

Canadian Boating Federation

Vintage Division Rooster Tales

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Welcome to the inaugural newsletter of the CBF Vintage Division. A little play on words for the title of the first newsletter, maybe it will stick unless someone can come with something a little more creative.

The goal of the newsletter is to keep all those who are interested in vintage boat racing apprised of what's going on. While the internet has become the source of most of the information related to the category I think this will be a nice resource to pull the most relevant information together into one source. The key to keeping each issue as interesting as possible is for you, the vintage member, to participate through sharing of knowledge, stories & photos. My role is to help facilitate the process and bring it all together.

Update from the CBF Board Meeting

On December 10th I attended my first meeting with members of the CBF Board of Directors including recently elected President Lise Hainault. It was the first opportunity that I've had to sit and discuss the newly formed division. They were very impressed with the vintage presence at the CBFNC Annual Meetings in Brockville, including the support from our friends in the APBA who attended, and are very much looking forward to supporting the growth of the division.

The next step is to finalize the rules for 2010. As discussed at the annual meeting we will be following along with

the APBA vintage, however, there are a couple of classes that were exclusively Canadian including the 3-Litre (CM) and 360 Class (CQ). These specs will be added to the rules to ensure that we're covered as a Canadian group.

CBF Vintage Division Membership

The forms for 2010 are now available on the official web-site of the CBF at the link below. Take advantage of the early registration discount of \$10 by getting your forms into the CBF office prior to the February 28th, 2010 discount cut-off.

http://www.cbfnc.ca/files/2010_racing.pdf

While there is an agreement in place between the APBA & CBF that recognizes each others memberships see link;

<http://www.cbfnc.ca/files/agreementcbfapba.pdf>

I would encourage each member to join the other group as a show of support for the division. The membership funds go a long way to supporting the sport. The CBF has agreed to offer Vintage Division memberships to APBA members for \$30.00 Cdn. On your membership form please note that you're an ABPA vintage member and the lower rate will be processed.



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The Archive Project

During the meeting with the CBF Board I was disappointed to learn that there was no archive in place to help maintain the history of boat racing in Canada.

One of the best ways to promote your hull is to prepare a story board that sits in front of the hull when on static display. In many cases it is tough to put these boards together because the history just isn't accessible. There are a number of folks in our ranks that have a significant amount of knowledge inside their heads and it is just a matter of pulling it out. In speaking with Paul Reid, Bob Abbott, Frank Lesperance or Ben Lemay, as examples, you can learn a lot.



Here is a great board that outlines the history of the Canadiana Grand Prix 222.

One of my goals for 2010 is to establish an archive that once it takes its shape will allow the information that is out there to be collected, sorted and available to share. First step is to collect old rule books so we can put the rules in place for the CM and CQ classes. If you have

any collecting dust please consider donating them to the cause.

Boat Project Updates

This is the fun part where we'll get to see how the projects are coming along for next season. Please feel free to send over your project updates to share with the group.

Miss Danash II GP-929 – Michael Hill posted some great photos of the crane sequence which showed GP-929 getting settled for winter. This historic hull was a dominant player during the hey day of Grand Prix racing in North America.

This Staudacher hull was Jean Theoret's first GP ride and he gained the valuable experience that is now reflected by his performance on the unlimited circuit.



(LtoR) Michael Hill Norm, Wain Trotter, Brian & Richard

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Lil Lightning S-22 – Bob Abbott had the capsule removed from the Staudacher “S” bottom originally campaigned by Bob Brown. With the capsule now out, there will be a little framing work up front, but overall this hull is a gem and will be ready for Spring testing. Bob has the original cowlings and is in process of sanding & repairing them so they will be ready for primer shortly.



(L to R) Bob Abbott, Frank Lesperance & John McCracken

Look for her with a pristine new paint job in her original colours white, orange and red.



Pixie CS-5 – (Ross McCracken) Over the holidays the frames were shaped and are just about ready for the stringers, hardware and then deck. This hull was built by Russell Haworth in the winter of 84/85 as he waited for a Ron Jones Jr. 145 to be delivered. Driven by Daniel Brossoit this hull hit the water in St-Petersburg Florida in February 1985 and campaigned for a number of owners under various names until 2005. This hull was a complete re-build but with a nice mix of original wood and hardware will make its vintage debut next Spring.



Next Spring she'll be painted back into her original “Diet Pepsi” paint scheme.

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Jenalure CS-8 – Alain has been hard at work on this 1985 145 Class Hydro. This boat has a lot of history coming from Valleyfield being owned/driven by Gaetan Latour. This boat was listed within an on-line classified site here in Quebec for several months before Alain stumbled upon it. The decks and bottom are off and Alain tells us the frames are in “primeau” condition...I couldn’t resist. Here Alain visits the buyer and sees his “find” for the first time as the tarp peels back. Alain promises to keep us updated on his efforts and his goal is Spring testing.



Often the progress of others acts as encouragement for your own projects so please send along your updates. By my count there are over 15 hulls in Canada that are in process of being restored so hopefully we can get updates on most if not all in this section to share with you. I’m sure there are many more that we’re not even aware of, so let’s get the word out.

If you have any pictures, film, programs or newspaper clippings with info on any of the hulls featured it would be great if

you could share with the owner. Every little piece of info helps!

What’s out there?

One of the challenges when getting started is actually finding a hull to restore and this is a key topic of conversation during our shop time playing, “whatever happened to...?” If you have a hull for sale or know someone who does let us know and we will try our best to promote it for you.

In researching the history of “Pixie” we were able to put together a timeline with we plotted the different hulls that once raced as “Pixie”. By fluke it turns out the last one is currently for sale in region 4 having been raced up until this past season by Durward Wilson as S-44 Alpha Dog.



As it appeared in the late 80`s



Photo Courtesy of Ben Lemay

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Canadian Vintage Event Discussion

With the next Rideau Ferry Event scheduled for 2011 there are no vintage only events within Canada in 2010. Ben Lemay should be in touch shortly with what Valleyfield has planned for 2010 as vintage is always a crowd favourite during their inboard weekend. There have been discussions on several sites of interest, two are outlined below so let's see where this leads for 2010 & 2011.

Hayward Long Reach – Picton, ON

There has been significant interest in returning hydroplanes and outboards to the historic Hayward Long Reach location at Picton. This prime location would be an excellent draw for vintage hulls from Ontario, Quebec and New York. This central location combined with the history of the site has the ingredients for a fantastic event. What we're looking for is someone local who could champion the event and get it going with the help and support of the CBF Vintage Division and respective members. If you or someone you know may be interested in helping out please let me know.

Gravenhurst - July

Gary Getson of the Gravenhurst Boat Show has shown interest in hosting a vintage contingent. While the weekend is the same as Detroit & Valleyfield the location is prime. If there is interest on the reader's part to learn more please let me know and I will put you in touch with Gary who is one of the organizers.

Other potential sites of interest include Cardinal Ontario and Beauharnois Quebec. We will keep you posted as new information becomes available.

Scenes from the Clayton Vintage Race Boat Regatta



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2010 Event Calendar

Posted on www.vintagehydroplanes.com is the following event calendar for 2010. Please note this info in all tentative.

Jan 27-30 APBA Annual Meeting
Raleigh, NC
APBA Call APBA HQ 586.773.9700

Feb 6-7
Thunderfest Crescent City, FL
CRA

Apr 24-25 Moses Lake Moses Lake, WA APBA
Ana Cappelletti 425.218.2452

May - TBD
Entiat Entiat, WA
APBA Dale Wamsley 206.878.5821

May - TBD
Lake Minden Regatta Nicolaus, CA APBA
Richard Johanson 408-253-7679

May - TBD
Dayton Testing
Dayton, Ohio
APBA Ron Synder 419.628.4182

Jun 12-13
Tastin' N Racin'
Issaquah, WA APBA
Jon Courtright 425.254.9252

Jul 9-11
Valleyfield Valleyfield, Quebec
APBA / CBF
Ben Lemay 450.371.3291

Jul 9-11
APBA Gold Cup Detroit, MI APBA
Tom Bertolini 586.716.4490

Jul - TBD
Quake on the Lake
Waterford, MI
APBA Joe Schulte 313.885.5976

Jul -TBD
Oroville
Oroville, WA

APBA Carol Dodge 206.365.4094

Aug 6-8
Cross Lake Vintage Raceboat Regatta Cato, NY
APBA Bill Fisk 315.396.1037 Aug 13-14
Antique Raceboat Regatta Clayton, NY * APBA

Aug -TBD
Governor's Cup Regatta Celina, Ohio APBA Ron
Synder 419.628.4182 Aug
Rocky Fork
Hillsboro, OH
APBA Joe Johnson 812.866.8940

Aug 12-15
Antique Race Boat Regatta Clayton, NY * APBA
vintage only Dave Richardson 315.482.6365

Aug -TBD
Hydro Classic Pateros, WA APBA Tim Hamilton
253.531.0500

Sep 4-5
Wheeling Vintage Raceboat Regatta
Wheeling, WVA *
APBA*
Debbie Joseph 304.233.4738

Sep 10-12
Buffalo Launch Club Vintage Raceboat Reunion
Buffalo, NY * APBA / ACBS*
Bill DeGlopper 716.773.6093

Sep 11-12
Lake Spanaway
Spanaway, WA
APBA Jeff Bernard 253.307.3346

Sep - TBD
Thunder on the Creek
Columbus, Ohio
APBA Billy Noonan 502.396.3120

Sep 25-26
Lake George Raceboat Regatta Lake George, NY
APBA Teresa Hoffman 518.371.8683

Sep - TBD
Lake Chelan, WA
APBA John Walker 800.962.8723

Oct-TBD
UIM World Championships
Morgan City, LA
APBA Jay Marshall 225.953.0089

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News from the Net

Pierre Foucher – VP of Public Relations with the CBF has offered to create a boat & driver section with the CBFNC website. www.cbfnc.ca I will work with him to develop the specs sheets and photo requirements so we can post and share the history of our respective hulls. Once the forms are ready I will send them out to each of you to fill out and submit. If you are in need of assistance do not hesitate to ask.

Phil Spruit has graciously offered to make www.vintagehydroplanes.com the official site of the CBF Vintage Division. Phil has done a tremendous job in creating a venue for vintage owners and fans to discuss and learn about the history of the sport, not to mention an excellent resource for restoration projects.



Hydroplane Quebec is a strong supporter of the vintage division and has a nice library of vintage videos and photos in addition to boat spec pages. Check it out at www.hydroplanequebec.com

Art Smith recently put together footage from Region 3 and has the DVD available for those of you who like

vintage race footage, the trailer can be scene at the following link;

<http://www.hydroplanequebec.com/video/vintage2009/region3dvd.wmv>

If you are interested please contact Art directly at the following; Art Smith
hydroplaneart@yahoo.com



The CBF – Vintage Division

If you have any questions regarding the Vintage Division please do not hesitate to contact me. Sylvain Demers is also an excellent resource and official inspector, so if you have questions regarding your hull and motor running the vintage circuit please let Sylvain know.

We're still searching for a Vintage Outboard Representative, so if you or you know someone who is interested please let me know.

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Next Heat (Edition)

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- We'll pay a visit to Sylvain Demers' boat shop to see what he's working on.
- Updates will be available for Jenalure, Lil Lightning & Pixie and I hope to have some nice updates on Canadian projects submitted by you the reader, so do not hesitate to let us know what you're up to.
- I'm putting together a Q&A for Robert Cabana, former Champion in the Grand Prix Class.

I hope you enjoyed this first newsletter and as always your feedback is much appreciated.

Until next time may your air be filled with sawdust!

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