

2011 APBA Inboard U.I.M. World Championship results at Celina, Ohio

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One mile certified record course at Grand Lake St. Mary's. Weather was fabulous with a sunny day and a slight breeze in northwest Ohio.

1 Litre

1st, Dan Kanfoush / YMCA / Y-1

2nd, Sean Bowsher / Kemmler Orthopedic / Y-52

3rd, Joe Sovie / Val Pak / Y-44

1 Litre was all Dan Kanfoush in the yellow Y-1, YMCA. Sean Bowsher and Joe Sovie we're the top contenders but the Jim Sechler Yamaha power and hull set up was the difference in 1 Litre.

2.5 Litre Stock

1st, Bobby Kennedy / Piqua Steel / CS-79

2nd, Dutch Squires / Purdy, Lammers, & Schiavone / S-83

3rd, Bobby King / Shell Party Mart / S-242

The original running of the final heat was red-flagged when the S-17 of Keith Anderson and the CS-33 of Marco Porier collided with each other. Porier's hull landed on top of the Anderson craft at the back half of the boat, working the first lap in turn one. Both drivers were not injured but APBA officials ruled Anderson caused the stoppage and Porier was eligible to re-start the final.

Bobby Kennedy took lane one in the re-start and claimed victory. Squires battled early on but settled for second. Porier was a physical third place finisher but one minute penalties took him from third vaulting King to the third spot.

2.5 Litre Modified

1st, Tom Thompson / CAPT / A-52

2nd, Jim Aid / Lake Contracting / A-33

3rd, Andrew Tate / C&G Distributors / A-25

The heat race was sparkling with Joe Sovie winning in lane one with the A-23, Lamar Outdoor. Sovie was holding off Andrew Tate in second and Tom Thompson in third. Tate went dead in the water on the final lap due to a fuel line issue. Sovie won, followed by Thompson with Aid in third.

The final heat saw a battle up from of Randy English's #25 with Tate and the #52 of Thompson. Tate lead the first 3/4 of a lap but Thompson then took control on his outside going to win. Aid was second with Tate in third.

Andrew Tate is a 22 year old and is the son of Mark Tate a two time APBA Gold Cup Champion. He has the skills for sure to drive!!!

5 Litre

1st, Joe Less / Wal-Mart / E-500

2nd, Jeff Sankuer / Celina Wine Store / E-17

3rd, Scott Blackwell / J Crane / E-617

The final heat was stopped prior to the start at around the 30 second time frame on the clock as Mark Burghardt's E-726 went dead in the water in the front chute in an un-safe position. The huge part of this was Brandon Kennedy in the E-30 striking a course marker and moving it from position during the warm up period. Under the U.I.M. rules the one minute penalty was transferred to the re-start of the final which took Kennedy out of contention for a top finish.

Joe Less looked sharp in front winning the final. Kennedy elected to start in lane ten in the final heat and worked his way up to second.

National Modified

1st, Thom Heins / Reynolds & Reynolds / NM-30

2nd, Tom Thompson / Freedom Marine / NM-81

3rd, Tony Black / Celina Tent / NM-100

The heat race was won by Tom Thompson but was made easier when Thom Heins struck a course marker moving it dropping him back one minute in elapsed time.

In the Final Heat, Heins' drivers face was on and won from lane one wire to wire in the Lynn Family's Budget Buster racing NM-30. Thompson chaed in second and came up three to four boat lengths short at the finish.

Grand National Hydroplane

1st, Cal Phipps / Time Warner / GNH-8

2nd, Steve Kuhr / Moose Lodge / GNH-317

3rd, Mark Burghardt / Lake Improvement Association / GNH-515

When Cal Phipps teams up with Jimmy & Patty Deel's GNH-8 they are tough to beat and this was the case in the UIM's winning the qualifier and the final heat. Steve Kuhr's GNH-317 supplied the pressure but just could not get in front of Phipps.