

1st Unlimited Racing Awards

The Unlimited Racing Commission held its first annual national awards banquet in New York on Jan. 14 at the Essex House. The purpose of the affair was to honor Unlimited owners and drivers for outstanding achievements during the 1965 racing season, and for contributions made to the sport by the press, television, radio, regatta officials and other individuals.

Recipients of special hand-lettered certificates of merit included Ole Bardahl, owner of Miss Bardahl, national high point boat; Ron Musson, national high point driver; J. Lee Schoenith, outstanding official; Bernie Little, sportsman award; Graham Heath, outstanding crew chief; Pat Solomie, outstanding crew member; and Robert Fendler, rookie of the year.

The commission also awarded Budweiser trophies for outstanding contributions made to the sport of Unlimited racing to Jack Schmale, San Francisco Chronicle; Jim Simpson and Guy Lombardo, NBC Sports in Action; M. E. Farnsworth, race chairman, World's Unlimited Championship regatta; William

Stead, driver's representative; Harry Woods, assistant referee.

Also, Jim Hendricks, radio station WBRB; Eileen Crimmin and Bob Carver, writing-photography; Jack Adams, chairman, Spirit of Detroit Association; and William Newton, referee.

Stead silver belt buckles were presented to Rex Manchester, driver, Notre Dame, and Ervin A. Steiner, Jr., president, Unlimiteds Incorporated, for outstanding services to boat racing.

The selections were made by the National Awards Committee of the Unlimited division.

Musson Receives Mulford Trophy Award for 1965

Ron Musson, of Seattle, Wash., who has won more national boat racing awards in 1965 than any other driver, is the recipient of the John W. Mulford Trophy as "the power boat man of the year."

This non-racing award is given annually to the individual who has contributed most during the past year to the sport of power boating, in any activity connected with the sport.

The selection is made by APBA's Trophy Committee on behalf of the National Association of Engine and Boat Manufacturers, donors of the trophy. The perpetual trophy was presented to Musson by President James H. Jost at the APBA Council meeting in New York, Jan. 15. The donors also provide a small replica for permanent possession.

In addition to his driving achievements with the Unlimited hydro Miss Bardahl, winner of the APBA Gold Cup for three consecutive years, high point driver for 1965, Musson is active on the administrative side of racing as well. He is a member of the Unlimited Racing Commission, Unlimited Sanctioning Committee, Unlimited Contest Board, Gold Cup Contest Board, Unlimited Standing Committee, and Unlimited Special Events Committee.

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All-American Racing Team

Yachting magazine has named seven outstanding boats to its 17th annual All-American Racing Team. Each team member was chosen as the best performer in that category of power boat racing during the 1965 season.

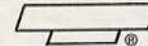
In Unlimited racing, Miss Bardahl, owned by Bardahl Chemical Corp., Seattle, was selected for the third consecutive year. With Ron Musson at the wheel, this veteran campaigner earned 7,777 national high points during the season, won the Gold Cup and three other Unlimited races.



MASTER OF MECHANICS AWARD

This is the highest award a mechanic in the motor sports field can receive. The Master of Mechanics Trophy stands as a tribute to all mechanics who seldom have the opportunity to share in the prestige and glory of the winner. It has become an accepted custom for the winning driver to receive the trophy, kiss the queen, be interviewed by the press, and admired by everyone. This trophy is an inspiration to every mechanic and gives special recognition to the Master of Mechanics for his all important contribution to the winning machine. The hope of the P. A. Sturtevant Co. is that mechanics will someday share a position with drivers, and we hope to make mechanics immortal by symbolizing them with an instrument of their trade — the TORQUE WRENCH.

This Trophy Awarded To The Chief Mechanic Of The APBA Gold Cup Winner. 1964 and '65 WINNER — LEO VANDENBERG



NEW RECORDS

The following new records have been approved by the Racing Commissions concerned.

Distance	Class	Boat Name or No.	Owner	Driver	Where Made	Date	MPH
STOCK OUTBOARD							
5-Mile	36 Run	2-M	Gerald Van Conant	Gerald Van Conant	Beaver, Pa.	8/29/65	43.041
UNLIMITED							
3-Mile (Lap)	Unlimited	Miss Bardahl	Bardahl Chemical Corp.	Ron Musson	San Diego, Calif.	10/3/65	117.130
15-Mile (Heat)	Unlimited	Miss Bardahl	Bardahl Chemical Corp.	Ron Musson	San Diego, Calif.	10/3/65	116.079
INBOARD							
Kilo	91 Hydro	First Mortgage	Richard L. Cooper	Richard L. Cooper	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	10/30/65	98.390