

DSRA, LLC

## Points of interest:

New Outlaw class added for 2009. This will be a 1/8<sup>th</sup> mile race class for highly modified boats. The only rules are no nitrous and a minimum 16ft boat length.

DSRA relies heavily on sponsorship money to pay expenses, maintain equipment and add dollars to race purses. Any racer who presents DSRA with \$1000+ of sponsor money, will receive an exemption for their 2009 club dues.

We are working on improving our insurance coverage for the club and racers for the 2009 season. Although it is very tentative at this point, we expect that the new policy will cover the club, racers, and all officials involved with the DSRA organization.

The 2009 rule book is currently available online and will be ready in print form at the first race. While we do not anticipate any changes at this time, the rule book may be modified between now and the time it goes to print.



## 2008 Season Recap

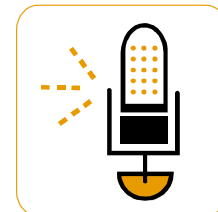
First off, we (Casey, Harry and Nick) would like to thank all of the racers who made the effort to race with our club this year. We feel that DSRA is the best outboard racing association around. You, the racers, are what make our club unique! This club is most importantly a group of friends, not just competitors.

Secondly, we'd like to thank all of you who volunteered and provided services to DSRA. Without the people who volunteer their time & effort, we could not exist. As everyone involved is aware,

outboard dragboat racing is not a lucrative affair. Our budget is tight and we couldn't exist, financially, without volunteers.

We'd like to extend a special thanks to all of our 2008 sponsors. We tried to add value for our sponsors through website and race site promotion. We will continue to explore new avenues in 2009 and the future to promote our sponsors and provide them with as much marketing exposure as possible!

Congratulations to all of the 2008 High Points



winners!: Joe Davis, Paul Gautreaux, Shawn Jetton, Rodney King, Garrell Chiasson II, and Casey Gudge. We are very proud to call you champions!

## 2009 Rules Meeting (11/8/08)

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, we had our meeting to review the rule book for the upcoming race season. Present at the meeting were the board of directors, class reps, and club owners.

The meeting was very productive and as expected, there were no major changes to class rules. In general, we made some very slight modifications to some of the classes to make them more fair and competitive. The new rule book will soon be published on the DSRA website.

Some things that were discussed and agreed upon were:

- Prop covers will be required in the pits and up to the point of boat entry.
- Neck collars are highly recommended.
- Helmets must be Snell or DOT approved.
- Races will start at 11am where possible. Therefore, driver meetings & registration will be earlier for 2009.

- New Outlaw class added.
- Rule requiring boat number was deleted.
- Piston coating allowed in all classes (excluding Performance Bass & Ski).
- No weight penalty for Weisco pistons (excluding Performance Bass & Ski).



*Diamond C Trailer to be given to raffle winner at the Mt. Pleasant, TX season ending race!*

## 2009 Race Season Info

The 09 racing season is shaping up nicely. With 6 races scheduled and the new Outlaw class, we can't wait to get started. Speaking of the Outlaw class, we're expecting lots of excitement. With no weight limitations and open fuel rules, this new class should bring some "river racing" style competition to the DSRA events. Based on what we've seen at non sanctioned river events, we predict that these boats will

run 105-115mph in the 1/8<sup>th</sup> mile!

The 1400 Modified Production class should also be quite the spectacle. We anticipate several additional boats in this class, a few being powered by OMC motors.

In addition to the exciting boats, there are some technical improvements in the works. A new computer driven video

system will be used this year. We're also working on the registration process and online registration forms will be available so that racers can print and fill them out before each race.

The starting light speed panels have been repaired and will be ready for use at each race this year.

## Diamond C Utility Trailer Raffle

Diamond C Trailers has once again shown their support for DSRA! They have committed to offer a custom built utility trailer to our club as a corporate sponsor. The trailer will be given away at the season ending race in Mt. Pleasant, TX. Starting at the first race and continuing throughout the season, raffle tickets will be available for \$10 a piece.

Diamond C has been

producing top quality products since 1985. They specialize in custom trailers and accessories. Quality and customer service are the cornerstones of their business so believe us when we say that their products are top notch!

If you or someone you know is in need of a trailer or accessories, please give the folks at Diamond C a call. You'll be glad you did and you'll also help support

DSRA and the sport of outboard drag racing.

Diamond C Trailer Mfg.

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## Shine your boats up for Gulfport

The 2009 season will kick off at Gulfport Lake in Mississippi and there is a lot of excitement in the air. This is a new race site for DSRA and based on what we've seen so far, the sky is the limit for how successful

this venue could be. To help create excitement and entertainment for the fans, racers are invited (and encouraged ☺) to stage their race boats at the Dock Restaurant on

Friday & Saturday nights. If we all make small efforts like this to promote our sport, we can help protect it's future. So please make an effort to shine up your ride and put it on display for the fans!

## Sponsor Profile: Blanchard Contractors, Inc.

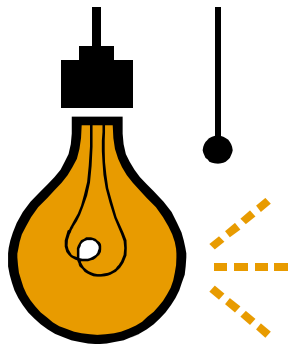
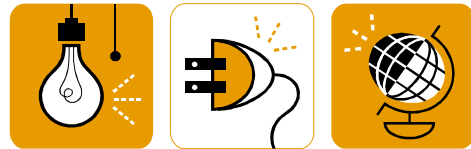
Blanchard Contractors was started in 2001 and offers construction & fabrication services to the oil well industry. Their headquarters is based out of Cut Off, Louisiana. The services they provide include a fabrication shop, docking facilities, land & marine equipment, painting, and labor crews for offshore, inshore and marsh facilities. The owners have over 75 years collective experience in the oilfield industry and their management team has over 200 years of collective experience. In addition to vast experience, they are able to offer their customers a sense of security due to the fact that they are fully insured and licensed for all services they offer.

One of the company owners is our fellow racer Shane Landry. Shane and Blanchard contractors have shown their support for DSRA by becoming a season sponsor. In return for their support, we as a club ask that all racers and fans who are in the oil well industry, please consider Blanchard Contractors, Inc for your next

project and your ongoing needs.

To contact them, you can visit their website at [www.blanchardcontractors.com](http://www.blanchardcontractors.com) or give them a call at (985) 325-3941.

Blanchard Contractors, Inc., 15444 Hwy 3235, Cut Off, LA 70345.



## Sponsor Profile: Shane's Engine Service and R&K At Your Service

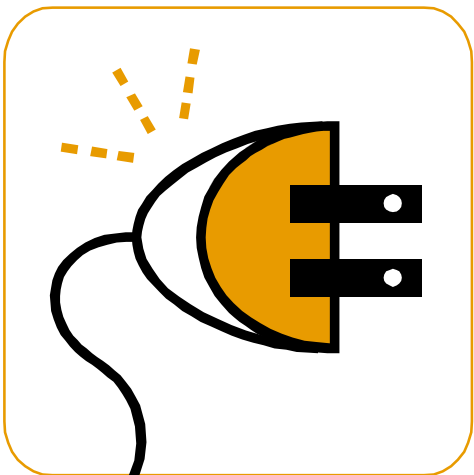
Shane Landry has additionally sponsored DSRA through his Shane's Engine Service, LLC company. They have been in business for 28 years and provide outboard engine repair and crew rentals to the oil field industry. Shane started this business as a teenager and over the years has gained a strong

reputation for providing quality service to his customers. If you are in the oil business, please keep this company in mind for all of your outboard maintenance & repair needs. You can contact them at 985-787-2336.

R&K At Your Service, LLC is another company that Shane has brought on board as a 2009 DSRA sponsor. They specialize in rental equipment to oil field businesses. They rent various types of equipment including: Kubotas, Mules, boats, etc. They've been in business for over 8 years and have a great reputation. Please consider them for your equipment rental needs. You can

contact them at 985-787-3293.

## Sponsor Profile: Acie's Outboards



Acie Stringfield is considered by many to be one of the best outboard mechanics in the country. He is a certified Evinrude/Johnson Master Mechanic and a Yamaha certified mechanic. Acie started his business in 1990 after working for several years prior as an outboard mechanic at Redwing Boats in the Houston, TX area. He focuses on offering repair services primarily. However, he can rig your boat with a new Evinrude or Yamaha at a very reasonable price. As I (Harry) can personally attest, Acie is one of the best boat riggers I've ever seen. He is a perfectionist in every sense of the word. His ability to diagnose and

repair outboard motors is even more impressive. Acie is a perfectionist and he is driven to do the job right, no matter what it may entail!

If you live in the Houston/Galveston area or even outside of that area, you owe it to yourself to give Acie a call when your outboard needs service. You will be completely satisfied! You can contact Acie's Outboards at:

281-339-3871

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