

**DAYTON  
HYDROPLANE  
REGATTA**  
July 31 Finals

**1.5 Litre Mod / 1.5 Litre Stock**

1. Alicia Cheezum; Centreville, Maryland
2. Cal Phipps; Lapeer, Michigan
3. Valerie Wilson; Hampton, Virginia

**2.5 Litre Stock**

1. Joe Longo; Mt. Ephraim, New Jersey
2. Bill Schee; Covington, Louisiana
3. Ann Fitzgerald; Rio Grande, New Jersey

**2.5 Litre Modified**

1. Wheeler Baker; Chester, Maryland
2. Larry Lauterbach; Chester, Maryland
3. Tom Newman; Dublin, Ohio

**5 Litre**

1. Chuck Miller; Annapolis, Maryland
2. Mike Allen; Kenner, Louisiana
3. Alicia Cheezum; Centreville, Maryland

**National Modified**

1. Randy Hurst; Bradley Illinois
2. Marty Wolfe; Crete, Illinois
3. Doug Miller; Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Grand National Hydroplane**

1. James Deel; Worthington, Ohio
2. Steve Kuhr; Cincinnati, Ohio
3. Tony Stadler; Milford, Ohio

**Super Stock**

1. Gary Steele; Phoenix, Arizona
2. Paul Fitzgerald; Concord, North Carolina
3. Ronny LaHoste; Arabi, Louisiana

**K Racing Runabout**

1. Mike Allen; Kenner, Louisiana
2. John Brinton; Westfield, New Jersey
3. Gary Steele; Phoenix, Arizona

**Pro Stock**

1. Dale Hernandez Sr.; W. St. Paul, Minnesota
2. Ronny LaHoste; Arabi, Louisiana
3. Mike Allen; Kenner, Louisiana

**August 1 Finals****1.5 Litre Mod / 1.5 Litre Stock**

1. Robert Thorne; Seneca, Kansas
2. Jennifer Falcinelli; Fraser, Michigan
3. Cal Phipps; Lapeer, Michigan

**2.5 Litre Stock**

1. Joe Longo; Mt. Ephraim, New Jersey
2. Tom Elston; Sterling Heights, Michigan
3. Ann Fitzgerald; Rio Grande, New Jersey

**2.5 Litre Modified**

1. Larry Lauterbach; Chester, Maryland
2. John Shewbrooks; Waverly, Ohio
3. Rich Falcinelli; Sterling Heights, Michigan

**5 Litre**

1. Michael Melina; Locust, New Jersey
2. Andy Keogh; Royal Oak, Michigan
3. Mike Allen; Kenner, Louisiana

**National Modified**

1. Joe Kreitzer; Defiance, Ohio
2. Doug Miller; Grand Rapids, Michigan
3. Marty Wolfe; Crete, Illinois

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**K Racing Runabout**

1. Lance Faulkner; Provo, Utah
2. Mike Allen; Kenner, Louisiana
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**Pro Stock**

1. Dale Hernandez Sr.; W. St. Paul, Minnesota
2. John Brinton; Westfield, New Jersey
3. Michael Bauer; Litzon, Indiana

## BOAT RACING

# Regatta races into Eastwood

► **Event organizers hope to turn the Dayton hydroplane races into 'NASCAR on water.'**

**By Dave Lance**

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The Thunder at the Bowl hydroplane races at Eastwood Park Lake recently haven't raised as much money as they did in the '60s and '70s, so organizers think it's time for a change.

Beginning with the name of the event. Instead of Thunder at the Bowl, the races will now be called the Dayton Hydroplane Regatta, with action beginning today at noon and concluding Sunday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for one day, \$12 for two, or \$16 for a car load for one day and \$24 for a car load for two.

"Eastwood Park Lake is the finest lake for racing hydroplanes because it's 40 feet below the land," race organizer Bob Musson said. "Any spectator can see any part of the race from any part of the shore. It's a natural stadium."

The name change was the brainchild of "Click with Click", an advertising and marketing agency hired in April to revive interest in the Regatta, a staple in Dayton for 35 years.

When the event started, it wasn't uncommon to see 50,000-to-100,000 people in attendance, Musson said. Because of its high fan base, the race was able to raise money for charity, including \$200,000 for the Children's Medical Center from 1964-75, Musson said.

event despite the warm weather. Since the Dayton Motorboat Racing Association stopped marketing the race five years ago, the Regatta has had several promoters, including Sho Promotions last season.

Musson said the constant turnover of promoters has caused the event to become unorganized and has led to its loss of fans. No longer do the unlimited boats - including the legendary Miss Budweiser - race at the Regatta, but Musson said that's not why fans have stopped coming.

"Those are the most boring boat races you see nowadays," Musson said.

In place of the unlimiteds are boats whose engine size ranges from 2.5 to seven liters. Proceeds from this year's race will benefit the Children's Medical Center and the Ronald McDonald House.

Because it took the job with short notice, "Click with Click" is not setting outrageous attendance goals nor expecting a large number of sponsors, though it already has two of note - Wal-Mart and "Mike-Sell's". "Click with Click" president Kelli Click hopes next year's Regatta is a smash financially and plans to start seeking sponsorship in August.

With the addition of the Regatta, "Click with Click" now markets three hydroplane races, including one in Rising Sun, Ind., Sept. 11-12, and another in Hillsboro Sept. 18-19.

"We're trying to build NASCAR on water," Click said. "We want to pull corporate America into this. This is something Dayton doesn't know it has in its own backyard."