
“Miss Bardahl” is again unanimous team selection

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Unlimited Inboard Hydroplane—"Miss Bardahl," Jones hull and Rolls-Royce motor of Bardahl Chemical Corp.

SALUTES to the 1964 All-American racing team—seven boats, each chosen as tops in her category of powerboat racing during the past season. We are proud to add their names to those of 15 previous "teams."

Selection of the members of this year's team was determined by a mail poll of the following active officials and members of the boating press: Bob Carver, Seattle, Wash., *Photographer*; H. Burr Coleman, Wheat Ridge, Colo., *Director, APBA Region 16*; J. Otto Crocker, San Diego, Calif., *APBA Chief Timer*; Merlyn Culver, Dayton, Ohio, *Honorary Vice President, APBA*; Lou Eppel, Libertyville, Ill., *Member APBA Council*; Fred Hallett, Oakland, Calif., *Member APBA Council*; Al Hart, San Rafael, Calif., *APBA Asst. Chief Measurer*; E. M. Peatross, Richmond, Va., *Honorary Life Commodore, APBA*; Harold Tolford, Jr., Seattle, Wash., *Chairman, APBA Region 10*; John Valachovic, Schenectady, N.Y., *APBA Chief Measurer*; George Van, Detroit, Mich., *"The Detroit News."*

Unlimited Inboard Hydroplane—Results of the voting: *Miss Bardahl*, Bardahl Chemical Corp., Seattle, Wash., Jones hull, Rolls-Royce motor (11 votes).

Repeating her unanimous selection for last year's team, Bardahl Chemical Corp.'s *Miss Bardahl* was again named by all of our judges as the unlimited hydroplane member.

Bardahl finished her third year of competition with 3,084 points to her credit, 650 more than the earnings of the second-place *Miss Madison*. Ron Musson was her pilot, as he has been throughout her career except when a racing accident kept him ashore for the latter part of the '63 season.

She won the Gold Cup at Detroit, thanks to the fifth boat in the final heat beating the sixth boat by 99/100s of a second. She captured the Seafair Trophy at Seattle by virtue of 2/10s of a second time advantage. Victories at Tahoe and New Town, N.D., added to her season's point score.

As one judge remarked, "Although she lucked out a couple of times, she had great consistency and took advantage of the breaks. She was first in line at the pay-off."