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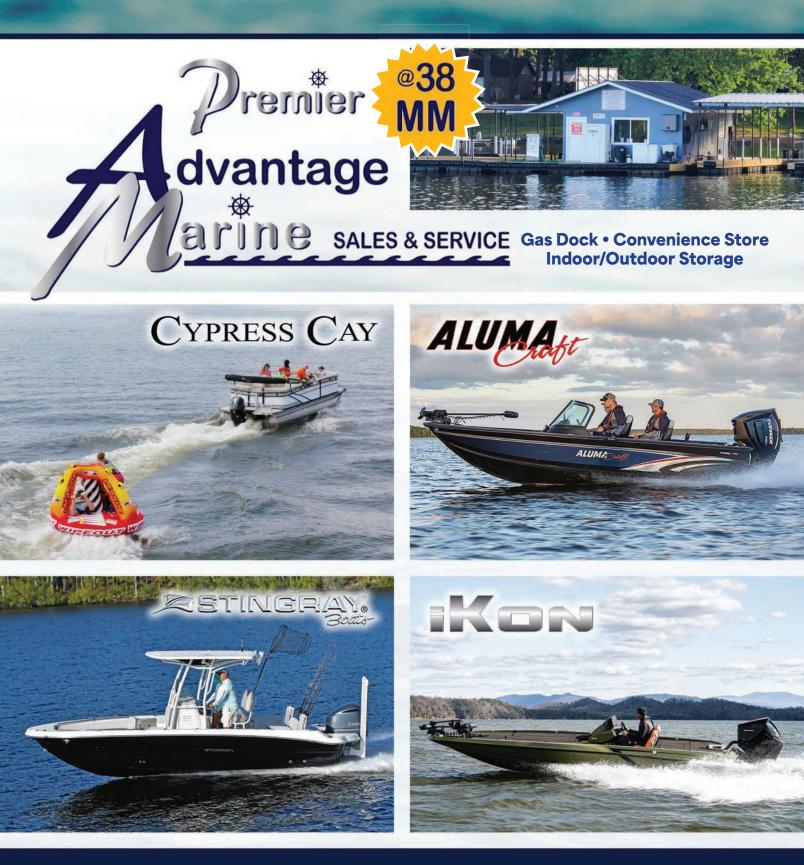
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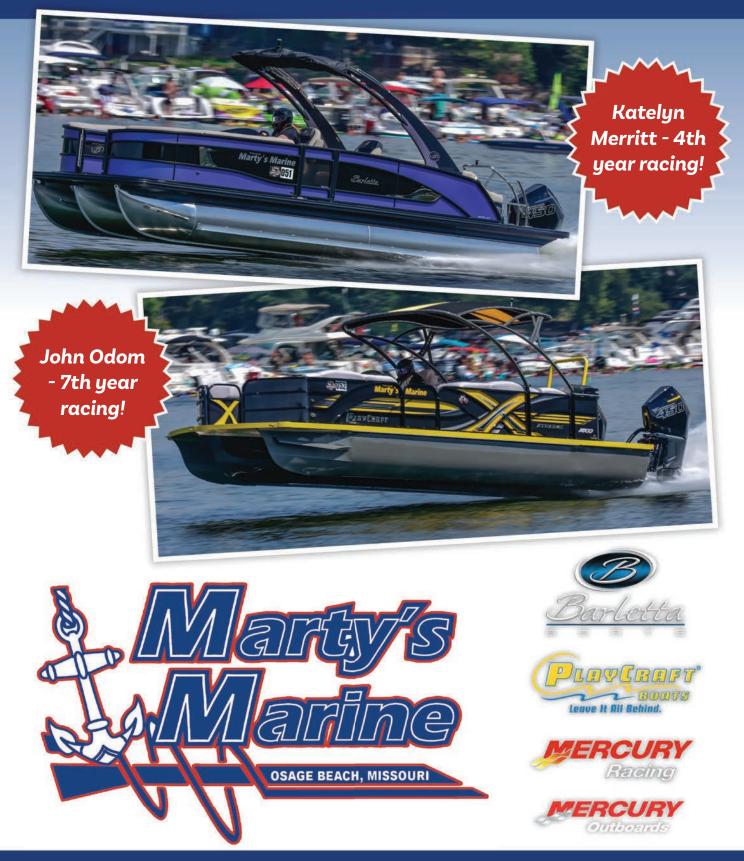
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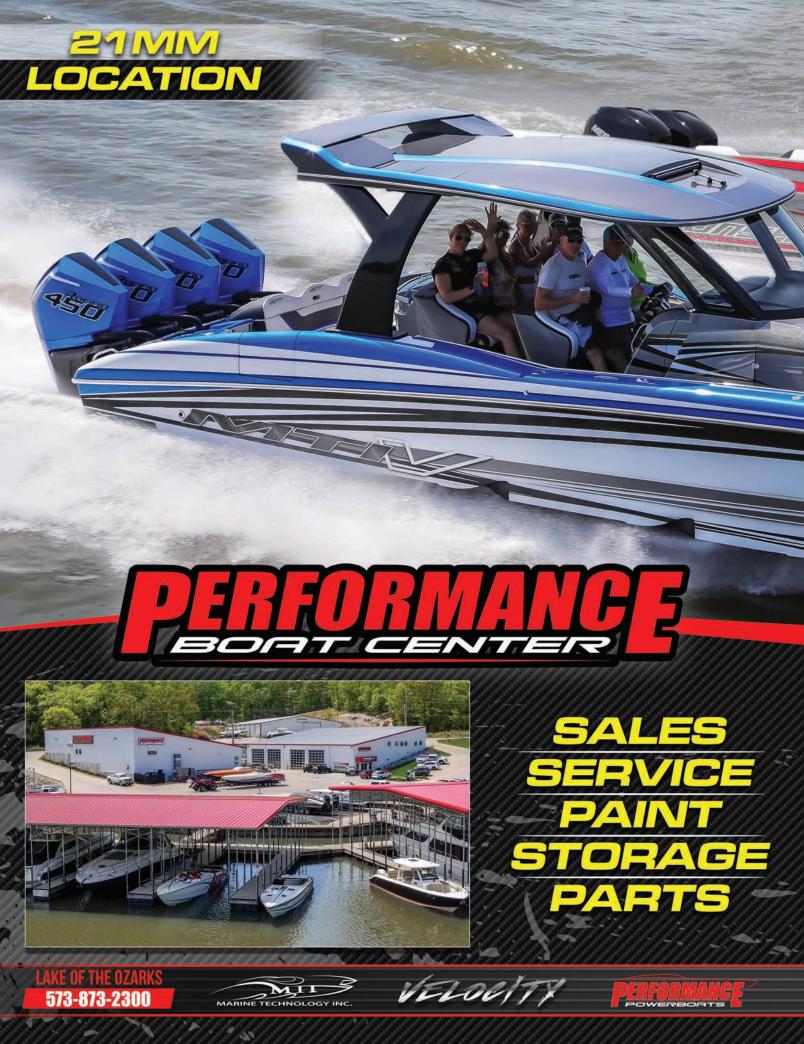
















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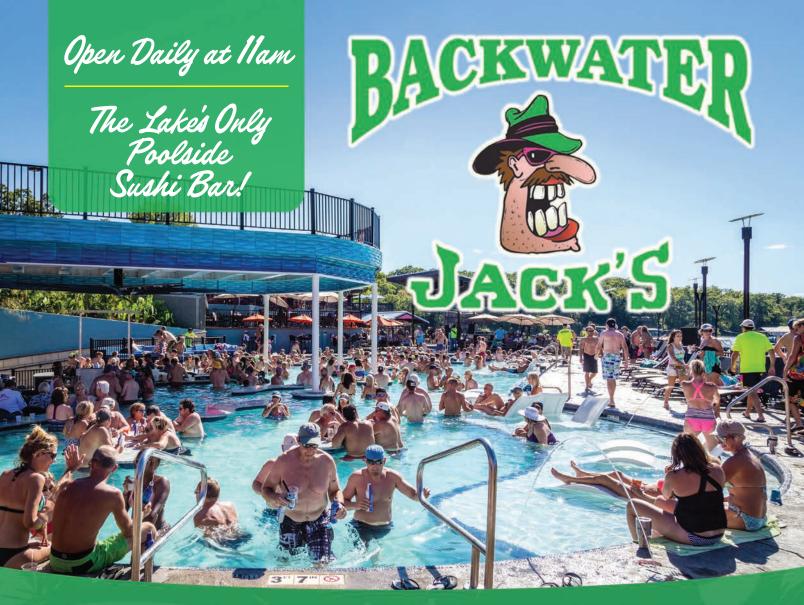
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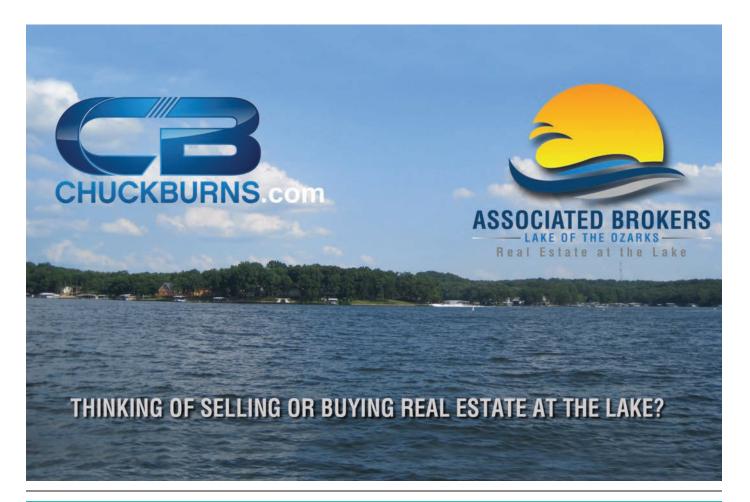
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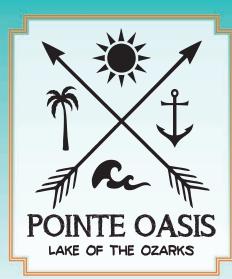
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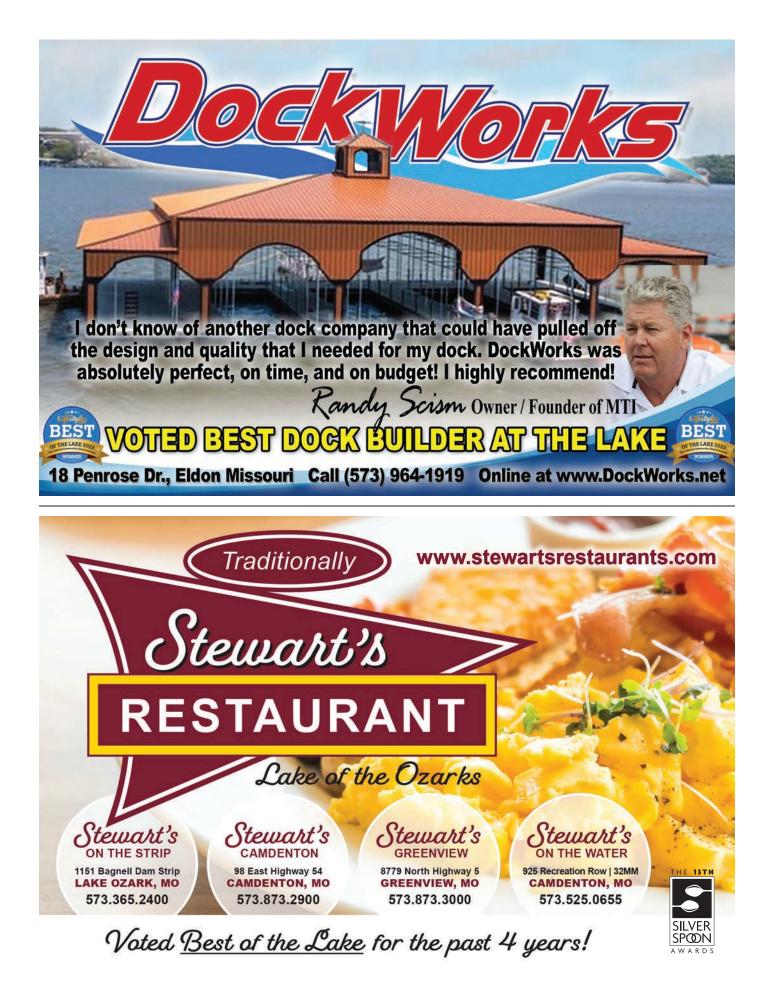
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Since undertaking the vital role of executive director in 2022, Leah Martin has worked tirelessly alongside the Shootout's dedicated group of volunteers, giving sponsors, and local first responders who have collectively made an event of such magnitude possible since 1988. Martin has not only filled the well-worn shoes of many before her over the past year, but she has blown those shoes out of the water and donned skis in their wake by helping raise \$625,000.00 last year while surpassing 2021's record-breaking \$445,000.00. Having raised the most funds in Shootout history for our Lake area nonprofits and tri-county emergency service professionals, Martin, the former Director of Advocacy for the American Lung Association, has made it her mission to raise even more funds in 2023 while securing sponsorships from major brands across the United States and beyond, and she has broadened the scope of viewership streaming potential by partnering with CBS Sports and Bally Sports — and she's not stopping there.

"I have worked for state, local, and national notfor-profits for more than two decades and I have never worked with a more dedicated group of board members or volunteer base than that of the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout," Martin said. "These devoted and steadfast individuals are the heartbeat of the organization itself, and I will continue to support their mission in every way possible."

Martin is married to Start Boat/Crew Chief Justin Martin, a paramedic and firefighter with the Lake Ozark Fire Protection District who has volunteered his time at the Shootout since 2003. Together, the Martins have three children who are actively involved in the Shootout's fundraising events throughout the year. Just like their parents, Luke (9), Elijah (7), and Sarah Beth Martin (3) have helped with volunteer duties on the Start Boat in years past, and one of their favorite events each year is the annual Treasure Hunt at Captain Ron's.

"Every organization that we support reaches the most impoverished parts of our community, and it's where our efforts are needed most," Martin said, in closing. "Supporting these not-for-profits and this mission helps provide crucial, much-needed funding to allow the organizations that we support to meet the needs of the most vulnerable members in Camden, Miller, and Morgan Counties. To me, the Shootout means more beds for children, food on tables, and clothing on backs. It's about providing lifesaving equipment to our local fire departments here at the Lake of the Ozarks while making our community a better, safer place to visit and live. To me, it's about more than just fast boats."

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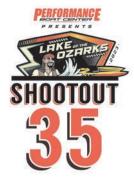








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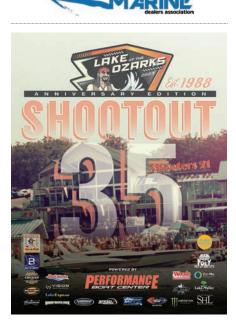
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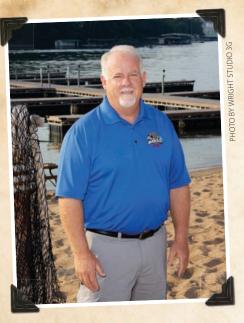






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Leah Martin was introduced as our director of the Shootout last year and with the growth, we have now added an assistant director, Rickie Smith. He has volunteered and assisted with the Shootout events for five years already. You may have seen him organizing lineups at the Shootout on the Strip Street Party, running a camera for Lake TV at events, or seen his name in the

GREETINGS FROM THE CAPTAIN

organization of the Poker Run in the past. We are excited to welcome him to the organization this year.

This year's events have new volunteers, new vendors, new broadcasts, and a whole new field of racing! We are excited to welcome kilo boat races to our Sunday afternoon lineup. If you can't see the action live, please check out our broadcast partners to watch the races.

This event is so important to our venues and charities. We have over 700 volunteers already committed for this year! I want to thank everyone involved in this process! We couldn't do all that we do without your help and dedication. Our whole board of directors continues to thank all of those involved!

Sincerely,

Ron Duggan, "Captain Ron" Board President





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The 35th Annual Shootout - May 13-August 27, 2023

Saturday, 5/13, "Annual Shootout Benefit Golf Tournament sponsored by LOMDA, Dock Works and Lake Valley

- Lake Valley is proud to host the 15th Annual Shootout Benefit Tournament
- For more information, see lakeoftheozarksshootout.com/events

Saturday, 6/3 — "The Great Shootout Treasure Hunt," presented by Lake Expo & Pirate's Point

- When & Where Captain Ron's, Saturday, June 3rd, 5:00 7:00 pm
- All ages are invited to channel their inner pirate for this family-friendly event as you dig through the sands of Cannonball Beach in search of hundreds of treasure chests filled with prizes
- The fun starts at 5:00 pm with an Ice Cream Social Hour and at 6:00 pm the digging begins

- The grand prize is a new Hammerhead Off-Road Go-Cart from Surdyke Yamaha
- All proceeds benefit The Laurie/Sunrise Beach Rotary Club to help local children
- Tickets are online at lakeoftheozarksshootout.com

Sunday, 6/4 — "Run What Ya Brung," Poker Run sponsored by Marty's Marine & Premier Advantage Marine

- A family-friendly event for anyone and everyone, pontoons to runabouts
- When & Where Sunday, June 4th, 10:30 am at Captain Ron's
- Stop Info: Run begins at Captain Ron's and ends at Dog Days

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Sunday, 7/16 – 2nd Annual "Shootout for the Shootout," presented by Iguana Marine Group

- \$100/individual shooter or \$400 team shoot
- When & Where Missouri Trap Shooters Association, 51 Trapshooters Road, Linn Creek, MO 65052
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- Prizes and Gun Raffle Top Gun and Team Top Gun Prizes
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Saturday, 8/5, "Float Your Boat," 12:30 p.m. (Boat races begin at 1:00 p.m.)

Teams compete to see who can build the fastest, sturdiest boat using only cardboard and duct tape

- Where Captain Ron's, 82 Aloha Lane, Sunrise Beach, MO 65079
- To Benefit Share the Harvest, Food for Morgan County & Lamb House

Friday, 8/18 — "Mini Shootout Meet & Greet"

- When & Where 5:00 8:00 pm in the Springs Cove at Ha Ha Tonka State Park
- New this year Food Vendors will be on hand. Anyone can come out and see the incredible RC boats that will race in this year's event and meet the racers *Continued on page 76*







- Registration for the event: 5-8:00 pm during the Meet & Greet
- For more information visit the Mini-Shootout Facebook page or lakeoftheozarksshootout.com

Saturday & Sunday, 8/19 – 8/20 "14th Annual Mini-Shootout"

- When & Where The Springs of Ha Ha Tonka State Park located five miles southwest of Camdenton on State Road D past the castle entrance to The Springs Cove – 14.5mm of Big Niangua
- Top Gun 2022 was Kirk Dorsey of New Orleans, 103 MPH

Sunday, 8/20 – "Wishing on a Ride," at Performance Boat Center sponsored by Oak Star Bank

• Powerboat drivers give boat rides to children and their



families who are dealing with serious illness and/or disabilities

- Interested in helping out? Contact Tiffany Maasen at 573-368-1177 or email mtmaasen@gmail.com
- Tuesday, 8/22 Bob Morgan Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony, 6:00 pm
- The 11th annual evening dinner paying tribute to the men and women who have contributed to The Lake of the Ozarks Shootout with their time, energy, financial means and much, much more – helping to make the event #1 in the USA the last 35 years
- For further information on tickets or table sponsorship purchases, please visit the Shootout website lakeoftheozarksshootout.com

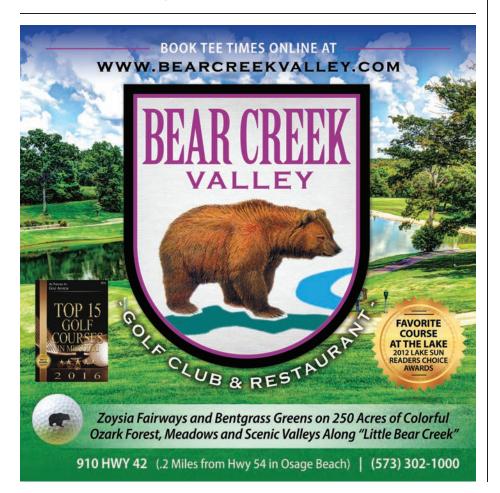
Wednesday, 8/23 – "Shootout on the Strip Street Party," –

presented by Waves & Wheels and Doug Wright Powerboats

- When & Where Bagnell Dam Strip, Lake Ozark, MO 5:00 – 10:00 pm
- Come join all the boats, teams and drivers up close on the historic Bagnell Dam Strip
- A great chance to get all your official Shootout merchandise!
- Enjoy food trucks, vendors and award-winning Bagnell Strip restaurants and bars.
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Thursday, 8/24 - "Wishing on a Ride at Captain Ron's," sponsored by Oak Star Bank

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Thursday, 8/24 – "Poker Run Meet & Greet at Performance Boat Center"

- When & Where Performance Boat Center, 1650 Yacht Club Drive, Osage Beach, MO 65065 at 5:00 pm
- See and meet the drivers, along with spectacular food, drink and entertainment in a world-class atmosphere

Friday, 8/25, "Polylift Lake of the Ozarks Shootout Poker Run"

- When & Where Captain Ron's Bar and Grill, 82 Aloha Lane, Sunrise Beach, MO 65079 beginning at 10:00 am
- Captain and First Mate \$450 each get a Poker hand, breakfast coupon at Captain Ron's and a T-shirt each
- Required Captain's meeting that morning at Captain Ron's
- Stops this year are: Big Dick's Halfway Inn, Red Fox, Patriot's Point, Larry's on the Lake, Nautifish Rum Bar, The Cave, Waves & Wheels, - Boardwalk, Landshark Bar & Grill, Paradise, Frankie and Louie's and Neon Taco
- Ending locations: Shady Gators or The Cave
- Two separate prize pots at each ending location

Friday, 8/25, "35th Annual Lake of the Ozarks Shootout Registration"

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Saturday and Sunday, 8/26 – 8/27, "The 35th Annual Lake of the Ozarks Shootout!"

- When & Where Base operations are at Captain Ron's Bar and Grill 34.5mm
- A 3/4 mile course
- Thousands of boats line the 3/4 mile Shootout race course. When the race ends. most boaters head in one direction, on the way back home. So, years ago the Missouri State Highway Patrol, which enforces laws and regulations on Missouri waterways, implemented an extended NO-WAKE rule for the later half of the day on the Shootout Saturday. For 2023, there is an EXTENDED NO WAKE ZONE in effect in the afternoon and evening from 31.5 mm to the 21 mm. The start time for this extended NO WAKE ZONE is 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Also, on Saturday and Sunday from the 31.5 mm to the 36 mm, there is also a NO WAKE ZONE

Shootout Saturday:

- 8:30am Opening Ceremony
- Electric Boat Class runs First
- 4pm Air Show

Shootout Sunday

- 8:30am Opening Ceremony
- 8:35am-9am Jet Ski Runs
- 9a-2p Open Class Runs
- 2p-4p Kilo Run
- 5pm Awards Ceremony

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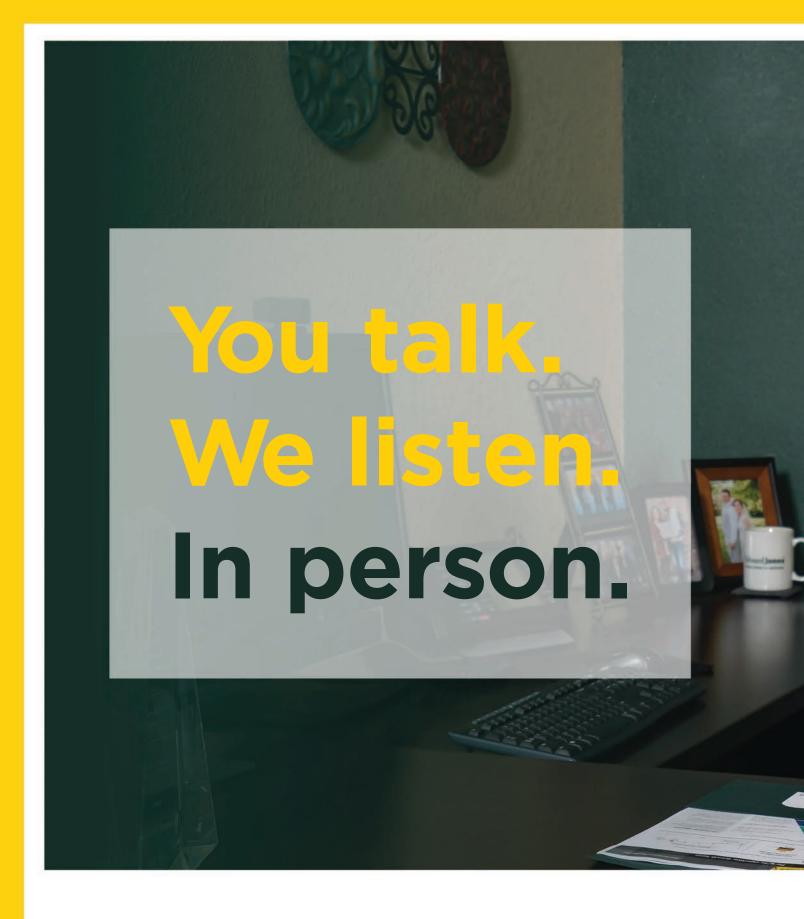
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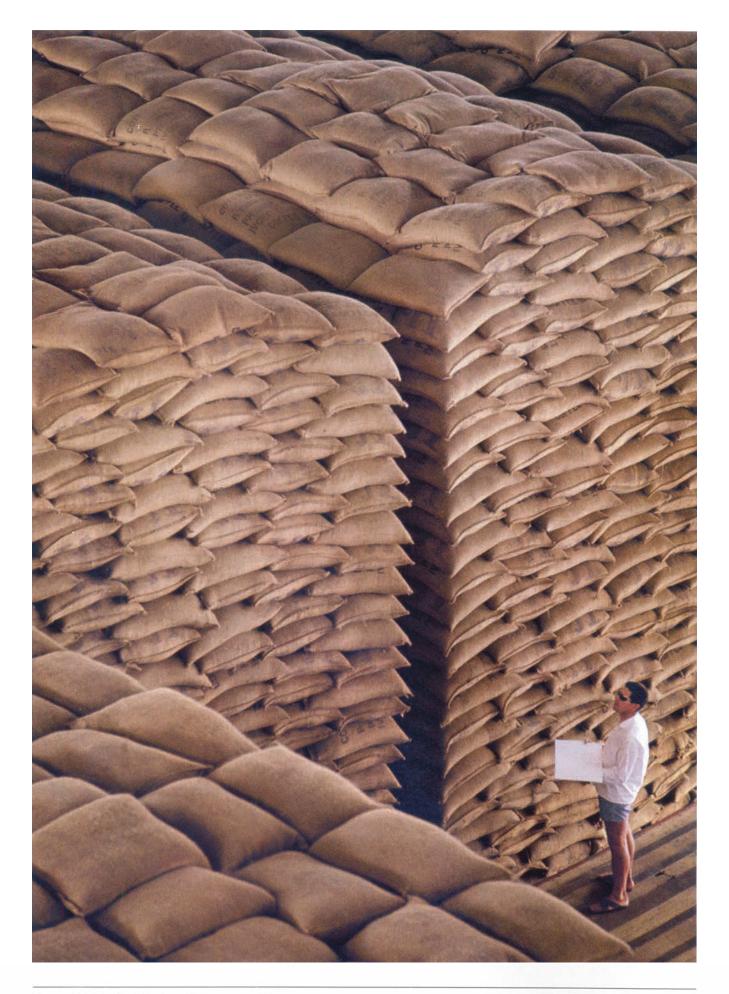
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WINNERS OF EACH CLASS

- Class: MC4P2R Speed: 184 Driver: Patty Rich
- Class: MC5P2R Speed: 148 Driver: Mauricio Vivanco
- Class: MCCO3OC3 Speed: 80 Driver: Tracy Kowalski
- Class: MCO3E2 Speed: 109 Driver: Shaun Torrente
- Class: MCO4OC2 Speed: 120 Driver: Taylor Scism
- Class: MP2P2B Speed: 81 Driver: Jim Dorris
- Class: MPO1E1 Speed: 49 Driver: Michael Westrick
- Class: MPO2OC1 Speed: 64 Driver: Carolyn Dorris
- Class: MPO2OC2 Speed: 78 Driver: Mike Misplay
- Class: MV1F1B Speed: 90 Driver: Bob Spitulski

- Class: MV2M2B Speed: 91 Driver: Scott Mccormick
- Class: MVO1E1 Speed: 67 Driver: Anthony Cruz
- Class: MVO2F2 Speed: 96 Driver: Scott Mccormick
- Class: NC1P1B Speed: 116 Driver: Dave McMahan
- Class: NC1T1R Speed: 135 Driver: Robert Hice
- Class: NC2OB2 Speed: 87 Driver: Bill Picot
- Class: NC2P1A Speed: 118 Driver: Wendell Beaty
- *Class:* NC2P1B *Speed:* 92 *Driver:* Matthew Stevenson
- Class: NC2P2R Speed: 142 Driver: Jeffrey Clark
- Class: NC2S2B Speed: 84 Driver: John Chant



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- Class: NC3P2A Speed: 126 Driver: Greg Miller
- Class: NC3P2R Speed: 142 Driver: Cory Schmitz
- Class: NC4A2R Speed: 114 Driver: Joe Cardella
- *Class:* NC4M2A *Speed:* 110 *Driver:* Rudy Sanzottera
- Class: NC4P2R Speed: 156 Driver: Jamin Jones
- Class: NC6P4R Speed: 207 Driver: Tony Battiato
- Class: NCC4OC4 Speed: 96 Driver: Kevin Koethe
- Class: NCC010B1 Speed: 52 Driver: Ethan Nieder
- Class: NCO2OA2 Speed: 119 Driver: Tom Kennedy
- Class: NCO2OC2 Speed: 122 Driver: Warren Duke

- Class: NCO3F2 Speed: 119 Driver: AJ Barrett
- Class: NCO3OC2 Speed: 113 Driver: Scott Blumberg
- Class: NCO4OC2 Speed: 128 Driver: Kory Perog
- Class: ND2P2A Speed: 133 Driver: George Ogden
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- Class: NPO10B2 Speed: 63 Driver: Clayton Hammer
- Class: NPO10C2 Speed: 82 Driver: Michael Hall
- Class: NPO2OC1 Speed: 57 Driver: Katelyn Merritt
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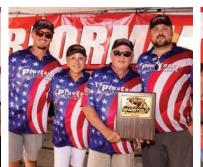




WINNERS











- Class: NV1M1B Speed: 86 Driver: Nick Lemmink
- Class: NV1S2A Speed: 70 Driver: David Carrico II
- Class: NV2F1B Speed: 73 Driver: Andrew Naab
- Class: NV2M1A Speed: 82 Driver: Christopher Prostler
- Class: NV2P1A Speed: 97 Driver: Patrick Koch
- Class: NV2P1B Speed: 93 Driver: Rick Grigsby
- Class: NV2S1B Speed: 67 Driver: Matt Surber
- Class: NV2S2B Speed: 76 Driver: Jeffrey Bennett
- Class: NV3F2B Speed: 91 Driver: David Weyer
- Class: NV3M2B Speed: 91 Driver: David Defreece

- Class: NV3M2R Speed: 84 Driver: John Humphrey
- Class: NV3P2A Speed: 117 Driver: Chad Prater
- Class: NV3S2B Speed: 80 Driver: Mark Hanson
- Class: NV4A2R Speed: 101 Driver: Joe Koehler
- Class: NV4F2B Speed: 90 Driver: Jeff Casebier
- Class: NV4P2A Speed: 100 Driver: Lee Haener
- Class: NV4P2R Speed: 97 Driver: Jeff Hoefling
- Class: NV5P2R Speed: 159 Driver: Dennis Parvey
- Class: NV6P2R Speed: 135 Driver: Jeff Henry
- Class: PC3OA2 Speed: 103 Driver: Sabrina Kowalik



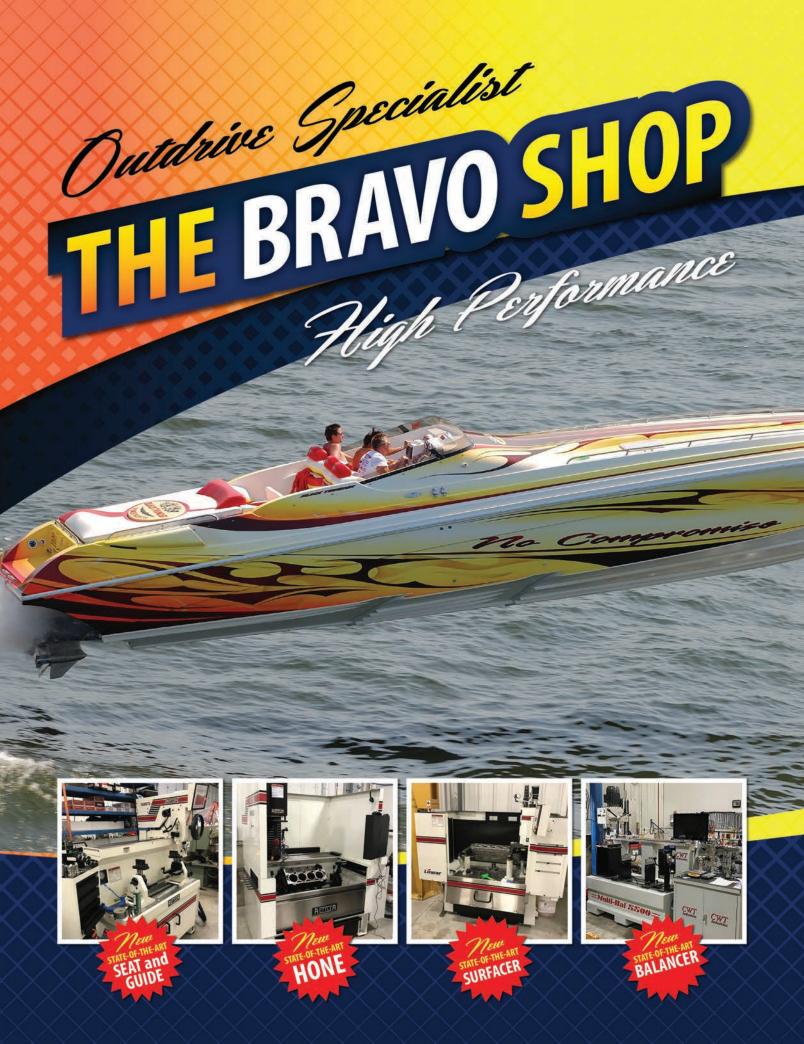
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- Class: PC4F2B Speed: 115 Driver: Karl Steger
- Class: PC4M2R Speed: 125 Driver: Craig Amptmeyer
- Class: PC4P2R Speed: 171 Driver: Rob Unnerstall
- Class: PCO2OA2 Speed: 115 Driver: Steve Wallace
- Class: PCO30B2 Speed: 116 Driver: Shaun Torrente
- Class: PCO3OC2 Speed: 121 Driver: Myrick Coil
- Class: PCO4OC2 Speed: 103 Driver: Rusty Williams
- Class: PPO1OC1 Speed: 74 Driver: David Dorris
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- Class: PV2M2B Speed: 87 Driver: Stella Harrington
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Introducing the Lake Of The Ozarks Shootout Bob Morgan Memorial Hall of Fame class of 2023 members.

By Jason Johnson/SpeedontheWater.com

The same could be said every year, but the 2023 inductees into the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout Bob Morgan Memorial Hall of Fame have been a long time coming.

Take Randy Kelly, the founder of Kelly's Port who volunteered at the very first Shootout 35 years ago, or DCB Performance Boats owners group partner Tony Chiaramonte, who has driven dozens of DCB catamarans down the course at speeds beyond 160 mph and continued to support the event for close to 15 years, all the while traveling from California to do so.

Then there's the dedicated group of volunteers that take the challenging task of registration and make it as smooth as possible, not to mention the venerable John Crabtree, the owner of Rough Water Dock who donates a ton of time in order to get the course just right.

For more detail on the members of the class of 2023 who are going to be inducted during a dinner ceremony scheduled for Tuesday evening (August 22)

at the Lighthouse in Sunrise Beach, keep reading. It's clear that the 11th annual Bob Morgan Memorial Hall of Fame features an excellent mix of inductees.

A Cross-Country Crusader

Starting with the public face of DCB Performance Boats because he's participated in the event by driving at least one rather fast boat along the course every year since 2010, Tony Chiaramonte, the man who delivers pretty much every DCB to the Southern California-based company's demanding and devoted customers, is taking his rightful place next to the fastest folks to ever run a boat in the Midwest's most popular performance boating event.

Before helping to make DCB's mark on Lake of the Ozarks alongside one of his business partners, Jeff Johnston, Chiaramonte even drove an Eliminator Boats model in the 2007 top-speed event—he worked for the Godfather of West Coast custom boating, Bob Leach, in the mid- to late-2000s between stints working for Dave Hemmingson, the founder of "Dave's Custom Boats." Surprised by the phone call from Ron Duggan, the lead promoter of the Shootout and the owner of its host location, Captain Ron's Bar and Grill in Sunrise Beach, Chiaramonte said the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout is easily one of his favorite events.

"The Lake of the Ozarks Shootout—and Super Cat Fest—is definitely a bucket-list event for powerboaters," said Chiaramonte, who recalled being like a fish out of water the first time he attended the event yet now he knows the lake better than any outside of the company's home water—Lake Havasu, which borders Arizona and California. "It's probably one of the top three events to attend every year; even if you don't have a boat you can go there and see all different kinds of boats and all of the horsepower that makes them fly."

Talking about flying, Chiaramonte recorded his fastest top speed—173 mph—on the event's former one-mile course in a DCB M35 Widebody catamaran powered by twin Mercury Racing 1550 engines and owned by longtime customer Shaun Gibson. Chiaramonte's best speed on the three-quarter-mile course came three years later when he reached 168 mph in a new 35-footer also owned by Gibson.

"I'm grateful for this recognition—I know I'm only as good as the people around me, so this honor also goes to my wife, my family, my friends and the supportive team at DCB," Chiaramonte said. "I'm so proud of what DCB has done to make its mark beyond the West Coast, and attending the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout every year has a lot to do with that. Our customers continue to push us to build the best boats possible, and some of them have taken the initiative to run their boats in shootouts at the lake and at other events to put their world-class machines to the test. Many of those guys used to ask me to run their boats, but after seeing me do it a lot of them are motivated to give it a try.

"And the cool thing is they can go run the heck out of their boat in a shootout, then head down the lake and raft-up in a cove with their friends, and go boating again the next day," he added.

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While he's seen the industry and DCB as a company evolve tremendously since he first participated in the Shootout 16 years ago, Chiaramonte said he can't believe how much the event has grown.

"The Shootout has improved so much compared to the first time Dave and I brought Jimmy John's M35 with 1350s to Captain Ron's and just parked it at the docks and watched as everyone marveled at the gelcoat and the rigging of a boat they hadn't seen before," said Chiaramonte, who ran his first DCB—an F29 with a single 1,350-hp engine—at the 2011 event the following year and took home the first of several class-winning trophies he's collected. "For DCB, showcasing our product at Camden on the Lake during Super Cat Fest is just as important, if not more, as running down the Shootout course to prove how fast our boats go. Don't get me wrong, racing in front of all those spectators is one of my favorite parts, but being able to spend time with our customers, demo boats and play a small part in such a significant week at the lake is what it's all about.

"In our business, we've seen a lot of changes with the outboards recently, but the funny thing is that we were doing outboards in the 1990s when Dave was Mercury's West Coast distributor," he continued. "That's how we started—rigging and customizing hot-rod boats. It's crazy how far we've come thanks to our customers and companies such as Mercury Racing moving the industry forward. I've been doing this a long time and am grateful to have earned the respect of my peers and the recognition from an event like the Shootout. It means a lot to me; I feel fortunate to have been in the right place at the right time."





John Crabtree

A Course Of Commitment

Without a personal commitment and an investment of time and resources from Rough Water Dock owner John Crabtree, the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout's three-quarter-mile course-and its extended start and slow-down zones—the show might not go on. Saving the nonprofit organization an estimated \$20,000 or more by donating his entire company's services for the event, Crabtree takes the course setup and safety seriously.

"It's a lot of work—and it's expensive because we can't ask our crew to volunteer that week when we're requiring them to be available many hours of the day from Wednesday through Monday—but I enjoy it and I love what the event means to this community," Crabtree said. "It's not just our side of the lake that benefits either. The amount of sales tax and revenue the Shootout brings to the state of Missouri and our community is tremendous. Setting up the course is a big expense but it's worth it to have Rough Water Dock associated with the Shootout."

Somewhat shocked by the Hall of Fame honor, Crabtree said, "I don't know if I deserve (the recognition), but I appreciate it," adding that he couldn't do any of it without his wife, Barbie, son, Jordan, and the rest of his crew.

Crabtree explained that he was involved with the event when it was at Shooters 21 but once it ended up at Captain Ron's he took on more responsibility and has been setting the course for every event since 2008—although he's been transitioning more of the work to his son. Continued on page 96



BOB MORGAN Memorial

LAKE OF THE OZARKS SHOOTOUT HALL OF FAME

Class of 2013

- Bob Morgan, competitor/organizer (posthumous)
- Dave Callan, competitor/overall Top Gun
- George Denny, volunteer/photographer
- Jeff Dorhauer, volunteer/organizer/fire department
- Margie Frazier, volunteer/fire department
- Ron Frazier, volunteer/fire department
- John Page, volunteer/fire department/co-organizer of first Shootout
- Randy Scism, Marine Technology Inc./competitor
- Dave Scott, competitor/overall Top Gun
- Fran Steingrubey, volunteer/fire department/coorganizer of first Shootout
- John Suellentrop, volunteer/fire department/coorganizer of first Shootout

Class of 2014

- Leo Case, volunteer/broadcaster
- Diana Dorhauer, volunteer/registration
- Ed Hancock, volunteer, fire department
- Scott Poest, volunteer/programmer
- Bill Seebold, co-organizer of first Shootout
- Brad Smith, competitor (posthumous)
- Bill Swineburg, volunteer/water patrol

Class of 2015

- Mike Fiore, competitor, Outerlimits Offshore Powerboats (posthumous)
- Dustin Hancock, volunteer/fire department
- Justin Martin, volunteer/start boat
- Steve Wallace, Advanced Marine/competitor

Class of 2016

- John Cosker, Mystic Powerboats/competitor/overall Top Gun
- Carolyn Dorris, PlayCraft Boats/competitor
- Jim Dorris, PlayCraft Boats/competitor
- Tom Newby, Powerboat magazine
- Rick Smith volunteer/firefighter

Class of 2017

- Bob Bull, competitor
- Jim Melley, competitor (posthumous)
- Richie Prince, competitor (posthumous)
- Carrie Sixkiller, competitor (posthumous)
- Garth Tagge, competitor
- John Tomlinson, TNT Custom Marine/competitor/ overall Top Gun

Class of 2018

- Michael "Doc" Janssen, competitor
- Jason Johnson, Speedonthewater.com
- Rob Lauer, Shooters 21
- Dennis Parvey, competitor
- Brett Manire, Performance Boat Center
- Mark Waddington, Performance Boat Center

Class of 2019

- Ron Duggan, Captain Ron's
- David Leathers, Showcase Publishing
- Kent Morris, volunteer/course director
- Don Onken, American Ethanol/competitor/owner/ overall Top Gun
- Brad Rowland, competitor
- Charlie Schaefer, competitor

Class of 2020

- Myrick Coil, Performance Boat Center/competitor
- Brad Harrington, competitor
- Tim Kowalski, Bio-Kleen/competitor
- Tiffany Maasen, volunteer/competitor
- Bob Teague, Teague Custom Marine, volunteer/ broadcaster/competitor

Class of 2021

- Randy Kent, Marine Concepts Motorsports/competitor
- Dennis Klautzer, KRMS Radio
- Rob Morgan, past competitor and son of Bob Morgan
- Ivan "Buck" Stracener, competitor
- Connie Weyer, Advantage Marine LOTO/volunteer
- Dave Weyer, Advantage Marine LOTO/volunteer

Class of 2022

- Mark Maasen, Poly Lift Boat Lifts/competitor
- Missouri Eagle, sponsor
- Mike "Gordo" Gordon, competitor
- Scott Lyons, Central Power and Rigging
- Ruben Sifuentes, Central Power and Rigging
- John Teichman, Shooters 21
- Michael Wagner, Toni Wagner, Sandy Laffoon, volunteers/radar crew

Class of 2023

- Tony Chiaramonte
- John Crabtree
- The "Cornerstone" Registration Crew: Jackie Bartholomew, Kim Gericke, Donna Lampe, Jacki Palmquist and Kerry Willoughby
- Randy Kelly





"It's a thankless job, but our guys do a great job and they're dedicated," he said. "I mean, they're out there from when we start at six o'clock in the morning and we don't get done until six at night on Saturday and Sunday since we're there to make sure the course stays put. So essentially they're out there in the heat all day for 12 hours."

A Cornerstone Crew

As much of a team as any that is involved with the event, the registration crew of Jackie Bartholomew, Kim Gericke, Donna Lampe, Jacki Palmquist and Kerry Willoughby help the Shootout run as smooth as possible. Led by past Hall of Fame inductee Diana Dorhauer, the group is going into this year's Hall of Fame with the utmost regard from Dorhauer.

"The registration team is crucial to all facets of information required to run the Shootout," Dorhauer



The "Cornerstone" Registration Crew

said. "The team manages all aspects of racer information used for classification, safety and the broadcast. This team is detail-oriented, ensuring everyone has all information needed to safely compete. I can't say enough good things about the group and the roles these women play in putting on the biggest powerboating event in the world."

Palmquist has the longest tenure on the team at 22 years and Gericke isn't far behind with 17 years assisting with the registration process. Willoughby was involved in the Shootout from 1999 to 2007 when the event transitioned from Shooters 21 to Captain Ron's and returned to help in 2013 and hasn't left. Lampe, who is Dorhauer's sister, has been involved for seven years and Bartholomew is going on her fourth year.

"Being a part of the registration team is exciting because you get to meet and interact with all of the racers and their crews," Palmquist said. "So throughout the years you get to build these friendships and start to realize you are an important part of the whole event."

Seeing the race teams annually is Willoughby's favorite part.

"Regardless of how busy we are or what random issue we are dealing with at registration, it really is fun to see everyone and catch up with them," Willoughby said.

Lampe and Gericke agreed. "I like seeing the same drivers year after year and seeing where they have traveled from," Gericke explained. "I enjoy meeting the amazing people from all over the country and seeing how far they traveled for this race," Lampe said.

It's clear the team is dedicated and is more than deserving of its entry into the Hall of Fame. *Cont. p. 98*

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Randy Kelly

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Randy Kelly, who founded Kelly's Port, a leading marina and boat dealership in Osage Beach, Mo., in 1977 and was involved with the first shootout in 1989, said he was flattered when he found out he was being inducted into the Hall of Fame. As president of the Lake of the Ozarks Marine **Dealers Association 35 years** ago, Kelly said Fran Steingrubey, an original Shootout organizer and fellow Hall of Famer, asked for support from the dealers association for the first-year event—and the rest was history.

Not only did Kelly continue on with his start-boat responsibilities for several years and give back to the event in other ways through the generosity of his business and it employees, he even won his class one year when he ran one of the dealership's Wellcraft Scarab P-29 V-bottoms powered by twin small-block engines to a top speed of 74 mph.

"It's staggering what they have done with the event and how advanced it has become," said Kelly, whose full-service marina has been recognized as one of the best facilities in the lake area for close to 50 years. "I mean it's a whole new ball game compared to where it started. There are so many different events now and the money *Continued on page 100*

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raised is just incredible. It's a direct reflection on so many things that make this lake area great."

Kelly said he enjoyed being involved with the event early on.

"The marine dealers association had helped with other larger functions, including an Unlimited hydroplane race, so we didn't hesitate to provide whatever assistance we could for the top-speed shootout," Kelly said. "We mainly organized a bunch of boats, some of which came from Kelly's Port, to help patrol the area. I ended up handling start-boat duties for the first five years or so before the fire protection services took it over and refined several parts of the event. I enjoyed being around the boats and the people all of those years. It was a great experience and a lot of fun."

Kelly has moved beyond running the day-to-day aspects of the dealership as his children, Kyle and Randy, have taken the reins and are leading an exceptional team of employees that help deliver some of the best customer experiences at the lake. He is proud that they're passing on the same hard-working, take-care-ofyour-customers culture that he's instilled in the business for the past five decades.

It's a similar culture to that of the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout, which is why the charitable event has lasted as long as it has with an outstanding reputation to match.





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- Do you know how many names that the overall Top Speed Trophy has had?
- Two: Top Gun and Lt. Governor's Cup.
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- Did you know that all of Saturday's racing used to be time trials and not used for actual scoring?
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- Did you know that the boats formerly went down the course, turned around, and then came back; therefore, recording two total scores along their single run?
- Do you know who has had the slowest registered speed in the Shootout's History?
- "Celebration" in at 12 miles per hour (note that the driver was still required to wear helmets and a lifejacket).

- Did you know that the Annual Shootout was gaining so much fame and exposure, that a local fire district trademarked its name and logo (while called the Lake Rescue Shootout) in 2004?
- This trademark has since been released.
- Did you know that the Famed Detroit Gold Cup Hydroplane Races requested a date change of the Shootout as it was having a negative effect on their event?
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Before Jim Dorris, nobody raced pontoons. Likely nobody even thought of it (why would they?) until Jim came along.

The late founder of Playcraft Boats ran his last Shootout in 2022, hitting 81 mph in his iconic redyellow-and-black Playcraft. A few months later — in December — he passed away suddenly. The loss of Jim Dorris was a heavy blow to the Lake of the Ozarks and Shootout communities: he was known and loved by many. But he wasn't always so well-known. When Jim first showed up to the Shootout driving a pontoon, in the late-1990s, his boat looked like a fish out of water. His widow, Carolyn Dorris, recalled, "I was in the boat with him. We pulled up there and the guy managing the dock at the time said, 'Hey this is only for drivers!' And Jim said, 'I'm racing!'"

His boat hit 60 mph; everyone was stunned.

"It was a big deal that a pontoon boat would run like that!" Carolyn recalled.

Jim ran in the Shootout nearly every year after that, but soon he brought Carolyn onto the race course. He thought it would be good publicity for the *Cont. next page*

"The Shootout's kinda known for those high speeds and million-dollar boats, but Jim made people realize there's more to boating than that."

company, because, as she said with a laugh, "If a lady can drive a boat, anybody can drive a boat!" No matter who was behind the wheel, Playcraft boats were a fixture in the event, and they always impressed spectators and racers alike with their speed.

"He would say, 'I wanna run with the big boys. Go as fast as they go,'" Carolyn said. That was Jim's unique drive: making pontoons go faster. And for an everyman's race like the Shootout, Jim's Playcraft pontoons were a perfect fit. "He was showing you could take a boat that anybody could buy and race it in the Shootout," said longtime Shootout Director, current Shootout board member, and Captain Ron's owner Ron Duggan. "The Shootout's kinda known for those high speeds and million-dollar boats, but Jim made people realize there's more to boating than that. Exposing that during the Shootout, which has a ton of followers... that opened some people's eyes to some highperformance pontoon boats." *Continued on page 118*



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Indeed, Dorris took pride in the fact that the Playcraft pontoons his family ran in the Shootout were "production boats... where anyone can buy them, and we sell them to the public."

"We've always said, 'The Shootout is for everybody.' And he kinda reinforced that for us," Duggan said.

Reinventing Pontoons, Disrupting An Industry

Jim's impact on the Shootout was the result of his undeniable impact on the world of boat

manufacturing and design. Jim Dorris was a disruptor and a dreamer: always trying to figure out how to make a pontoon go faster. "He reinvented pontoons," Carolyn said. "He made them highperformance." Playcraft made waves, and other pontoon manufacturers took notice. The industry was transformed by Jim's bold vision of a Playcraft that was more than just grandpa's putterin' boat. Now, most major pontoon brands have options for dual (or even triple) high-power outboards: pontoons are fast



boats now, thanks to Jim Dorris. "He actually started it," Carolyn insisted. "He really did."

But it wasn't just about strapping more horses on the back of the boat: Playcrafts are actually designed to go fast. John Odom, of Marty's Marine — the Playcraft dealer at Lake of the Ozarks explains Playcrafts are fast for three reasons:

- 1. The RAC-R-FINS These patented lifting-strakes help Playcrafts rise out of the water, creating less drag and packing air underneath, to reach higher speeds
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- 3. The Design These boats are engineered to be able to turn on a dime. And they do. *Cont. next page*





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Jim loved designing and improving boats: in addition to his RAC-R-FINS, he also patented a pontoon design that has built-in steps down to the water on the back of the log. "Jim never put a limitation on what we could do," John said. "If somebody wanted it, he'd figure out how to build it."

Jim The Man: Husband, Father, Friend

But beyond his influence on the Shootout and his pioneering leadership in boat manufacturing, Jim's greatest impact was as a husband, father, and friend. Talk to anyone who knew Jim, and they speak of him with reverence.

"Everybody respected Jim!" Odom said glowingly, calling Jim "a genius" and "a father figure."

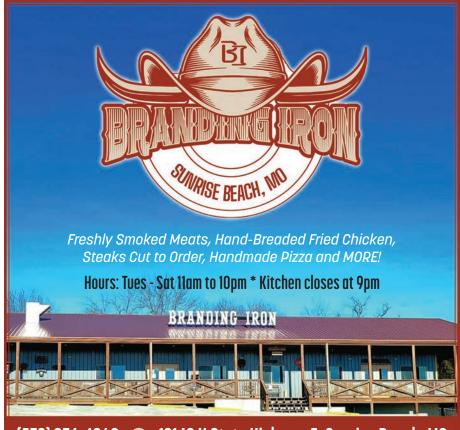
The one who knew Jim best, of course, was his wife. Whenever she talks about his career, it's with a tone of respect and amazement. But when Carolyn speaks of Jim as a man — a father, a husband, a friend her voice shakes with emotion: "He was a wonderful



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When Jim and Carolyn met, he had three children, and she had one. They were married in 1977. "I loved his boys, and he loved my son," she said. "It was a total blessing." Over the years, as Playcraft grew, Jim nurtured and grew his family too. "I worked full-time and had four boys, and we had ballgames... Jim put in long hours and he always tried to make it to everything the kids did." She added, "Our lives were full." Still, they set aside one week per year to reconnect as a couple. Too poor to afford a boat in those early years, with Jim working long hours, Carolyn would sometimes go grab a boat from the factory when their boys wanted to get on the water. Continued on next page



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"Everybody respected Jim! ...a genius... a father figure."

One special memory Carolyn recalled from the Shootout: "I don't think anybody knows this. He was approached at the dock by a couple, and they had their son's ashes, and they asked Jim to take his ashes and spread them at the start line. Their son loved going to the Shootout... and Jim went out there close to the front of the Shootout and scattered his ashes." Jim won't be at the Shootout this year. But Carolyn will. "I'm gonna run!" she insisted. Jim's iconic superfast Playcraft will be there too, at the docks.

Jim Dorris wanted to run with the big boys, and he did, in all the ways that matter. Jim left an indelible impact on the Shootout, on the boating industry, and in the hearts and lives of all who knew him.



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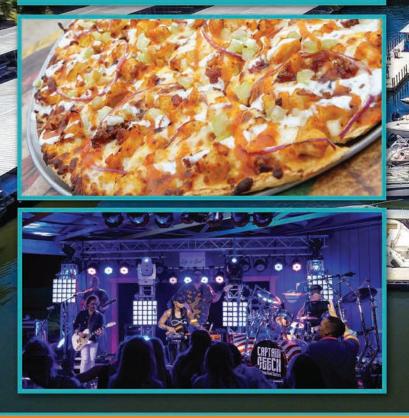
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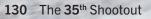




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History of the Poly Lift Lake of the Ozarks Shootout Poker Run

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"It's one of the biggest poker runs in the country..."

Power boats gather at Captain Ron's Bar & Grill in Sunrise Beach on a Friday morning in late August. The sky is clear, the lake is rippling, and the atmosphere is lively as a growing crowd of people buzz in anticipation of a day of friendly competition. A few hours later, filled with a hearty breakfast, boaters idle out of the cove.

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Masses of spectators — in boats, on docks, and in businesses and homes along the shoreline — jockey for the best views while helicopters hover above the water allowing videographers and photographers to capture the excitement. This is the scene at the annual Poly Lift Lake of the Ozarks Shootout Poker Run, a pre-event activity, co-sponsored by Lakefront Living Realty and Dockworks, that's been a highlight of the Shootout weekend for more than 15 years.

"The poker run gives people a reason to come to the Lake before the big race and enjoy themselves," says Connie Weyer, a Shootout board member who has volunteered at the poker run *Continued on next page*



from the start. "There's something for everyone. You'll see boats full of guys, boats full of ladies, and boats with mom, dad, kids, and even the grandparents."

In the mid-2000s, brothers Mark and Mike Maasen, co-owners of Poly Lift Boat Lifts, became the title sponsors for the poker run. Mark has been involved with the Shootout since day one, driving one of the patrol boats for the first several years. He is also covice president of the Shootout board and a marketing committee member.

Over the years, the poker run has raised more than half a million dollars for Lake-area rescue teams and charities, with \$100,000 raised in 2022 alone.

"It's one of the biggest poker runs in the country," Connie says. "For a lot of the charities, the donation from the Shootout is their biggest source of income. It's what keeps them going for the year and boosts what they can do to help the people they serve."

The funds come from registration and stop fees, sponsors, and generous donations. Continued on page 134





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"All of the money goes to the charities and it's great for the Lake overall," Mark says. "That's what truly drives us to keep doing it."

The poker run is a laid-back affair focused on recreational boating and socializing. A preregistration party at Performance Boat Center in Osage Beach kicks things off the night before with food, drinks, and a fireworks display. The 2022 poker run covered about 60 miles, with boaters drawing one playing card for each of the nine stops: Captain Ron's, Paradise Restaurant and Bar, and Franky & Louie's Beachfront Bar & Grill in Sunrise Beach; Larry's on the Lake, The Cave Bar & Grill, and Nautifish Rum Bar in Camdenton; Big Dick's Halfway Inn in Gravois Mills; The Boardwalk at Waves and Wheels in Osage Beach; and Shady Gators in Lake Ozark, which was the final stop and award ceremony location. The planning committee will extend the route and add more stops for 2023.

"The poker run is always evolving with new ideas," says Don Sylva, a poker run committee member and Shootout board member. *Continued on page 136*





"Many of the people doing the run spend the whole day seeing parts of the Lake they never knew existed..."





"It's grown a lot, and we'd like to see that continue because the bigger it gets, the more money we make for the charities, and the more fun it is."

Each person's final hand consists of their five best cards and the best hand wins a cash prize. Players can purchase two additional cards per hand at the end of the game. The 2022 winner received \$2,500. There were also prizes for second and third place and worst hand. "Many of the people doing the run spend the whole day seeing parts of the Lake they never knew existed," Mike says. "It's not about how fast your boat can go, it's just about having fun. Often, you end up running with a group of three or four boats and making new friends."

In contrast with the Shootout, racing isn't allowed during the poker run and boaters must stick to the 60-mile-per-hour speed limit.



"As our poker run has grown over the years, we've never had any issues," Mark says. "From Captain Ron's, we send half of the boats in one direction and half the boats in the other direction to spread them out. We have a good relationship with the Missouri State Water Patrol, and they like how we manage the event."

A committee of nine people starts planning the poker run in early January. About 30 volunteers also pitch in throughout the year and their efforts bring more money for the Shootout's beneficiaries.

"The poker run, like all Shootout events, grew substantially in 2022," says Shootout director Leah Martin. "We're excited about the growth and the financial impact that has for our charities."

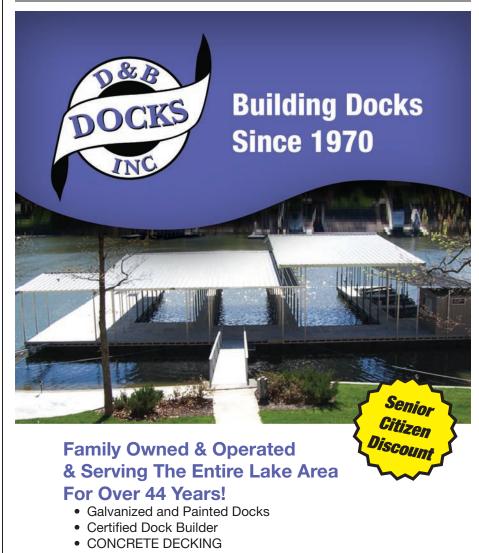
Technology has become increasingly important in enhancing the event. Boat registrations are mostly done online and volunteers check in for their shifts on iPads.

"We're always trying to tweak our processes to make things quicker, faster, and easier for people," Mark says. *Continued on next page*





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About 25 boats participated in the first poker run. In 2022, over 160 vessels were registered.

"It's amazing what a draw the poker run has become," Mark says. "People travel here from all over the U.S., coast to coast, north to south. Many people have come down from Canada to participate and we even had a guy come from Norway."

One reason for the poker run's popularity is the relative ease of navigating the Lake.

"The Lake of the Ozarks is unique because you can pretty much drive anywhere without worrying about bottoming your boat out," Mike says. "On other lakes, there are channel markers; if you get outside of the markers, you risk going from 40 feet of water to two feet in a second."

People also enjoy the Lake's wellestablished retail, dining, and entertainment.

"We have so much nightlife here and things to do on the water during the day like the pool bars and the restaurants," Mark says. "You can have everything from a mom-and-pop hamburger to a five-course meal on the water."

In addition to all the Lake has to offer, the people Cont. on page 140





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are the heart of what's made the poker run such a memorable and long-standing part of the Shootout.

"The poker run has some of the best camaraderie I've ever seen," Mark says. "It doesn't matter if it's 110 degrees or 60 degrees and rainy, people still want to come out. It doesn't matter if you're driving a \$20,000 boat or a 2-million-dollar boat. Everyone gets together to talk, have a good time, share stories, help each other, and support great causes."

The 2023 Poly Lift Lake of the

Ozarks Shootout Poker Run will take place Friday, August 25. Registration and breakfast start at 8 a.m. and the run kicks off at 10:30 a.m. Sign ups also available Thursday Night at Performance Boat Center from 5pm-8pm. For more information, go to LakeoftheOzarksShootout.com.



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THE MINISHOOTOUT

RC Boating adds another kind of high-speed action to the list of exciting Shootout Events!

By Deanna Wolff | Photos by David Dilks, Lake Shots Photography

If you see a small object zipping across the lake at rocket speed while sending a plume of white spray into the sky in its wake, rest assured you're not seeing things.

The Lake of the Ozarks Mini-Shootout is held in the Springs cove at Ha Ha Tonka State Park. A remotecontrolled boat race that's been held the weekend prior to the main Shootout event every year since 2010, and it's truly a sight to see! It gets bigger ever year, bringing in entrants from all across the country, and as far as Canada – and these racers take RC boating seriously, but have a lot of fun doing it. *Cont. on next page*

"... Anyone can come out to see the incredible and beautiful RC boats that often look like scale models of the real thing and meet the racers..."



"The event is very family-oriented, and there's a Mini-Shootout for kids (12 and under)..."

The idea to hold an RC boat race at the Lake of the Ozarks was spawned when Bill McNeill from Kansas City bought a \$500 remote-controlled boat from eBay in 2009. He then approached Ron Duggan, owner of Captain Ron's Bar & Grill in Sunrise Beach, to host the event and the first Mini-Shootout was born at Captain Ron's in 2010. Searching for the ideal water conditions and speed capabilities, the Mini-Shootout was later moved to Kelly's Landing, then Papa Chubby's, and finally to Ha Ha Tonka State Park.

Spectators can view the exciting races from Cont. p. 150









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the shoreline where they can also walk through the pits to check out the RC boats up close, or cove out from their boat and watch the races from the water. "The event is very family-oriented, and there's a Mini-Shootout for kids (12 and under) where they get to run their own store-bought RTR (Ready To Run) boats with no entry fee. They have such a great time, and it gets the kids interested in and excited about RC boating," says Lance Hedrick, owner of Hedrick Motiv Werks in Osage Beach, the organizer of the event.

RC Boat classes are broke down between gas and electric. There are several classes in each category to make competition fair. RC boat racers *Cont. on page 152*







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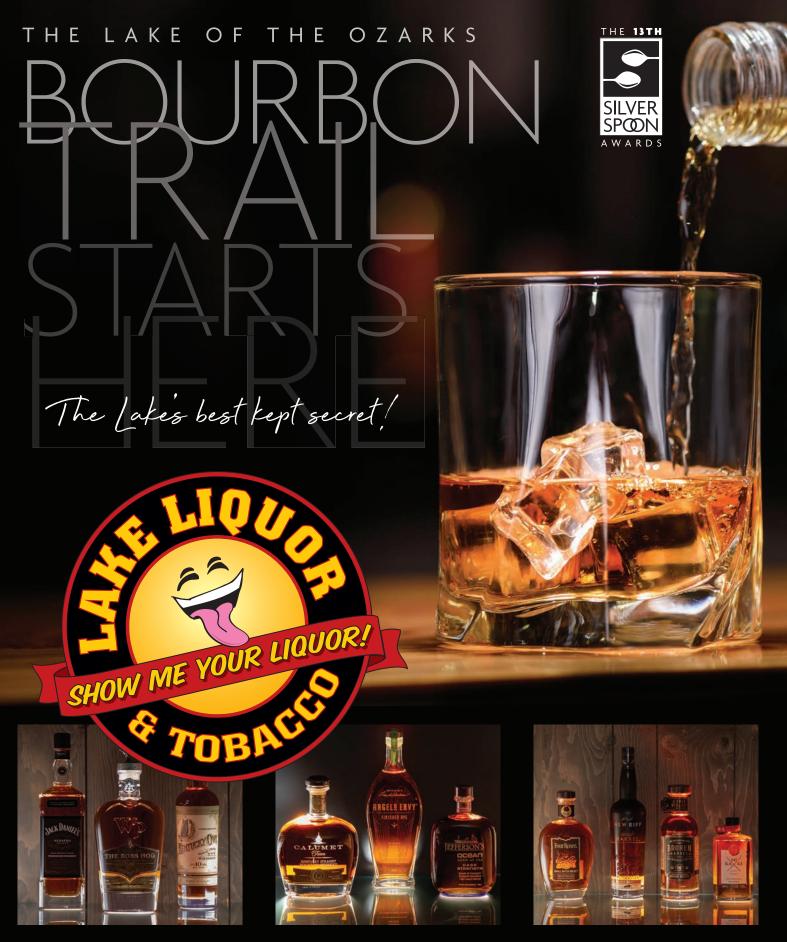


vie to crush the competition and become the event's Top Gun. Top Gun speeds have reached over 125 mph. Taking home the Top Gun trophy gives you the bragging rights for the year as to having the fastest RC boat in the Mini Shootout.

"The Mini-Shootout Meet and Greet is held at the Springs at Ha Ha Tonka on Friday, the weekend of the Mini Shootout event. Anyone can come out to see the incredible and beautiful RC boats that often look like scale models of the real thing and meet the racers. "It's also where the racers register for the event," explains Roger Leas, co-owner of D & B Docks in Climax Springs, another one of the event's key organizers.

In 2022, Lance and his wife, Jeanese introduced the Donna Leas "First Lady" Award after *Cont. on page 154*





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Donna passed earlier in the year. The wife of Roger Leas, Donna was one of the most loved, respected, and competitive ladies at the Mini-Shootout, and her involvement fostered other ladies, young and old, to become interested in the sport. The award goes to the fastest woman-driven RC boat at the event.

Word has spread widely about the Lake of the Ozarks Mini-Shootout throughout the years. The huge camaraderie amongst the racers, as well as the solid competition, make this event popular with both RC boaters and spectators alike.

So for those of you who don't yet know, this is RC boating and these boats are, without a doubt, some of the most exciting radio-controlled machines around, and who knows, this might even become a new hobby for yourself!

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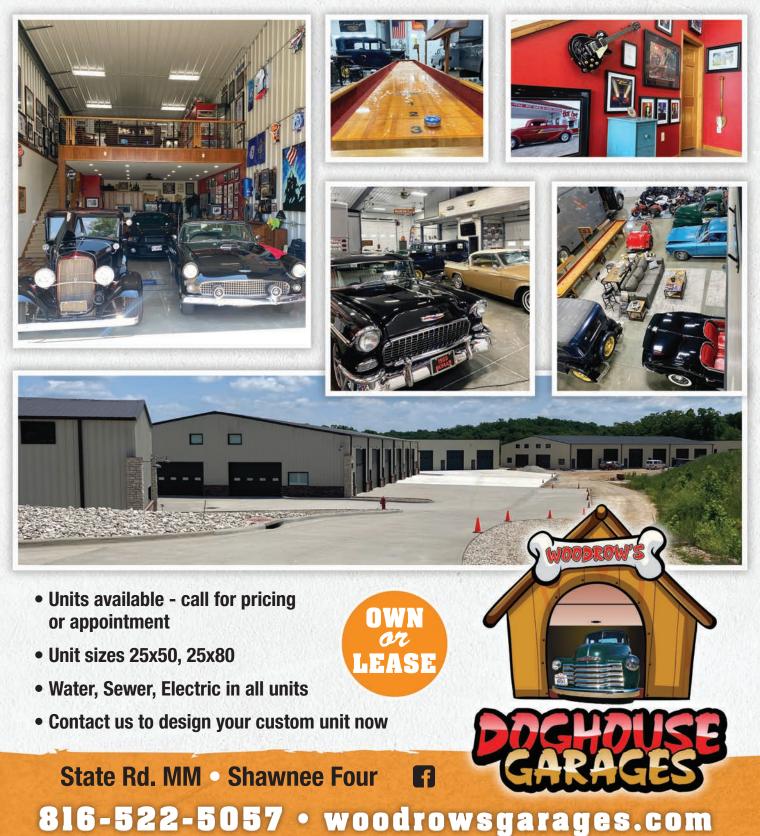
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In case Super Cat Fest 2023 isn't on your radar yet, here's how its Facebook page describes the event.

"Super Cat Fest is a gathering of the fastest, most exotic offshore marine hardware in the world!" That's no exaggeration, according to Alvin Heathman, Super Cat Fest's founder.

"These Super Cats are high performance catamarans. Some are capable of going over 200 miles per hour. Most do 150 to 160," he says. "You've even got the cat outboards now that have become very popular. It's nothing for them to run in the 120's." *Continued on next page*





Indeed, dozens of the powerful, shiny, twin-hulled machines will strut their stuff at Camden on the Lake Resort August 25-27. That's the same weekend as the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout, the annual race that draws power boaters (and spectators) from all over the world.

"We've got really complementary events," Heathman says. "It's worked out great."

A former boat racer himself, Heathman started Super Cat Fest in 2010 to help generate more late summer traffic for a lakefront hotel.

"I don't know if I'd call it 'vision'," he chuckles. "I just thought it was a natural for the lake.".

Heathman says he relied on his networking skills reaching out to a few boat manufacturers *Cont. p. 164*



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Today, Heathman points out, Super Cat Fest has grown about as large as it can—since he "can't build more docks or hotel rooms."

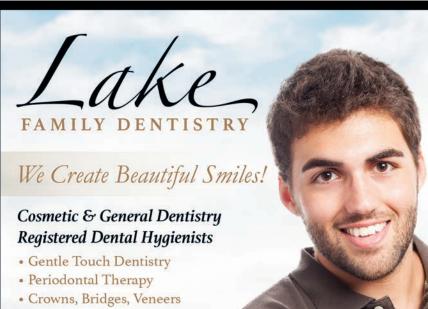
Still, thanks to boat-building technology, the event continues to evolve. For example, Heathman remembers when a 24-foot Super Cat was considered big. Now, he says, 48- footers are everywhere, boasting the kind of horsepower almost unimaginable twenty years ago.

And not surprisingly, these engineering marvels carry a premium price tag.

"When it comes to the performance boating world, these guys are at the *Continued on page 166*







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top of the food chain," Heathman says. "They're all very successful in their businesses. They come here to unwind and enjoy life and blend in with other boaters."

Or as Carlton Bass, a "regular" from Oklahoma told speedonthewater.com a few years back, "If you've got a badass Cat, you have to be there."

John Woodruff from Atlanta plans to "be there" again this year. He's known for arriving in a helicopter painted to match the "Windship," his tricked-out 48-foot Super Cat.

Often described as "big hearted and fun loving," Woodruff plays a large role in another important aspect of Super Cat Fest—raising money for local charities.

A Friday night bikini contest always brings in a big chunk of change. Last year, \$63,000 in donations were raised for Duo *Continued on page 168*

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Taylor says she didn't realize the impact that the Shootout and Super Cat Fest had on the community until she attended the check presentations in 2021, which helped her see "how many groups, charities and organizations really benefit."

In 2022, major donors like Woodruff helped auctioneer Nolan Ferris bring in \$50,000 for Super Cat Fest 4 Kids. Funds that are directed toward school lunches, coats, gloves, toys and other initiatives which aid *Continued on page 170*

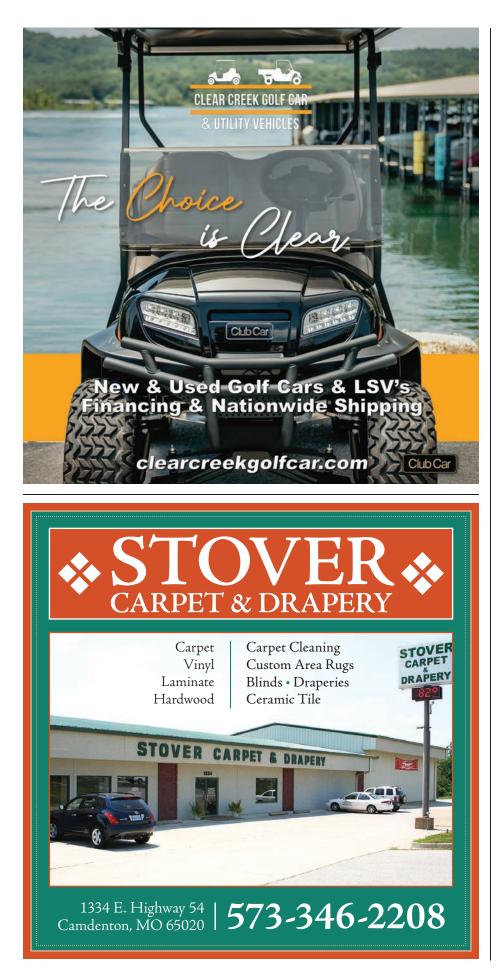




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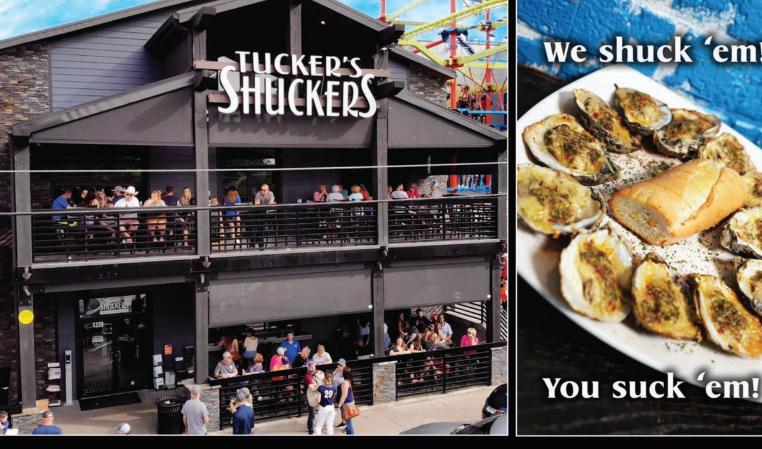
what Heathman calls the lake's "forgotten" kids.

"These boaters are very giving," he says. "We just give them a platform. We explain what the money is going for and they're good with it."

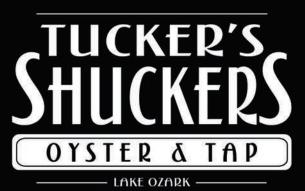
Pulling it all together (and now, Super Cat Fest West at Lake Havasu in Arizona) takes lots of Heathman's time and energy. "There's times I've gotten frustrated and wanted to walk away from it," he admits.

"And then someone comes and says 'Alvin, thank you so much, this is the best event we attend all summer long.' And that resonates in my heart. I kind of like to make everybody happy."





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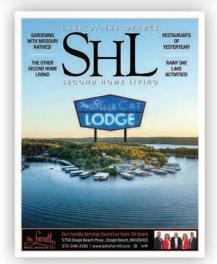
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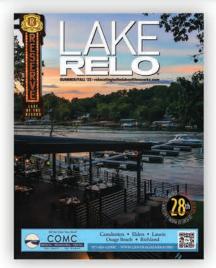
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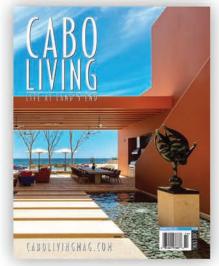
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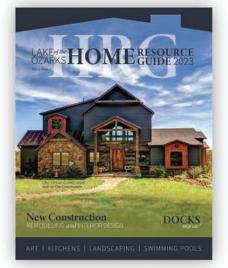
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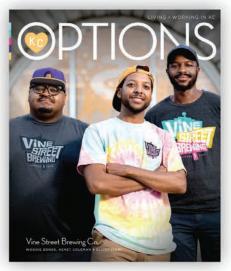
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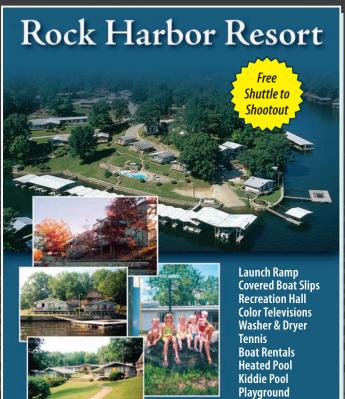


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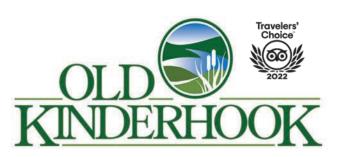
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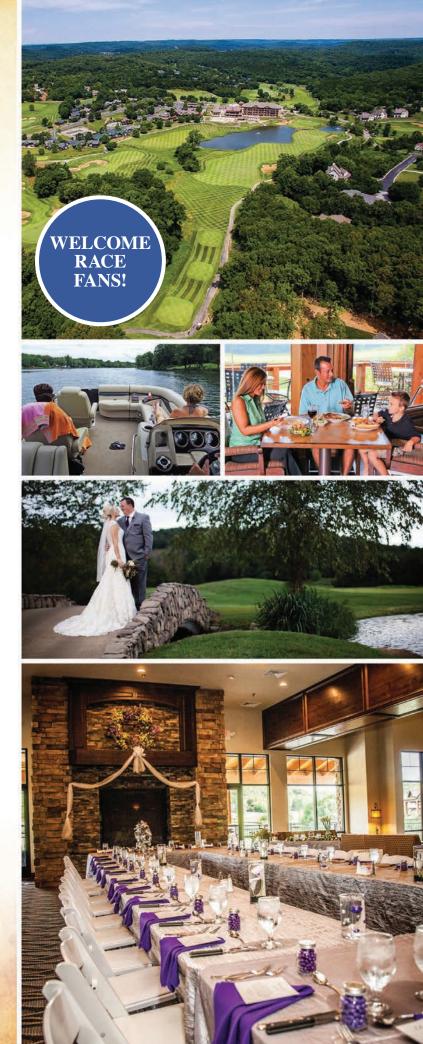
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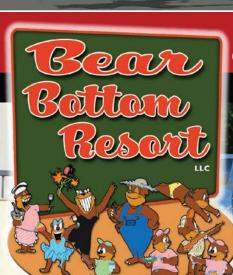
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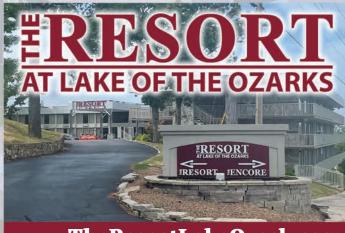


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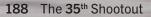


THE SHOOTOUT KILO RUNS

Unsanctioned meets sanctioned with new Shootout kilo runs.

By Porcshe Moran Murphy | Opening photo by Matt Trulio/SpeedontheWater.com





While the Lake of the Ozarks (LOTO) Shootout is already one of the most anticipated weeks of the summer, this year's event is set to be even more exciting with the addition of sanctioned kilometer (kilo) speed runs. Through the Shootout's collaboration with the American Power Boat Association/Union Internationale Motonautique (APBA/UIM), competitors will have a chance to set official world speed records. *Cont. next*

"The addition of kilo racing is a great way to enliven the event and to add something new and unique to the 35th annual Shootout."





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"The American Power Boat Association is pleased to become a part of the biggest performance boating event in the world," says Rich Luhrs, APBA Offshore Racing Commission chairman. "The Shootout will produce true UIM/APBA world records — the internationally recognized speed titles. This LOTO-based event has epitomized excellence in organization, promotion and state-of-the-art course management. We look forward to a long and mutually rewarding relationship." On Sunday, August 27, the same course used for the Shootout will function as the two-way kilo course. During the event, racers will be required to pass the quarter-mile course in both directions, averaging the speed of each run to produce the record. There is no limit to how far back the boats can run up their speed before entering what is known as the "kilo trap." APBA officials will use optical scanners to trigger the start and finish, tracking the boats as they pass. *Continued on page 192*

"I'm excited because I've never done a kilo before...It will be neat to run one in honor of Jim who will be missed dearly..."



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"Unlike the traditional 'top-speed racing' we typically witness at the Shootout, kilo races, rather, are a speed run based upon the average time between two survey points, which are marked by buoys," says Shootout Executive Director Leah Martin. "The addition of kilo racing is a great way to enliven the event and to add something new and unique to the 35th annual Shootout."

Martin says Alvin Heathman, organizer of Super Cat Fest and avid supporter of the Shootout, came up with the initial idea of introducing kilo racing. Heathman set two kilo world records in 2002.

"We usually have big crowds on Saturday and then participation dwindles on Sunday as people start to head home," he explains. "We already have the infrastructure for kilo runs, so it seems like a perfect thing to do to keep people at the Lake longer. Also, this is a great opportunity for racers to possibly set a world record and leave here with bragging rights."

John Odom of Marty's Marine in Osage Beach has





raced in the Shootout six times and plans to run the kilo this year in a new PlayCraft performance pontoon. He says he'll be thinking of the late Jim Dorris, founder of PlayCraft Boats, during the race.

"I'm excited because I've never done a kilo before," Odom says. "It will be neat to run one in honor of Jim who will be missed dearly. He was my mentor and a mainstay at the Shootout. I considered him family."

Shootout veteran Dave Scott, who won the Top Gun award for fastest overall speed eight times in the late 90s and early 2000s, expects the kilo races to be well-received by racers and fans. As a kilo world record holder, he knows the insand-outs of the event. *Cont. p. 194*



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"Kilo races are exciting for spectators," Scott says. "For participants, the kilos will provide new challenges they might not have experienced before. It's nerve-racking when you're trying to maintain speeds approaching or exceeding 200-miles-per-hour. It requires your undivided attention."

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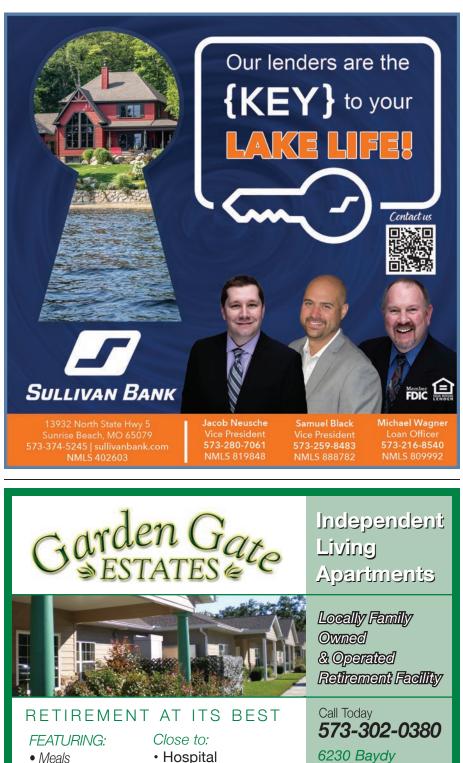


As thousands of people watch the kilo races from land and water at the Lake, many will take in the happenings via livestreams on the official Shootout Facebook page and YouTube channels. Additionally, Lake area residents and water-based marinas/ restaurants can air 2023's broadcast live on Co-Mo Connect and Spectrum platforms. This year's broadcast will also air in several areas across Missouri including Columbia, Kansas City and Springfield.

"It's great to see the Shootout continue to grow and get more coverage," Odom says. "The kilos are part of a whole new era."

For up-to-date information, including the schedule of events and registration, visit LakeoftheOzarksShootout.com.





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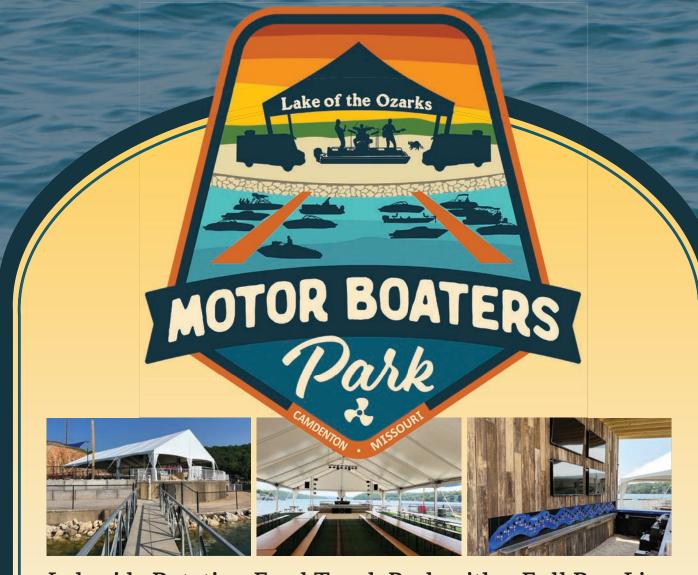
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ELECTRIC AT THE SHOOTOUT

Watch for these cutting-edge boats on the race course and at the docks!

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ELECTRIC

At the first Shootout, in 1989, for the handful of guys running in the loosely organized event, the objective was clear: see who can go the fastest.

Now in its 35th year, the Shootout is still a test of speed. But as the eyes of hundreds of thousands of boaters turn to the 3/4-mile stretch of Lake of the Ozarks for this one-of-a-kind event in late-August, another purpose has arisen: showing all those spectators what your boat can do. For boating industry entrepreneurs, innovators, and disruptors, the Shootout is the perfect place to make a huge splash. If you want to turn up the volume on your boat company, you bring your boat to the Shootout. And this year's Shootout will draw more participants than ever in a particular category, who hope to turn up the volume on their innovations and brand... a type of boat that, ironically, is the quietest powerboat that exists... electric boats.

In 2018, a 23-foot center-console named *Calypso* became the first electric boat to run at the Shootout. It was pure novelty... kinda cute, honestly, as the little-boat-that-could meandered down the course. Top speed: 25 mph. People chuckled, but many mused, "I bet we'll see an electric boat running with the big boys soon enough." In 2019 Vision ran a smooth 31 mph an hour with *Continued on next page*





Above: Vision Marine Technologies' Bruce 22 Boat, with an E-Motion motor.

Randy Vance at the helm of the Volt 180. In 2021, Vision Marine ran their *Bruce 22* in the Shootout, and the boat hit a respectable 49 mph. *Interesting and impressive*, onlookers thought to themselves. *But still just a novelty*. The next year, Vision shocked the boating world when they brought a custom-built 32-foot catamaran piloted by famed raceboat driver Shaun Torrente: the boat hit 109 mph at the Shootout in a super-quiet, super-smooth run.

The future had arrived.

And this year, more electric boat companies are arriving for a shot at Shootout glory: some hoping for high speeds, others figuring they won't be the fastest electric boat but aiming to capitalize on the massive exposure.

This year, Shootout organizers are expecting the biggest-ever turnout among electric boats, and as a result they've created multiple new Electric Boat race categories: multi-hull and mono-hull. Vision Marine — again seeing the opportunity — came aboard as the sponsor for the Electric classes. It's unknown how many electric boats will show up to the race; there are some DIY'ers or small-time electric boat startups out there, and Shootout Director Leah Martin says she expects to see some of those. But at least two major electric marine companies are planning on making their mark and setting new Shootout records: Vision Marine Technologies, and Voltari.

A Compelling Vision

Let's get the first, biggest question out of the way: Will that incredible V32 Vision catamaran (with Shaun Torrente at the helm) be returning this year? Answer: Yes.

Vincent Prévost, Global Brand Director at Vision Marine, says the purpose of that electric supercat is to draw attention to what Vision Marine Technologies is up to, and to reveal the future potential of electric boats. This fast cat is a highly customized boat, not one that can be ordered. "We're doing it out of love for it," Alexandre Mongeon, CEO of Vision Marine Technologies, said of the planned run. But the attention garnered by the Vision supercat affords the publicly traded company (NASDAQ: VMAR) the opportunity to showcase the capabilities of electric propulsion for boaters. The E-Motion™ Electric Powertrain Technology is built for consumer-ready products. The new Four Winns H2e sports the E-Motion™, and there's more to come.

The result of decades of research and innovation, the E-Motion[™] is Vision's flagship electric propulsion system, and it's nothing short of stunning. Those who follow this kind of thing know one of the biggest

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inarguable differences between electric and gaspowered motors is the torque.

"The torque is pretty unbelievable," Prévost says. Gas engines generate torque on a parabolic curve; but thanks to the way brushless electric motors work, they provide instant torque, resulting in a shockingly different experience on the water. Electric boats can get on-plane in mere moments, a feature water sports fans are beginning to notice. This may be the new, best way to get a wakeboarder out of the water.

Prévost calls Vision a "leader in this space." He's biased, of course, but he's not wrong. Vision Marine focused its energy and capital on building an electric propulsion system — motor, lower-unit, and batteries — specifically designed for marine applications, and the company sees massive opportunity on the horizon.

Their growth strategy is predicated on partnerships

with pre-existing boat manufacturers. Vision Marine wants to take models boaters already know and rig them with the E-Motion[™] Powertrain Technology, from runabouts to pontoons to center consoles. A partnership with Groupe Beneteau has opened a huge door for the company to accomplish this. Groupe Beneteau owns nine marine brands, several of which — Beneteau, Four Winns, Jeanneau, Wellcraft, and Scarab — are household names for boaters. And in the first-ever production-scale conversion of a boat from gas-powered to electricpowered, Four Winns and Vision Marine have launched the Four Winns H2e bowrider. The 22-foot all-electric boat can hit 40 mph, seats 10 people, and sports a dual-display touchscreen for robust systems monitoring.

For Vision, the H2e is only the beginning, as Prévost points out early-adopters & innovators will help shape the future of the boating scene *Cont. on next page*



Above: Top Left, Vision Marine Team at the Lake. Top Right, Vison Marine Technologies' 180E E-Motion engine. *Below:* 109 MPH - World's Fastest Electric Boat Record - Lake of the Ozarks 2022.



and bring new people into boating. Vision hopes to lead the electric boating industry.

The exciting thing about burgeoning industries is the wild-and-unpredictable nature of it all. Innovators and disruptors employ various strategies, and (ideally) the market decides who will prevail. While Vision focuses on building an electric propulsion system that can be fitted to a wide range of pre-existing hulls, another electric boat company with a different strategy plans to make its debut at this year's race. Shootout fans: meet Voltari.

Voltari's Carbon-Fiber Edge

Don't we all want to be "the Tesla" of our respective industries? Disruptive, innovative, hip, and worth billions? Voltari founder Cameron Heaps compares his company to the Tesla model, and while the "worth billions" may not be here yet, they've checked the

Four Winns H2e

Length: 22' Weight: 4,870 lbs Peak Horsepower: 230 hp Top Speed: 40 mph Typical Range: ~70 miles at 20 mph Seating: 10 Starting Price: \$189,600

other boxes. Heaps founded Voltari in 2009. His background was in carbon-fiber construction, not propulsion systems. But he met with a group of champion water skiers who wondered if an electric ski boat was possible (they were tired of breathing the fumes!) Heaps partnered with a team of engineering geniuses. They combined his experience in carbon fiber with their ability to design an electric motor, and in 2023 they debuted the Voltari 260.

Designed, built, and sold by Voltari, the company's vertical integration does indeed recall the Tesla model. The deep-v hull's carbon fiber construction is the difference-maker, he says. Not only is carbon fiber significantly stronger than fiberglass (Heaps: "it just cuts through that wake... a real pleasurable feeling"), it is much lighter. As in: 2,000 pounds lighter. Heaps explains boats are inherently *Cont. p. 206*

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inefficient. They have to push through water in order to get up on-plane, hence the huge horsepower requirements compared to cars. And that's why carbon fiber was key. Shaving a literal ton off the dry weight meant Voltari could beef up the propulsion system, especially in the battery department. The Voltari 260's 142kWh battery system pushes 740 horsepower, 1,000 ft-lb of torque, and boosts the boat's range. In another major publicity move, in January 2023, Voltari crossed from Key Largo to the Bahamas — 91 miles — in a Voltari 260, on a single charge. From the Caribbean to the Ozarks, Heaps hopes to make as big a splash as he can.

"People aren't just going to buy a boat [just] because it's electric," Heaps said. "We set out to build a better boat."

Boaters will get a chance to see the Voltari 260 —

and climb aboard — at the Shootout. In his first-ever trip to Lake of the Ozarks, Heaps says he wants to introduce boaters to a boat they can order online that same day. "We're coming to bring an off-theshelf product," he said, adding, "and set a record in Monohull: Electric category." Because why not?

As for who'll be driving the Voltari 260 at the Shootout? Heaps says they'll decide that the oldfashioned way: "We'll flip a coin on the way down."

Shootout fans can see both boats — Vision's supercat and Voltari's 260 — on the docks at Captain Ron's during Shootout weekend. Both teams say they're eager to meet boaters and Shootout fans, and show what these cutting-edge machines can do.

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Below: Voltari 260 details. Voltari founder, Cameron Heaps .

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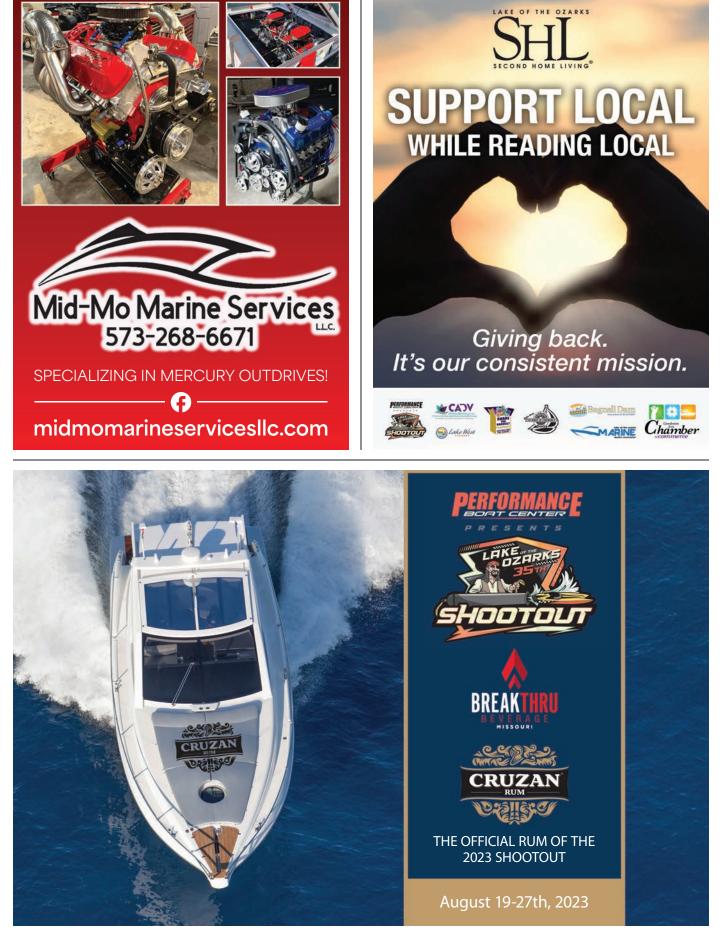


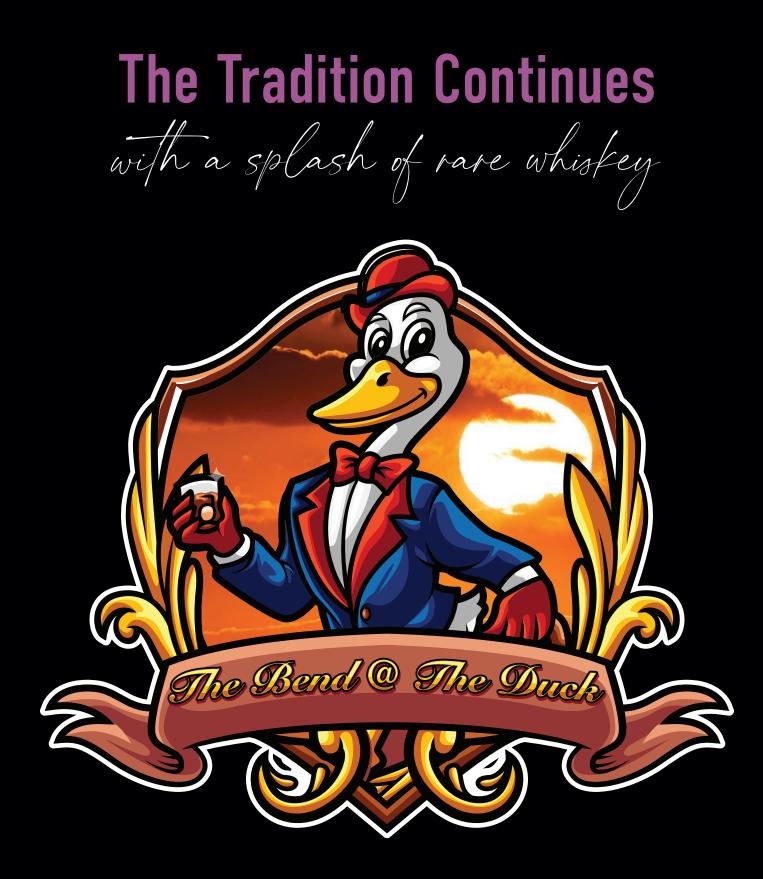












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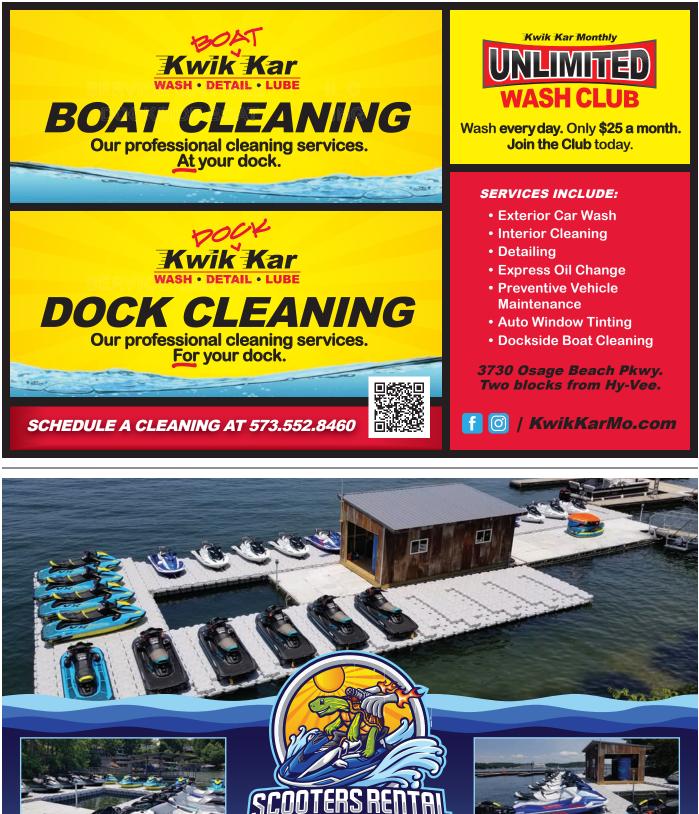
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35th SHOOTOUT RACER PROFILES BY Porcshe Moran Murphy

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Modifications: The motors are modified 383 Chevy small blocks with Dart Iron Eagle heads. The Mercury Bravo XR outdrives are modified with 2-inch shortened Sport Master lowers. The propellers are

custom 30-inch pitch Bravo 4 Blades by Hering Propellers in Osage Beach (formerly FJ Propeller Midwest).

Fastest Speed: 89 mph in 2021 *Sponsors:* Hering Propellers, Mercer Machine & Performance in Lawrence, Kansas, and Lake Shores Marina in Sunrise Beach, Missouri *Businesses:* Brad is a fourth-generation funeral director and embalmer at Alden-Harrington Funeral Home (founded in 1908 by his great-grandfather) in Bonner Springs, Kansas.

Q&A

Tell us about your family.

Brad: My wife Carrie and I have three children: oldest daughter, Stella, son, Lake, and youngest daughter, Sadie. Stella is a student at Kansas State University (K-State) where she's a member of the Classy Cats dance team. Lake will be a freshman at K-State this fall. Stella has worked on a gas dock at the Lake of the Ozarks for the past three summers. This year, our son is excited to start working at the Lake. I hope to make a pass at the Shootout with Lake this year, as he is finally old enough to compete. Eventually, I would love to get Stella and Lake comfortable enough to run the boat by themselves and I could commentate the run on the TV broadcast. Sadie is also looking forward to the day she's old enough to participate in the Shootout, however, she told me she'll be running with her favorite racer, Carrie Sixkiller — not me!

How did you get started in powerboat racing?

Brad: I grew up spending weekends and holidays at Lake of the Ozarks at my family's house on the Gravois Arm. As a college student, I spent summers working at Kelly's Port Marina where I developed a passion for fast boats. In 1992 and 1993, I helped Randy and Jane Kelly keep things organized on the Shootout start boat. In 1994 and 1995, I volunteered as a patrol boat. I started competing in 1996, first in my 23-foot Velocity and later in my 30-foot Velocity. In 1998, 1999 and 2000, I was the throttleman for Mike Gordon's "ONE VISION" offshore race team at the Shootout and in the Great Lakes Silver Cup Series and American Power Boat Association (APBA). I've participated in the Shootout with my current boat every year since 2006.

What's your most memorable Shootout experience?

Brad: Being inducted into the Shootout Hall of Fame in 2020 is certainly up there, but I'd have to say having Stella in the boat with me last year would be my favorite so far. Together, we won our class as I've done for the past 17 consecutive years.

Stella: After our first run, I felt like my dad was holding back with me being in the boat, trying to be safe and not scare me. I immediately told him, "We do crazier stuff than that every weekend. Let's go again, we can go faster!"

What are some of your most notable races outside of the Shootout?

Brad: I purchased my current boat in 2006 and teamed up with the Zolecki brothers at Lake Shores Marina in Sunrise Beach. We won the APBA, Super Boat International and Union Internationale Motonautique World Championships in Key West, Florida. In 2007, we won the Pacific Offshore Powerboat Racing Association National Championship at Lake of the Ozarks. Over the years, several drivers have been in the boat with me including Jason Zolecki, Joel Zolecki, Jeremy Ressler, Eric Hill and Ken Moore.

Why do you participate in the Shootout?

Brad: We love to participate in the Shootout because of the people. We get to connect and spend time with our boating and Lake friends we've made over the years. In fact, we enjoy it so much we rent a home at Captain Ron's so we can host friends and family during the event. I've raced all over the country and what I like about the Shootout is how laid back it is and how everything is easily located so everyone can attend. Ron Duggan (Shootout board president), Leah Martin (Shootout executive director) and the entire board of directors do so much to make this such a wonderful event. The dedication of hundreds of volunteers from all over the Lake area who put in so much of their time to raise money for their organizations keeps us coming back year after year.

How do your family and friends support your racing efforts?

Brad: I couldn't do it without the love and support of my friends and family. We do a lot of the work on the boat ourselves. My friends Brian Baldry, Chad Prater and Paul Harper all help keep the boat together. They also help with planning and testing for the Shootout each year. Shawn and Debbie Mercer and Brant and Jamie Daniels travel with us to the Shootout and are always ready to help if they can.

Is there anything else you want people to know about you?

Brad: In recent years, I've helped with the TV and radio broadcasts of the Lake Race and other Midwest boat racing events. I also travel to events all over the U.S. as the TV, radio and livestream commentator for the Offshore Powerboat Association. *Cont. on next page*





TEAM MARTY'S MARINE

Boat Owner: Marty's Marine in Osage Beach Driver: Katelyn Merritt Port of Call: Osage Beach Boat Make/Model: 2024 Barletta Lusso L25 Horsepower: 800 Fastest Speed: 59 mph Sponsors: Marty's Marine and Barletta Pontoon Boats in Bristol, Indiana

Q&A

Why do you participate in the Shootout?

Katelyn: I participate in the Shootout to help raise money for the local charities and because it gives us advertisement for Marty's Marine.

What's your most memorable Shootout experience? Katelyn: I started working for Marty's Marine in 2017 as a receptionist and my first-ever race in the Shootout was in 2020. I remember being so terrified to be in a boat by myself around thousands of people and trying not to hit anyone or damage the boat in any way. Prior to that, I'd never even been in a boat by myself. I had a few days of practice prior to the race. When race control came on the radio and told me I had the course, my heart was pounding. I remember going down the stretch, almost feeling like it was happening in slow motion, and completing the first race of the day. When I heard that I went 59 mph I was super pumped. I don't think I've ever done anything that fun and exciting before. Bob Teague was on the radio station talking about me and they made a joke that I am now a "niner." Ever since then, that has given me motivation and I've been pushing for 60 mph.

How do your family and friends support your racing efforts?

Katelyn: My mom, who lives in St. Louis, is my greatest supporter for everything and has always been my number one fan when it comes to racing.





VENOMOUS

Boat Owner and Driver: Rudy Sanzottera Port of Call: Lake of the Ozarks Boat Make/Model: Spectre Poker Run Horsepower: Twin V10 - 625 horsepower each Fastest Speed: 119 mph on the long course, 114 mph on the short course Sponsors: Quicktime Motorsports in St. Peters, Missouri, and Big St. Charles Motorsports in St. Charles, Missouri Businesses: Rudy is the owner and operator of Quicktime Motorsports.

Family: Amanda Sanzottera (wife), Christian and Somer Sanzottera (son and daughter-in-law), Gavin Forthmann (son), Luciano "Luka" Sanzottera (son) and Gio Sanzottera (grandson)

Q&A

What are your most memorable Shootout experiences?

Rudy: My first Shootout was in 2017. Since then, I've participated in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. I've won the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout six times in various classes in three different boats. In 2017, I went 136 mph in my 30-foot catamaran. That boat was ridiculously fast and on stock bravos. In 2022, I raced on Saturday morning and got married that same evening. I won the Shootout class the next day, Sunday, and our son Luka was born exactly 38 weeks later. You could say he's a Shootout celebration baby.

Why do you participate in the Shootout?

Rudy: My business, Quicktime Motorsports, races everything. Being in Missouri, the Shootout is considered a "home" race, and it's a lot of fun for everyone.

What role do your family and friends play in supporting your racing efforts?

Rudy: Full support doesn't even express all our family and friends do. They come to see us, help us and ensure we're ready — not just getting the boat ready but also ensuring the shop is covered or last-minute items are picked up, dropped off or worked on. For example, last year right before the Shootout, Venomous was having issues and had to be pulled out of the Lake unexpectedly. At the Linn Creek boat ramp, my friend Danny and I had to use a 7-foot slide hammer to take the prop shaft off. I had to rebuild Venomous' upper drive on a picnic table at Captain Ron's by headlights. Danny and his wife cleaned the lower drive with a carburetor and choke cleaner and Q-tips until after midnight to ensure the boat was ready. I called Doug at Mastertech Marine on Thursday evening to see if he had a propeller puller and he offered his shop first thing Friday. I put Venomous back together on Friday morning and testdrove it just in time to attend breakfast and the poker run at Captain Ron's. I welded a Christmas tree for my wife made from various parts from different races throughout 2022. I made the tree trunk from the broken prop shaft from Shootout 2022. Cont. next page



WINTER SOLDIER

Boat Owners: Mark and Dana Weigl Driver and Throttleman: Thomas Weigl Port of Call: Muskoka. Ontario Boat Make/Model: Tuff Marine - TUFF34 Horsepower: 1,100 Fastest Speed: 148 mph Sponsors: Tuff Marine in Ontario Businesses: Mark and Dana own and operate Tuff Marine.

Previous Years in Shootout: 2017, 2018 and 2019

Q&A

What's your background in powerboat racing?

Mark: Dana and I own a small high-performance vee bottom manufacturer based in Canada. We spent the majority of our early relationship offshore racing in a 32-foot Skater and a 24-foot Skater. We were national champion offshore racers in the 1990s and I was a Mod VP racer in the 1980s. Now, our son Thomas and I design and build custom boats for high-performance boating enthusiasts. At age 25, Thomas is taking over the driving duties from me as I'm focusing on new designs and development.

What's your most memorable Shootout experience?

Mark: On Saturday in 2017, we had the fastest run (117 mph) with the least horsepower in a TUFF 28 and an Ilmor 725. We left for home on Sunday morning and heard we were beaten by 1 mph. We returned the next year with a TUFF 28 with 860 horsepower to set the record at 125 mph, still with the least horsepower.

What's your goal for the Shootout this year?

Mark: We have our sights set on coming to the Shootout and gunning down the current single-engine vee record. The standing three-quarter mile record is 132 mph and our goal is 140 mph. This new project we're bringing to the Lake of the Ozarks this year is our newest model, a 34-foot pad bottom vee hull. We're striving to make this boat the world's fastest single-engine vee bottom in the unlimited horsepower category. We've achieved 148 mph so far, and in spring testing, we expect to break the 150 mph+ mark with 1,100 horsepower.





LIL' MO

Boat Owners: Christie and Frank Ungarten Driver and Throttleman: Christie Port of Call: Elkton, Maryland Boat Make/Model: 22-foot Apache Scout Horsepower: 723

Modifications: FUMarine, LLC in Elkton built the engine: 383 pro charger

Fastest Speed: 100 mph

Sponsors: FUMarine, LLC, ARS Truck and Fleet Service in New Castle, Delaware, DNA Customs Upholstery in Elkton, J. Ferrell Custom Trucks in Gap, Pennslyvania, and WTFGraphics in Bellmawr, New Jersey

Businesses: Christie owns CU on the Bay, LLC, a boat detailing business in Elkton. Frank is the owner of FUMarine, LLC where he builds high-performance boat engines.

Notable Races: Christie was the first solo woman to participate in Tiki Lee's Shootout on the River in Sparrows Point, Maryland.

Family: Christie and Frank have four children - Ashley Ungarten, 15, Chase Clouser, 13, April Ungarten, 13, and Charley Clouser, 7.

Q&A

How did you come up with your boat's name?

Christie: My husband and I also own a 36-foot Apache boat named Geronimo, so we decided to name our 22-foot Apache Lil' Mo because it's the smaller version of Geronimo.

How did you get into performance boating?

Christie: I come from a family of boaters and grew up boating my entire life. When I met my husband, Frank, he had the 36-foot Apache and the 22foot Apache. I started driving them with him and eventually decided I wanted to take over the 22-foot Apache myself, drive it around, be able to put it in the water and take friends out. Then, I did the Tiki Lee's Shootout in 2021 and 2022 and I'll be doing it again



this year. I also started doing this to show that women could do more than just be in a bikini on the bow. We can run and race the boats just like the guys. I have three daughters and one son, and I just wanted to set a good example, especially for my daughters, that we can do anything the guys can do.

Why did you decide to participate in the Shootout? Christie: This will be my first time attending and participating in the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout. Anybody who knows anything about boating knows about this event. I connected online with Carrie Sixkiller, who has been doing the Shootout for years, and she's been phenomenal and so supportive. She's already eased some of my anxiety and we haven't even met in person yet. She told me it's nerveracking, but at the same time, it's super exciting and she loves it. My husband has been very supportive too.

How are you preparing for the Shootout and what are your goals for the event?

Christie: I'm just going to get out there and run. We live on a little river, so my plan is to get out there and continue to get my driving skills up. I'm excited to attend the Shootout for the first time and just get a feel for it. I am excited to meet new people. I'm hopeful to hit 90 mph. I'm excited to promote my husband's work, too, because he does phenomenal engine building. As a woman, I'm looking forward to doing this because there are not many of us out there and I'm hoping to encourage more women to get involved in this sport.





SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

Boat Owner, Driver and Throttleman: John Rihacek Port of Call: Fox Lake, Illinois Make/Model: Fountain 27 Fever Horsepower: 800 Modification: John added an extension box for the drive and there are modifications from previous owners. Fastest Speed: 94 mph

Sponsor: Big Thunder Marine in Osage Beach *Family:* Jim Rihacek (dad), Steve Rihacek (brother)

Q&A

What's your background in racing?

John: I've been doing this for about a year, so I don't have a whole lot under my belt at the moment. As

kids, my brother and I always liked powerboats. We had a 1976 Chris-Craft Lancer growing up, which was nice for being out on the water but wasn't exactly a speedboat. Eventually, my brother decided to get himself a Checkmate. I got taken for one rip across Fox Lake on that thing and I was in love, so I started my search for a boat. When I came across the boat I have now, I felt it was an adequate size for our smaller lakes in Illinois. It has a good amount of power in it and it's red, which is my favorite color.

What role do your family and friends play in supporting your racing efforts?

John: My brother is my racing manager, boat mechanic and probably my biggest inspiration to actually do this stuff.

How are you preparing for the Shootout?

John: This will be my first year at the Shootout, so we scheduled a couple more events, such as the Lake Winnebago Four Horsemen Poker Run, to help me get ready. We've also set up a mock course with buoys on Fox Lake for practice runs.

What are you hoping to achieve at the Shootout? John: I hope by being in the Shootout, I can inspire someone who is interested in powerboating, but feels intimated for whatever reason, to give it a try. Oftentimes, people look at powerboating and they see it as an impossibility and something completely impractical. I don't have a brand new boat and I'm not rich, so if I'm out here and I'm doing it, I feel like pretty much anyone can. It's just a matter of if you want to or not. I'm also really hoping to break 100 mph.





JOKER'S WILD

Jet Ski Owner: Ryan O'Hara Crew: Tim Rose Port of Call: Olathe, Kansas Home Track: Lake Lucas in Wheatland, Missouri (the world's first purpose-built drag boat racing lake) Make/Model: Yamaha FZS Fastest Speed: 86 mph Horsepower: 375 Modifications: Stage 3 Plus Performance Kit Notable Races: Ryan is a three-time Lucas Oil High Point Champion and a three-time St. Louis Drag Boat Association (SLDBA) High Point Champion. He currently races with the Kentucky Drag Boat Association (KDBA)

Sponsors: Truman Lake Marine and Powersports, LLC in Warsaw, Missouri, Cut No Corners Painting, LLC in Beaverton, Oregon, AJ's Dairy Bar in Cole Camp, Missouri, and Hi-Fi Home Theater and Innovation, LLC in O'Fallon, Missouri

Q&A

How did you come up with the name of your jet ski?

Ryan: I've been racing for 12 seasons and I've had three or four skis that were just basic stock. My current ski is built up pretty good. The old graphics on it just didn't do it justice for its speed, so I was looking for a tough-looking clown or a joker. I found some graphics and that's when I came up with Joker's Wild.

Why do you enjoy jet skiing?

Ryan: When you're out on the water, you're experiencing happiness, peace and quiet. You're not

thinking of anything else. You're just out there with a smile on your face, having a good time.

What's your racing background?

Ryan: I started out putting my dad in and out of the water. One day, a guy named John Hughes told me if I had any interest in racing myself, I could buy a ski and race and tow the next season. Now, I've been racing my personal watercraft with clubs for about 12 years. I've raced with Lucas Oil, SLDBA, KDBA and the Southern Drag Boat Association. I've traveled as far as Chandler, Arizona, and Augusta, Georgia. One of my biggest inspirations is my dad, who has moved on from the world and gone to heaven. He raced a 20-foot Cheyenne jet boat. He raced all the way through his stage 3 lung cancer. If the man could get to a race, he would always find a way to get in that driver's seat. My dad's racing number was 808, therefore I'm 404.

How did you get started racing in the Shootout?

Ryan: Steve Lee, a multiple Shootout winner, asked me to join him, so I did when I bought a new ski in 2015. I didn't place that well on a bare stock ski, but in 2022, on that same ski with modifications, we laid down an 84 to 85 mph pass. It was the fastest non-turbo ski there and I felt pretty proud about that. I've participated in the Shootout three times now and it's always a good time. I love donating to a great cause. The event brings people together from all over the U.S. It's also nice to see all the boats lined up on the water to watch the race.

What's your goal for the Shootout this year?

Ryan: I'd like to go 90 mph, which is 5 mph quicker than I did last year. *Continued on next page*





SPEED RACER (aka BIG SPEED)

Boat Owner and Driver: Theodore Tsatsanis Throttleman: Mark Krytiuk Port of Call: Midland, Ontario Boat Make/Model: 44 MTI Race Horsepower: Two Mercury Racing 1750s Modifications: Bottom hull and transom Fastest Speed: 200+ mph Businesses: Mark owns Krytiuk Motorsports, a fullservice performance boat shop located in Innisfil, Ontario.

Sponsors: Krytiuk Motorsports *Family:* Jenny Foxx (Theodore's wife), Mary Krytiuk (Mark's wife), Luca and Nico Krytiuk (Mark and Mary's children)

Q&A

What's the history of the boat and how did it get its name?

Mark: This boat was originally the Bud Select boat owned by David Scott (multiple-time winner of the Shootout's Top Gun award). It was purchased by Randy Kent who had it painted with the Speed Racer Theme.

What role do your family and friends play in supporting your racing efforts?

Mark: We could not get the boat ready and be able to attend the events without the support and help of our family and kids.





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