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## **Kids Can Get a Chance to Pilot Hydroplane Themselves At This Year's Quake on at the Lake**

**WATERFORD, MI – July 13, 2009** – Kids ages nine to 14 can now hop into the cockpit of a J-class Hydroplane and ride up to 40 mph on Pontiac Lake as part of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual "Quake on the Lake" hydroplane race festivities.

Five single-seat J -class boats will be used by the young drivers at the event, which is set for July 17, 18 and 19 at the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in White Lake and Waterford townships. The cost to test drive the boat is \$40 and will include a one-hour instructional class on how to operate the boats. The use of safety equipment, including lifejackets and helmets, are also included. Participation is limited and is done on a first come, first served basis.

Mary Anne Wilson, vice chair of Quake, said the young drivers will be monitored by experienced drivers on personal watercraft and licensed emergency medical personnel will be on hand. The young drivers get their chance on the water towards the end of the morning and afternoon sessions.

Event hours are Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children age 5-12 and there is free admission for children under age five. The recreation area is located at the corner of M-59 and Williams Lake Road. Additional information and a schedule of events can be found at [www.QuakeOnTheLake.org](http://www.QuakeOnTheLake.org).

To celebrate the Quake's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the American Power Boat Association's Inboard Hydroplane Eastern Divisional Championship will be contested. Race teams from across the United States and Canada will compete for championship trophies.

Saturday evening will also feature the Republic Services/Allied Waste of Michigan Fireworks beginning at dusk.

Proceeds from the three-day event benefit the Rainbow Connection, a 501 (c) 3 charity founded by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson which grants wishes to children with life threatening and terminal illnesses as well as other local initiatives.

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