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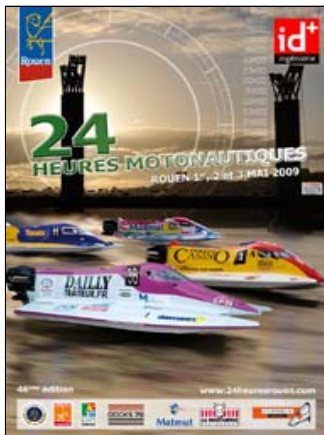
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### **1) 24 Heures Motonautiques de Rouen 2009**



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### 3) New 2009 Race Schedules



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### 4) New Mercury OptiMax 200XS Race Models for 2010



Mercury Racing is working the next generation of OptiMax 200XS SST (Super Sport Tunnel) and OptiMax 200XS ROS (Race Offshore) outboards. Both models feature the Gen 2 - 2.5 Liter OptiMax powerhead. The new race models feature a powerhead which combines components from the Mercury Racing OptiMax 2.5XS outboard and the current Mercury Racing engineered OptiMax 175 Pro XS.

The 200XS SST won the 1999 & 2000 24 Hours of Rouen endurance powerboat races overall and the engine was the power behind Jimmie Merleau's 2008 ChampBoat Series F-2 World Championship. The OptiMax 200XS ROS (Race Offshore) is the official power of U.I.M. Class 3C offshore racing, a highly competitive single engine mono hull offshore racing class which competes throughout Europe.

Production will be based on confirmed orders and the engines will be built one time per year in advance of the following season. Both models will be sold direct to known, qualified race teams or through Mercury Racing dealers or OEM boat builders.

see more at: [mercuryracing.com](http://mercuryracing.com)

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### 5) F1 Portugal - Al Hameli Wins From Pole



April, 2009 – Team Abu Dhabi driver Hamad Al Hameli led from the pole and controlled the opening round of the 2009 U.I.M. F1 World Championship as he won for the first time in his career after winning by 1.91 seconds at the 11th Annual Grand Prix of Portugal.

The 30 year-old driver from Abu Dhabi fought through five re-starts and held off three different drivers for the win eventually finishing ahead of World Champion Jay Price of the Qatar Team. Taking third was Swedish driver Jonas Andersson of Team Azerbaijan as he was 6.58 seconds back on the seven pin 1.85 kilometer race course.

Italian Marco Gambi of the Singha F1 Racing Team started the day on the first lap blowing the boat over in spectacular fashion at the far north end of the course ending his weekend by damaging the boat. English driver Andy Elliott came out of a two year retirement only to have his boat catch on fire on the 5th lap and

failing in his chance to earn World Championship points. Then 2007 World Champion Sami Selio had bad luck strike him again when his engine failed on the fast circuit in Portimao on the 34th lap and dropping him out of second position in the race for his Mad Croc F1 Team Woodstock effort.

see more at: [f1boat.com](http://f1boat.com)

## 6) ABRA Officially Drops San Diego From 2009 Schedule



The American Boat Racing Association announced today that it is dropping San Diego from its official schedule for the 2009 season. The unlimited boats have raced for 40 consecutive years on the Mission Bay course.

According to ABRA the San Diego race committee has missed two deadlines with us and has not paid any deposit fees for the event. The ABRA has declared that if San Diego can get make the necessary payments and arrangements, the sanctioning body would definitely consider reinstating the event.

The ABRA unlimited hydroplane season will open on the Ohio River in Madison, Ind. with the running of the Madison Regatta.

check out more at: [abrahydroplanes.com](http://abrahydroplanes.com)

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## 7) NEW Powerboat Design Books On-Line



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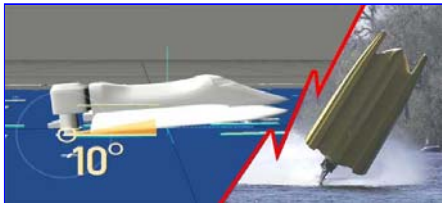
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## 8) Powerboat Racing on TV

\*\*\* **"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](http://channel.nationalgeographic.com))

check out next show date at AR's website! [aeromarineresearch.com/NatGeo\\_thrill-zone.html](http://aeromarineresearch.com/NatGeo_thrill-zone.html)

\*\*\* **"Streaming Motorsports"** on Speedbox.tv - Parker ENZED Jetsprinting Championship - - Check at: [speedbox.tv](http://speedbox.tv)

\*\*\* **"IHBA Lucas Oil Drag Boat Racing"** Series on SPEED TV - Check next show at [speedtv.com](http://speedtv.com)

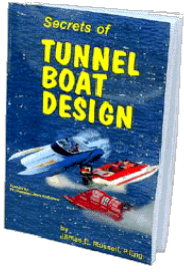
\*\*\* **"Champ Boat Grand Prix Series"** - on SPEED Channel - Check next show at: [www.champboat.com](http://www.champboat.com) or at: [www.speedtv.com](http://www.speedtv.com)

\*\*\* **"F1 World Championship TV Show"** on The Water Channel - See: [www.waterchannel.com](http://www.waterchannel.com); [see web site for other show times]

\*\*\* **"War On Water" TV Show** on The Water Channel - Check it out at: [www.waterchannel.com](http://www.waterchannel.com); [see web site for other show times]







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