

## Mercury Marine SRV Point Score #2 Lake Charm September 19 & 20th, 2009

A very short break was experienced for SRV Point Score competitors, with only a 2 week timeframe between Point Scores 1 and 2. There was not much time for checking equipment during these 2 weeks, so I'm sure a few competitors would have had some late nights conducting them. Everyone hooked their boats up to the tow vehicles on Friday night and Saturday morning, and headed out for the Murray Valley Highway to make the trek to Lake Charm for another exciting weekend of racing and catching up with friends and competitors. Footy finals fever was in the air with plenty of Bulldogs, Cats, Magpies and Saints colours on display and this was a popular topic of discussion over the weekend.

A cool but sunny day greeted competitors on the Saturday morning and everyone was keen to get on the water and commence the first races for the day, being the Unlimited Inboard and Outboard and Junior 2up races. Once again there was bumper entry list, with another 300 plus received for the weekend. Again, an awesome job by the team in the entries and substitutions tent. Our Race Day controller was keen to keep everything moving along at a swift pace to ensure that we kept to the program. Thanks for everyone's co-operation in keeping things moving.

Conditions were again choppy, but probably not as rough as Point Score #1 (although some may disagree when a lot of boats were circulating due to big entry numbers in some races).

### SATURDAY RACING

**Inboard 2up** - The super class, super strong team of Hellrazor took the win with regular 2up skiers of Peter Proctor and Paul Robertson. In second place with their first run of the season was Danny Timewell and Peter Strike in Elm Street towing Kane Howard and Troy Barends. Third place was Col McQuinn and Kyle Hicks in The Chief towing the young guns team of James Hogben and Aiden Cuff, just sneaking home in front of the Omen Racing team by 2 seconds. The battle for the minor places in the last 5 minutes was great viewing and a credit to all the crews for keeping it fast and safe.

**Junior 2up** – First place making it 2 out of 2 starts was Stalker Evinrude with Brad Groves driving and Shaunie Williams Observing towing Will Groves and Clinton Stratton. Second was Out for Revenge with Travis Cuff and SRV 'Observer of the year' Jeff Howard, towing Dylan Cuff and Lloyd Woolman. Third place was the Ash Mansfield's new inboard Serial Pest with Gregory Wright observing towing Ash Mansfield Jr. and Tayla Wright.

**Outboard 2up** – We thought the field couldn't get bigger after Point Score #1, but it did with 22 boats greeting the starter. After just completing a tough 30 minute plus race behind Hellrazor, Robbo and Pete thought they would go and have another crack at 30 minutes and they took first place behind Air Force One with Marcus Cranny driving and Christian Apps observing in a blistering time. Second place was Out for Revenge with Cuffy driving and Jeff Howard observing also having a back up run towing regular 'Chief' skiers James Hogben and Aiden Cuff. Third place was an excellent, consistent run by Smoke n Mirrors with Ash Cox steering, Matt Fallon observing and Nathan Glynn & Chelsea Blight skiing.

Next up was the commencement of the 1up events for the weekend and it was great to see a starter in **Under 10 boys** with Cameron Nix skiing 2 big laps behind Gro Up to take the win. Great work Cameron.

**Under 10 Girls** – First place was Phoenix with Brooke Hammond taking 2 wins from 2 starts, second place was Thudernuts with Emma Barnes skiing and third was Korrupt with Megan Hammond skiing. Well done to all the girls on their efforts.

**Sub Junior Boys** – First place was Jackson Hammond behind Omen Racing taking his second win of the season, Second place was Sean Stevens behind Swine Flew and third was 99 Psycho Clowns with

Tom Perry skiing. (If you haven't checked out the paint job on the 'Psycho' boat yet, please do as it is awesome!!)

**Sub Junior Girls** –Tayla Stent skiing behind Shipprek took the win (another 2 from 2), Second place was Brooke Hammond behind Phoenix and third place was Stalker Evinrude with Jade Groves. Some great skiing by all of the kids in these first 2 races.

**Novice Social** – First place was Christopher Gray behind Omen F2, second was Ben Embleton behind the well presented 'Category 5' Cyclone boat, and third was Top Toy with Doug Perry skiing.

**Social Women** – Another big, high quality field in this race, and it turned out to be a close one. Bisho was screaming that hard on the PA on the last lap, he almost strained a vocal chord. First place and winning by just 1 second was Smoke n Mirrors towing Chelsea Blight. Second place was Team SBR towing Jacqui Cadden and third was Thudernuts with Cara Jochinke skiing.

**60mph Social** – In first position was Cranny's Air Force One outboard with Chase Mosig skiing. Second Place was Viscious Rumours towing Matthew Cozens and Third place was Crusher towing Christopher Maher. Great to see our Chief Judge Lou Mudgeway out there as well having a ski. (I bet everyone was on their best behavior for this race)

**Stock 6 Litre** – Only 3 entries greeted the starter in Stock but this did not deter from a high quality field. First place was Mark Boyer skiing behind Rob Bartlett's Jagged Edge, second was the 18 foot 6 Everingham of Solid Gold towing Kane Merritt and third was Gro Up towing Adrian Nix.

**Formula 2** – Another big field in Formula 2 with 17 boats at the starting grid, it was Air Force One towing 1991 World Champ Paul Robertson to a win. Second was Stalker Evinrude with Kane Howard skiing and third place was The Relocator towing Aaron McQualter

**5.2 Litre and 2.5 Outboard** – It was great to see some representation in these classes at PS#2, the turbo powered Stephens boat of Moist towing Tegan Veitch took the win in 5.2 litre. Messy Racing was first in 2.5 outboard with Andrew Morgan skiing and in second place was High and Dry with Kyle Mansfield.

**Under 30 Women** - This was a Bullet Boats 1,2,3 with first place being Team SBR with Maddi Boyer at her usual consistent best, second was Stuart Evans' Synthetic bullet boat towing Chelsea Kelly and third was Elise Jochinke skiing behind the family boat Smokin' Injun.

**Social Men** - Another huge field for the second event in a row for this class and boy, didn't the guys put on a great show. First place and a brilliant ski on the icy pole stick was Aiden Cuff behind the family boat Out for Revenge. Second place was an equally good showing by Robbie Skennerton behind the 19 foot Force boat Air Force One, and missing out by only 4 seconds. Third was Tim Everests' beautifully prepared new boat The Specimen towing Luke Watts.

**Under 25 Mens** – This race was called early after only 3 laps due to being Red flagged. Matt Brooks took a hard fall behind Omen Racing and had to be rushed to Hospital, mainly for precautionary reasons. Latest word is he is recovering well and we hope to see him back on the water very soon. First place was declared to ORSM towing Kane Howard, just a few seconds in front of Hellrazor towing Chris Mansfield. Third place was a great ski by Dale Hally behind The Judge.

**Under 25 Women** - Hellrazor was back on the water for another race and the Cranny & Matthews partnership didn't disappoint with Chelsea Blight taking the win. Second place was Chloe Shipp skiing behind Shipprek (Happy Birthday for next week Chloe) and third place was Smoke n Mirrors towing Zoe Stratton.

**Under 19 Girls** –Maddy Boyer didn't have the regular 'Noizworks' tow for this weekend, so she managed to organize a tow behind big Col's Connelly, The Chief and she didn't disappoint taking the win. Second place was a great run by Cody Johnson only 9 seconds behind skiing with Recovery's Reflection. Third was Synthetic with Chelsea Kelly skiing.

It was getting late in the afternoon and we were running a bit behind schedule due to a couple of incidents, so we just had enough time to run the last race of the day before the light faded.

**Under 30 Mens** – This race is always a fast one and all competitors kept up to their high standard. First was Hellrazor making it 2 from 2 towing Pete Procter, second was Luke Watts behind ORSM and third place was Karl Wilson behind the Revolution boat Omen Racing.

**Veteran Men** – Mark Boyer took the win behind ‘The Chief’, Second was Wayne Duggan behind Team SBR and third was Rod Senior behind Synthetic.

**Veteran Women** – Vikki Shipp took the win behind Shipprek with Dave Bishop steering and Chelsea Blight observing. Second was Suzie Cuff behind the family boat Out for Revenge with Travis and Aiden driving and observing.

## **SUNDAY RACING**

Point Score #2 was the first race for the Victorian season designated for Marathon events, and it was great to have 7 competitors out there having a go and fine tuning their marathon skills on doubles, singles, finless, freeboard and palings. This format of racing is great fun and I would highly recommend it to anyone who has not experienced it before. Get out on the water and have a go, you will not be disappointed.

**Mens Marathon** – First place was Kane Howard behind the Chase boat Phoenix. Second place was Rogue with Rhys Duggan getting busy on all of those different ski’s. Third was brother Beau behind the family boat Next Generation.

**Junior Boys Marathon** – Jackson Hammond took the win behind Korrupt with regular Omen skier Karl Wilson in the drivers seat.

**Junior Girls Marathon** – Tayla Stent completed the course and took the win behind Shipprek with Dave Bishop driving and Brett Dominguez observing. (how about having a ski in the next Marathon event hey Brett?)

Race Controller Max Wilkinson was eager to get on with the remainder of the one up events for the weekend, so the 10 minute warning for the first race was called not long after the Marathons had finished.

**60mph Expert** – First place was Team SBR towing Christopher Maher, second was Ballistic with Andrew Hinterholz, and third was the 18 foot Force boat of No Rules towing Amber Lees.

**First Year Novice** – As fast as these guys go, you wouldn’t think it their first year. Taking the win was 99 Psycho Clowns towing Peter McDonald. Second place was Crusher towing Mark Binnie and third was Clancy Vaughan skiing behind The Specimen.

**Under 19 Boys** – A huge field of 20 boats greeted the starter for the boys race. Its great to see the quality of junior skiers coming through the ranks, this race was a great battle between Rhys Duggan, Aiden Cuff, James Hogben, Ashley Johnson and Ben Pearse. Unfortunately Ashley had a swim at the top turn buoy on lap 3, and it was Rhys Duggan behind Omen Racing taking the win, second place only 4 seconds out was Ben Pearse behind Hellrazor and third was Ringo Hogben behind The Chief.

**Open Men** – Hellrazor had a solid win with Peter Proctor out the back. Second place was another 21 foot Force boat ORSM towing Kane Howard, and third place was Team SBR with Justin Cadden keeping that rope tight for 8 tough laps.

**Open Women** – Hellrazor’s Cranny and Damo made it 2 from 2 in the weekends premier events taking the win with Chelsea Blight out the back (Happy Birthday to you too Chels for next week). Second place was Team SBR with Maddy Boyer putting in a solid 6 laps. Third place was fellow World team member Cara Jochinke skiing behind Thudernuts.

**SMOC** – The ‘Standard Motor Open Cockpit’ crews were next on the water and it was Stalker Evinrude taking the win towing Gerard Atkins, second was Burkey’s No Rules towing Justin Cadden and third was The Specimen in its first SMOC hitout with young gun Rhys Duggan skiing.

**6 Litre** – Jagged Edge towing Ash Mansfield took a great win in 6 litre flying the flag for the Stock boats. Second place was Synthetic with Mark Boyer in tow and third was Gro Up with Matthew Rowe skiing.

**Junior Boys** – Point Score #1 was a close finish and Point Score #2 was even closer with Will Groves taking the win behind Brooksy’s Omen Racing by one second. In second place was Ashley Mansfield Jr. behind Serial Pest. Third Place was the Cox boys boat Smoke n Mirrors towing Clinton Stratton.

**Junior Girls** - Jagged Edge took out another win for the day with Tayla Wright skiing. Second place was Recovery's Reflection with Cody Johnson skiing and third place was No Rules with Brooke Reinke out the back.

**Novice Men** – SMOC boat No Rules had an excellent win towing Ash Horman, second place was another SMOC boat Viscious Rumours with Doug Perry skiing and third was 99 Psycho Clowns with Peter McDonald out back.

**Novice Women** – Runnin' Wild completed the 4 laps towing Janine Batchelor for the win, second place was Vikki Groves behind Stalker Evinrude and third was Kate Stritthof skiing with Gro Up.

**Senior Men** – Hellrazor with regular 2up team skier Paul Robertson took the win, not long before he had to head back to the airport to get on a plane for Sydney. Second place was Mark Boyer behind Omen Racing and third was Team SBR towing Justin Cadden.

**Senior Women** – Megan Smith took another Senior Womens win behind Phoenix. Second was Stalker Evinrude with Jacqui Cadden out back. Third place was Rogue towing Sharnee Glover.

**MOC** – Ex Queensland boat Category 5 took the win with Steven Berry skiing by just one second. Second place was No Rules with Justin Cadden skiing and third place was Stalker Evinrude towing Kane Howard in a high quality field.

**8 Litre** – It was great to see a few more inboards racing at Point Score #2. ORSM took the win in 8 litre with Aiden Cuff skiing. Second place and keeping the pressure on all the way was Dylan Stevenson behind Super Slak Racing, and third was Synthetic with Ben Pearse skiing.

All racing was concluded by just before 3pm, which was a great effort by the organizers and the willing competitors to keep the schedule moving along. I am sure that the people who travelled the longest distances to get to Lake Charm appreciated this, as they had the opportunity to get home at a decent time on the Sunday night.

A special thanks to the following people for their hard work and making the weekend a success; Jo Martin , Lou Mudgway, (Chief Judge), Tony Wilson, Max Wilkinson (Race Controller), Brad Groves for his help all weekend in a variety of areas and Di Touhey (Race Day Secretary). And how could we forget the PA work of 'golden tonsils' Dave Bishop and 'el presidente' Richard Partington. Also thanks to Bryan Maloney for his special comments throughout the weekend.

We had an excellent crew of helpers and assistants in the entries and substitutions tent, with a very special thank you to Vicki Shipp, Tracey Cranny and Suzie Cuff for their great assistance all weekend.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered in the judges tent, buoy boat, rescue boat, course and start boats. Due to the commitment of people putting their hand up to help in these areas there was virtually no delays in the race program, excellent work!!

See you all at Point Score #3 on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at our new venue Lake Bullen Merri in Camperdown.

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