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ROAR OF HRL AND H-350 HYDROPLANE BOATS PART OF POWERFUL RACE WEEKEND AT THE 2017 METRO DETROIT CHEVY DEALERS HYDROFEST AUGUST 25-27

DETROIT – August 2, 2017- Hydroplane racing fans will get a full splash of hairpin turns and roaring engines and when the HRL Grand Prix and H-350 Hydroplane racers battle on the Detroit River as part of the [2017 Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers HydroFest](#) (Aug. 25-27). While smaller in physical size and with a tad less engine power than the more renowned H1 Unlimited Hydroplane boats, these supporting classes are a perfect complement to the H1 Unlimited hydroplanes.

“We are excited to include the HRL Grand Prix and H-350 Hydroplanes as part of a thrilling weekend of hydroplane racing on the Detroit River,” said Mark Weber, President of Detroit Riverfront Events, Inc., the organizing body of the 2017 Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers HydroFest. “We invite the public to come and enjoy the great tradition of hydroplane racing on the Detroit River August 25-27.”

The HRL Grand Prix Hydroplanes are 24 feet long (eight feet shorter than the H-1 Unlimited) with a 468 cu in Blown Chevrolet engine. The crafts’ can hit a top speed of 160 mph. Led by current points leader Bert Henderson, HRL drivers will navigate through nine heats in order to get a spot in their championship race on Sun. Aug. 27, minutes before the prestigious APBA Gold Cup final for the unlimited hydroplanes.

Meanwhile, the H-350 Hydroplanes, which are 19 feet in length and feature a 350 cu in carburetor Chevrolet engine, can hit a maximum speed of 120 mph. H-350 racers will run their six qualifying heats on Sat., Aug. 26. Their finale will also take place on Sunday afternoon, prior to the Grand Prix racers. HydroFest fans can anticipate a dogfight between current points leader Remy Leblanc and the number two in the standings, Jimmy King.

For the H1 Unlimited Hydroplanes and their drivers, 2017 marks the 101st race along the Detroit River, one of the Motor City’s longest-standing sports traditions and the longest continuously running hydroplane race on the H1 Unlimited circuit. The 2017 Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers HydroFest takes place Fri., Aug. 25 – Sun., Aug. 27 and will feature an updated format this year with two sets of preliminary heats on Aug. 26 and a winner-take-all final for the President’s Cup, followed by three sets of preliminary heats on Aug. 27 with a winner-take-all final for the revered APBA Gold Cup, the oldest active trophy in all of the motorsports.

Single and weekend tickets are on sale now. To purchase tickets or for sponsorship opportunities, call the office of the Detroit Riverfront Events Inc. at 313-329-8047. Visit www.detroitboatraces.com for complete details.

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