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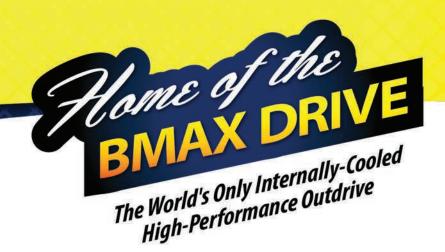




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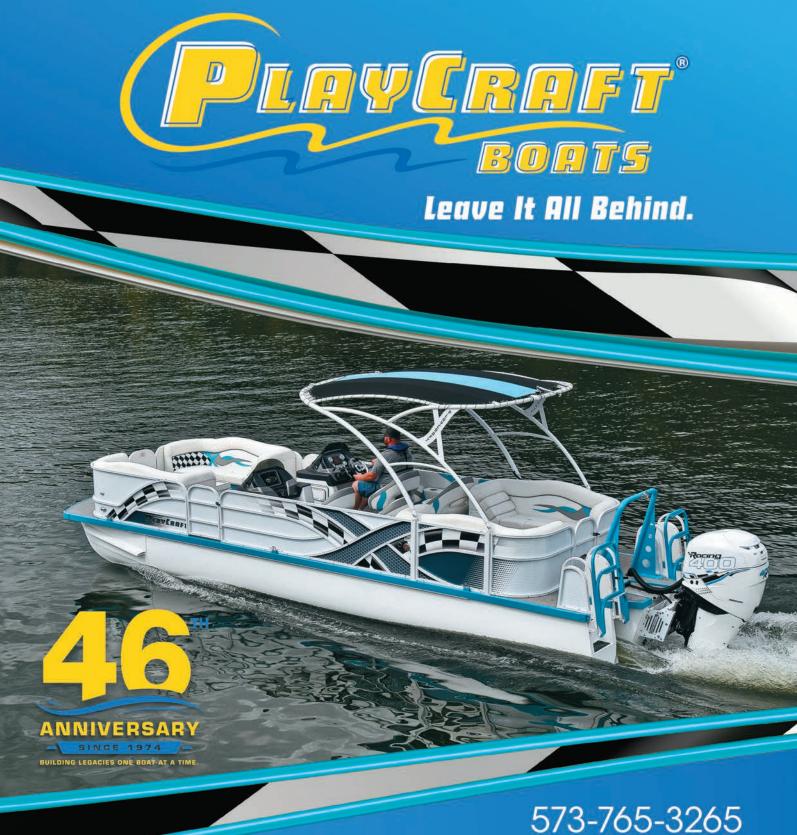


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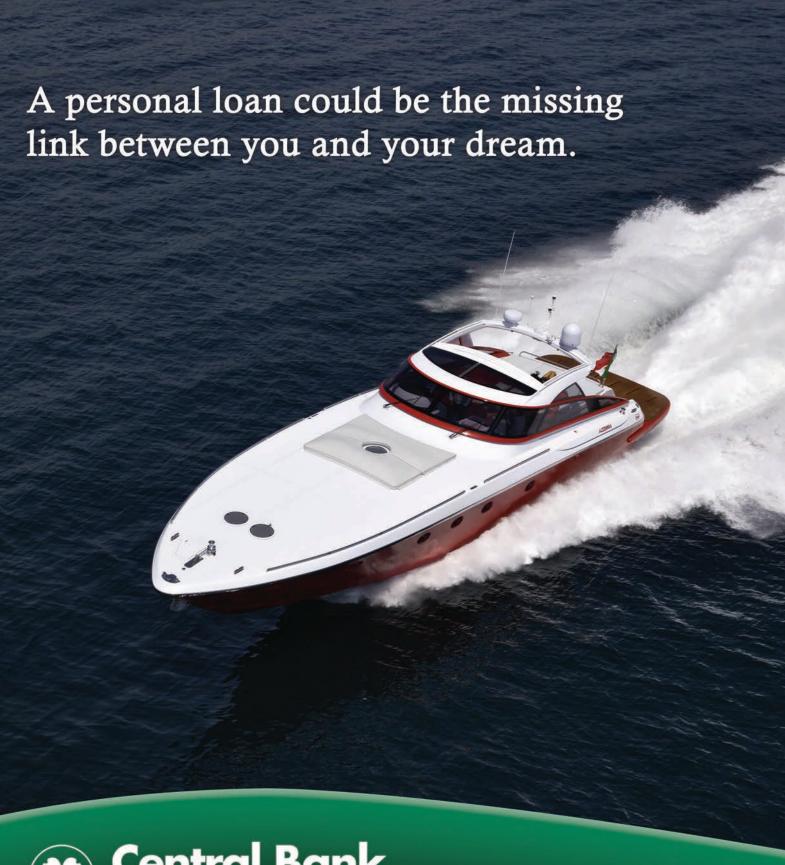








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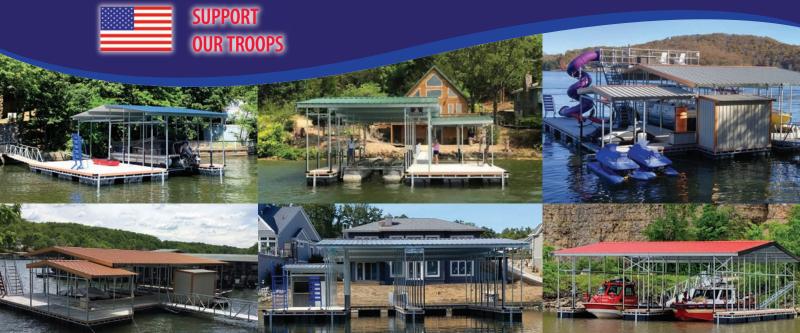














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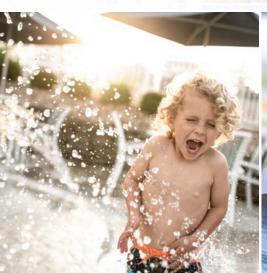
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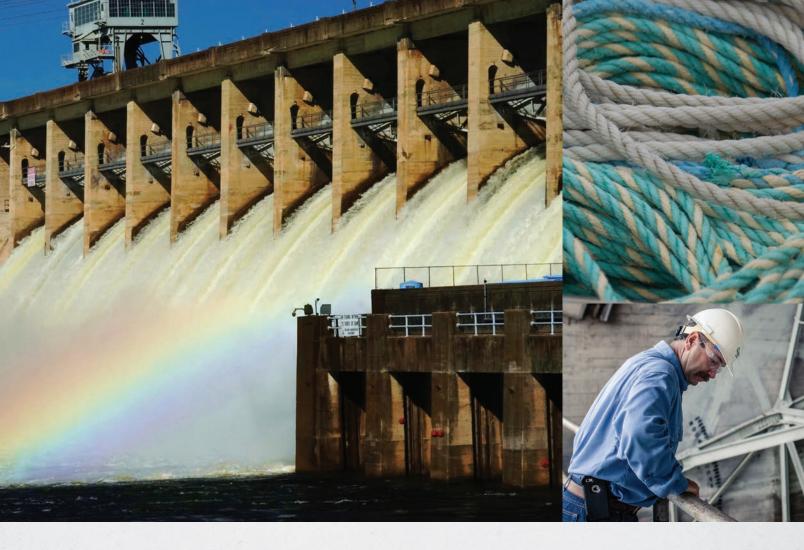


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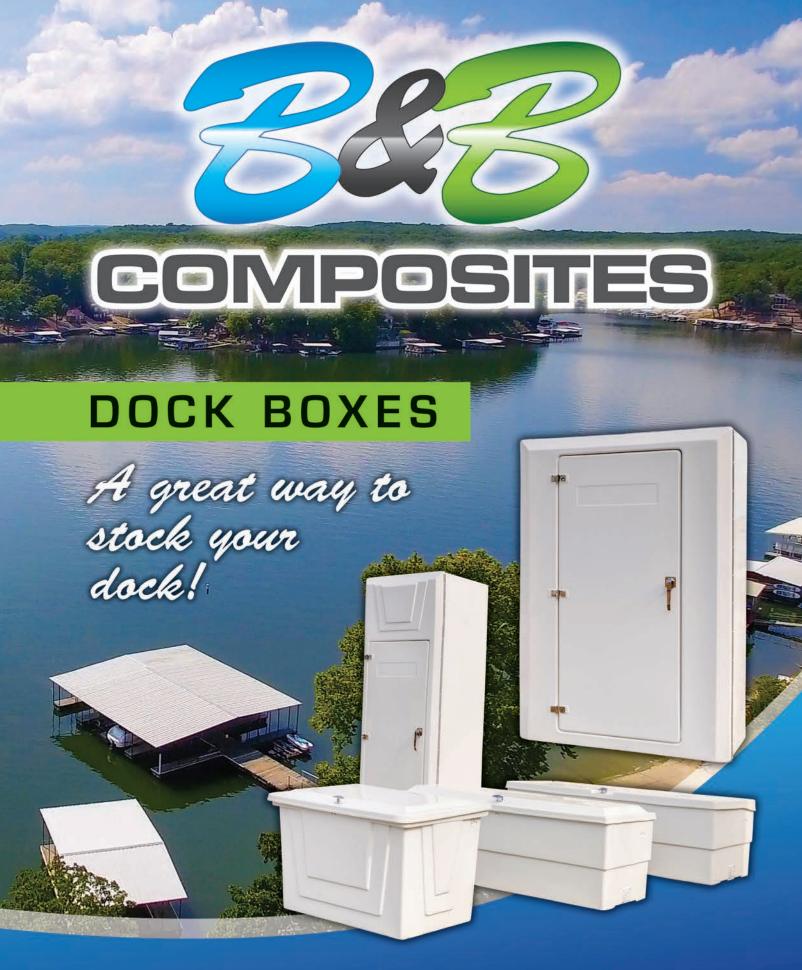
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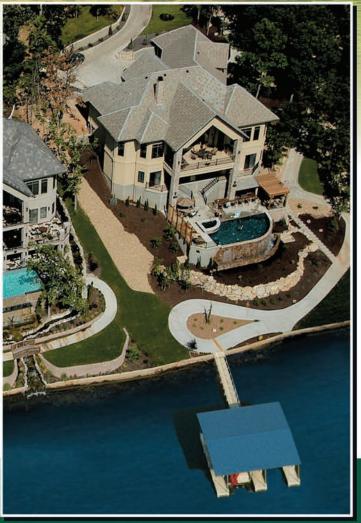














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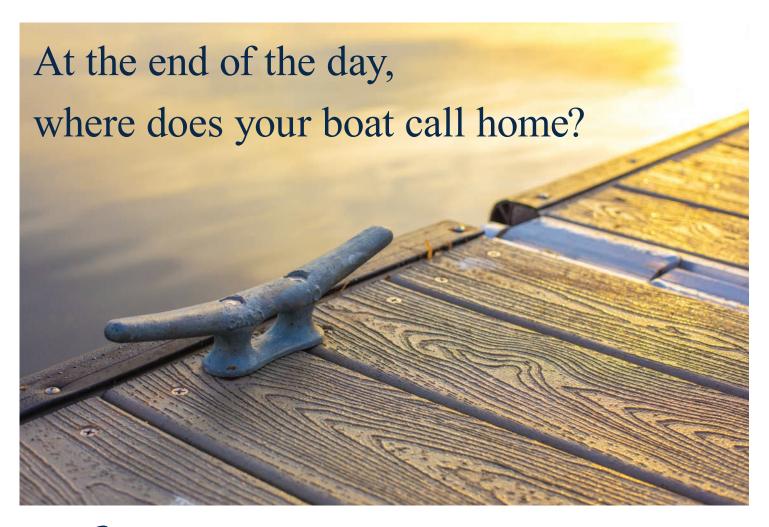
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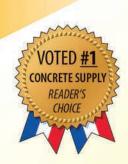
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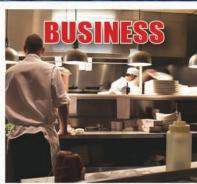
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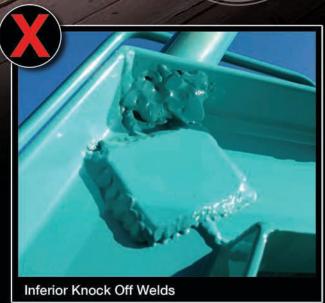
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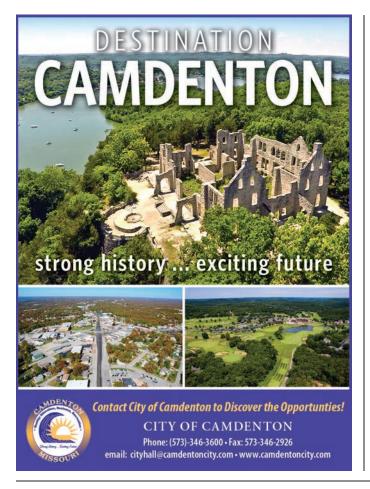


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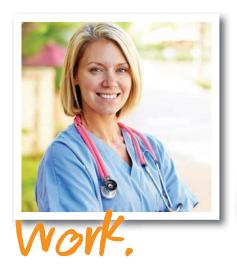


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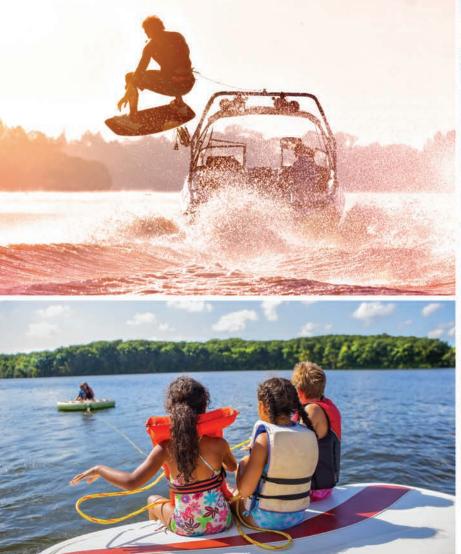
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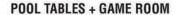
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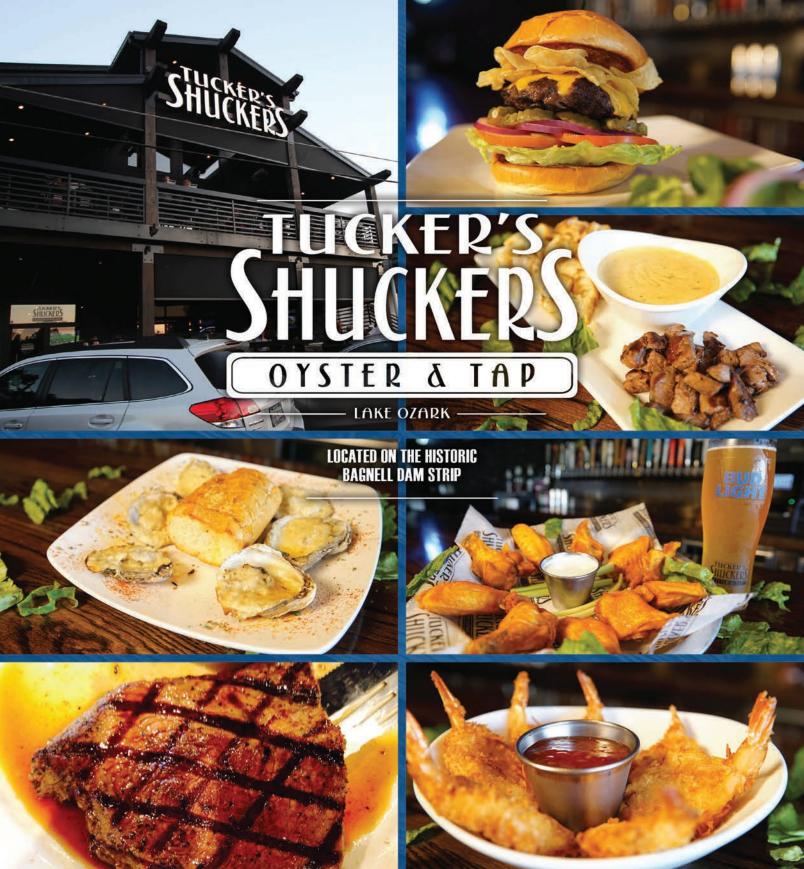


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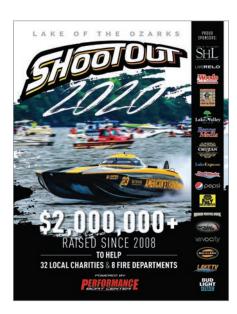
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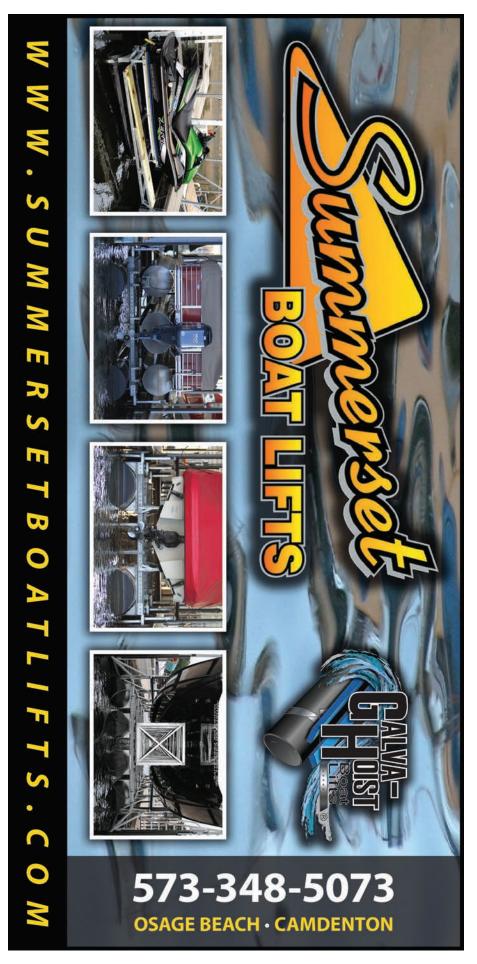
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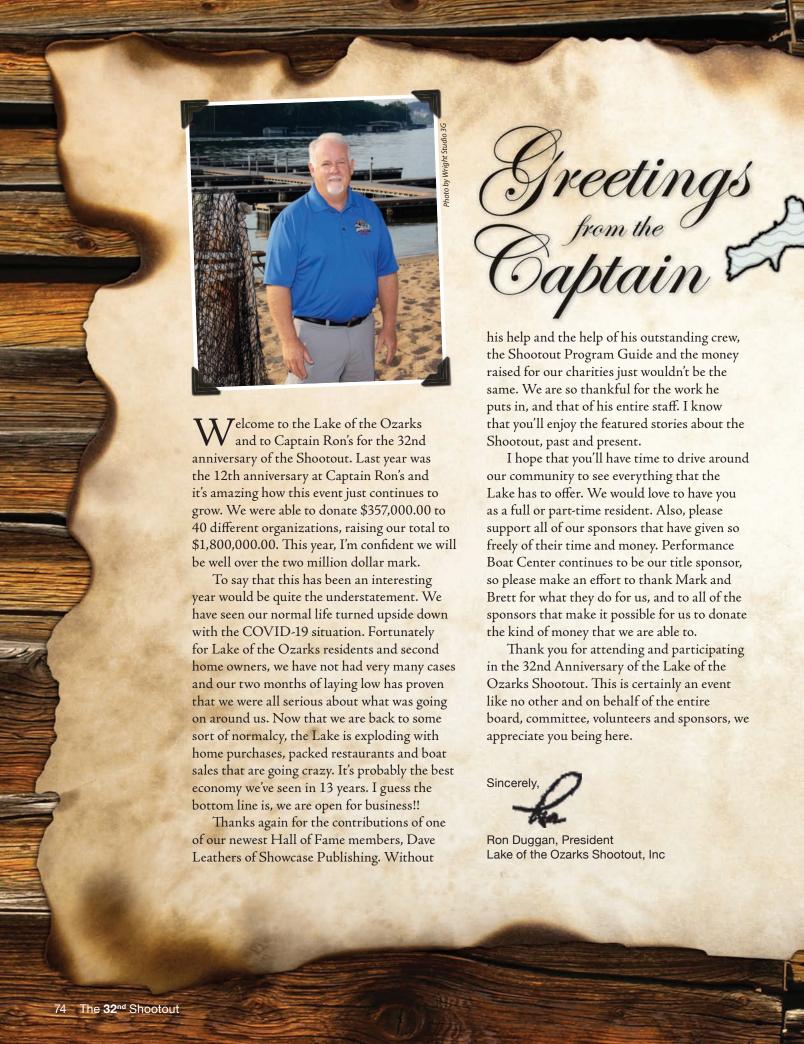
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# Editors Note



# Lake of the Ozarks Strong

What a year, huh? I vividly recall conversations with a former colleague of mine who was an avid proponent of "doomsday preparations." From HAM radios to stockpiled ammunition, MRE's, canned goods, and water purification

# tablets, I remember thinking, "Well, if it's going to happen anyway, I'd rather be one of the first to go — there's no point in prolonging the inevitable."

I now find myself wondering if he'd thought to stock up on toilet paper. If so, the joke was on me all along.

This has been an unforgettable year for many though, like me, who had only read about things such as these in history books or watched depictions of them on TV. Months of missing family members, work, school, graduations, vacations, funerals, and even little things, like hair appointments and taking the kids to the park. For me, it was cancelling my husband and I's tenth anniversary vow renewal and celebrating our daughter's birthday (and my own) in quarantine. For many less fortunate than us, it was the loss of life or that of a loved one.

But through it all, there was beauty in the struggle. There was comfort amidst the chaos in watching as the Lake of the Ozarks community pulled together by shopping locally, placing to-go orders at restaurants with closed doors, and donating handmade face masks to Lake Regional Hospital. As the owners of a small business ourselves, my husband and I watched as our team worked just as diligently from home as they had when our office was open to the public, and I hope they know how much we appreciate them.

If nothing else, this has been a test of humanity's preparedness and our ability to work together as a community, state, country, and world. I've chosen to focus on the good — something that can be readily found in our scientists, healthcare workers, public safety personnel, food and agricultural workers, delivery drivers, and anyone else who helped get us through a world in limbo.

So what can be taken away from all of this, beyond securing our own private stash of toilet paper, obviously?

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### **Christy Wagner**, Editor, Official Lake of the Ozarks Shootout Program Guide

Christy Wagner of Lake Ozark, MO, has been married to Christopher Wagner since 2010. They have two daughters, Jemma (3) and Jules (2), along with a small petting zoo which grows bigger every day. Formerly employed by the Communications Division of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Christy is passionate about our first responders and has found great joy in freelance writing. When she isn't writing, she's the Office Administrator/Policy Renewal Specialist at the Wagner Insurance Agency and a part-time stay-at-home-mom — the latter being her favorite job yet.





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### Mini Shootout

### WHEN & WHERE:

Friday, August 21st – Sunday, August 23rd at Ha Ha Tonka & Bridal Cave (Meet & Greet at Bridal Cave)

### MORE INFO: Schedule of Events:

\* Friday - Noon - 4 p.m.: Set up @ The Springs at Ha Ha

Tonka; 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Meet & Greet @ Bridal Cave

- \* Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Mini Shootout @ The Springs at Ha Ha Tonka
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### WHERE & WHEN:

Monday, August 24th at Captain Ron's from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### MORE INFO: Schedule of Events:

- \* 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Ice Cream Social Hour
- \* 6 p.m.: Explanation of Rules
- \* 6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m.: Treasure Hunt
- \* 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Checkout

### Shootout Hall of Fame **Dinner and Induction**

WHEN & WHERE: Tuesday, August 25th at The Stables at Cannon Smoked Saloon

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#### MORE INFO: Schedule of Events:

- \* 6 p.m.: Social Hour
- \* 7 p.m.: Dinner
- \* 8:30 p.m.: Honoree Induction
- \*\*\*Tickets for the Shootout Hall of Fame dinner are \$35.00 per ticket or \$350 for a table that Continued on page 84



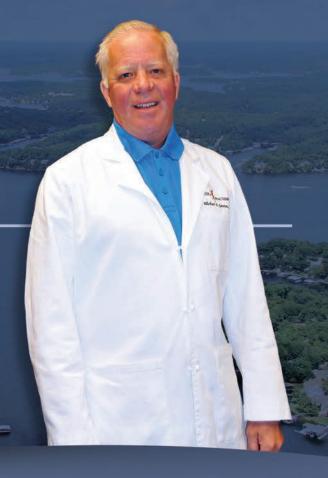


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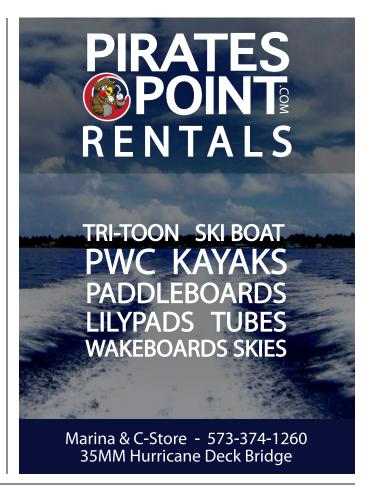
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### Racer Village and Racer Registration

WHEN & WHERE: Friday, August 28

- \* 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Vendor Village & Racer Village open to the public at Buccaneer Bay and Captain Ron's.
- \* 12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. Racer Registration at Captain Ron's.
- \* 7:00 p.m. 1:00 a.m. Live entertainment at Captain Ron's: Liz Moriondo, Murphy's Ford & DJ Kyle.

# 1st Annual Great Lake of the Ozarks Shootout Silent Auction

WHEN & WHERE: Friday, August 28 and Saturday, August 29 at Captain Ron's Bar & Grill.

- Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

# Super Cat Fest 4 Kids & Lake of the Ozarks Live Auction

WHEN & WHERE:

Saturday, August 29th at Camden on the Lake at 8 p.m. *Continued on page 90* 



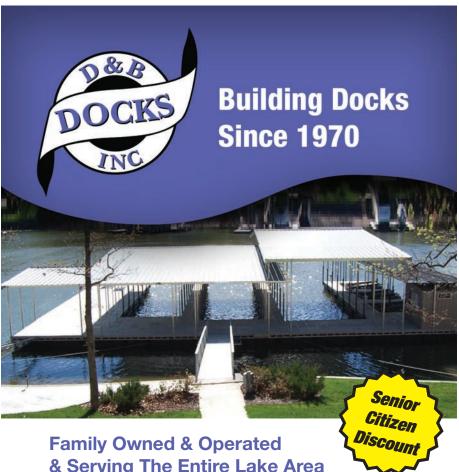












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WHEN & WHERE: Saturday, August 29th - Sunday, August 30th

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2020

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- \* 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Racer Registration on Cannonball Beach
- \* 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Safety Inspections & Class Identification
- \* 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Vendor Village and Racer Village open to the public at Buccaneer Bay and Captain Ron's
- \* 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. PWC Classes Run
- \* 9:45 a.m. Opening Ceremony -National Anthem
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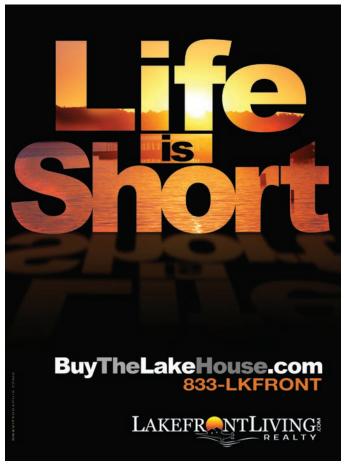
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- \* 7:00 p.m. -1:00 a.m. Entertainment at Captain Ron's - Sequal Dose & DJ Kyle.
- \* 8:00 p.m. Super Cat Fest.
- \* Live Auction Camden on the Lake

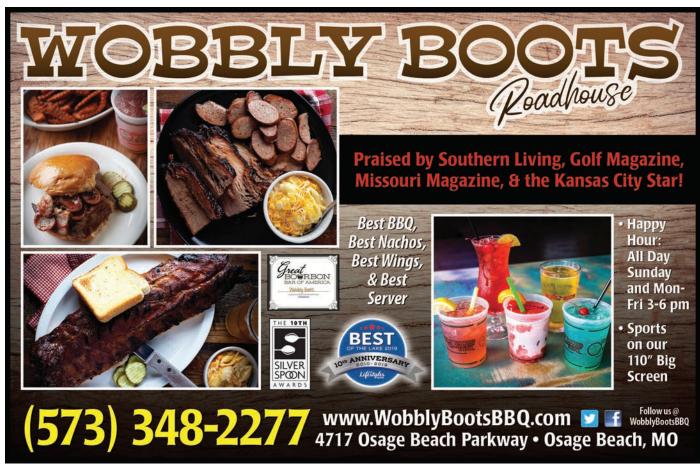
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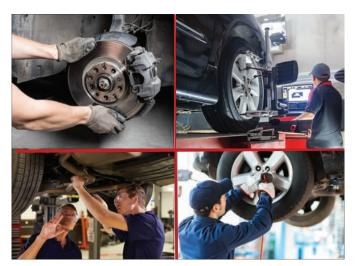
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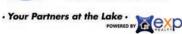




















### Inside the Inspirational New Shootout Hall of Fame Class

This year, five extremely worthy members are going to be inducted during the Missouri event's eighth annual ceremony.

-By Jason Johnson/Speedonthewater.com-

-Photos courtesy of Erick Bryner, Rob Brown, Cherilyn Noack, Pete Boden, Brad Harrington, Tiffany Maasen & Jason Johnson-

From being part of the 2018 class to helping announce the first Bob Morgan Memorial Lake of the Ozarks Shootout Hall of Fame class roughly seven years ago (and every one since) on speedonthewater.com, it's clear that I have a deep appreciation for the event's unique Hall of Fame.

And the fact that the distinction isn't just limited to event champions and participants—this journalist is proof of that as is every volunteer, photographer and past organizer who has been included in the esteemed group since 2013—makes the event's tribute, which is recognized on an impressive brick wall featuring a bust of the late Bob Morgan at the Captain Ron's Bar & Grill property that has hosted the Shootout since 2008, that much more extraordinary.

This year's class is exceptional once again. Ron Duggan, owner of Captain Ron's and de facto lead organizer of the Shootout, sent an email out to various media outlets on Thursday afternoon announcing the five inductees into the eighth class of the esteemed Hall of Fame—Myrick Coil, Brad Harrington, Tim Kowalski, Tiffany Maasen and Bob Teague. This is by far the earliest the Shootout has announced its upcoming class, but in this case, with the well-deserved and well-rounded group being honored, there was no reason to delay the news after the decision was finalized.

I've long championed for the first person mentioned above, Performance Boat Center's Myrick Coil, to be in the Hall of Fame; he really deserves the recognition. Ask Duggan—he gets nomination suggestions from me every year whether he likes it or not. I've been making recommendations long before Duggan surprised me with a phone call Father's Day weekend two years ago to inform me I was going to be honored amongst the people who have made the event I've spent the better part of two decades covering what it is today.

Upon hearing the news, Coil was my first congratulatory phone call. I mean the locally based world champion offshore racer deserved to have his name on the wall way before I did. As a young adult 20 years ago, Coil came to the lake with his family—they had a 24-foot Formula at their lake house—and went to Shooters 21 to see what all the Shootout fuss was about. Long story short, he thought it was coolest thing he'd ever seen and upon returning home to Illinois he decided to go to tour a tech school to become a marine mechanic based on his mother's suggestion and encouragement and enrolled the next day. The rest is history.

Coil's been directly and indirectly in the Shootout spotlight ever since. He started out with Advanced Marine in Rocky Mount, Mo., and the company's co-owner, Steve Wallace was a big proponent of the event. In fact, Wallace was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2015. From there Coil connected with prominent offshore racer Dave Scott of Nauti-Marine and worked his way up to crew chief for the world champion



team that was backed for many years by Anheuser-Busch out of St. Louis. While he never ran the Shootout with the multi-time Top Gun champion, Coil eventually ended up alongside John Cosker in Don Onken's 50-foot Mystic catamaran American Ethanol for the boat's first of five straight overall Top Gun titles in 2015.

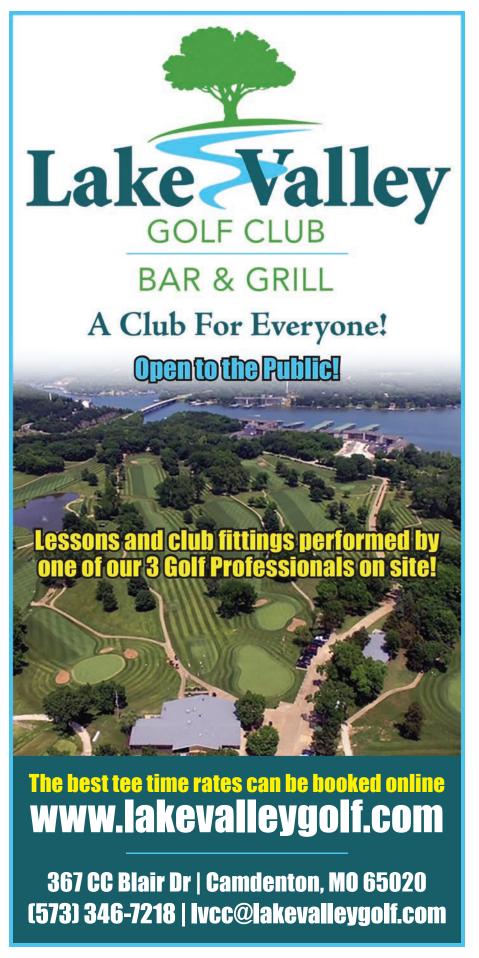
"I had no idea this was coming-I rarely get texts or calls from Ron so I wasn't sure why he was calling," Coil said. "Then he told me I was getting inducted and I was floored. It's such an awesome feeling, I still don't believe it."

"The Shootout is such a neat eventthe fact that anyone can do it makes it unlike anything else," he added, recalling the thousands of hours of time dedicated to the event as a member of Scott's team and what's probably his most memorable run, a 195mph pass with John Tomlinson, who often throttled for the retired Scott, in an open-cockpit 36-foot Skater Powerboats catamaran powered by twin 1,700-hp turbocharged Sterling Performance engines. "I owe a lot to the Shootout. It changed my life and opened up so many doors. I put in a lot of hard work, all to go fast in a mile,

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**Above and below:** Coil raced a plane in 2019 in the Performance Boat Center Supercat-class MTI and in 2013 he ran 195 mph alongside throttleman John Tomlinson (left) in a 36-foot Skater powered by turbocharged Sterling Performance engines built by Mike D'Anniballe (right).









Bio-Kleen owner Tim Kowalski—along with his better half, Tracy Lynn—has been a part of the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout for more than three decades.

but it's been worth it. It's hard to believe I came here as a spectator and eventually worked for a Top Gun and became a Top Gun. Heck, I even got to race a plane down the course. I've kind of done it all—well. I've never done it on a Jet Ski. Maybe I'll have to do that this year."

The best part about talking to all five 2020 inductees is that they all had a similar reaction as Coil did. I reacted the same way, "Really, me? There are plenty of others who should be in instead."

Tim Kowalski, the owner of Michigan-based Bio-Kleen, said he couldn't believe it when Ron told him. Of course Kowalski has been participating and supporting the event for three decades. He's won his class several times in his 1993 Cigarette Racing Team 35 Café Racer and generously offers up his V-bottom for the Wishing On A Ride day of charity boat rides every year. In fact, he said that's his favorite part of the event.

"When Ron called it brought a tear to my eye because I know what an honor it is," Kowalski said. "We do the Shootout to give back to the community. Fortunately we're in a position to do so thanks to the boaters who use our products. We've always sponsored the Shootout and the poker run, had a display at the event, set up at the street party and attended the Make-A-Wish rides. That day is so special. It's indescribable how good it makes you feel."

Kowalski said he was excited to go in with his longtime friend Bob Teague of Teague Custom Marine in southern California. Teague, whose only year as a participant in the event was in 2005 with Lizardo Benites in the Team Peru MTI, received the induction based on his recent contributions to the event's broadcast team. The world champion racer and longtime

test team member and tech editor for *Powerboat* magazine and now Speedboat magazine provides a level of boating knowledge and expertise that the event never had before he signed on to sit in the booth almost 10 years ago.

"I was shocked when Ron called and told me they wanted to put me in the Hall of Fame," Teague said. "I said 'You're kidding me—in my opinion there are a lot more people more qualified than me.' He disagreed and he said other people did too, and that it was because of the credibility I've brought not just to the broadcast but the event overall. I thanked him and then said I still didn't deserve it.

"It really does mean a lot," he added. "I've been inducted in other Hall of Fames or Hall of Champions but the thing about those is that they're based on meeting specific criteria, as in you win so many races, earn so many points or set some record. This honor is different as it's based on people's emotions and feelings, which makes it more valuable in a way."

Brad Harrington, the main man behind an unbelievable 14-straight class wins in his Team Kansas 1990 Saber Cyclone powered by twin small-block Chevrolet engines, said he was definitely taken aback when Duggan reached out with the news. The funeral director for Alden-Harrington Funeral Homes in Kansas has three children with his wife, Carrie, and has only missed one Shootout since 1992.

Harrington started nearly 30 years ago as a patrol boat, then he assisted with the start boat before he began participating as a racer in his 23-foot Velocity and later in his 30-foot Velocity. He said he took a few years to enjoy the event as a spectator and even had his bachelor party at the Shootout. He started competing again in 2007 after purchasing his Saber in 2006 and winning a world championship in Key West, Fla.,

An industry legend, Bob Teague has helped the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout reach new heights with its two-day broadcast.







**Above:** Brad Harrington

later that year with his good friend from the lake, Jason Zolecki of Lake Shores Marina. He credited his wife for her support and the many drivers he's ran with along the way including Zolecki, Zolecki's brother, Joel, Jeremy Ressler, Eric Hill and, most recently, Ken Moore.

"This is such a huge honor, it really is," Harrington said. "Ron asked me when I was planning to come into town this year and I said, 'Well, we usually come in Wednesday or Thursday,' and he told me he was going to need me to come into town sooner to be a part of the Hall of Fame ceremony. All I could say was wow. I mean what an honor. I love the Shootout. We rent one of the houses every year at Captain Ron's and we bring the kids and everyone has such a great time. I can't imagine what it's going to be like this year. I've been running 86 and 87 mph for a few years now so I guess with the induction I'm going to have step up and figure out a way to get to 90 mph this year."

Last in this extensive column-it might be the longest piece I've ever written for OffshoreOnly-but certainly not least, Tiffany Maasen is being inducted for her years of service as a volunteer at pretty much every level. Maasen is single-handedly responsible for taking the Wishing On A Ride day (now days as of last year) to the incredibly professional and rewarding event it is today. She played a big role in organizing the Shootout On The Strip for many years and has been a primary

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Below: Brad Harrington and his latest teammate, Ken Moore have teamed up to run the Team Kansas Saber to a streak of 14-straight class victories.



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Above and right: Longtime Shootout volunteer Tiffany Maasen—right, and above with her husband, Mark, running their 34-foot Nor-Tech in the Shootout—gets so much joy out of seeing what an impact the Shootout has on the community.

catalyst behind the live auction the past few years as it's reached record levels with help from Super Cat Fest organizers Alvin Heathman and Nikki Sorenson. To top it off, she's also participated several times in the Shootout with her husband, Mark, in 'Merica, their 34-foot Nor-Tech center console with a patriotic Poly Lift Boat Lifts wrap.

"This is truly such an honor, but I think of this as an award for the charities, not me, because that's what this event is about and that's why I have such a passion for it," Maasen said. "The Shootout has an incredibly huge impact on the community. It's been a privilege to have been a part of helping it grow like it has. I told Ron that I think I should be getting this award with Mark, who is a board member and has been involved with the event much longer than me, but he said several people were behind the nomination for the work I've done. The Shootout brought Mark and I together actually. I met him eight years ago at the event and we've been married for five years now.

"I hope this recognition motivates more people to come help at the Shootout and raise money for the charities," she added. "There are so many ways to get involved, too. I've met so many wonderful people and established some amazing partnerships with companies like Oak Star Bank through Wishing On A Ride and community members like the city of Lake Ozark with the Shootout on the Strip. And the whole Make-A-Wish connection has



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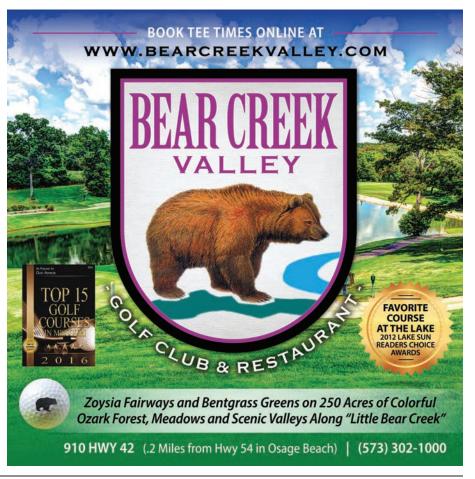
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been unbelievable. I think I get more out of that event than the kids and families we put it together for do."

Maasen and the other 2020 class inductees are going to be honored at a dinner on Tuesday, August 25 at 7 p.m. at The Stables Event Center in Sunrise Beach, Mo. Reservations may be made online at www. lakeoftheozarksshootout.com. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$350 for a table of eight. Congrats once again to this year's recipients.





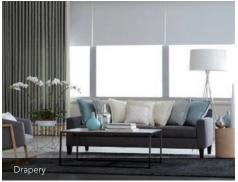
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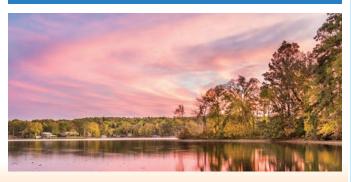


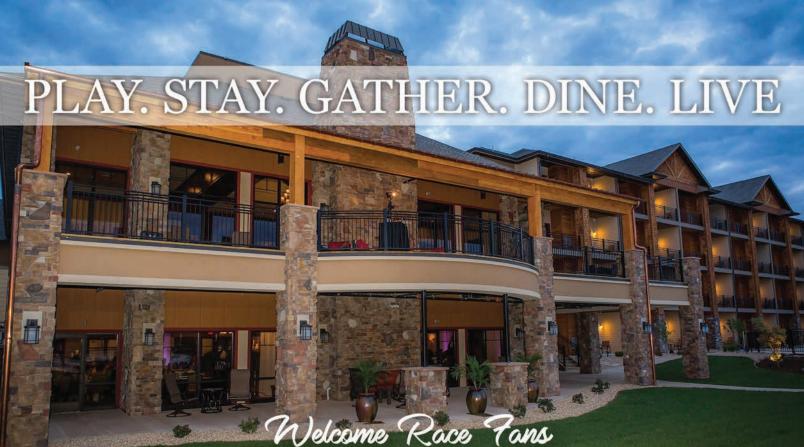
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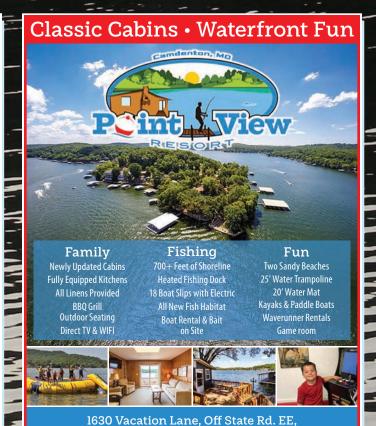
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# Midwest Boat Shows

-By Christy Wagner | photos by Roger Hulett and courtesy of National Marine Manufacturers Association-

Longest. Winter. Ever.

These three simple words form a common sentiment shared by many as January — frigid, bleak, and seemingly the longest month of the entire year, goes idling by while warmer, less abysmal temperatures hover somewhere beyond a distant horizon. Ambient daydreams of late summer nights filled with great weather, even better company, and the low hum (or roaring rumble) of boat motors get us by.

But mere reveries aren't always our only reprieve.

"As winter envelops us, the boat shows in Overland Park and St. Charles offer an escape from reality, and a reason to think about (and plan) for the boating season that is fast approaching," said Mike Kenagy, Executive Director for the Lake of the Ozarks Marine Dealers Association (LOMDA). The Overland Park Boat Show is held annually over the last weekend of January, whereas the St. Charles Boat Show occurs the first week of March.

As for the first boat show of the year, some variation of today's Overland Park Boat Show has taken place for many years and at different locations throughout the Overland Park area, according to Kenagy. The draw for both spectators and serious purchasers alike is the chance to see new models on

display; to touch these boats by hand and to potentially make that much awaited purchase before the boating season actually begins at the Lake of the Ozarks.

"The Overland Park Boat Show began because many of our seasonal visitors and secondary homeowners (also boat buyers) are from the Kansas City metropolitan area," Kenagy said. "The members of the Lake of the Ozarks Marine Dealers Association began utilizing the space at the Overland Park Convention Center when it was first built in 2002. This boat show was the first event to ever make use of the entire convention center's space."

"As for St. Charles," Kenagy continued, "the members of LOMDA wanted to try to replicate the Overland Park Boat Show's experience in the St. Louis market, and we wanted to hold it someplace other than the bustling downtown area."

March of 2020 marked LOMDA's eighth consecutive boat show in St. Charles, and the event continues to grow in both attendance and popularity with every passing year. Both shows have trended toward more serious shoppers in recent years, with many of the marine dealers writing multiple contracts at each show.

As for the biggest difference between the two venues, Kenagy says, "We have over 80 members displaying products in Overland Park, and although our attendance there varies, there are usually between 7,000-8,000 visitors every year. St. Charles has a smaller venue and we typically have more than 60 members displaying, while averaging between 5,000-6,000 people annually." Continued on page 108









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Fast-forward to early spring, where the below freezing temperatures have become fewer and further between. Several boaters have considered de-winterizing their vessels and a few brave (or slightly reckless) souls have already done so. Winter has thawed its brittle bones and the freshly budded leaves among the trees have made their seasonal debut. The water levels at the Lake of the Ozarks are high, but you're not too worried: it's nearly Memorial Day, and Ameren will allow for relief by opening Bagnell Dam's flood gates soon enough.

It's mid-April, and rain or shine, the first of two LOMDA in-water boat shows will be held at Dog Days Bar & Grill. It is Missouri's third major boat show of the year, and for local marine dealers, residents and frequenters at the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks, it's the first show to be held conveniently in the heart of Osage Beach.

So what could possibly be better than seeing these new models on display. and touching them by hand at the metropolitan boat shows?

Well, operating them, of course.

April's event at Dog Days is one of two in-water boat shows organized by LOMDA, which also allows for prospective purchasers to take these boats out for a spin (or splash). The second in-water boat show takes place at Captain Ron's Lakefront Bar & Grill about five months later, during the last weekend of September.

"Our in-water boat shows (or some variation of them) have been around for years," Kenagy said. "September's show is more designed as a year-end clearance event, allowing dealers to move this years' stock and prepare for the new models that will come out at the beginning of the following year."

According to the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), boat and sport shows support their respective local economies and marine/outdoors industries. On





average, shows can generate 50% or more of annual sales for exhibitors, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors annually around the United States. These sales do not reflect all powerboat statistics, however. It is estimated that 95% of boat sales are for vessels less than 26 feet in length, and many of these sales are financed for around \$200 a month.

The NMMA hosts boat shows worldwide and separates their event calendar based upon region (Eastern, Midwest, Southern, and International). With more than \$42 billion dollars in marine products and services spent annually in the United States, retail

unit sales of new powerboats are estimated to have held steady in 2019 at approximately 280,000 units-the second highest total since 2007.

Dave Hotz, owner of Dock Realty and a regular boat show attendee/member of the Lake of the Ozarks Marine Dealers Association, believes that the boat shows are a great way for him to conduct business in person.

"I really enjoy meeting our clients faceto-face," Hotz said. "Most of today's contracts are done by phone or email. whereas boat shows allow me to do business in person, see repeat clients, and to shake their hand."







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## Don't Play Politics with Your Portfolio

BY EDWARD JONES

ou're probably aware this is an election year. During the next several months, the candidates will discuss issues that should greatly interest you as a citizen. But as an investor, how concerned should you be with the results of the presidential and congressional elections?

Maybe not as much as you might think. At different times, the financial markets have performed well and poorly under different administrations and when different parties have controlled Congress. And after all the votes are counted, outcomes in the investment markets can be unpredictable. Consequently, you'll be helping yourself greatly by not making big moves in your portfolio in anticipation of new legislation or political moves down the line.

Of course, that's not to say that nothing emerging from Washington could ever have an impact on your investment decisions. For example, if a future president and Congress decide to change the capital gains tax rate, it could affect some of your choices, such as which stocks and stock-based mutual funds you should buy, and how long you should hold them.

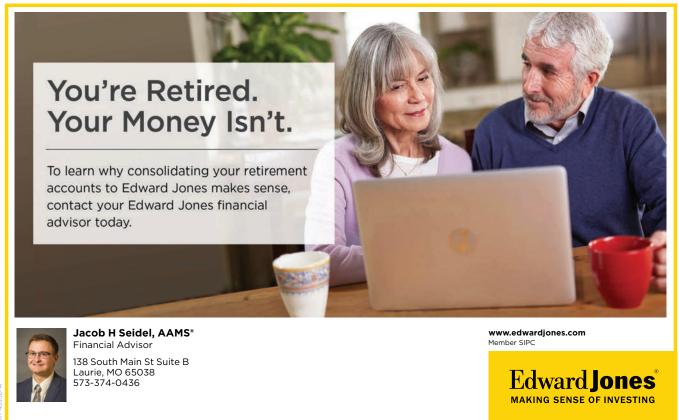
Overall, though, your investment results will ultimately depend on actions you can take, including these:

• Making changes for the right reasons - While the results of an election may not be a good reason to make changes in your investment portfolio, other factors can certainly lead you to take steps in this direction. For one thing, as you get closer to retirement, you may want to shift some - though certainly not all - of your investment dollars from more growth-oriented vehicles to more conservative

- ones. Conversely, if you decide, well in advance, that you might want to retire earlier than you originally thought, you may need to invest more aggressively, being aware of the increased risk involved.
- Following a long-term strategy In pretty much all walks of life, there are no shortcuts to success - and the same is true with investing. You need to follow a long-term strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, and you need the patience and perseverance to keep investing in all markets - up, down and sideways.
- Avoiding mistakes Many people think of an investment mistake as failing to "get in on the ground floor" of some company that ultimately grew to huge proportions. But it's pretty hard to become an early investor in companies like these, many of which start out as privately held businesses without any stockholders. Furthermore, companies with shorter track records can be much more unpredictable investments. However, you do want to avoid some real mistakes, such as chasing "hot" stocks. By the time you hear about them, they may already be cooling off, and they might not even be appropriate for your needs. Another mistake: failing to diversify your portfolio. If you only own one type of asset, such as growth stocks, you could take a big hit during a market downturn. Spreading your dollars over a wide range of investments can help lower your risk exposure. (However, diversification by itself can't guarantee a profit or protect against all losses.)

After Election Day, regardless of the outcome, you can help keep your portfolio on track by not playing politics with it.

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The Progression of the Start Boat.

-By Christy Wagner | photos courtesy of Christy Wagner-

Many moons ago, amid calmer waters and vast, unexplored shoreline, local boaters operating along the Lake of the Ozarks united with a common desire: to establish whose boat was the fastest. The year was 1988 and it was a time when gasoline cost 0.96 cents per gallon. The population of Lake Ozark was a third of what it is today and you could purchase a movie ticket for about four dollars.

Although countless things have changed over the past 32 years (including gas prices, census data and rates for movie tickets) one thing remains unchanged: we still want to know whose boat is the fastest.

In what has become the largest unsanctioned boat race in the United States of America, the Lake of the Ozarks Annual Shootout averages 300 runs over the span of two days. With the fastest boats typically exceeding 200 miles per hour, the event itself draws in a hundred or more racers, both male and female, from across the country (and world) every year. Likewise, approximately 100,000 spectators moor their own boats alongside the racecourse, watching amiably as these big-ticket speedboats speed by.

So who are the men and women volunteering their time, energy and even their boats to make an event of such gargantuan proportions possible? Who are the voices



from within the radios, the arms beneath the flags, and the hands behind the radar guns?

Come aboard the 2020 Start Boat, which has been secured by five anchors and is centrally located within four large, inflatable buoys (commonly referred to as the Start Box). Overseeing it all is Start Boat Crew Chief Justin Martin, a firefighter/ paramedic with the Lake Ozark Fire Protection District. Martin, who has been volunteering his time at the Shootout since 2003.

"When the event began in 1988, it was originally referred to as the Lake Rescue Shootout, which helped supplement funding for the Lake Area Fire Departments' water rescue efforts," Martin explained. "Since then, it has evolved into a multiorganizational charity event where every volunteer is able to donate their accrued hours toward the fundraiser of their choice."

Having worked the Start Boat for the past sixteen years, Justin has seen, firsthand, the exponential growth of participants, viewers, and the subsequent challenges that come along with organizing and safeguarding such a tremendous (and sometimes dangerous) event.

"Some of our biggest challenges over time have involved communication barriers between the Start Boat volunteers and the race boat operators," Martin said. "Before implementing radios on every boat at registration, we communicated via megaphone from the back of the boat."

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Present-day radio regulations ensure that all race participants are able to communicate directly with the Start Boat crew while also providing everyone with pertinent safety updates as they are broadcasted (i.e. course closure advisories, crossings, and breaks for the airshow).

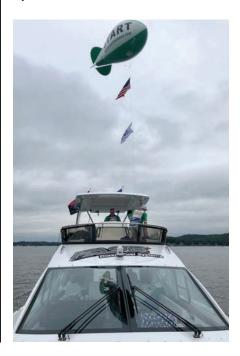
So what can be said for the progression of the Start Boat vessel itself? Over the past decade alone, a crew of six or more volunteers has manned everything from pontoons to tri-toons, small cruisers, and even a tiki bar boat.

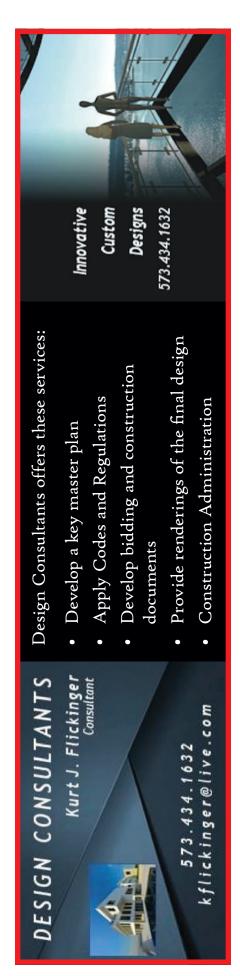
"We were on a pontoon for the first two vears that I volunteered to work the Start Boat. In 2005, we upgraded to a 32' Wellcraft with bathroom," Martin said, laughing. "Since then, we have tried our best to find a boat with at least a bathroom."

But no one could've guessed where the Shootout would take the Start Boat crew in 2013.

Orchestrated by local Farmers Insurance Agent and fellow Start Boat volunteer Christopher Wagner, the vessels utilized annually for the Start Boat were upgraded to small vachts available for purchase by Iguana Marine Group. It was a win-win for all as it provided free advertisement for the local marine dealership while allowing for overhead protection from the smoldering sun, ample space for the ever-growing crew, and, of course, a bathroom.

By 2018, however, all 54 feet of the







540 Cruisers Yacht that had previously been used by the Start Boat crew had been purchased by a private individual, Brad Ekstam, Owner and President of FASS Diesel Fuel Systems. For all intents and purposes, it should have been the end of a comfortable era as organizers scrambled to find its replacement.

But Ekstam had other ideas. Since 2018, he has allowed the Start Boat crew to use his boat for annual Shootout operations and has since upgraded to a 60 foot Cruisers Cantius Yacht equipped with a flybridge.

"Allowing my boat to be used for the Shootout was initially a great marketing opportunity and I was able to help out a friend (Austin French with Iguana) the first year," Ekstam said.

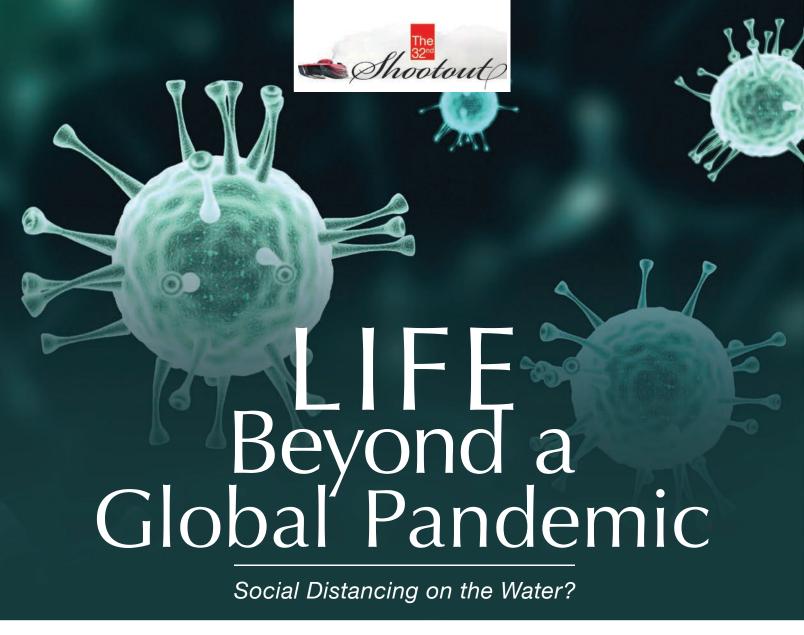
"The best part," Ekstam continued, "of volunteering my boat at the Shootout every year is the great camaraderie centered around great people!"

So what advice can be given to 2020's race participants, to both expedite and improve the experience for everyone?

"Even at our busiest," Martin said, "we can average a run every 2-3 minutes. That's from start to finish, and after we've heard that the course is clear for the next run."

"Prior to beginning their run, the race participants are watching the flaggers on the bow of the Start Boat to signal that the course is clear," Martin concluded, "Many idle nearby until seeing that the green flag has been raised to begin their warm up. They can actually begin their warm up while they're still watching for the flagger's signal. As soon as they see the green flag go up, the course is theirs."





-By Christy Wagner | photos courtesy of Ravil Sayfullin, Everett Historical and others-

Throughout every state in the nation, government leaders and politicians alike have established parameters and restrictions for their citizens as COVID-19 swept swiftly across the country. Some states, such as California, Illinois, and New York, have pushed for more extreme measures while others, like Missouri, have made the national news for (seemingly flagrantly) embracing our civil liberties and leaving the masks at the door. So who's right and who's wrong, and has there ever been such a year as this?

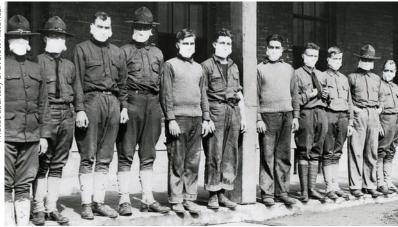
A little over a century ago, the 1918 influenza pandemic, often referred to as "the Spanish Flu," had claimed the lives of an estimated 50 million people worldwide. Despite its given connotations of having originated in Spain, scientists and

researchers alike are still unsure of its source of origin. During World War I and amid heavy fighting amongst deployed troops overseas, the first confirmed case was traced to American military personnel stationed at U.S. Army Fort Riley in the State of Kansas on March 11th, 1918.

In the United States, the flu of 1918 would soon be known as the most severe pandemic in recent history. According to the Center for Disease Control, it is estimated that about 500 million people, or one-third of the world's population, had become infected with this virus. Over the course of two years, 675,000 deaths occurred in the United States alone, with 195,000 Americans dying in a single month.

With no known vaccine, schools closed and public gatherings ceased. Self-isolation and quarantine were heavily enforced as personal protective measures, such as good hygiene, bans on casual spitting, and encouraging the use of disinfectants were all strongly recommended by health officials. Historical black and white photographs captured moments of uncertainty and fear, as "essential workers" and civilians covered their faces with masks while walking a safe distance apart in public places, and along the street.





They say that we're living through history, and they're probably right.

Fast-forward to 2020, where small business owners, the parents of school-aged children, and essential workers alike began empathizing with the historical depictions of America in 1918. Living in a small, tourist-driven community like the Lake of the Ozarks in a time where unnecessary travel was either forbidden or deemed taboo. supporting our local businesses began to take on a whole new meaning.

Small things that we, as a society, had long taken for granted—an unencumbered trip to the grocery store without masks or curbside pickup, planning a casual visit to the grandparents' house, and opening

a public door without sanitizing our hands immediately after seemed to have been left somewhere beyond a distant horizon as we stayed indoors, worked remotely, and renounced social events.

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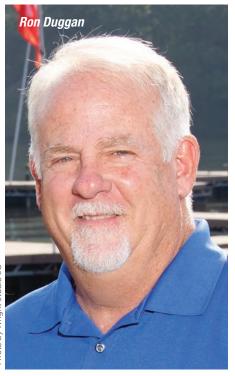
"I think that more people are now aware of how easily viruses can spread, and they will be cautious about shaking hands and being around people who are visibly sick," said Ron Duggan, owner of Captain Ron's Bar & Grill and President of the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout. "I don't think that there will necessarily be social distancing on the

water, but I do hope that those who are sick will be more diligent about staving home."

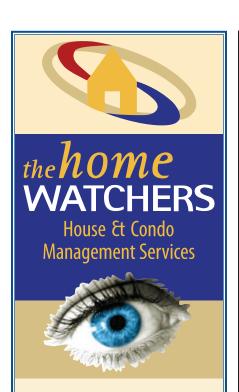
As a lakefront restaurant owner preparing for peak boating season, Duggan began making several changes to the way his own business operates in the spring, and he foresees some of those changes becoming a new standard of normalcy.

"We made immediate adjustments to our seating arrangements and with our disinfecting procedures, and I believe that those kind of changes are here to stay," Duggan said.

For the Lake of the Ozarks, the appeal and draw to visit our area from other parts of Missouri and Continued on page 118







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beyond have remained unmoved. The lakefront property market has been a force to be reckoned with since before, during, and after statewide stay-at-home orders were put in place, with sellers receiving 98.73% of their property's listing price in May alone.

"People have wanted to get back to a 'normal' life as quickly as possible, so that's why I believe the Lake of the Ozarks will continue to explode this

summer," Duggan said. "I think that people will be looking for closer places to vacation and that will lead to more tourists traveling to our area this year. Having said that, there will probably be more at-home cookouts which will likely affect the Lake Area restaurants, but as the summer goes on, that should pick back up. When it's hot out, the water is a great place to be."

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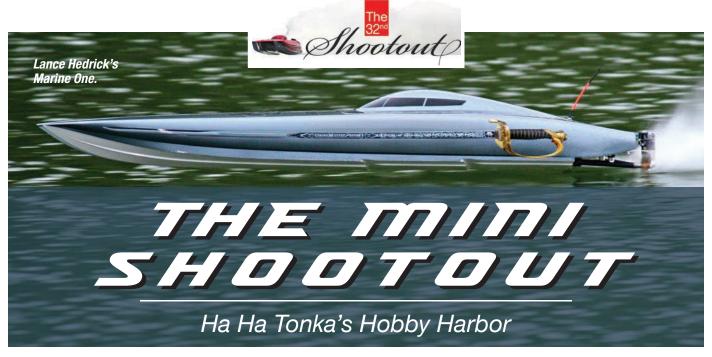
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"Be it known that I, Nikola Tesla, have invented certain new and useful improvements in methods of and apparatus for controlling from a distance the operation of the propelling engines, the steering apparatus, and other mechanism carrier by moving bodies or floating vessels..." — Record of the United States Patent Office, 1898.

With a U.S. Patent granted to Nikola Tesla well over one hundred years ago, the idea of an unmanned 'robot-boat' was brought to fruition long before the man-made Lake of the Ozarks was created. While awaiting approval for his initial radio patent submission, Tesla debuted a model boat before a crowd gathered at Madison Square Garden in 1898, where he had successfully convinced the masses that they were controlling the movements of the radio-controlled (RC) boat with voice commands. In actuality, Tesla had invented radio control as we know it today and he was piloting the boat himself from a nearby command room.

By 2020, RC boats and their enthusiasts alike have vastly grown in number, with model boats available in varying styles (Catamaran, V-Hull, Rigger, and Hydroplane) which mirror real-life vessels. Powered by either gasoline or electricity, current day 'robot-boats' can surpass speeds of more than 120 miles per hour and they have made national waves at the Lake of the Ozarks over the past decade.

Our local 'Mini Shootout,' which is held at Ha Ha Tonka Springs during the weekend prior to the main Shootout, began ten years ago with one man's purchase of a \$500.00 radio-controlled boat off of eBay — and a dream.

"William McNeal of Kansas City had recently bought an RC boat and he had the idea of holding a small boat race at the Lake," said Lance Hedrick, a fellow collector of RC boats for more than four decades and volunteer/organizer at the Lake

of the Ozarks' annual Mini Shootout. "William had contacted several Midwest Boat Party members with the idea in 2009," Hedrick continued, "and then approached Captain Ron Duggan at the Overland Park Boat Show with a plan for the event, and the Mini Shootout was born."

Hedrick has witnessed firsthand how this event has grown since the first race was held at Captain Ron's in 2010. Since that day, the event has moved locations to account for ideal water conditions, optimum speed capability, and the overall safety of spectators. Ha Ha Tonka Springs, Hedrick states, is an ideal location and hopefully the forever home of the Lake of the Ozarks Mini Shootout.

So what can be said for those who perceive remotecontrolled boats as merely an individual's hobby rather than a crowd-amassing spectator sport?

"Some of the RC boats that can be seen at our event cannot be considered toys," Hedrick said. "They are expensive (\$8,000.00+) machines with thousands upon thousands of dollars in necessary equipment to support them. With that being said, the drivers do not want to damage their investments and are always diligent in regards to safety."

Along with responsible RC boat operators, the Mini Shootout crew is also comprised of key volunteers who are on hand to police new participants while keeping an eye out for possible safety violations. Safety, Hedrick explains, is paramount for all parties involved.

As for his favorite part of organizing the Mini Shootout every year, Hedrick states that the enjoyment he witnesses from seasoned, lifelong hobbyists, unfamiliar spectators, and newer generations alike is what fulfills him the most.

"For me, it's the enjoyment of getting the newer, younger generation involved in a hobby that I have enjoyed for 40+ years," Hedrick explained. "I love to see the reactions from the spectators who are totally blown away as they see a 45-inch RC boat scream across the water at 100+ miles per hour, or to hear the comments made as viewers walk past the pits while asking the drivers, 'So how fast does your Cont. on page 121



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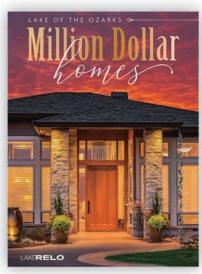
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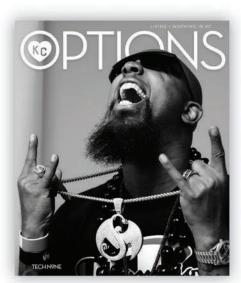
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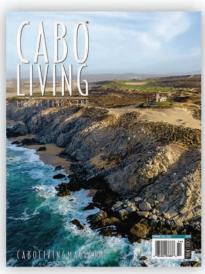
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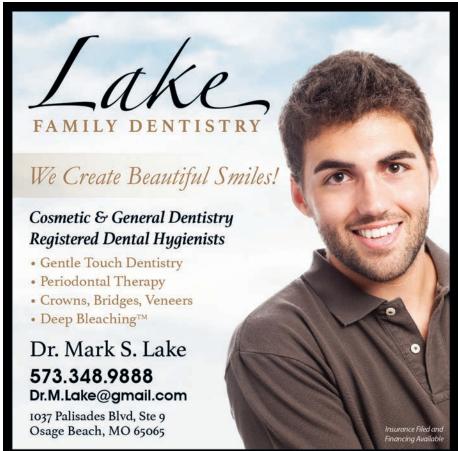
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boat go - 120 miles per hour!' while the spectator turns to her husband and says, 'Honey, that little boat is faster than yours!""

"For me," Hedrick continued, "it's when Dr. Mike Janssen and his father, a United States Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, entered my pits to look at my RC boat dubbed, 'Marine One, Top Gun 2014,' and I handed him the boat (pictured). Seeing the enjoyment on his face made the event for me."

With participants from all across the country driving to Central Missouri to race their RC boats every August, Hedrick closed in saying, "Each year, the word about the event gets passed on to more and more people. There are several racers from Michigan, two of whom are Top Gun Winners (individuals who have achieved the fastest recorded speed of the event). and others who have driven from Indiana, Louisiana, Washington, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Florida. We are growing every year in participants, volunteers, and spectators."

As the Lake of the Ozarks Area continues its ten-year tradition into its second decade, every year brings new faces and opportunities to those who are ready to pursue a new passion. With top recorded speeds of up to 124 miles per hour, the Mini Shootout has grown from 15-20 (mostly) local racers to 60-70 nationwide entries in recent years.

So what's in store for the 11th annual Mini Shootout this August?

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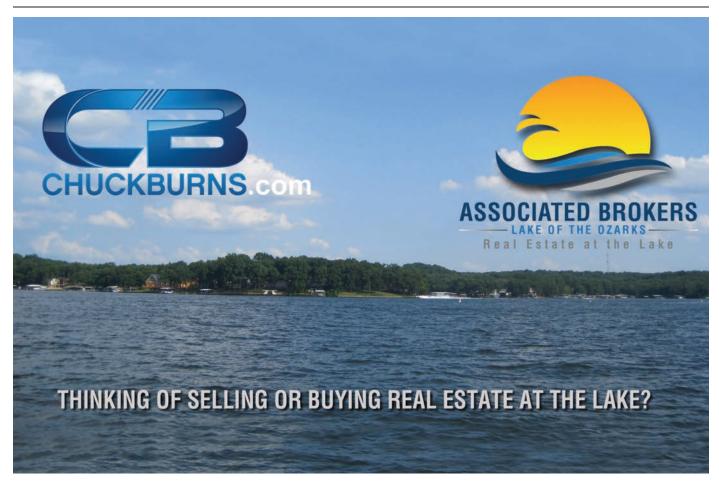
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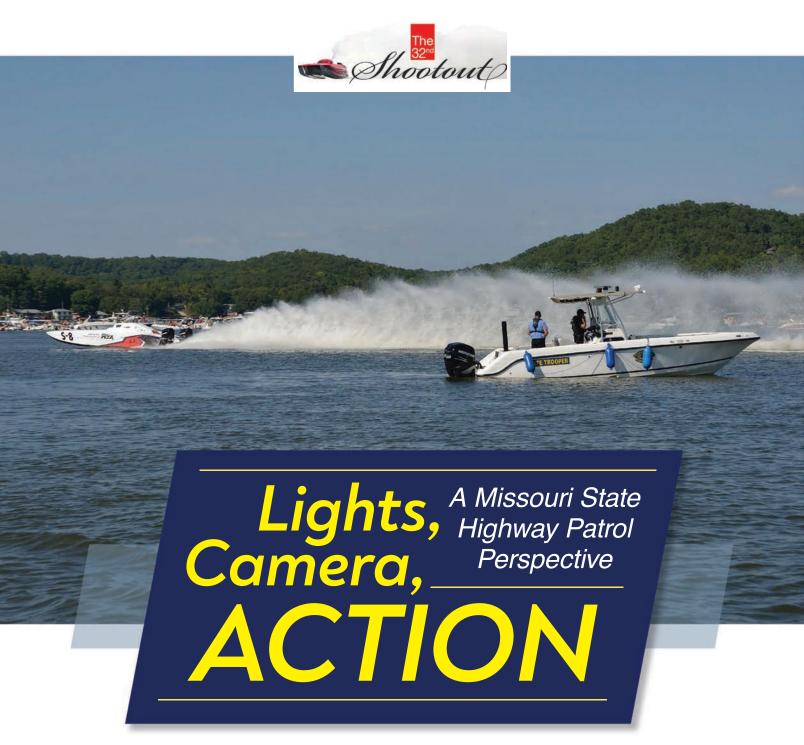


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-By Christy Wagner | photos courtesy of Sqt. White and the Missouri State Highway Patrol-

It's the third weekend in August and the Shootout is once again upon us. The sweltering sun beats down on the rippling waves of the Lake of the Ozarks below, where the average water temperature has risen to a balmy 84 degrees. Individuals from near and far have united along the 33 mile mark of the Main Channel to watch as boats surpass speeds traveled by the world's fastest train and commercial planes at takeoff.

We all see them. Even from afar, we notice a familiar emblem which separates their vessels from a sea of idling boats filled with carefree onlookers. We watch as the men and women aboard these white center consoles — dressed alike in navy blue uniforms with pressed yellow patches, regulate the crowds, respond to calls, and hold the course.

And they watch us.

"The planning stages for the 2020 Shootout actually began with a debriefing immediately following the 2019 Shootout," Missouri State Highway Patrol Sergeant Scott White of the Public Information and Education Division explained. "There is discussion among the stakeholders to see what worked, and what can be improved upon. We must then prepare for what we know is going to happen, and for what might happen."





For the various first responders whose jurisdiction presides over the Lake of the Ozarks, being host to the largest unsanctioned boat race in the United States means continually compensating for the significant growth of this event with every passing year. This progression not only involves public safety, but mitigating the risk to property while ensuring adequate resources and manpower.

"There are approximately 16 Marine Operation troopers that work this event, to include the extended no wake," White said. "The coverage area varies, but troopers are evenly spread out throughout the course itself and the extended no wake zone."

Aboard six of these patrol boats are registered nurses whose assistance, White says, is greatly appreciated and enhances emergency response capabilities to those attending the event. Additional troopers from outlying troops and divisions

within the Missouri State Highway Patrol assist Troop F in safeguarding this event, and in making it a success.

But events of this magnitude don't always come without cost. As is the unforgiving nature of a continuously moving water environment, the Shootout has had its share of tragic stories over the past six years.

"Mike Fiore's crash in 2014 was the first fatality at the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout, which had run for 26 years at the time," White said. "It really reminded everyone of how dangerous it can be for the racers, the speeds involved, and that safety is the overriding principle in every aspect of the race itself."

Two years later, what could have easily been yet another deadly ending for seasoned racer Jeff McCann became a heroic moment for fellow Patrol Sergeant David Echternacht.

"In 2016, Jeff McCann's boat spun out of control Cont. on page 128





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during the race," White explained.
"Sgt. Echternacht was able to perform a water rescue and help prevent

another tragedy."

"What a lot of people don't know about that day is that it took about 36 seconds from when Mr. McCann was ejected from his boat and rendered unconscious, to Sgt. Echternacht jumping in next to him," White continued. "For Sgt. Echternacht to recognize what had happened from across the course, throttle up, get on plane, throttle down, jump out of his



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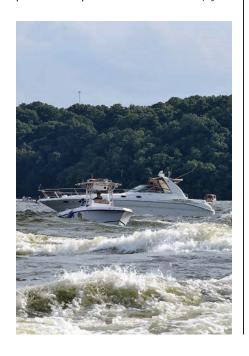
patrol boat, swim to Mr. McCann's side and turn him over in a half-minute is phenomenal. We are very grateful that it turned out the way it did. Sgt. Echternacht is one of a kind."

This brings us to last year, when Saturday's runs were cut short to allow first responders to search for a missing swimmer in the spectator area. Patrol divers recovered the body of 23-yearold Sean Burgess of Peoria, Illinois at 10:45 pm that night, and it was a somber reminder of how a fun day can turn tragic in an instant.

"Our best safety advice to anyone is to understand that "it" could happen to you, and then do everything you can to make sure it doesn't," White said. "We ask that everyone be aware of your surroundings, use a personal floatation device, stay hydrated, and be responsible with alcohol. We do everything we can to ensure the safety of those attending the event every year, but we can't do it alone. We need the public's help to make sure they keep an eye out for each other, and everyone on their vessel."

Social media has also played an important role in ensuring that the public is made aware of the dates and times of the races, as well as any restrictions or emergency notifications that may arise.

"Public knowledge and awareness are key components of the Shootout's success." White said. "We use Twitter and Facebook to disseminate information quickly and our media partners help boost our Continued on page 130









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As for the elephant in the room: what can be said for the extended no wake zone?

"The biggest complaints in the past were due to the large wakes from the amount of boats leaving at the same time," White said. "Boats were getting swamped and docks were damaged or breaking loose. The greatest benefit of the extended no wake zone is the enhancement of safety to spectators as they leave the event, as well as protecting personal property. Extending the no wake zone has mitigated these issues and most of our feedback has been positive."

What might be considered a daunting and inconceivable feat to those unfamiliar with emergency response, especially regarding an event of this magnitude, is a part of the job for the federal, state, and local first responders assigned to work this event.

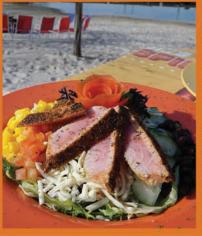
"This event could not be a success." without the involvement of local first responders, the United States Coast Guard, and all of the committed volunteers," White said in closing. "Every agency knows their role and does it well. There is strong support in the community for the event, and it is truly appreciated."

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# Make Way for More Waves

-By Christy Wagner | photos courtesy of PJ Arnaud, Shannon Hamilton and Sarah Christine-

What does it feel like to be strapped in behind the bow of a 50-foot catamaran at speeds of more than 200 miles per hour? Have you ever felt that kind of hair-raising, heart-stopping rush beneath a warm summer sky? According to Low Altitude owner Shannon Hamilton, his boat is so fast and stable, it's almost... boring.

"When you're in a smaller boat, you're running on a ragged edge, especially if you're navigating along rougher waterways that the Lake of the Ozarks can oftentimes have," Hamilton said with a smooth Southern accent. "In Low Altitude, this boat is so large and so safe, and it runs so smoothly, that 200 mile per hour speeds on the Lake of the Ozarks feels more one hundred. It's crazy."

Hamilton, a boat enthusiast and thrill-seeker at heart, seemingly revels in living his life on the edge. During our brief phone conversation, he was in Miami, admittedly looking at boats.

"I'm a drag racer, and I talk a lot of talk while putting money on the line," Hamilton said. "This is something that I'm trying to bring into the boating community. I like to poke around and stir things up a bit. From showing up at the Lake of the Ozarks in a 36-foot Nor-Tech at last year's Shootout to purchasing Low Altitude the following month, I've had a lot of fun and met a lot of great people along the way."

With his port of call located in Gainesville, Georgia, Hamilton frequents nearby Lake Lanier and the Florida Keys in his turbine-powered 2011 Mystic 50-foot catamaran, aptly named, "Low Altitude." With twin blackened turbine engines running at 1850 horsepower each, some spectators and race participants alike have wondered whether Hamilton's boat could possibly be the newest rival to American Ethanol, 2019's Shootout Top Gun winner for the fifth consecutive year.

"I don't know about all of that," Hamilton laughed. "We are already at a disadvantage by running with turbines and with how the Shootout classes are set up. It takes turbine engines a while to get going and with having to come in at 40 miles per hour through the Start Box, our plan is to just have fun and do the best that we can, and see where that takes us."

Since purchasing the boat in September of 2019, Hamilton says that he and his crew have a few tricks up their sleeves for optimum speed potential in the 2020 Lake of the Ozark Shootout.

"When we first bought Low Altitude, we weren't originally planning on running it in the Shootout," Hamilton said. "But when we told everyone that we were coming in with the boat, folks around the Lake of the Ozarks seemed very excited about it. We had a lot of interest and a lot of people were giving us a thumbs-up. Everyone told us, 'You've got to run in the Shootout, you've got to run in the Shootout,' and I thought, why not? So, here we go."

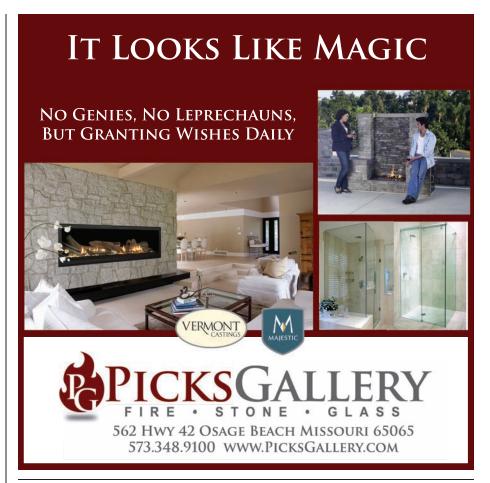
Hamilton stated that he had intended to run "Gunslinger," a 36-foot Nor-Tech, at last years' annual Shootout event, but that his plan had come to an abrupt halt following mechanical failures which had prevented him from participating.

"We are making several modifications and we have a couple of improvements in the works for this years' boating season with Low Altitude," Hamilton said. "Aaron Williams with Turbine Extreme was the original builder of Low Altitude's engines in 2016, and he is our magic man. We've been working with him on a few surprises, but I can't let all of my secrets out just yet," Hamilton laughed.

Another factor that can impact a turbine boat's optimum speed potential, Hamilton stated, is by spraying pressurized water beforehand. With gas turbines, water is sprayed and/or injected into the incoming air

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"You spray the water/pressure wash to it before the run, and it adds another 150 horsepower or so," Hamilton said. "With that, you're looking at about 4,000 total horsepower in the boat."

As with every Shootout race participant, it truly takes a village. Hamilton is the owner/throttle operator with PJ Arnaud driving the boat. They have also had a great support network and loyal sponsorship from fellow boat enthusiasts along the way, from Greg Wingo of Unknown Customs, Russell Clay of Clay Motorsports, AJ Zurzolo of North Atlanta Custom Detailing, and, of course, 'magic man' Aaron Williams of Turbine Extreme, Hamilton said.

"Regarding our modifications, we can't let all of the cats out of the bag just yet," Hamilton said in closing. "Low Altitude isn't just a race boat, it's a pleasure boat. We're out here to have fun with the boat and we're coming to the Lake of the Ozarks for two reasons: to drink Corona and whip some ass, and we're all out of Corona."





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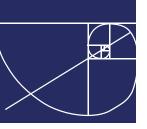
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#### One of the most memorable Shootout Top Gun boats, from possibly the gutsiest Top Gun run in the race's history, recently got a makeover.

Meet Cory Schmitz, the owner of what's arguably the most iconic Eliminator Boats 33 Daytona ever—Fatal Attraction, the 33-foot cat powered by twin 1,800-hp engines from GT Performance that Nebraska performance boater Greg Olson pushed to a 192-mph top speed to earn the overall Top Gun title at the 2012 Lake of the Ozarks Shootout. That kind of speed—nearly 200 mph—is dizzying in a closed-cockpit boat. But Olson's boat was an open-cockpit...

Olson, who had been competing in the Shootout since 2003 when the event was still being held at Shooters 21, said he had officially called it quits after the 2011 event when he didn't even get a chance to showcase all the hard work that went into preparing for that year's Shootout. On an early-morning test-run, an internal computer error caused a motor to burn up. Olson threw in the towel. But in 2012, after learning defending Top Gun champion Bill Tomlinson, owner of Mv Wav. wouldn't be able to race. Olson saw a chance for glory and didn't let it pass. With his wife Michelle's blessing, Olson would race at the 2012 Shootout. But he only had 10 days to get the boat ready. Olson's team of mechanics at GT Performance got Fatal Attraction out of a storage unit in Lake Havasu City, Ariz., brought it to L.A., changed the



"...Olson saw a chance for glory and didn't let it pass..."

EFI program, changed the jets, changed the fuel and then drove it 1,700 miles to Missouri.

Without even a test run, the boat hit a mind-blowing 192 mph, and Olson took the Top Gun title.

That was eight years ago. And since then the boat has been sold twice, now in the possession of Cory Schmitz.

Schmitz—who also owns a 33-foot V-bottom from Profile Powerboats and

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a classic Eliminator 19-foot Daytona that he uses at his local lake along the Cheyenne River, Angostura Reservoirspends a lot of his time boating with friends on Lake Havasu, which borders Arizona and California, as well as traveling to poker runs in different parts of the country. He obtained the only open-cockpit boat to claim the overall Shootout Top Gun title in the past two decades about five years ago from his friend, Colorado's Tim Pivonka who bought it from Olson in 2013.

And this spring, Schmitz picked up the boat with a fresh, modern interior courtesy of the crew at Eliminator in Mira Loma, Calif. The photos speak for themselves: a powerboat racing legend, re-suited for a new decade.









# One Winning Racer's Dream: HHUMANAM

by Christy Wagner | photos by Jesse Boaz & courtesy of Pete Boden/CR-Racing

# Propeller:

a. [noun] Fortified steel turning at several thousand revolutions per minute; driving unyielding horsepower and allowing for speeds of several hundred miles per hour. b. [adjective] An ever-present staple among boating communities throughout the world.

Originally founded in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in 1947, FJ Propeller was brought to fruition when Frank Baron and HVJ "Jimmie" Harrison began fixing propellers in addition to their regular boat yard work to make ends meet. Today, FJ Propeller is the largest propeller shop in the United States, and they have become a leader within the propeller industry worldwide.

Fast-forward to 2017, when Casey Boaz saw an opportunity to begin a new business venture with his eldest son, Jesse, and his youngest son, Nicholas. As members of the CR Racing team, a two-time consecutive winner of the Key West World Championship Series with Rob Unnerstall, boat propellers mean a bit more to Casey than they might to your average racer.

"I'd gotten to know Jimmie Harrison while racing in the same class against the FJ Propeller boat," Casey said.
"I'm a welder by trade, and I had been working in building trades for over twenty years. My son Jesse had just recovered from a very serious operation and he'd had





a difficult time with his health for several months. With the go-ahead from Jimmie and FJ Propeller down in Florida, I approached Jesse and Nicholas with the idea of starting FJ Propeller Midwest together."

Backed by more than 70 years of experience in the marine industry. FJ Propeller Midwest was locally established with the belief that you should not have to compromise on the condition of your propellers. Since 2017, it has become one of the Lake's premier propeller repair shops.

"I never thought that I would be fixing propellers as a career," son Jesse said, "but I have developed a passion for it, and making every propeller that leaves our shop the absolute best that it can be fuels that passion."

"After we've fixed a set of propellers or made some performance changes," Jesse continued, "it's really cool to have our customers excitedly call us while still aboard their boat - right after they've ran it for the very first time, to say that they got that extra couple miles per hour that they were wanting, or that their boat is running so much better than before."

Through the use of state-of-the-art computer system technology, the father-son trio's mission at FJ Propeller Midwest is to alleviate quesswork while ensuring dynamic balance, unmatched precision, a better fuel economy, less maintenance and better performance for their customers.

"We embarked on this journey with a clear set of objectives," Casey said. "Those objectives were to offer the highest quality repair with the unparalleled service and experience necessary to meet the highest expectations of our customers. Our goal is to also nurture our growing community of boaters around the Lake."

A vibrating propeller can be caused by several different variables, the team at FJ Propeller explains, but sometimes, even a perfect, geometrically shaped propeller can be unbalanced. This can cause mechanical vibrations, which subsequently decreases the bearing life and efficiency of the propeller due to unnecessary forces. The only scientific manner in which to accurately measure and correct any dynamic unbalances, according to FJ Propeller Midwest, is through the use of a true,

multi-plane dynamic balance analyzer.

"Our growing success in the marine industry can be attributed to testing and proving our own theories," Casey said. "As vibration is the common cause of undue propeller maintenance for boat operators and racers alike, the need to provide balance, correct pitch and matching blade shapes often becomes our main objective. Over the past years, everyone has referred to the troubleshooting process of marine propellers as voodoo, but it's not voodoo; it's science."

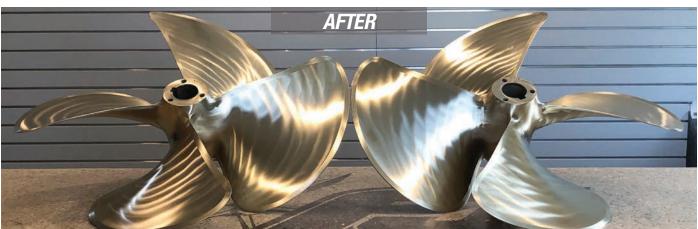
In utilizing the most sophisticated and computerized three-dimensional propeller measurement devices available, the crew at FJ Propeller Midwest has the comprehensive reporting capability to record and document the exact condition of their customer's propeller. The resulting concise and visual summary then assists in determining the optimal propeller repair, or reconditioning services best suited for the propeller.

"Whether your propeller is bent, cracked, chipped, or just out of balance, we can fix it," Casey said. "We do not outsource our propellers, and our turnaround time for Continued on page 144











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and Brian Prenger.

Locally Owned by Ted VanLoo, Scott Hair repair work is typically between one to three weeks. Our ideal clientele is anyone who is in need of propeller repair - everyone, both near and far."

Having raced in the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout, the OPA National Circuit and offshore boating events across the country, Casey says that his own racing experience has helped him to better relate to his customer's needs. Casev has repaired multiple race boats/ propellers that have run alongside his own at the annual Shootout, and at many other racing events throughout the nation. His client-base has even extended to boats overseas.

"Throughout the years, we have worked on numerous racing props, and we have developed enhancement capabilities for our own race boats and others'," Casey said. "A vibrating or damaged prop can appear okay visually, but still need full reconditioning to ensure that the propellers are properly pitched for peak performance."

Centrally located in Osage Beach, FJ Propeller Midwest opened its doors at their new shop on Runabout Drive in June of 2018. Casey's second son, sixteen-year-old Nicholas Boaz, although still in high school, has already begun working at the shop, too.

"I am very intrigued by this business, and I can see this as my ultimate career goal," Nicholas said. "We repair propellers for boat owners throughout the country and across the world, and we are excited for what the future holds."





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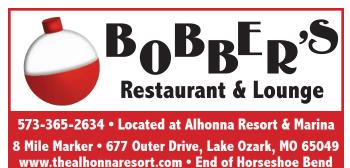
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As a local event which also happens to be the largest unsanctioned boat race in the United States of America, the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout is subpar to none. Orchestrating an event of such magnitude while raising more than a quarter of a million dollars to support 32 local charities and eight area fire departments is no easy feat, and it truly takes a village. "We've been involved directly with the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout for eight years now. What was apparent from the start was that without the amazing volunteers and sponsors, this event wouldn't be close to what it is today. The growth has been an inspiration to all, and it's been a nice ride with some great people." -Dave Leathers, Publisher & Christy Wagner, Editor

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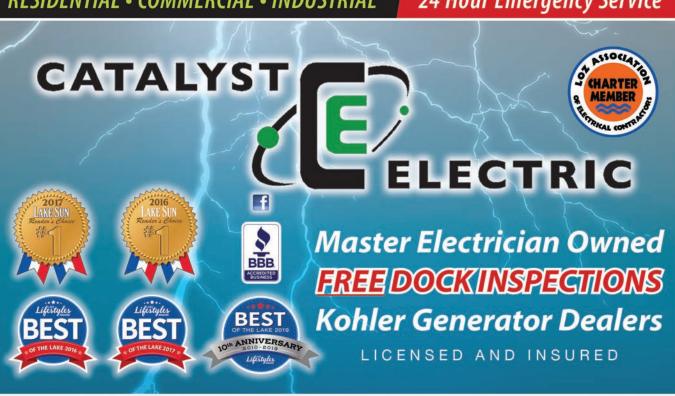
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# Shootout BEF PPOFIES

Included are a few of our expected racers at this years' 32nd annual Lake of the Ozarks Shootout. Between their jovial candor and obvious passion for boating, the hard work and commitment that these racers have shown throughout the years has undoubtedly helped make the Shootout what it is today, with a record earning \$300,000 raised in 2019 to help 32 local charities and eight area fire departments.

By Christy Wagner, Editor | photos courtesy of Brad Glidewell, Sarah Christine, CarolaPix and respective racing teams



### **Bob and Debbie Bull**

**Driver:** Bob and/or Debbie Bull Throttles: Randy Scism Crew Chief: David Place Boat Name: "Boat #3"

Port of Call: Lake of the Ozarks Boat Make/Model: 2018 52-foot MTI

Horsepower: Twin Mercury 1500's - 3000 total horsepower Modifications: "This MTI was previously a canopy race boat and it's a 2x World Championship winner. It's been used to race the airplane at the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout before," Crew Chief David Place said. "We removed the canopy in 2018, and it's now an 8-man pleasure boat."

Fastest Speed: 188+ miles per hour

Notable Races/Runs/Wins: 2x World Champion (Super Boat

International)

Most Memorable Shootout Experience: "Not too many people know who Bob Bull is," Crew Chief David Place said, laughing, "Bob is one of the nicest guys you will ever meet in your life, he is just quiet. People will come up and ask for him as he's standing right next to me. I'll never tell them who Bob is; I'll just say that I haven't seen him."

# John "Kap" Caparell

Driver/Throttles: Kap Boat Name: "El Kapitan" Port of Call: San Diego, CA.

Boat Make/Model: 2019 Twister 24-foot Wide Body

Horsepower: 300-R Single

Modifications: None to the engine/factory Mercury boat

Fastest Speed: Expected 100+ miles

per hour

**Notable Races/** Runs/Wins: Kap has taken first place in every class that he's raced in at the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout.

### Most Memorable **Shootout** Experience:

"I have been coming to the Shootout since Captain Ron Duggan took it over more than a decade ago," Kap said. "I have run in the Shootout in three different classes now, and this years' Shootout will be my fourth class."

**Sponsor:** Simmons **Custom Boat** Family: Kap's wife and business partner is Lora Caparell.





## **Shannon Hamilton**

**Driver:** PJ Arnaud

Throttles: Shannon Hamilton **Boat Name:** Low Altitude Port of Call: Gainesville, GA

Boat Make/Model: Turbine-Powered 2011 Mystic 50-foot

Horsepower: Twin blackened turbine engines at 1850

horsepower each

Modifications: "Aaron Williams with Turbine Extreme was the original builder of Low Altitude's engines in 2016, and he is our magic man," Hamilton said. "We've been working with him on a few surprises, but I can't let all of my secrets out just yet."

Most Memorable Shootout Experience: "I'm a drag racer, and I talk a lot of talk while putting money on the line," Hamilton said. "This is something that I'm trying to bring into the boating community. I like to poke around and stir things up a bit. From showing up at the Lake of the Ozarks in a 36-foot Nor-Tech at last year's Shootout to purchasing Low Altitude the following month, I've had a lot of fun and met a lot of great people along the way."

**Sponsors:** Grea Wingo of Unknown Customs. Russell Clay of Clay Motorsports, AJ Zurzolo of North Atlanta Custom Detailing, and "Magic Man"

Aaron Williams of Turbine Extreme.

# **Brad Harrington**

Driver: Ken Moore

Throttles: Brad Harrington **Boat Name:** Team Kansas Port of Call: Basehor, Kansas

Boat Make/Model: 1990 Saber 28-foot Cyclone

Horsepower: Twin Small-Block Chevy's -

450 horsepower each

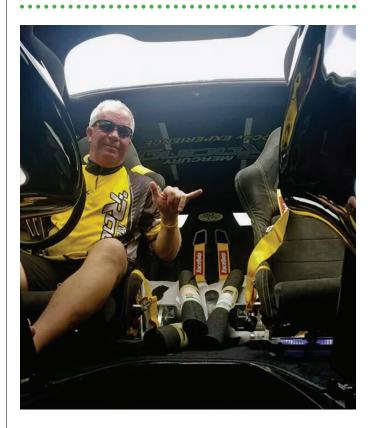
Fastest Speed: 86 miles per hour

Notable Races/Runs/Wins: Team Kansas won the 2006 APPA SBI World Championship in Key West, as well as the U.S. National Championship for OPA at the Lake of the Ozarks in 2007. They have placed first in their class at the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout every year since 2006. Most Memorable Shootout Experience: "I've been doing this for 14 or 15 years," Brad said. "Every year has been

memorable and great, and I love being able to share the time with our boating friends and family. We love being at the Lake of the Ozarks and hanging out with the other racers. It's a wonderful camaraderie."

Family: Ken Moore and wife Cari reside in Leawood, Kansas. Brad's wife is also named Carrie and they reside in Basehor. Kansas with their three children, Stella, Lake, and Sadie.





# Doc and Maddie Janssen

**Driver:** Doc Janssen Throttles: Scott Lvons

**Boat Name:** Watch Your Back Port of Call: Saratoga, Wyoming Boat Make/Model: Outerlimits SV-53 Horsepower: Twin Mercury 1550 Turbo

**Modifications:** None

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Fastest Speed: 150+ miles per hour

Notable Races/Runs/Wins: 5 World Championship wins in three different boats (Saratoga Stampede, Watch Your Back, and Snowy Mountain Brewery)

Most Memorable Shootout Experience: "Everyone is simply a new record keeping memory," Doc said.

Sponsors: Center for Spine and Orthopedics - Denver, CO

**Business:** Spinal and Trauma Surgeon

Family: Spouse (Sharon) and children (Matt and Madisen) all physicians.



## Tim Kowalski

Driver/Throttles: Tim Kowalski Boat Name: Bio-Kleen



Port of Call: South Haven, Michigan

Boat Make/Model: 1993 35-foot Café Racer Cigarette Horsepower: Twin 572 Cubic Inch Dry Sump Sterling

Engines (700 horsepower each)

Fastest Speed: 82 miles per hour on the one mile Shootout course

Notable Races/Runs/Wins: "I'm the only one in my class for the Shootout," Tim said.

Most Memorable Shootout Experience: "I have been going to the Lake of the Ozarks for 31 years for both boating and business purposes," Tim said. "When the Shootout course was moved across the Lake from Shooters 21, I met with Ron Duggan while he was helping clear up rocks and tree remnants to get his lot ready for what Captain Ron's is today. After walking around with Ron and getting to know one another, I committed to a slip in a dock that was not even built yet for a period of five years. As Ron had never met me before, he was puzzled by my commitment, and so I explained, 'I know you don't know me, but we are going to become good friends,' and he would come to understand going forward how true that would become. At the end of the first Shootout at Captain Ron's, I congratulated Ron on an outstanding job and told him that I was now committing to 10 years at that location with a dock slip. After many years of doing so, he just took my location off of the roster of available locations at the Shootout," Tim said.

Sponsors/Business: Bio-Kleen Products, started by Tim in 1987.

Family: Tim's wife is Tracy Lynn Kowalski.



# **Mark and Tiffany Maasen**

**Driver:** Tiffany Maasen Throttles: Mark Maasen Boat Name: 'Merica

Port of Call: Lake of the Ozarks

Boat Make/Model: 2015 34-foot Center Console by Nor-Tech

340 with 3x 300 horsepower Mercury engines

Horsepower: 900 horsepower

Modifications: Waves and Wheels Blue Wave Lights & Sound

System, along with a tribute to the United States Armed Forces wrap by Pro DeZigns.

Fastest Speed: 78 miles per hour

Notable Races/Runs/Wins: 2016-2019 Lake of the Ozarks Shootout Class Winner; First in Class at the Grand Lake of

the Cherokees Shootout

Most Memorable Shootout Experience: "Our first run down

the Shootout course together!" Tiffany said.

Sponsors: Poly Lift Boat Lifts of Sunrise Beach, MO; Maasen Insurance Services, a Division of Weiss Insurance Group of Camdenton, MO.

**Businesses:** 

Mark: Co-Owner of Poly Lift Boat Lifts

Tiffany: Owner/Broker of Maasen Insurance Services Family: Mark and Tiffany are married and have six children

between them.



# **Randy and Taylor Scism**

**Driver:** Taylor Scism Throttles: Randy Scism Boat Name: MTI 340X

Port of Call: Lake of the Ozarks Boat Make/Model: 2019 MTI 340X

Horsepower: Twin 450 horsepower Mercury Racing

Outboards

**Modifications:** Stock

Fastest Speed: 123 miles per hour

Most Memorable Shootout Experience: "Our first Shootout

that took place at Shooters 21 was our most memorable," Randy said. "We broke 100 miles per hour, and no one else

had done that yet. It was a good time."

**Sponsors:** Marine Technology Inc. — MTI Boats.

**Business:** 

Randy: Owner and Founder, MTI Taylor: Marketing and Sales, MTI

Family: Randy is married to Cherell and they have two

daughters, Taylor and Chelsea.





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