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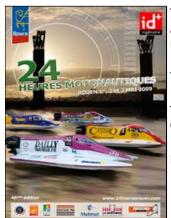
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Check out new review of Jimboat's 13th Ed. "Secrets of Tunnel Boat Design" book in latest HotBoat magazine issue!

1) 24 Heures Motonautiques de Rouen 2009



The 46th edition of Rouen 2009 is coming! The race days have been moved from traditional April 30th to the first weekend of May. Registrations ended March 14, 2009. Driver/Team registrations are now closed & 50 boats will be lined up this year.

View the complete list of driver/team entries at: 24heuresrouen.com

The BRP ETEC numbers are growing with ex-Merc racers like 2 time Rouen winner Christophe Larigot switching to a new ETEC power.

Have a look at the Rouen 2009 circuit layout at: 24heuresrouen.com

check out more on the race at: 24heuresrouen.com

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2) Great Powerboat videos



Check out these great videos....

Parker Enduro 1975

Latest Bluebird Project Update - March 2009

Evinrude V8 Speed Record Attempt 1989

Evinrude 100 years in 2009

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3) New 2009 Race Schedules



Check out the NEW 2009 Racing Schedules...

Poker Runs America

Class 1 Racing

Powerboat P1 Racing

Superboat Events

Offshore Super Series

Champboat

APR Superleague

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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

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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 has 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

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.

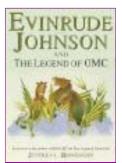
According to ABRA the San Diego race committee has missed two deadlines with us and has not paid any deposit fees for the event. The ABRA has declared that if San Diego can get make the necessary payments and arrangements, the sanctioning body would definitely consider reinstating the event.

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

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7) NEW Powerboat Design Books On-Line





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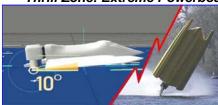
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And...check out *free articles* by author Jimboat.

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8) Powerboat Racing on TV

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



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

Details at: (channel.nationalgeographic.com)

check out next show date at AR's website! aeromarineresearch.com/NatGeo_thrill-zone.html

*** "Streaming Motorsports" on Speedbox.tv - Parker ENZED Jetsprinting Championship - - Check at: speedbox.tv - Parker ENZED Jetsprinting Championship - - Check at: speedbox.tv ***"IHBA Lucas Oil Drag Boat Racing" Series on SPEED TV - Check next show at speedtv.com

*** "Champ Boat Grand Prix Series" - on SPEED Channel - Check next show at: www.champboat.com or at: www.champboat.com or at:

*** "F1 World Championship TV Show" on The Water Channel - See: 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; [see web site for other show

times]

- *** "Powerboat Showcase" on The Water Channel Check it out at: www.waterchannel.com; [see web site for other show times]
- *** "Offshore Classics" on The Water Channel Check it out at: www.waterchannel.com; [see web site for other show times]
- *** "American Powerboat Television" on The Water Channel See: www.waterchannel.com or americanpowerboat.tv
- *** "Honda Formula 4-Stroke Powerboat Series" Check it out at: honda-racing.co.uk

[Ed. Note: The Water Channel is available on The Dish Network]

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9) Jimboat's Feature Articles

Watch for upcoming articles by Jimboat in "Performance Boats" magazine!



NEW Jimboat Article Announcement! - Author Jim Russell explains 'How Do Tunnel Boats Fly?'

Check out full article at: aeromarineresearch.com

Jimboat writes Feature articles in HotBoat, Family&Performance Boating, Performance Powerboat, World of Powerboats, Extreme Boats magazines.

- Tunnel Vision 'How Do Tunnel Boats Fly?' HB Nov/Dec 2008
- 'Why Do Boats Create Rooster Tails?' HB-August 2008
- 'What a Blow Out!' "Gearcase & Propeller Blowout- Why it Happens & How to Fix it" HB-June 2008
- Walk on the Wild Side' "Chine Walk Why it happens & How to Fix it" HB-Jan 2008
- 'Hump Zone' "Why does your Boat Porpoise?" HB-April 2007
- 'The Bottom Line'-"Why does a Pad make a Vee Hull faster?" F&PB-Sept 2005
- "10 Smokin' Speed Secrets Revealed..." HB-Feb2005
- "Winterizing your Performance Outboard" F&PB-Jan2005
- "What a Drag" 'Trim Angle & Engine Height Can Reduce Drag and Increase Speed' HB-Sept2004
- "10 Safety Tips" 'Ten Safety Ideas for High Performance Go-Fast Boats' HB-Aug2004
- "Flight Path" 'Where does Lift Come From?' HB-April2004
- "Rocket Science" 'How To Increase Your Hull's Design Speed With Aerodynamics' World of Powerboats-Winter2004
- "Tunnel Vision" 'What Factors Influence Tunnel Hull Performance' Extreme Boats-April2003
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