

Region 10

SEATTLE OUTBOARD ASSOCIATION

# PIT PREVIEWS

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# BRIDGEPORT SEASON OPENER RIGHT NOW

Seattle Outboard's 2005 racing season is almost on top of us and begins with sunny Bridgeport on April 30th.

If your boats aren't honed and ready for another summer of fast fun you need pull the tarps off your trailer or drag them out of the garage now. This is your best chance to start a points lead nobody can catch and an opportunity to get an early start on sunburn without those pesky mosquitos.

Because of the warm warm Winter we've had Spring's already gotten a huge jump-start. The town's ready and waiting for us, and Sunday's a Babcock Race.

There's plenty of camping at two local local parks and lots of motels for the sensitive racer, and the Cafe's still there ready and eager to pamper your pallet. There will be open testing sessions each day, so bring along all your toys and use the time to sort them all out.



Race are April 30th and May 1st, and you can start the ball rolling by lighting up your computer to register on-line right here:

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# Meeting Minutes

22 March, '05

SOA met at the new location of the Hydroplane and Antique Raceboat Museum just below Southcenter Mall. Members got a good look at the great new facilities and restored boats, as well as the '40s Unlimited Hurricane IV which is the current Museum restoration Project. Following the meeting films of past unlimited races, and of the historic Samammish Slough races were shown.

## Activity Reports:

### Stock:

Craig Flarlie read results of the Ocoee Florida Stock Winternationals as sent by Brian Palmquist, who had a pretty unique ride experience (Separate report in Previews).

Todd Cragin reported on Bakersfield, noting that entries seemed mostly from Region 10 and that there were heavy rains early but racing was good with all staying right side up save one Region 10 racer who got a two-crash jump on retaining his hold on the SOA Dump Trophy.

Jim Nilsen noted the Stock ballot, a single issue regarding fuel tank opening size to make work easier for inspectors.

### Mod:

Howard noted ballots sent out that deal mostly with allowance of different lower units and aftermarket parts. (Note: Actually Howard had more to say, but what he said was wiped out by distance and a loud reciprocal saw behind me...Folks, you gotta talk up at these meetings.)

### PRO:

George Thornhill noted ballots sent out to PRO members that were mainly housekeeping measures. Three were on the process of selecting referees and inspectors for Divisionals and Nationals and Worlds, and the fourth was a change in antiques to limit the Johnson P-50/PX-50 to Stock heads to bring parity between Evinrude and Johnson.

Jeff Kelly reported on a K-PRO proposal by Kristina Kelly to allow a racer who reaches 18 in mid-season to complete the season. The Commission took no action. George Thornhill explained that the Commission was inclined to feel that if a racer turned 17 during a racing season he/she should finish that season as their final in the class.

### Region:

Craig Flarlie reported that Sutherlin is off the schedule due to the local Lions Club's withdrawal. (Note: Jim Codling and Ryan Johnson had comments that were wiped out by soft speaking and distance...Folks, you gotta talk up at these meetings.)

David Williams welcomed members to the new Hydro Museum

told of a Museum sponsored April 2nd preview screening of the Unlimited hydro movie "Madison" to be followed by a barbecue evening at the Museum.

Notice was given of SOA's Novice School coming up the next weekend and the SOA Work party at Shaws on 2 April.

## Race Schedule:

### Bridgeport:

Dick Rautenberg told members that everything's set for Bridgeport except final details on ambulance service and a need for Volunteers to tow trailers. He added that Prizes would be T-Shirts On Saturday and merchandise on Sunday, and reminded members that Sunday would be a Babcock race.

### Inboard Lake Lawrence:

Russ Dodge said that water level was down at Lawrence. Carol Dodge added that those coming to Lawrence are asked to leave dogs at home. Decision is soon to come on which outboard classes will run. (Note: The following classes to be invited to participate: ASH, ASR, 20SSH, CSH, DSH, and OSY-400.)

### Kitsap Lake:

John Erickson presented a list of sponsors for the event, outlined additions and noted additional positive support from the City of Bremerton. He noted that the quads would be there again to aid in launching, and a Video crew from the Stennis to tape the races for presentation over

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Armed Forces Network. John says that on Sunday we'll break for an hour for presentation of a water-ski show between flights. Finally he noted that we may be switching hotels from the Howard Johnson We've been with. (*Note: John Erickson has just negotiated to gain block of 45 rooms at the Red Lion Silverdale Hotel at a cost reduction of approximately 40% to racers.*)

### Silver Lake, Everett:

Howard Shaw reported that it's down to one meeting with the city. We have good support from the city and the Park Board. Park will open at 7 a.m. and the Kiwanis chow trailer will be on the scene.

### **Other:**

### SOA finances:

Sam Houtaling initiated a dialogue regarding club financial status and what might be done to make adjustments to ensure future stability against potential losses. Sam noted that we may have to rethink running events that don't at least break even. Craig Fjarlie outlined some of the steps that have been taken such as presenting race budgets and steps that might be taken such as fee adjustments, and

noted that lack of member participation has been a problem. John Erickson explained efforts by the board to restructure in a way that would allow SOA to claim a portion of the Hotel/Motel taxes as is being done by UL in their Silverdale race. Jeff Kelly noted past discussions of running SOA Eastern Washington races independent of APBA to cut costs. Craig Fjarlie said that the board is working on these issues and invited members to come to board meetings with suggestions.

### Club Equipment:

Howard Shaw noted missing club equipment and asked that it be brought to the SOA work party to be checked out and repaired or replaced if necessary.

### **Raffle:**

*Crescent Wrench* - Kyle Lewis  
*Cable Ties* - Jim Codling  
*Screwdriver* - Mike Perman

### **Pass The Pot:**

Tom Moulder  
Wayne Lachapelle  
John Laird

*JW Myers* - Winner

## 2005 SCHEDULE

### **April 30/May 1**

Columbia River, Bridgeport, WA

### **May 14-15**

Inboard Lawrence Lake

### **May 21/22**

Kitsap Lake, Bremerton, WA

### **May 28/29**

Willamette River, Newberg, OR

### **June 11**

Silver Lake, Everett, WA

### **June 25/26**

Cullaby Lake, Astoria, OR  
**PRO Western Divisionals**

### **July 9/10**

Scooteney Reservoir, Connell, WA

### **July 16/17**

Capitol Lake, Olympia, WA

### **August 27/28**

Silver Lake, Eatonville, WA

### **September 4/5**

~~Sutherfin, OR Cancelled~~

### **September 16/17/18**

Lawrence Lake, Yelm, WA

### **October 1/2**

Moses Lake, Moses Lake WA

### **October 15**

D-Lake Kilos Lincoln City, OR



Brian Palmquist reports a good Winternationals turnout despite wind and rough water in Ocoee Florida. Brian took 3rd in D-Stock back of Dan Hauenstein in a race that featured 8 D-Hydros from as far away as Canada, the Midwest and California.

In D-Mod Brian was in contention when his Kevlar glove got caught in the throttle. At the end of the straightaway Brian was unable to disengage the glove or back the throttle off, and the boat turned a nasty blowover with Brian still attached. Eventually he needed five stitches in his throttle hand, but Brian continued to race profitably through a six hour wait for the hospital.

**Ocoee Results:**

- A Hydro - Kevin Ladd
- A Runabout - Mike Hauenstein
- FAH - Dave Bennett
- FAR - Mike Hauenstein
- C Hydro - Kevin Ladd
- 25SS Hydro - Joe Zolkoske
- D Hydro - Dan Hauenstein
- DMR - Fred Hauenstein Jr.
- CMH - Brian Palmquist
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- DMH - Dan Hauenstein
- FEH - Brian Palmquist

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# From the Commodore

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The 2005 racing season is upon us. Bridgeport is set April 30-May 1. If you've never been to this regatta, you're missing a fun race course that is well-protected from wind. Race director Dick Rautenberg has been finishing up last-minute details. There probably will be some time for testing on Saturday morning before we start racing. It looks like some boats and drivers from the Spokane-based State Line Outboard Racing Association will help fill fields in a number of classes. Remember, it can be cool and raining in Seattle at that time of year, but eastern Washington is usually experiencing clear skies and pleasant temperatures.

The weekend of May 14-15, selected outboard classes will join with inboards at Lake Lawrence. Expect the following classes to be invited to participate: ASH, ASR, 20SSH, CSH, DSH, and OSY-400. If you plan to compete at the Inboard Lake Lawrence regatta, remember there is no testing on Friday. How do you know if your set-up will work? Head to Bridgeport and find out!

Finally, I want to thank all of the volunteers who make this club what it is. Yes, we have experienced some losses in the last few years. But, the Board of Directors,

and our many race directors, are working hard to ensure a successful 2005 season. Some members have stepped up to donate sponsorships for some of our regattas. We may have to tighten our collective belts at a few race sites by cutting back on things such as trophies. Nonetheless, we will have a full circuit of races, highlighted by the return to Capitol Lake in July. So, dust off your equipment, check your trailer tabs and tires, and gas up your rig. It's time to go racing.

*Craig Fjarlie*

Commodore



## MEMBERCARDS

A reminder to all SOA members and racers, have you joined SOA but not yet received your 2005 membership card? This includes Life members who must submit a membership form to ensure that things like address and contact information is current.

There's always a crush as racing season begins, and since renewals are forwarded to me there's a chance that somebody might be missed.

If you've joined but haven't gotten your card, contact me per information on page 9 to let me know. If you have yet to renew, please let me know, or download the membership form from the SOA website at:  
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John Paramore  
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# KITSAP

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In its third year the Bremerton Kitsap Lake regatta is now an official Armed Forces Day event and this SOA event continues to grow, attracting spectators lured by the return of racing to the area as an added attraction to Bremerton's largest in the nation Armed forces celebration and further helped by Kitsap Transit's free shuttle service to the event. This year an added spectator attraction will be a Sunday water-ski show run between flight changes.

Brothers Powersports, will again provide Quad-runners to assist in launch and retrieval of boats , sponsor West Marine has once again provided a variety of buoys for the SOA racing season. Smaller turn buoys plus huge yellow turn entrance buoys that we'll use throughout the season. Malibu Corporation steps up in sponsorship once again with Schucks Auto Supply, Kitsap Credit Union, Pepsi and others.

Racers will once more be welcomed to participate in the Saturday morning parade. A parade highlight last year was "Little Audrey" with the Mighty 4-60 fired off by Dwight Malhiot every block or so to delight and deafen the crowds...Be There!

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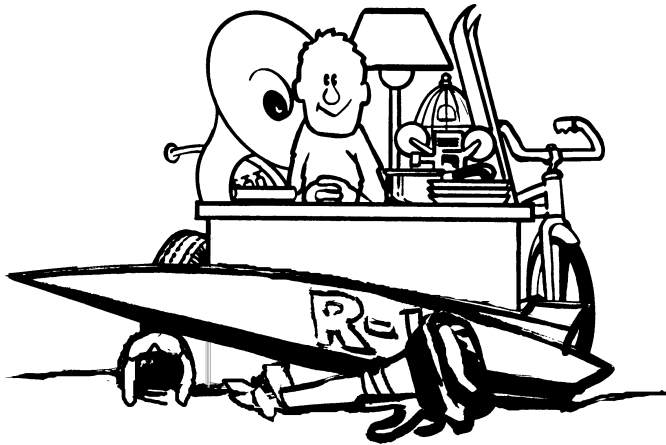
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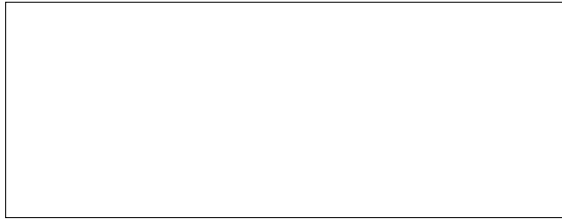
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