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1) Cowes Torquay Cowes Classic Powerboat Racing 2009



Following the successful return of the Cowes–Torquay–Cowes and Cowes Classic Powerboat Races in 2008, the British Powerboat Racing Club (BPRC) will be running the full-on powerboat event again in August 2009.

The British Powerboat Racing Club intends to expand in 2009, by inviting other racing fleets including OCR, Honda and Class 3 to experience a great weekend of Powerboat Racing on 28th, 29th & 30th August 2009.

The Cowes-Torquay-Cowes (CTC) which first ran in 1961, was the very first offshore race in Europe and is recognised as one of the toughest challenges in world powerboating, comparable with the Indy 500 and 24 Hours of Le Mans. The "Cowes Classic" is for race boats that do not have the fuel range for the CTC but who also wish to be part of this great weekend. These two great races have been a proving ground for the last 50 years for both boat designers and builders.

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2) Mercury OptiMax Dominates 2009 Australian Speed Ski Championships

[article courtesy Mercury Racing, photo courtesy RMI Images]



Mercury OptiMax outboards dominated the Australian 2009 Speed Ski Championships held at Lake Charm in Victoria, Australia, Jan. 19-22. The direct fuel-injected, 2-stroke engines powered skiers to eight national crowns, leaving the other manufacturers scratching their heads.

David Morabito, driving the OptiMax 250XS outboard-powered Mercury Kaned-it with Ian Kirk observing, pulled skier Steven Rowe to a 2009 Australian SMOC (Standard Mono Open Cockpit) title. Twin OptiMax 300XS outboard-powered Ring of Fire, with William Brien behind the wheel and Libby Brien observing, pulled skier Daniel Campbell to win the Unlimited Outboard class. OptiMax also won both the Social Men and Social Women titles. Tuff E Nuff, powered by an OptiMax 300XS, pulled Christopher Stout to the Men's crown and also towed home Trudi Stout to

collect the Women's title. Thudernuts pulled Brett Dominguez to gold in the F2 Engine Class. The OptiMax 300XS outboard powered hull also powered Lloyd Woolman to the Under 13 Boys national title, and put Cara Jochinke on top of the podium in the Under 30 Women's category. In the Up to 2.5 Litre Outboard class, Mercury OptiMax powered home the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters – the trio led home by Nicholas Groves behind the OptiMax 200XS outboard-powered Kane-It.

Rounds 3 and 4 of the world selection races were held in conjunction with the 2009 Australian Speed Ski Championships, and to top off a near-perfect weekend, once again the OptiMax 300XS dominated the F2 class in both the Men's and Women's categories - winning four races from four starts.

See more at: mercuryracing.com

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3) Fountain Faces Uncertain Future



Fountain Powerboat Industries' stock has been suspended from trading on NYSE Alternext US, successor to the American Stock Exchange.

"In light of current economic conditions in general and, in particular, conditions within the marine industry, the company does not believe it can regain compliance with the Securities and Exchange Commission continued listing standards in the near term" a spokesperson for Fountain stated "As a result, the company's board of directors has elected not to appeal the staff's determination". On the 30th January

2009 Fountain stock was listed at 33 cents per share. Its 52 week high and low were \$1.93 and 22 cents.

In suspending Fountain, the exchange noted that the company had 'sustained losses that were so substantial in relation to its overall operations or its financial resources, or its financial condition was so impaired that it was questionable whether the company would be able to continue its operations.

For more information check marketwire.com and fountainpowerboats.com

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4) 2009 ABRA Race Schedule Set



The American Boat Racing Association (ABRA) and the Qatar Marine Sports Federation (QMSF) have agreed on race dates for the Oryx Cup World Championship in Doha, Qatar.

QMSF President Sheikh Hassan Bin Jabor Al Thani and ABRA Chairman Sam Cole announced November 13 and 14 as the race dates for the season finale. Testing will take place on Thursday, November 12.

The ABRA will tentatively have six races plus one exhibition event in North America before 10 teams start packing for Qatar in November. The 2009 season will begin with the Indiana Governor's Cup in Madison, Ind.

on the Fourth of July weekend.

2009 ABRA SEASON SCHEDULE

Indiana Governor's Cup, Madison, Ind., July 3, 4 and 5
 Chrysler Jeep Superstores APBA Gold Cup, Detroit, Mich., July 10, 11 and 12
 Lamb Weston Columbia Cup, Tri-Cities, Wash., July 24, 25 and 26
 Chevrolet Cup at Seafair, Seattle, Wash., July 31, August 1 and 2
 Kelowna Exhibition, Kelowna, BC, August 8 and 9
 Thunder on the Ohio, Evansville, Ind., August 21, 22 and 23
 San Diego Bayfair on Mission Bay, San Diego, Calif., Sept 18, 19 and 20
 Oryx Cup World Championship, Doha, Qatar, Nov 12, 13 and 14

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5) Restoring Bluebird K7- Request to change speed limit



The team restoring Donald Campbell's Bluebird K7 wants to conduct engineering trials on Coniston Water, a huge expanse of water in the Lake District in Northern England.

However, with a 10mph speed limit on the lake a new bylaw would have to be created specifically for Bluebird. The current Coniston Water byelaws do not allow any speed in excess of 10mph, except in a legitimate bid for a National or World speed record. Bluebird K7 holds the British Outright water speed record of 276.3mph, but the team will not mount a serious challenge to this record, believing 100mph will be enough to test it. The craft is being rebuilt after it was recovered from the lake bed in pieces in 2001, 34 years after Donald Campbell's fatal record attempt.

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7) 2009 "Motor Wizard" Update for TBDP© and PropWorks2©



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8) Powerboat Racing on TV

*** **"Thrill Zone: Extreme Powerboats"** - National Geographic powerboat show.



Author **Jim Russell** (Jimboat) is powerboat design technical consultant on a new National Geographic special for "Thrill Zone" series...

Details at: (channel.nationalgeographic.com)

