



Southland Reggata ON LAKE MAGGIORE SUNDAY'S RESULTS

SK & SUPERSTOCK — 1. George Woods/Predator, Sumner, Wash. 2. Robert Sligar/Cherokee Maiden, Twin Falls, Idaho. 3. Bobby Commander/Commander, Raleigh, N.C.; **OVERALL** — 1. Lt. Denver Ray/Mut./DRA/Racing Special, Baton Rouge. 2. Vann Murry/Bankwalker, Raleigh, N.C. 3. Bobby Commander/Commander, Raleigh, N.C.; **7 LITER II** — 1. Wheeler Baker/Baker's Dozen, Chester, Md. 2. Chuck Woodruff/Project 7, Miami. 3. Victor Franklin/Godfather Buccaneer, Cape Coral; **OVERALL** — 1. Wheeler Baker/Baker's Dozen, Chester, Md. 2. Chuck Woodruff/Project 7, Miami. 3. Terry Browning/Miss Prime Mover, Virginia Beach; **225** — 1. James Deel/Deel Me In, Worthington, Ohio. 2. James Hadden/Wanna Dance, Miami. 3. Ray Miller/Deuces Wild, Winter Haven; **OVERALL** — 1. Ray Miller/Deuces Wild, Winter Haven. 2. James Hadden/Wanna Dance, Miami. 3. Mario Conflitti/Magic, Trenton, Mich.; **7 LITER I** — 1. Wheeler Backer/Baker's Dozen, Chester, Md. 2. Terry Browning/Miss Prime Mover, Virginia Beach. 3. Mickey Franklin/Godfather Buccaneer, Cape Coral; **OVERALL** — 1. Mickey Franklin/Godfather Buccaneer, Cape Coral. 2. Wheeler Backer/Baker's Dozen, Chester, Md. 3. Terry Browning/Miss Prime Mover, Virginia Beach; **850 HYDRO** — 1. Jim Appely/Super/J'Too, Seminole. 2. Jim Aid/Instigator, St. Petersburg. 3. Steve David/Century 21-Special, Fort Lauderdale; **OVERALL** — 1. Jim Aid/Instigator, St. Petersburg. 2. Jim Appely/Super/J'Too, Seminole. 3. Robert Baynard/SISCO, St. Petersburg; **2.5 LITER** — 1. R.C. Kelly/Last Chance, Dover, Del. 2. Jack Van Deman Jr./Why?. 3. Doug Masengale/Little Red Rocket; **OVERALL** — 1. R.C. Kelly/Last Chance, Dover, Del. 2. Doug Masengale/Little Red Rocket. 3. Jack Van Deman Jr./Why?; **280 HYDRO** — 1. Charles Woodruff/Buckeye Kid III, Miami. 2. James Harrington/Slippery When Wet, Baton Rouge, La. 3. Stover Hire/Hire Voltage, Syracuse, Ind.; **OVERALL** — 1. Charles Woodruff/Buckeye Kid III, Miami. 2. Jeff Babcock/Fire Fox, Redmond, Wa. 3. James Harrington/Slippery When Wet, Baton Rouge, La.; **JERSEY SPEED SKIFF** — 1. Robert Garratano/Indian Summer, Oceanport, N.J. 2. Steve Hursey/Foolish Pleasure, Juniper. 3. Jim McMasters/Just For Fun, Greenfield, N.J.; **OVERALL** — 1. Robert Garratano/Indian Summer, Oceanport, N.J. 2. Steve Hursey/Foolish Pleasure, Juniper. 3. David Greenlaw/Veri-Cheri, U.Black Eddy, Pa.; **145 HYDRO** — 1. Tom Jeanette/Buck-Shot, Fairfield, Mich. 2. Daniel Brossolt/Pixie, Valleyfield, Que. 3. Charles Long/Lil Miss Lon Too, Danville, Ky.; **OVERALL** — 1. Tom Jeanette/Buck-Shot, Fairfield, Mich. 2. Daniel Brossolt/Pixie, Valleyfield, Que. 3. Bob Hudgins/Toolin It, St. Petersburg; **5 LITER** — 1. Marvin Morton/Hot Ticket, Williamsville, N.Y. 2. Ken Brodie/Blind-Cripple-Crazy, Grand Isl., N.Y. 3. Ronald Frost/Sorceress, Kenmore, N.Y.; **OVERALL** — 1. Marvin Morton/Hot Ticket, Williamsville, N.Y. 2. Ken Brodie/Blind-Cripple-Crazy, Grand Isl., N.Y. 3. Ronald Frost/Sorceress, Kenmore, N.Y.; **K & PRO COMP** — 1. John F. Kiely-Bob Goettel. 2. Melvin Trevochka, Mississauga, Canada. 3. Robert Zabady/Stricky Business, Lake April, Pa.; **OVERALL** — 1. Robert Goettel/Epidemic, Phoenix, Ar. 2. David Stoller/Kinda Sorry Bout That, St. Petersburg Beach. 3. Melvin Trevochka, Mississauga, Canada.



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St. Petersburg's Bob Hodgins rooster-tails on Lake Maggiore.

were only that much (.45) over the record, it doesn't make much difference to us. Edging isn't important; we want to get over about 107 or 108 mph."

O'Connor knows it can be done. Saturday marked the 33rd consecutive heat that *Hot Ticket* has won in 5-litre class. But perhaps none is as memorable as last year's laps around Lake Maggiore when he ran the fastest 5-mile speed in limited hydroplane history, only to have it taken away on a technicality. APBA officials ruled his average speed of 107.797 mph couldn't stand as a world record because at least three 5-litre boats must be entered in the heat. But with the growing field, it couldn't happen again.

"It's really coming back this year," O'Connor said of the 5-litre popularity. "When they came out on the Pacific Coast, the average guy couldn't afford it. They finally put a stock motor in it five or six years ago, but they were so restricted you couldn't compete. They're still somewhat restricted, but with the improvement of the hull, the guys are waking up to the fact that these things can run."

For Wheeler Baker, the kind words and pats on the back never ended. In October at the Suncoast Powerboat Regatta, he topped Earl Hall's 7-litre Div. II record, but not by enough to have it recognized by the APBA. A veteran who used to race 225s before moving up to the big boats, Baker's time had come.

"This is the first world record I've ever had," Baker said. "I love this place."

Tom Jeanette captured both of heats in *Buckshot* to become the overall winner in the 145-class. Other overall winners included — 225 c.i., Ray Miller; 2.5-litre, Doug Massengale; 850 c.c., Jim Aid; 280 c.i., Jeff Babcock; SK and Superstock, Denver Mutt; 7-litre I, Mickey Franklin; 7-litre II, Wheeler Baker; 5-litre, Pat O'Connor; K and Pro Comp, Bob Goettel.

Weather conditions could not have been much better, but the sun set on Saturday's Southland before all the heats had been run. A full slate of boating is slated for today, including four invitational sweepstakes races that promises to make the 45th annual event one of the best in recent history. Tickets are \$5 and all proceeds go to All Childrens Hospital.