

Imperial Palace Boat Clinches National Title

In the last meet of the year, a powerboat sponsored by the Imperial Palace Hotel/Casino won all six races in which it was entered to take two national titles. The Outlaw K-39 was named "1985 KRR American Power Boat Assn. National Champion" and "1985 KRR APBA National Point Champion."

The second title was won over the whole season of racing. Driver George Woods, Jr. of Sumner, Washington, put Outlaw K-39 in first place in the competition on August 9-11 in the

APBA Inboard National Championship Race in Dayton, Ohio. Since then the boat has continued to race extremely well, accumulating an even higher point total.

The final race of the season was held October 12 and 13 at Castaic Lake (Calif.) sponsored by the Southern California Speedboat Club, Inc. George Woods, Jr. swept to a first place finish in three heats Saturday and three on Sunday. Woods holds seven world records in flat-bottoms and hydroplanes.

Outlaw K-39 is an 18 foot flat-bottomed powerboat owned by Butch Jensen of Las Vegas. It has a 454 cc supercharged Chevrolet motor which runs on methanol. It can reach 145 mph in the straightaway.



OUTLAW K-39, sponsored by the IMPERIAL PALACE, won two national powerboat titles in the final race of the season at Castaic Lake, Calif. on October 12-13. The boat is "1985 KRR American Power Boat Assn. National Champion" and "1985 KRR APBA National Point Champion." Driver George Woods, Jr. holds seven world records in powerboat and hydroplane racing.

The Imperial Palace will continue to sponsor Outlaw K-39 in the upcoming season, according to Art Roushkolb, Tournament/Junket Coordinator for the Las Vegas casino. Roushkolb works closely with Butch Jensen and the crew during all races.

First race of the 1986 season is set for November 2nd and 3rd in Phoenix, Arizona.

PLO Suffers Setbacks In Hijacking Aftermath

NEW YORK (WNS) — The Palestine Liberation Organization's quest for respectability and political legitimacy suffered serious setbacks at the United Nations, in London, and in Amman, Jordan - where King Hussein and PLO chief Yasir Arafat had reached agreement only eight months ago to negotiate jointly in the Middle East peace process.

The series of stinging rebuffs came on the heels of mounting evidence that the PLO, and possibly Arafat himself, was involved in the hijack of the Italian cruise-ship Achille Lauro by Palestinian terrorists Oct. 7, giving the lie to the PLO's insistence that it had nothing to do

with the outrage.

In London, British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe abruptly cancelled a meeting with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation consisting of two senior ministers from Jordan and two members of the PLO executive.

The official explanation was that the PLO men - the exiled Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, Elias Khoury and Mohammed Milhem, the exiled for-

mer Mayor of Halhoul in the West Bank -- refused to honor a prior condition of the meeting. The pre-condition was recognition of Israel's right to exist within secure, recognized borders and a renunciation of violence and terrorism in all of its forms.

Khoury and Milhem had been invited to London by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher during her visit to Jordan in September. They were the first PLO officials to receive such an invitation from the head of a major Western government.

An official statement issued the night of Oct. 14 in Amman said the scheduled meeting with Howe had fallen through because of the two PLO officials - later identified by Hussein as Milhem and Khoury - had reneged on a previous agreement to subscribe to a statement recognizing Israel and renouncing terrorism. This was Jordan's first disclosure that such a statement was a condition of Thatcher's invitation.

At a news conference in London, Hussein observed that if the PLO had any strength at all, it is derived from the aspirations of the Palestinian people. If not, the PLO no longer has a place in the diplomatic process.

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