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## Media Alert!

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### **Referee Plunders Chevrolet Cup from the Seafair Pirates**

*The Seattle Seafair Pirates will be holding a press conference. Also in attendance will be the owners of the U-37. The Pirates will provide evidence to support their claim that they have been plundered. This is being held at 2819 20<sup>th</sup> Ave W in Seattle @ 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday August 12, 2008.*

Before the ABRA board meets to address the pending appeal, the Seafair Pirates demand to be heard and speak for a growing number of Seattleites that walked away from the Chevrolet Cup at Seafair scratching their heads. The Seafair Pirates claim “Enough is enough” and cry foul. “We support and love this sport and you can’t go around changing rules whenever you want. Besides, we hold exclusive rights to Pirating on Lake Washington.”

The Seafair Pirates have a rich 59-year history in Washington including the first hydroplane races and they count former owners of race teams amongst the founding members of the Seafair Pirates. In 2006, **Captain Kidd, Meets Billy “the” Kidd**. The Captain of the Seafair Pirates and racing legend Billy Schumacher struck an accord and it was agreed that the U-37 Miss Beacon Plumbing would be recognized as the “Official Hydroplane of the Seafair Pirates.” To this day, the Pirates famed logo sits atop the Drivers cockpit of the U-37 for all to heed. During the 2008 Chevrolet Cup at Seafair, the Pirates witnessed their team win the race and then go on to be penalized by a rule that they believe does not exist. The Seafair Pirates will appear with the owners of the U-37: Billy and Jane Schumaker as well as a contingency of Pirates. Captain Kidd Walter “Tattoo” Taucher and Pirate Spokesman Mark “Keelhaul” Jensen will defend their Claim that they and thousands of Hydro Race fans have been plundered at the hands of the Referee. We will hand out a letter that has been sent to the ABRA that legally supports this claim.