** — Blew another engine in San Diego, chasing down Jimmy Shane.
- 5, Graham Trucking** — Declared San Diego winner, though results are still under protest.
- 6, Oberto/Madison** — Protesting San Diego results.
- 9, Jones Racing** — Three seconds, and a third in the final, at San Diego. Great showing!
- 11, Miss Peters & May** — Going to run for a record in England.
- 13, Spirit of Detroit** — Done for the season.
- 17, Miss Red Dot** — Kip Brown was back in San Diego, but salted up an engine, and withdrew.
- 18, Tempo** — Finally qualified in San Diego. Ran in three heats & the connie.
- 21, Albert Lee** — Done for the season after Seafair.
- 22, Matrix Systems** — Repairs underway in Pennsylvania.
- 37, Beacon Plumbing** — Withdrew with salt issues at Bayfair.
- 88, DegreeMen** — Made SD final, but shut down early due to salt.
- 100, Leland Unlimited** — Will this team be back in 2013?

ADNA, Wash. — Craig Bradshaw has found a gem of a racesite at Silverado Lake.

We're going to have to find a way to be regulars there, and we're extremely grateful for SeaTac Self Storage for sponsoring the event by paying the fees for us to rent the lake for the day.

No matter what the wind was doing, Silverado Lake was flat. Rollers from the hydros seemed to melt into the rocks along side the shore and even during the finals, with seven boats at a time on the course, it seemed like pretty good racing water.

The pit area is spacious and if the ground is dry, drivers can park their cars right in next to their pits. There's even limited power available on site if you don't want to use generators.

At the end of another really good day of racing, in the second-to-last event of the year, Ron Forister and Robbie Roberts came away as the winners of the inaugural SeaTac Self Storage Governors Cup.

Forister won the modern final after Bradshaw called a penalty on himself for lane encroachment after the final was over. Bradshaw's 2010 Oh Boy! Oberto cut off Forister's 1999 Miss Madison as the boats exited the right turn on the final lap. It was when Bradshaw was finally able to shake the Madison and finish first on the

race course. The penalty was uncalled during the heat, but Bradshaw said he knew it was a penalty, and it was the right thing to do to penalize himself.

It was Forister's second career ERCU victory. Second place went to Ron Daum's 2003 Llumar Window Films, followed to the podium by Robert Roberts' 2000 Znetix, which found some excellent speed after a motor change in the pits. Fourth was Alex Daum with his 2009 Grandview on the Lake, with Nels Enquist's 1972 Lincoln Thrift's 7 1/4% Special finishing fifth and Bradshaw's Oberto taking sixth. Nelson Holmberg's 2010 Formula Boats did not finish after spinning out in the left turn apex, and being unable to get back on plane without creating a hazard on the race course for the other boats.

Roberts also recorded his second ERCU victory with a convincing effort in the vintage final. He beat Forister's 1971 Miss Madison and Steve

Dumanis' 1969 Pride of Pay 'n Pak Outrigger as the top three boats. Fourth went to Enquist and his 1959 Maverick, followed by Jim Latimer's 1963 \$ Bill, which started on the trailer. Sixth place went to Bill Smiley's 1955 Miss Thriftway and Ben Keller's 1957 Hawaii Ka'i, which had been running in third for the first three laps, blew over at the end of the front straightaway and did not finish.

Latimer won the vintage connie, beating Holmberg's 1957 Miss Wahoo. Third went to Rollie Fisher's 1969 Pride of Pay 'n Pak Hooktail, with Daum's 1959 Thriftway Too finishing fourth.

Special thanks go out to the fine folks of SeaTac Self Storage, as well as ERCU members Jim Dotson, Daum, Holmberg, Latimer and Dumanis for all of their outstanding help with making sure everything that was needed to put on a first-class event was done.





Nelson Holmberg (center) drove Ben Keller's 1957 Hawaii Ka'i III to the Gold Cup crown, while Ron Daum (left) finished second in the Gold Cup with the 1957 Thriftway Too, and Shawn McEvoy (right) was third with Kirk Pagel's 1971 Atlas Van Lines.

Holmberg sweeps Gold Cups

KIRKLAND, Wash. — For most boat racers, the Gold Cup is the biggie they really want to win.

Even 1/10-scale racers.

And that was the case Sunday, Sept. 16 at Juanita Beach Park in Kirkland, when Nelson Holmberg completed a sweep of the Peters & May Gold Cup.

Holmberg won the modern final with his 2010 Formula Boats, then turned around and ended the day on a high note with Ben Keller's 1957 Hawaii Ka'i III, winning the vintage final.

It was the first Gold Cup for both Holmberg and Keller and Holmberg became just the fourth driver in club history to sweep the Gold Cup and the first since 2007.

Twenty five boats (8 modern and 17 vintage) made it to the pits for the Gold Cup at this new race course, on the second day of a busy two-race weekend.

Holmberg drove his 2010 Formula Boats to the race victory, followed by Craig Bradshaw, with his 2010 Oh Boy! Oberto giving the Formula an outstanding race for two laps. Third went to Scott Fetterly, driving his 1993 Miss Circus Circus. Mick Shutt took his second fourth place of the weekend in a modern final, driving his 1976 Miss Vernor's, while fifth went to Ron Daum and his 2003 Lumar Window Films. Jim Dotson did not fin-

ish the final.

In the vintage final, Fetterly led the boats into the first turn with his 1968 Miss Budweiser, but was quickly caught by the Ka'i which had the inside lane. Daum's 1957 Thriftway Too also had his nose in the early battle, as the drivers all avoided Steve Dumanis' 1969 Pride of Pay 'n Pak Outrigger, which had gone dead in the backstretch.

When all was said and done, Daum — who pushed the Ka'i all five laps — finished second with the "Prune Barge", and Shawn McEvoy finished third with the 1971 Atlas Van Lines to give Kirk Pagel his first ever podium finish. Fetterly was unable to finish, as was Rollie Fisher with his 1963 Tahoe Miss. DNS's went to Dumanis, Gerry Bordon and Robert Roberts (driving Nels Enquist's 1959 Maverick).

Daum, had earlier won the Ted Jones Memorial (a.k.a. vintage first connie, which counts as a race win at the Gold Cup), and was in the Gold Cup final as a trailer boat until Bordon couldn't get his 1971 Parco's O-Ring Miss to start. That allowed Daum to move up to the front line, and McEvoy, the alternate as the second place finisher in the connie, to start as the trailer.

Third place in the Ted Jones Memorial Monte Steere's 1956 Slo-Mo-Shun IV, while Fisher finished fourth with his 1969

Pride of Pay 'n Pak Hooktail. Shutt was fifth in the 1975 Oh Boy! Oberto and Ryan Opfer was DQ'd with the Gale's Roostertail.

Holmberg was also the fastest qualifier in the modern class, turning in a fast lap of 14.1 seconds, second in modern was Enquist's 1972 Lincoln Thrift at 16.3. Opfer tried hard to get the 2011 Miss Peters & May qualified, but was unable to get a start.

Bordon's 1971 Parco's O-Ring Miss was the fast qualifier in vintage, also with a 14.1 lap. Second went to Opfer's Gale's Roostertail (14.2), while the Hawaii Ka'i III was third (15.3), Outrigger was fourth (15.4) and Maverick was fifth (18.7).

Special thank yous go out to Dave Holley of Peters & May who walks the talk that his company supports boat racing at every level by supporting ERCU. We appreciate the support his company has provided us each of the last two years, and look forward to a long partnership continuing into the future.

Thanks are also due to all who helped make the race successful and kept it on track. Bordon, Scott & Kellie Fetterly, Shutt, Keller and Holmberg all shared the CD duties, while Shutt was also the pit boss and Robbie Roberts served as drivers rep.

theMILL



Monte Steere recognized for forwarding the Stan Sayres Memorial over the years ...

Kirk Pagel's first podium finish ever is well received ... Ben Keller collects his first-ever Gold Cup ... Craig Bradshaw

reports that business is booming at West Coast Custom

Boats with as many as six modern boats nearing delivery and more orders in the queue ...

Nelson Holmberg has put his 1957 Miss Wahoo and 1987-88 Sutphen Spirit up for sale on the club website.

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2012 MODERN BOAT STANDINGS

(through 13 races, including drops)

| # | Boat | High Points |
|-----|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1. | 2010 Formula Boats | 14,263 |
| 2. | 2010 Oh Boy! Oberto | 10,910 |
| 3. | 2003 Llummar Window Film | 9,988 |
| 4. | 1972 Lincoln Thrift | 8,860 |
| 5. | 1999 Miss Madison | 7,215 |
| 6. | 2000 Znetix | 5,320 |
| 7. | 1976 Miss Vernor's | 4,496 |
| 8. | 1979 Miss Budweiser | 3,623 |
| 9. | 1977 Charlie's Girl | 3,485 |
| 10. | 1993 Miss Circus Circus | 2,790 |

2012 MODERN DRIVER STANDINGS

(through 13 races, including drops)

| # | Driver | High Points |
|-----|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Nelson Holmberg | 14,263 |
| 2. | Craig Bradshaw | 10,910 |
| 3. | Ron Daum | 9,988 |
| 4. | Nels Enquist | 8,860 |
| 5. | Ron Forister (R) | 7,215 |
| 6. | Robert Roberts (R) | 5,320 |
| 7. | Mick Shutt | 4,496 |
| 8. | Mike Schultz (R) | 3,623 |
| 9. | Bill Smiley | 3,485 |
| 10. | Scott Fetterly | 2,790 |

CAREER STANDINGS VINTAGE

| # | Driver | Career Points |
|-----|------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Jeff Campbell | 93,361 |
| 2. | Mike Campbell | 84,175 |
| 3. | Bob Vanden Akker | 72,259 |
| 4. | Bill Smiley | 64,652 |
| 5. | Ron Daum | 57,192 |
| 6. | David Newton | 50,223 |
| 7. | Rick Lentz | 47,193 |
| 8. | Gerry Bordon | 45,522 |
| 9. | Craig Bradshaw | 41,163 |
| 10. | Gary Hansen | 38,144 |
| 11. | Nelson Holmberg | 36,884 |
| 12. | Craig Mullen | 34,814 |
| 13. | Ryan Opfer | 34,814 |
| 14. | Robbie Roberts | 34,114 |
| 15. | Roger Newton | 31,413 |

CAREER STANDINGS MODERN

| # | Driver | Career Points |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. | Mike Campbell | 110,381 |
| 2. | Mike Gossler | 77,109 |
| 3. | Nelson Holmberg | 64,665 |
| 4. | Jeff Campbell | 51,655 |
| 5. | Rick Lentz | 40,762 |
| 6. | Gary Hansen | 40,596 |
| 7. | Craig Bradshaw | 37,337 |
| 8. | Bill Smiley | 31,314 |
| 9. | Steve Twardus | 27,766 |
| 10. | Ron Daum | 26,131 |
| 11. | Henry Marvin | 25,125 |
| 12. | Mark Hansen | 24,763 |
| 13. | Craig Mullen | 23,641 |
| 14. | Mick Shutt | 21,510 |
| 15. | Jerry Johnston | 21,349 |

2012 VINTAGE BOAT STANDINGS

(through 13 races, including drops)

| # | Driver | High Points |
|-----|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1. | 1969 Pak Outrigger* | 11,922 |
| 2. | 1957 Hawaii Ka'i III | 11,658 |
| 3. | 1959 Maverick | 9,737 |
| 4. | 1960 Miss Burién | 9,246 |
| 5. | 1971 Miss Madison | 7,150 |
| 6. | 1970 Parco's O-Ring Miss | 6,375 |
| 7. | 1958 Wildroot Charlie | 5,347 |
| 8. | 1957 Miss Wahoo | 4,663 |
| 9. | 1968 Gale's Roostertail | 4,314 |
| 10. | 1971 Hallmark Homes | 3,791 |

* — Steve Dumanis' boat

2012 VINTAGE DRIVER STANDINGS

(through 13 races, including drops)

| # | Driver | High Points |
|-----|------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Steve Dumanis | 11,922 |
| 2. | Nelson Holmberg | 11,658 |
| 3. | Nels Enquist | 9,737 |
| 4. | Robbie Roberts | 9,246 |
| 5. | Ron Daum | 7,431 |
| 6. | Ron Forister (R) | 7,150 |
| 7. | Bill Smiley | 6,411 |
| 8. | Gerry Bordon | 6,375 |
| 9. | Ryan Opfer | 4,608 |
| 10. | Craig Bradshaw | 4,501 |

CAREER RACE WIN STANDINGS — VINTAGE

| # | Driver | Race Wins |
|----|------------------|-----------|
| 1. | Jeff Campbell | 34 |
| 2. | David Newton | 18 |
| 3. | Mike Campbell | 15 |
| 4. | Bill Smiley | 8 |
| 5. | Jesse Robertson | 5 |
| 6. | Gerry Bordon | 4 |
| | Nelson Holmberg | 4 |
| | Roger Newton | 4 |
| | Bob Vanden Akker | 4 |
| 9. | Steve Dumanis | 3 |
| | Gary Hansen | 3 |
| | Mark Hansen | 3 |
| | Jason Hartley | 3 |
| | Craig Mullen | 3 |
| | Nigel Steere | 3 |

CAREER RACE WIN STANDINGS — MODERN

| # | Driver | Race Wins |
|----|-----------------|-----------|
| 1. | Mike Campbell | 51 |
| 2. | Jeff Campbell | 19 |
| 3. | Mike Gossler | 10 |
| 4. | Nelson Holmberg | 9 |
| 5. | David Newton | 7 |
| 6. | Bill Smiley | 6 |
| 7. | Gary Hansen | 4 |
| 8. | John Williams | 3 |
| 9. | Rick Lentz | 2 |
| | Craig Bradshaw | 2 |
| | Ron Forister | 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 **Woodland 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