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### 1) Controversial Win for Bernard in Unlimited Hydroplane Racing



Controversy enveloped Unlimited hydroplane racing again and once more the confusion centers on the U-37 Miss Beacon Plumbing.

Jeff Bernard and the U-5 Formulaboats.com were awarded the victory in the San Diego Bayfair as race officials untangled a mess created by multiple gun-jumpers at the start of the final heat. Because of the late afternoon start and the configuration of San Diego's Mission Bay, the cameras at the start/finish line were

shooting right into the sun. When multiple boats arrived early for the start of the final, American Boat Racing Association officials had trouble telling the boats apart. While the "early" culprits were not known during the race, what was known was that the U-37 Miss Beacon Plumbing was not one of them. As a result, driver Jean Theoret took the checkered flag as the other five boats were forced to run an extra lap. But while Theoret was the first to take the checkered flag, he was not the first to officially cross the line. However, that fact wasn't known for another two hours, long after Theoret had given his victory interviews and celebrated the win. Once ABRA officials finally got a good look at the tape it was determined that Bernard was not early and the victory was his.

The controversy clouded what was an excellent day of racing. Bernard swept all three preliminary heats to pick up his second-career victory while David and the Oh Boy! Oberto clinched the team's first-ever national championship. Theoret was awarded second while Bernard's teammate, Mike Allen, was third in the U-7 Formulaboats.com II.

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### 2) Andersson Takes Surprise Win in Russia F1



Swedish driver Jonas Andersson held on to take his 2nd victory of the season to move within 10 points of the championship lead of the 2008 UIM F1 World Championship at the 6th Grand Prix of Russia on the Neva River in St. Petersburg.

The race was hi-lighted by the battle between pole sitter Guido Cappellini and 3rd place starter Thani Al Qamzi as the Team Abu Dhabi star jumped into the lead past the native of Como, Italy on the opening lap and led until his boat stopped on the 40th lap handing the lead back to the 9-time World Champion.

Cappellini held the lead for just 3 laps until his engine expired on the front straightaway. Andersson found himself moving to the front and taking over the lead when the yellow flag came out forcing the final few laps to be run under yellow with Andersson finishing just ahead of World Champion Sami Selio of the Woodstock Red Devil Team. Italian Fabio Comparato of the 800 Doctor Team earned his first podium in 16 races since Portugal of 2006 coming up from 9th starting position to take 3rd.

Next Race in China, Oct. 12, 2008

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### **3) Honda Powerboat series completes 2008 Championships in Douglas – Isle of Man**



The Honda Formula 4-Stroke Powerboat race series had a spectacular end to the 2008 race season as they completed the race finals in Douglas - Isle of Man.

The day kicked off with the first 150hp race leaving the start line at 11:30am. Team Williams took an early lead and pushed on leaving an incredible gap between themselves and trailing boat Drainstore.com who have been leading the championship since the start of the season. In the 150hp second race Ebel took the top position despite the rough water fighting the fleet and left the rest of the boats in their wake as they maintained position until the finish. They were followed by Team Williams and Construction Racing respectively.

Poor sea conditions had developed by the afternoon as the 225hp fleet prepared to line the race course. Team Williams 225hp took a matching lead to their smaller 150hp comrades with driver Scott Williams of Liverpool leaving disaster in his wake as Kris Mitra and John Mendez in Xcite stopped in the first lap suffering a broken steering hose and snapped engine mount and Build Base who also snapped an engine mount on a bend capsized their boat and lost both crew members.

Completing the Honda Formula 4-Stroke 2008 Championships in first place were 150hp drainstore.com crewed by Jak Cockman and Andy Phips along with 2007 Championship winners 225hp Negotiator crewed by Gavin Parsonage and Nathan Libby.

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### **4) Jotun wins Romanian Grand Prix & Class 1 World Powerboat Championship**



Jotun's Inge Brigt Aarbakke and Jorn Tandberg were celebrating the team's first major title in over a decade, after winning the Romanian Grand Prix to clinch the European Championship by one point.

Despite a good start, the Mercury V8-powered Jotun trailed Victory 1, the championship leader's and pre-race favourite, into the first corner and could not match their extraordinary pace for the first quarter of the race, as Al Marri and Bin Hendi opened up an 18 second lead. But on lap 8, Jotun stormed passed Victory 1, who had slowed to a crawl after breaking a propeller, to take the lead, going on to win the race by 23seconds.

Despite losing his European crown to Jotun, Victory 7's Jean-Marc Sanchez and Mohammed Al Mehairbi seemed satisfied with their afternoon's work which now puts them just 10 points behind their team-mates in the race for the World title.

The win for Jotun, their second in as many races, has put them right back in the fight for the World title, with the all-Norwegian crew now viewed by their rivals as real title contenders. And with Victory 1 dropping points, the championship standings have taken on a completely new complexion with just 21-points separating the top four boats.

Class 1 now heads to Porto Sokhna for the Egyptian Grand Prix, on October 24, one week later than originally scheduled.

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## 5) Seebold Wins Champboat Race in Michigan



Tim Seebold of the Bud Light Seebold Race Team had the perfect start and charged to the front of the field on the opening lap from 3rd place on the grid and led every tour of the shortened 30 lap event winning his first race of the season and his 26th of his career in Algonac, Michigan.

The race, on the longest circuit of the season at 1.5 miles around the four pin circuit was run on the St. Clair River just north of downtown Detroit. Two foot waves and swells made it a survival test for most drivers and the officials stopped the event 5 laps short of its scheduled 35 lap event.

Florida driver Terry Rinker of the Amsoil/Rinker Racing effort came home 2nd some 8 seconds behind as he battled the rough conditions and the 28 knot winds all afternoon as well. His 2nd place after last weeks win in St. Louis vaults him into 1st place in the drivers championship ahead of Shaun Torrente who barrel rolled his Talon Boats/Gary L. Barton Inc./Speedmaster Marine Gran Prix hull in turn 2. Chris Fairchild in his Pugh designed boat scored 3rd place despite racing in pain from his opening race crash in May in Pickwick, Tennessee. Fifth was Canadian Brian Venton with his 5th straight top eight finish of the season sitting 5th in the championship with 2353 points in his Jenkinson Telecom/Hancock Inc. Gran Prix boat. Scott Toole of Oshawa, Ontario Canada in his very first race was 13th.

The next round of the 2008 F1-ChampBoat Series will take place on the weekend of September 27-28 as the series heads west to Tempe, Arizona for the "Tempe Grand Prix".

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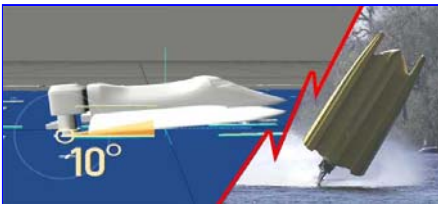
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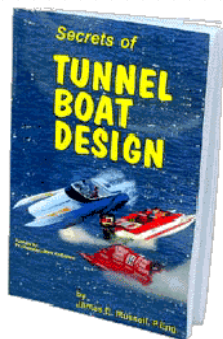
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