



Media Release from Moama Water Sports Club

The second Barrie Beehag Ski Race is all set for the 13th October 2007. The event conducted by the Moama Water Sports Club in conjunction with the Perricoota Boat Club is held on the Murray River between Deep Creek Marina and Torrumbarry Weir.

The event has attracted a full field of 105 entries, with the 6 Litre inboard the biggest class of 24 entries.

The event which started in 2006 and named in honour of Barrie Beehag a founding member of the Moama Water Sports Club is widely supported by Victorian Ski Racers with over two-thirds of the field coming from Victoria.

Last years inaugural event overall was won by Hellbent and the team this year are represented with the boat Hellrazor. This boat represented Australia in New Zealand in the world titles in May this year. The team has changed slightly this year with skiers Chris Gelle and Jason Walmsley previously skiing behind Stinga. Jason Walmsley as current World Champion will certainly be exciting to watch as the team travel from Deep Creek Marina to Torrumbarry and return.

The event will start with a Briefing for all drivers and observers at Deep Creek Marina on Saturday 13th October 2007. From there all boats will be placed into the water to travel out of the Deep Creek Marina to the start line the Echuca side of the Marina.

It is anticipated that the flag will drop on the racing at 11am with the first boat away – Hellrazor, followed by Chief. The first 20 boats will leave at 1 minute intervals, with the following 85 boats leaving at 30 second intervals.

At Deep Creek Marina – there is a gold coin donation entry to the area. All entry donations will be given the Oncology Unit at Echuca Regional Health in memory of Barrie Beehag who died of cancer in 2006.

Programs for the event will also be available at the event and newsagents in the towns of Echuca and Moama on the day (and one week before hand also) to inform spectators who wish to make a family day of it along the river.

At the start / finish area at Deep Creek, Echuca / Moama Apex will provide catering and families are encouraged to make a family day of it. Children's entertainment will also be available in the form of face painting, air brush tattooing and show bags at the Deep Creek site.

At the Torrumbarry start / finish area – Gunbower Lions Club, will provide catering for competitors and spectators.

The boats will travel from Deep Creek Marina to Torrumbarry, where once all boats are accounted for – the return leg will start. Last year Hellbent's time (the overall winner was 23 minutes 30 seconds – that was about 11 minutes per leg. Will this time be broken this year?

For further information regarding this event, you can visit the Southern 80 web page www.southern80.com.au and follow the links to the BB Ski Race Classic or phone the Moama Water Sports Club on 0354806754.