



POWER PUNCH RACE TEAM WINS IN POLSON

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The UL-11 Power Punch Race Team / 94Five Roxy / K&N Engineering With the Local Support of Ricciardi's Italian Seafood House, was declared winner of the Polson Regatta. The Team won both preliminary heats on Saturday earning 800 points. Paul Becker of the UL-14 won one heat in competition and a second heat where he was the only boat on the water. This left both teams tied at 800 points. The tie-breaker was based on total points earned in 2009 and that put the UL-11 team on top.

With local support uncertain, ULHRA officials worked hard lobbying with the Confederated Kootenai/Salish Tribes and held the race on Tribal Land and Water. This however left the race course in more unprotected water subject to high winds. Saturday the winds cooperated, but Sunday the winds only calmed enough to run the B main and the LtL final. The UL Final was cancelled when the winds picked up again gusting above 25 mph.

Darren Bartels, Team owner, said, "We really wanted to run the final. Our belief is we would have done well enough to gain some points in the high point standings. We'll take the win, But we really wanted the opportunity to prove what we can do in competition."

The team won the heats on Saturday despite only running on seven cylinders . During an engine test on the trailer they discovered a rocker arm broken on the number seven cylinder "Luckily we had just got some spares and the other damage was minimal." Bartels said.

For rookie driver Kevin Eacret, This is the second win in four races this year. Both called because of windy conditions "We know the boat can win, we have the power. We wanted nothing more than to run the final . That wind today was wicked, It just wouldn't have been safe. We'll just have to show them in San Diego next month." Eacret said.

Next Race is in San Diego September 18 & 19 2010.

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