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## **Big Night, Two Awards for the Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers Hydrofest Team**

Saturday night (Feb. 10th) was a time for H1 Unlimited Hydroplanes to celebrate the 2017 season and look forward to 2018 during its 53rd annual Champion's Gala at the Red Lion Hotel in Kennewick, Washington. It was also a big night for the Detroit Riverfront Events Inc. as the organization took home two awards for its efforts hosting the Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers Hydrofest last August.

The Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers took home the Outstanding Regional Marketing Award while the DREI was named the Race Site of the Year.

"For the first time in the history of the sport we hosted a doubleheader of unlimited hydroplane racing when the President's Cup was held on Saturday and the APBA Gold Cup was raced on Sunday," said Mark Weber, President of the DREI and Hydrofest Race Chairman. "We have a great group of volunteers but we could not have been able to pull this off without the help of the Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers."

The APBA Gold Cup is the oldest and one of the most prestigious trophies in all of the motorsports was again raced in Detroit. Jimmy Shane (Renton, Wash.), the four-time defending national champion in unlimited hydroplanes, won his third Gold Cup in four years on that Sunday, in Miss Homestreet, besting Andrew Tate of (Walled Lake, Mich.) who finished a distant second in Reatrac/Delta Gear while it was Tate who won the President's Cup, raced for the first time since 1977 one day earlier.

"These awards are because of our volunteers and the backing of the Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers," said Weber. "They were onboard to keep our century-old hydroplane tradition on the Detroit River alive by supporting the race, letting us race the Gold Cup and allowing us to bring the President's Cup back into the sport. All in all, it gave the sport a great weekend of hydroplane racing."

The 2018 Detroit Hydrofest is scheduled for August 24-26.

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