

## NEWS RELEASE

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### MEDIA NOTES: U-2 Returns to Evansville as the U-2.25

**EVANSVILLE, Ind.** — The Michigan Mortgage Consultants unlimited hydroplane makes its 2006 season debut this week in the Chevrolet Freedom Festival on the Ohio River.

For the first year since 2002, the season will kick off with 10 racing teams in the Evansville pits which host the traditional first race of the season. While many things have changed, many others have remained the same. **Dr. Ken Muscatel** is still a driver still, but not an owner. Nor is he driving the same boat he's piloted since 2000.

Superior Racing Team has leased all of the equipment, including the racing hull, that is owned by Jim Harvey Motorsports for the 2006 season. The U-2 hull has been re-registered as the U-2.25, to the combination of both Jim Harvey Motorsports and Superior Racing Team — which had been registered as the U-25.

Another change is that the team is sponsored in Evansville and Detroit by the Michigan Mortgage Consultants, instead of Mister Home Loan as in years past. Additionally, **David Williams** — executive director of the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum — will be spending time in the U-2.25 cockpit getting qualified as a race driver, with the goal of driving one heat in the Gold Cup (more information later in this notes package).

For a team that was essentially retired until roughly May 11, 2006, there's been a lot of work done by the all-volunteer crew at the Jim Harvey Motorsports shop in Seattle. Crew chief **Jay Leckrone** and chief engineer **Kevin Stoltz**, along with crew members **Jerry Bowers**, **Chris Brenfield**, **Howard Price**, **Mark Remington**, **Gary Scott**, **Kevin Stoltz**, and **John Williams**, have been working long hours on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as well as Saturdays to prepare the hull for the season.

That work culminated on June 15 with a successful testing session on Lake Washington.

It all leads up to the week of the first race, and the transporter is currently pulling the U-2.25 across the country.

"Madison is one of those places that is full of hydroplane racing tradition and history," Muscatel said. "It's always a thrill to race there, especially when you're having a good day. We have good memories of racing in Madison, and we always look forward to going there."

With the fact that he hails from equally hydroplane tradition-laden Seattle, that's no small compliment from the Good Doctor.

#### MICHIGAN MORTGAGE CONSULTANTS SPONSOR U-2.25

Michigan Mortgage Consultants' **Tom Farrell** is really excited about leaping into big time boat racing with both feet, and is a part of **Dr. Ken Muscatel's** Superior Racing Team for two races in 2006. Farrell's company, Michigan Mortgage Consultants will sponsor the orange, blue and white boat at the season opener in Evansville, Ind., June 24-25 as well as the Detroit Gold Cup July 14-16. Michigan Mortgage Consultants, Inc. is a residential mortgage broker located in Mt. Clemens, Mich. The company provides residential mortgage to realtors, builders, home buyers, and investors, as well as home equity loans and lines of credit. The company specializes in mortgages to self-employed borrowers and was founded in 1992. Farrell has 30 years of experience in the mortgage industry and has been a hydroplane fan since childhood. He has worked as a volunteer at the Detroit Hydroplane Museum and his company has been an active supporter and sponsor of the vintage hydroplanes of the Hydroplane & Raceboat Museum in Seattle. He is currently a member at-large in Unlimiteds Detroit and co-chairman of the fan services division of the Detroit River Regatta Association. Last June, he promoted the movie "*Madison*" in Mt. Clemens and the film was attended by 650 guests. "Sponsoring and working with an unlimited team is a great way to promote your business and a dream come true." Farrell said. "I have been truly blessed."

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**MUSEUM DIRECTOR WILLIAMS TO DRIVE U-2.25 IN TWO RACES**

Veteran vintage unlimited driver **David Williams**, executive director of the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum (located in Kent, Wash.) will be attempting to qualify the U-2.25 in Evansville, and run at least one heat in the Gold Cup. Williams was been driving vintage Unlimiteds since 1992 and was the primary stunt driver for the hydro movie "Madison." "I want to very clear about my goals here," Williams said. "I'm not looking to become a competitive driver, but over the last 12 years, I've driven literally thousands of exhibition laps in Gold Cup winning boats. Everything from the Slo-mo to the Griffon Bud. After all that time on the water, I just want to make one legal start." This will not be Williams' first time behind the wheel of a turbine. In 2002, Williams took the Oh Boy! Oberto out for a test drive and turned in a very respectable 135 mph lap. **Dr. Ken Muscatel** will drive in Madison, Valleyfield and most of the Gold Cup. Williams is a published author whose fourth book "Hydroplane Racing in Seattle" (Arcadia Press) hits books stores this month. No doubt his experiences behind the wheel of U-2.25 will play a big part in and his fifth book, "Turbine Racing" which is due out from Arcadia next Spring"

**A REGULAR VISITOR**

Since 1992, Superior Racing Team has been a fixture in Evansville, one of the longest continuous streaks in unlimited hydroplane racing. Madison's rich tradition in the sport of unlimited hydroplane racing is something that Muscatel, and the team, is proud to be a part of.

**EVANSVILLE REDUX**

In an incident that most won't soon forget, last year wasn't exactly the best start to a hydroplane racing season for Superior Racing Team and **Dr. Ken Muscatel**. The team ended up missing the race after the boat snagged a submerged arresting cable and ended up on the Kentucky shoreline. Substantial sponson damage was done and the team was forced to withdraw from the race. Repairs were made in time for the Madison race a week later, and the Muscatel-driven craft did not have any further problems throughout the season.

**WILLIAMS, HANAUER TO RECREATE 1982 GOLD CUP CLASSIC**

Superior Racing Team driver **David Williams**, along with 11 time Gold Cup winner **Chip Hanauer**, will already be in Detroit Gold Cup week to re-enact Chip's legendary 1982 Gold Cup victory. Williams will drive the restored 1980 Miss Budweiser and Hanauer will drive the restored 1982 Atlas, both now beautiful museum pieces in the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum.

**LECKRONE NAMED SUPERIOR RACING CREW CHIEF**

Veteran hydroplane crew member **Jay Leckrone** has been named the crew chief for the U-2.25 Superior Racing Team unlimited hydroplane. Formerly the crew chief of the two-boat Miss Exide team owned by **Mike** and **Lori Jones**, Leckrone is widely regarded as one of the brightest hydroplane racing minds. He's been a valuable member of Muscatel's team for several years and spent most of his time in the winter of 2004-05 working hard to make sure Muscatel had a good race boat to run for the inaugural season of the ABRA. "Jay is one of the brilliant minds in unlimited hydroplane racing crews," said **Dr. Ken Muscatel**, team manager of Superior Racing Team. "We've had really good crew chiefs and crew members all along, but we consider ourselves lucky to have Jay on our side."

**GRAHAM TRUCKING, OTHER SPONSORS RENEW AGREEMENTS**

Superior Racing Team has been joined by one of the U-2's past sponsors, the team recently announced. Graham Trucking, Inc., which was the title sponsor of Jim Harvey Motorsports' boat last season, has joined Superior Racing Team this year as the team's title sponsor at the Atomic Cup in Kennewick, Wash. (July 28-30), and at the Chevrolet Cup at Seafair in Seattle (August 4-6). "Our sincere thanks goes out to Graham Trucking for their continuing involvement with this particular equipment and boat, even though we're a different team running it all," said Superior Racing Team driver and team manager **Dr. Ken Muscatel**. "We're excited about putting on a good show for Graham Trucking this season."

Yoke's Fresh Market (West Richland, Wash.) and Noslen Communication (Vancouver, Wash.) have also renewed their associate sponsorships of the U-2.25 for the 2006 season. For the thrid straight season, Yoke's Fresh Market is the official food, beverage and ice supplier of Superior Racing Team during the Tri-Cities race, this year known as the Atomic Cup. Thanks to Yokes, Superior Racing Team will have the freshest lunch, snacks and beverages in the pits each day of the event. Noslen Communication has renewed its own sponsorship of the team, for the fourth consecutive year. Noslen Communication is the exclusive provider of media and public relations services, and is helping Superior Racing Team with sponsorships.

This season, working with Bullithead Design, a new sponsor of the team, Noslen Communication also coordinated the team's new website, which will be launched the week of the Evansville race.

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## SUPERIOR RACING TEAM LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Superior Racing Team is proud to announce the launching of its new website, in time for the 2006 ABRA hydroplane racing season. **Scott Stanton** of Bullthead Design designed and built the site. For the time being, the site can be found at [www.noslencommunication.com/srt](http://www.noslencommunication.com/srt) (it will eventually be changed over to the domain, [www.superior-racing.com](http://www.superior-racing.com)). There are several photos on the site (thanks to **Craig Barney** and **Jim Clark**. High resolution copies of these photos for media use only can be obtained by contacting Nelson Holmberg ([nelson@noslencommunication.com](mailto:nelson@noslencommunication.com))), in addition to a lot of information about the team, the boat, etc. Please feel free to visit our new website and comment on our blog, which you can link to from the website. As a resource to media, all team news releases will be posted on the website throughout the season in the "Media Room" section. All releases will be left online all season long.

## 2005 STATS

Race	Qualifying Speed	Starts	Finishes	Places						Finals	DNS	DQ	Total Points
				1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th				
Evansville	0*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madison	134.114 (6/8)	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	609
Detroit (Gold Cup)	144.627 (5/9)	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	388
Tri-Cities	151.627 (5/10)	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	275
Seattle	144.659 (4/11)	4	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	6th	0	0	924
Nashville	151.044 (7/9)	3	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	900
<u>San Diego</u>	<u>143.424 (7/9)</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>818</u>
Total/Best	151.627	4	4	3	2	5	4	0	0	4th	3	2	3,914

\* — did not race at Evansville after accident in testing

Note: Parentheses in qualifying speed column are qualifying position/number of boats)

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