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Vintage Powerboat Village in Palmetto Displaying Watercrafts of Past and Present Is New Attraction at the Fifth Annual Bradenton Area River Regatta

BRADENTON, Fla.—A dedicated display area showcasing classic powerboats from the past and present, including the uniquely designed Reneau model and some super-sized F-1 machines, are part of a new attraction at the fifth annual Bradenton Area River Regatta Saturday, Feb. 9.

The village will be located near the Palmetto Riverside Park and open for up-close and personal views all day. Palmetto-native Bob Walwork will have two of his vintage Raveau boats on site. These classic crafts were first built in late 1930s and early '40s and became famous for their quality craftsmanship and endurance capabilities. They were one of the first racing boats built.

There also will be a few Formula-1 crafts on display, the largest class in international outboard circuit. F-1s are capable of reaching speeds approaching 120 miles per hour and turning on a dime.

"We are hoping that everyone will take time during the River Regatta to visit the Powerboat Village with its unique collection of vintage and current race boats," said Sherron Winer of the Powerboat Superleague. "Drivers and owners will be on hand to visit with fans and explain the inner-workings of the engines as well as the hull designs. Some of the owners/pilots will even allow young fans to sit in the boats and see how it feels to be a powerboat pilot."

On the water, F-2 and F-3 racing begins with practice runs at approximately 10 a.m., followed by qualifying heats and championship racing.

Regatta festivities conclude with a dynamic fireworks extravaganza produced by the first family of pyrotechnics, Zambelli International, at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Full details, schedule and additional information are available at: bradentonarearegatta.com. Follow all the fun and activities on Facebook: www.facebook.com/RiverwalkRegatta.

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The 2019 Bradenton Area River Regatta is sponsored by Manatee Memorial Hospital, Firkins Automotive, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM), RTI Insurance Services, Bradenton, Anna Maria Island and Longboat Key, Pittsburgh Pirates/Bradenton Marauders, Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport, Heli Aviation, University of South Florida, Courtyard Marriott-Bradenton, Pier 22, Riverhouse Reef & Grill, Regatta Pointe Marina, Grove, Workforce Business Services (WBS), Bealls, Bridgely Key, Grimes Goebel Attorneys at Law, Sysco, Bradenton Herald, SRQ Media, 10 News WTSP, Ticket Sarasota and Spectrum.

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The Bradenton Area River Regatta is produced and managed by ISM/USA—a sports event management and marketing firm with offices in Pittsburgh, PA and Lakewood Ranch, FL.

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About the Bradenton Area Convention & Visitors Bureau:

The Bradenton, Anna Maria Island and Longboat Key area is located on Florida's West Coast between St. Petersburg and Sarasota. It is bordered on the north by Tampa Bay, and to the west by the Gulf of Mexico. Easy to get to, but off the beaten path, filled with "Old Florida" ambience brimming with opportunities to experience Florida at its most real and authentic, the Bradenton/Anna Maria Island/Longboat Key area is a part of the state worth discovering and exploring again and again. For more information, please visit www.bradentongulflislands.com.

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