

Miss Boat Electric Finishes Very Well

The 2005 Unlimited Light hydroplane racing season has drawn to a close, with the national championship in question until the final heat of the final race in Port Angeles, Washington, on October 2.

Miss Boat Electric, driven by Michael Flaherty, placed first at the Port Angeles event, but perennial champion Mike's Hard Lemonade accumulated enough points during the race to maintain an incredibly tiny lead in the national points standing and claim an overall first place for the 2005 season. Congratulations to UL1, *Mike's Hard Lemonade/Happy Go Lucky*. Nicely done.

Miss Boat Electric is sponsored by the Seattle firm of the same name. A long list of associate sponsors (including this publication) supported Miss Boat Electric's 2005 campaign, and she finished a very respectable second in the national points standings. Only 83 points separated first and second place this year, said to be the most closely contested first-place finish in the history of Unlimited Light hydro racing.

Final point totals for the top 10 boats;

UI1, Mike's Hard Lemonade	8,794
UL-72, Miss Boat Electric	8,711
UL-929 Conover Insurance	5,791
UL-5, Sycuan Resort and Casino ..	4,970
UL-40, Miss Red Dot Corporation ..	4,693
UI-9, Phoenix Enterprises American Eagle.....	2,157
UL-19, Mz ZipFizz Energy <i>Drink Mix</i>	2,136
UL-18, Pacific Rim Brewing Go	2,046
UL-10, Titeflex Special	1,882
UL-14, Miss Software Prototype	1,745

Michael Flaherty was Rookie of the Year in 2004. Based upon his convincing performance of 2005 and coming to within less than one percent of claiming the national points championship, Michael is certainly well out of the rookie class after this excellent season.

In addition to Nor'westins, other associate sponsors included: Seattle Yacht Services, Yacht Care, Yacht Masters, Northwest Yachting, Heater Craft, Gallery Marine, King Marine Heating, Fremont Dock Restaurant, Southeast Marine Services, MSR Marine Heating Systems, Pat's Marine Engines, Energy 1 Batteries, Ner Ner, Yacht Specialties Company, Espar Heater Systems, Balmer, Nova Kool, SkipperCress Yacht Sales, Dockside Media, Electrical Distributing, Jensen Motorboat Company, Moreland Refinishing Company, and Outback Power Systems.

Congratulations to Miss Boat Electric and Michael Flaherty on a safe and successful season, characterized by consistently high performance and an incredibly strong second place for the season. It was indeed a great campaign.