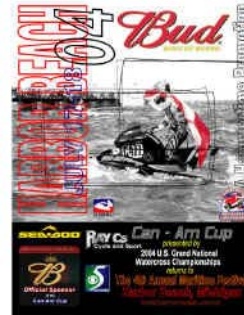


**Round 5 – Harbor Beach, Michigan
Maritime Festival
Thumb Watercross Challenge
Bud Light Invitational
Budweiser Can-Am Cup
2004 U.S. Grand National
Watercross Championships
Harbor Beach, Michigan**



After a three-week break, the tour heads Thumb Watercross Shootout run in Annual Harbor Beach Maritime Festival in is definitely the racer's favorite site year after locals put on an outstanding event and show event will take place on the Harbor of Lake a watercraft race, and guaranteed to be a lot provides great viewing for the thousands of the Midwest's, and Canada's finest



north for the 4th Annual conjunction with the 4th Harbor Beach, Michigan. This year as the Harbor Beach tremendous hospitality. The Huron, and is a perfect site for of fun. The 1,000 foot long pier spectators that come to watch watercraft racers.

At this Event some of the finest Watercraft Riders from Canada and the U.S.A. will compete in the popular **Budweiser Can-Am Cup** providing Spectators some of the finest Personal Watercraft Racing in the Nation. This Maritime Festival in Harbor Beach, Michigan has become the 2nd largest spectator Event of Personal Watercraft Racing in the country, second only to the World Championships in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. Over 5,000 spectators will be on hand to watch the Hot Racing Action that weekend making the pier standing room only. The crowd is electrified Saturday Night during the **Budweiser Can-Am Cup** as thousands of spectators wildly cheer for Team U.S.A. to beat Team Canada. The Ski Class, 800 Runabout Class, and the 1200 Runabout Class make up the 3 Main



Events. Nine of the best riders from Canada, and Nine of the best riders from the U.S.A. in each class, compete for the Overall Team Can-Am Cup. Last year's event was highly successful with riders from each country battling it out for bragging rights, and a piece of the Can-Am Cup. The pier was packed with cheering spectators as they were treated to some hot racing action. Freestyle riders performed in between each of the 3 races, and treated the crowd to some highflying Freestyle action. Last year's Can-Am Cup was won by the U.S.A., but this year's event promises to be even more exciting as the Canadian's will be coming in full force to take back the Can-Am Cup.

In 2003, Riders started arriving on Thursday morning for the upcoming Weekend Events. There were **152 Riders in attendance** last year from; Missouri, Kentucky, North Dakota, Minnesota, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, and Canada. In

another popular Event, the 2003 Bud Light Invitational had 12 Teams, and 48 participants. Over 200 Riders Total competed in this year's **3rd Annual Harbor Beach Maritime Festival**, making it the **2nd Largest Personal Watercross Racing Event in the Nation.**

The weekend festivities gets under way a growing and popular Event will be taking place on Friday night. **The 3rd Annual Bud Light Invitational** will be in full swing as local Personal Watercraft Enthusiasts will compete in Team Competition on the Jacque Bryant prepared racecourse. Each Team will consist of 4 Riders that will each run 2 laps in a Timed Event. All scored times from each individual of each team will then be calculated, and the Team that has the best overall time will be the **Bud Light Invitational** Champions.

In a single year, the teams increased from 4 Teams last year, to 12 Teams total this year. Each Rider ran a lap around the racecourse for time. All 4 Riders then combined their times for an overall Team Time. A lot of participants found out that it is much harder to negotiate buoys around a racecourse then it looks. Each participant was all smiles after their respective run, coupled with the fact they were on a brand new Kawasaki that was donated by **Team Kawasaki**. A big thank you goes out to Kawasaki for their generosity in the donation of 3 Runabouts for the participants to use. **The Harbor Drug Team** ended up the



team to beat, as they were the **2003 Bud Light – Kawasaki Invitational Champions**. **James Pawlowski, Albert Wolschegar, Jim Lewis, and Scott Pawlowski** all had the best-combined Team Time for the Win. It was a tight battle as you can see only 25 seconds separated 1st through 11th place as the final results were tabulated.

2003 Bud Light - Kawasaki Invitational Final Team Standings

1. Harbor Drug	222.67
2. Team Bud	230.07
3. Wade Trim	236.38
4. Lakeshore Guardian	238.85
5. Harbor Beach Chamber	240.50
6. City of Harbor Beach	240.68
7. LK Creations	242.19
8. Sensient Flavors	244.14
9. Harbor Beach Audio	247.75
10. Canadian Connection	252.67
11. Thumb Cellular	264.40
12. Cellular One	291.45

2003 Bud Light - Kawasaki Invitational Top 10 Fastest Times

1. Albert Wolschegar	Bad Axe, MI	Harbor Drug	48.32
2. Grant "Radar" Kadar	Harbor Beach, MI	Team Bud	51.98
3. Scott Pawlowski	Ann Arbor, MI	Harbor Drug	52.16
4. James Pawlowski	Port Hope, MI	Harbor Drug	52.72
5. Tom Grates	Harbor Beach, MI	City of Harbor Beach	53.95
6. Dan Behnke	Harbor Beach, MI	Harbor Beach Audio	54.06
7. Brad Wruble	Harbor Beach, MI	Wade Trim	54.20
8. Jeff Booms	Harbor Beach, MI	Team Bud	54.37
9. Mariette Kouwenberg	Ontario, Canada	Canadian Connection	54.81
10. Derik Eppenbrock	Evans, GA	City of Harbor Beach	55.04



The Thumb Watercross Challenge will be another Event taking place that weekend. Come watch the hottest Riders of Region 6, and the Midwest as they compete in Round 5 of the 2004 U.S. Grand National Watercross Championships. After 4 Rounds there are many tight Season Points battles underway and some Championships at stake, as the Riders take to the waters for some Hot Racing Action. Over 200 Personal Watercraft Racers are anticipated to attend making this the biggest Race Weekend of the Year. The last 3 Years, the Racing Action coupled with the many Festival Activities make this weekend one of the most enjoyable weekends for Personal Watercraft enthusiasts. As a result, many Riders look forward to coming back to Harbor Beach, Michigan each year. Come see some great Personal Watercraft Racing, and along with the many other great Activities planned, you will not be disappointed.

“Family and Friends of all ages will find out about the wonderful world of Personal Watercraft, and the great people, who enjoy them.”

Al Kleinknecht, Maritime Festival Official

Can-Am Cup Format - There are 3 Classes that make up the Can-Am Cup. There is the Ski Open, 800 Runabout Open, and the 1200 Runabout Open. Novice, Expert, and Pro Riders are eligible to participate in all 3 classes of the Can-Am Cup. All Riders will have to qualify for Saturday Night’s Main Event’s. Heat Races will be ran on Saturday morning taking the top 9 Riders from each Country for Saturday Evening’s Main Event’s.

Each of the Main Event’s will have 18 Riders participating, 9 from Canada, and 9 from U.S.A., who will be scoring Team Points towards the Overall **Can-Am Cup Championship**. We will have a 20 point Scoring system for each Class, that contributes to the Overall Team’s Score toward the Can-Am Cup Championship. A running score will be kept after each of the Main Event’s, showing which country is currently leading in Points.

In between each Main Event Race, we will have 2 short **Freestyle Shows** for the crowd. Here all the Freestyle Riders will perform their many tricks, and routine's for the spectators during the short intermissions in between the Main Event Races. See Riders perform Aerial Barrel Rolls, along with high flying water fountains during the Freestyle Shows. This was a real crowd pleaser last year for those in attendance.

Below is a **Schedule of Events** for the Budweiser Can-Am Cup Championships. You can get a Budweiser Can-Am Cup Registration Form online at www.watercross.com.



Saturday - Can-Am Cup Schedule

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Can-Am Cup Sign-in, and Registration.
7:30 am - 7:30 am	Can-Am Cup Tech Inspection.
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Can-Am Cup Riders Meeting. If a Rider is in a Can-Am Cup Qualifying for a Heat Race on Saturday morning, then they need to attend the regular Riders Meeting on Saturday morning.
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Ski Class, 800cc Class, and 1200cc Class Can-Am Cup Qualifying
5:00 pm	Riders Meeting for all Can-Am Cup participants. During this short Riders Meeting all Can-Am Cup participants will be given a 5x7 decal of the respective country they're representing. This will be placed on the left side of the Riders watercraft. This will make it easily identifiable for the spectators to distinguish between Canada vs U.S.A. Riders in the Main Events.
5:30 pm	National Anthem's. Each country will have they're National Anthem played prior to the start of Can-Am Cup Main Event's.
5:35 pm – 5:45 pm	Can-Am Cup Ski Open Class Rider Introductions. Each Rider will have his Name, and Sponsors announced in front of 5,000 spectators, as the Rider makes a parade lap around the quarter mile long pier, prior to the Race. Hear the crowd go wild as each Rider takes his/her parade lap.
5:45 pm - 6:05 pm	Can-Am Cup Ski Open Class Main Event.
6:05 pm - 6:15 pm	Freestyle Show. Here all the Freestyle Riders will perform their many tricks, and routine's for the spectators during the short intermissions in between the Main Event Races.
6:05 pm - 6:15 pm	Can-Am Cup Ski Open Class Post Race Interviews. During the Freestyle Show, we will be having Post Race Interviews of the winners of the Ski Open Class. Jamie Deer from Xtreme Outlaw Video Productions will also be doing interviews as well.
6:15 pm – 6:25 pm	Can-Am Cup 800cc Open Class Rider Introductions. Each Rider will have his Name, and Sponsors announced in front of 5,000 spectators, as the Rider makes a parade lap around the quarter mile long pier, prior to the Race. Hear the crowd go wild as each Rider takes his/her parade lap.
6:25 pm - 6:45 pm	Can-Am Cup 800cc Open Class Main Event.
6:45 pm - 6:55 pm	Freestyle Show. Here all the Freestyle Riders will perform their many tricks, and routine's for the spectators during the short intermissions in between the Main Event Races.
6:45 pm - 6:55 pm	Can-Am Cup 800 R/A Open Class Post Race Interviews. During the Freestyle Show, we will be having Post Race Interviews of the winners of the 800 R/A Open Class. Jamie Deer from Xtreme Outlaw Video Productions will also be doing interviews as well.
6:55 pm - 7:05 pm	Can-Am Cup 1200cc Open Class Rider Introductions. Each Rider will have his Name, and Sponsors announced in front of 5,000 spectators, as the Rider makes a parade lap around the quarter mile long pier, prior to the Race. Hear the crowd go wild as each Rider takes his/her parade lap.
7:05 pm - 7:25 pm	Can-Am Cup 1200cc R/A Open Class Main Event.
7:25 pm - 7:30 pm	Can-Am Cup 1200 R/A Open Class Post Race Interviews. During the Freestyle Show, we will be having Post Race Interviews of the winners of the 1200 R/A Open Class. Jamie Deer from Xtreme Outlaw Video Productions will also be doing interviews as well.
7:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Can-Am Cup Awards Ceremony. The top 3 Riders of each Class will be given an award in a podium presentation by Mike Remar. There will be also several presentations in addition, including the Mayor of Harbor Beach, Ed Ramsey. Neil Essenmacher of Budweiser will also be on hand to present the winning country with the prestigious Can-Am Cup. Pictures and Video Interviews will also be included in the Awards Presentations.
8:00 pm	Live Concert. The Band starts playing from the stage on the beach immediately following the Awards Ceremony.
10:00 pm	Spectacular Fireworks Display. Tom Youatt, Maritime Committee Fireworks Chairman stated the 2003 Fireworks Display promises to be the best one ever.

**Budweiser Can-Am Cup
2003 Ski Class Results
July 19th, 2003**

1. Derek Powell	Syracuse, IN	USA	Kawasaki
2. Justin Labonte	Val D'OR, Quebec	CAN	Kawasaki
3. Nic Wallis	Burlington, Ontario	CAN	Yamaha
4. Jack Hammer	Noblesville, IN	USA	Kawasaki
5. Tim Carlson	Orland Park, IL	USA	Yamaha
6. John Eidt	Beverly Hills, MI	USA	Kawasaki
7. James Cook	Harrison Twp, MI	USA	Kawasaki
8. Mike Janssen	Glencoe, Ontario	CAN	Yamaha
9. Michael Winn	Oakville, Ontario	CAN	Yamaha
10. Matt Conner	Washington, MI	USA	Yamaha
11. John Shuper	Allegan, MI	USA	Polaris
12. Jeff Clark	Monroe, MI	USA	Kawasaki
13. Fred Reimer	Mississauga, Ontario	CAN	Polaris
14. Erik Hahr	Defiance, OH	USA	Yamaha
15. Paul Green	Mississauga, Ontario	CAN	Polaris
16. Melanie Wallis	Burlington, Ontario	CAN	Yamaha

**Budweiser Can-Am Cup
2003 800 R/A Class Results
July 19th, 2003**

1. Eric Swann	Arnold, MO	USA	Polaris
2. Jeff Lingenfelter, JR	Noblesville, IN	USA	Sea Doo
3. Russell Waite	Hamburg, NY	CAN	Sea Doo
4. Cole Wagner	Waterford, MI	USA	Sea Doo
5. Sandy Mclsaac	Innisfil, Ontario	CAN	Sea Doo
6. Thomas Hunt	Lansing, MI	USA	Polaris
7. Geoffrey Swann	Arnold, MO	USA	Polaris
8. Brian Strohsack	Lorain, OH	USA	Sea Doo
9. Rick Maj	Toronto, Ontario	CAN	Sea Doo
10. DJ Thompson	New Market, Ontario	CAN	Sea Doo
11. Rubbie McBride	Toronto, Ontario	CAN	Sea Doo
12. Ryan Dalli	Ontario	CAN	Sea Doo
13. Paolo Colini	Windsor, Ontario	CAN	Sea Doo
14. Cameron Frame	Charleston, WV	USA	Sea Doo
15. Jayme Cheney	West Fargo, ND	USA	Sea Doo
16. Ray Proulx	Belle River, Ontario	CAN	Sea Doo
17. Eric Lys	Essex, Ontario	CAN	Sea Doo
17. Greg Radulski	St. Clair Shores, MI	USA	Sea Doo

Budweiser Can-Am Cup

2003 1200 R/A Class Results

July 19th, 2003

1. Jay Edworthy	Cambridge, Ontario	CAN	Sea Doo
2. Derick Parker	Bloomington, IN	USA	Kawasaki
3. Evan Connell	West Bloomfield, MI	USA	Sea Doo
4. Ryan Pearson	Windsor, Ontario	CAN	Kawasaki
5. Alan Miller	McCordsville, IN	USA	Sea Doo

6. Justin Haverkate	Grandville, MI	USA	Sea Doo
7. Todd Jurek	Elkhart, IN	USA	Sea Doo
8. Ken Haverkate	Grandville, MI	USA	Kawasaki
9. Mark Petz	Wyoming, MI	USA	Sea Doo
10. Bill Stoehr	Westlake, OH	USA	Sea Doo
11. Roger Hortensius	Stoney Creek, Ontario	CAN	Sea Doo
12. Todd Czarcinski	Blasdell, NY	USA	Sea Doo
13. Wes Belanger	Windsor, Ontario	CAN	Sea Doo
14. Raymond Degrazia	Chicago, IL	USA	Sea Doo

Round 5 2004 U.S. Grand National Watercross Championships Racing Schedule Harbor Beach, Michigan

Friday Schedule of Events

Bud Light Invitational

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm Invitational Event.

Saturday Schedule of Events

All Novice Closed Course Qualifying & Final Events

Pro-Am Women Ski Class will run on Saturday

No Slalom Events

Can-Am Cup Qualifying, and Main Events

7:00 am - 8:00 am Technical Inspection & Rider Check In
 8:00 am - 8:30 am Mandatory Riders Meeting
 8:30 am - 10:00 am Closed Course Practice
 8:30 am - 10:00 am Can-Am Cup Practice
 11:00 am - 12:00 am Can-Am Cup Qualifying (Ski, 800 Runabout, 1200 Runabout Classes)
 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Closed Course Racing
 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Can-Am Cup Main Events
 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Can-Am Cup Awards Ceremony
 8:00 pm - 12:00 pm Live Band
 10:30 pm - 11:00 pm Awesome Fireworks Display

Sunday Schedule of Events

Amateur, Expert, Pro-Am & Pro Closed Course Qualifying and Final Events

*Amateur, Expert, **No Slalom Events***

Amateur Freestyle

7:00 am - 8:00 am Technical Inspection & Rider Check In
 8:00 am - 8:30 am Mandatory Riders Meeting
 8:30 am - 10:00 am Closed Course Practice
 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Closed Course Qualifying
 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Amateur Freestyle
 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Closed Course Finals
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Awards Ceremony

Host Hotel: Franklin Inn - Bad Axe - (989) 269-9951

Other Hotels: Franklin Plaza - Bad Axe - (989) 269-9941

Camping: Allowed on site for fee or available at the North Park Campground that is just down Huron Ave. Full facilities there with electric, water, etc.





Directions to Site: From Detroit - Take I-94 to Port Huron. Then follow M-25 North (approximately 61 mile) to Harbor Beach. Right before you get to the middle of town Turn Right on Trescott Street and follow that to Bathing Beach Park. Pit parking is in big field on the right.

Directions to Site: Take M-53 North for approximately 60 miles. Stay straight and go onto MI-142. Take that 17 miles to Harbor Beach to stop light (only one in town). Once in Harbor Beach Turn Right on Huron Ave. Go 2 blocks and Turn Left on Trescott Street and follow that to Bathing Beach Park. Pit parking is in big field on the right.

Directions to Host Hotel: Both the Franklin Inn and Franklin Plaza hotels are located in Bad Axe, Michigan, which is at the corner of M-53 and MI-142.

Hotels are 17 miles from site

Important Information: Great new site on Harbor on Lake Huron. City is behind event and it should be lots of fun.

Thursday, July 15th, 2004

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm Harbor Beach Audio & LK Creations present:
The "War on the Shore" Battle of the Bands

Friday, July 16th, 2004

10:00 am - 3:30 pm Ray C's Cycle and Sport / Bombardier present:
"Maritime Festival Inventory Blow-Out Sale and Demo Rides"

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm Bud Light / Ray C's Sea Doo present:
"The Invitational"

6:00 pm - 12:00 am American Legion Refreshments

7:00 pm The Knights of Columbus present:
"The Maritime Festival Car Cruise"

7:30 pm - 11:00 pm Country & Western Dance - North Park Pavilion
Pet Parade - Call 479-3363 for details

Saturday, July 17th, 2004

All Day "The Maritime Festival Trout Pond"

6:00 am - 11:00 pm K of C Breakfast - North Park

7:00 am - 11:00 pm Zion Concession Stand-Breakfast Sandwiches / BBQ & More

12:00 pm - 7:00 pm FFA Chicken BBQ

8:00 am - 3:30 pm Esch Landscaping, Comcast, Brennan's present:
The U.S. Grand National Watercross Championships
"The Thumb Watercross Challenge"

10:00 am - 3:30 pm Ray C's Cycle and Sport / Bombardier present:
"Maritime Festival Inventory Blow-Out Sale and Demo Rides"

10:00 am - 4:00 pm The Knights of Columbus present:
"The Maritime Festival Car Show"

11:00 am - 3:00 pm Ray C's Extreme presents:
"Light House Poker Run"

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Smith Distributing and Budweiser present:
"The Budweiser Can-Am Cup" Race

8:00 pm The Harbor Beach Chamber of Commerce
"Maritime Festival Drawing"

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm	"Schock'n y'all & The Corner Store present: "Thom Ellis Band"
10:00 PM	The City of Harbor Beach present: "The Maritime Festival Fireworks Display"
10:30 pm - 12:00 am	"Schock'n y'all & The Corner Store present: "Thom Ellis Band"
Sunday, July 18th, 2004	
All Day	"The Maritime Festival Trout Pond"
7:00 am - 11:00 pm	Zion Cencession Stand-Breakfast Sandwiches / BBQ & More
8:00 am - 3:30 pm	Cellular One, Dow Agrosiences, and Seinsaint Flavors present: The U.S. Grand National Watercross Championships "The Thumb Watercross Challenge"
10:00 am - 3:30 pm	Ray C's Cycle and Sport / Bombardier present: "Maritime Festival Inventory Blow-Out Sale and Demo Rides"
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	American Legion Refreshments Raffle Drawing noon at the Legion Hall



If you want to see more information, and pictures of the Harbor Beach Maritime Festival, you can visit harborbeach.com , harborbeachchamber.com or email akdrives@yahoo.com . For all your informational needs about Watercross racing in Region 6, and the 2003 U.S. Grand National Watercross Championships, then visit watercross.com .

There will be Watercross racing, Historic Tours, a Cruise Night, a country western dance, fireworks, local rock bands Friday and Saturday and an antique car show. There will be Maritime speakers, live entertainment and kids entertainment. There will be a beer garden on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the legion. A fun filled weekend for all so bring all your friends and family to this great event. The event is sponsored locally by Bud Light, Smith Distributing, the Lakeshore Guardian, the Harbor Beach Chamber of Commerce, Kawasaki, L.K. Creations, Harbor Beach Audio, Brennans, DTE Energy, Cellular One, Thumb Cellular, Sensient, Wade Trim, American.

For more information on the 2004 U.S. Grand National Watercross Championships, contact Jacque Bryant, Phone: (317) 877-0789, Fax: (37) 877-0789 or email: mwctour@iquest.net