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Historic, highly-anticipated Hampton Cup Regatta is back

Hampton, VA - The Hampton Cup Regatta returns for its 96th race on September 17-18. Racing will begin approximately at 10 a.m. each day on Mill Creek, located at the entrance of Fort Monroe from the East Mercury Boulevard Bridge in Hampton, Virginia. This is the oldest running hydroplane race in America and one of the last remaining races in the country that's free of charge.

The Hampton Cup Regatta is always well attended and spectators are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and come out to enjoy the races. Pop-up tents and umbrellas are also welcome.

This year, the Hampton Cup Regatta is hosting the American Powerboat Association's National Championship and welcomes some of the fastest race boats in the world. With boats as long as 24 ft., and some reaching speeds of 150 mph, these vessels often set both national and world records.

The weekend will kick off with an event happening at Oozlefinch Beers & Blending Friday, September 16. A multitude of craft beer favorites will be on tap. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a live band. Food trucks will also be on site.

Souvenir programs, annual limited edition T-shirts, as well as other collectibles, will be on sale. Everyone's favorite car show will also be returning. This year, the children's area will feature games and activities hosted by Calvary Assembly of God and the Fort Monroe YMCA, among others. Pirates from Blackbeard's Crew will be returning to pillage and educate. There will also be ATM machines on the bridge for the duration of the weekend.

Admission is FREE due to generous support by The City of Hampton, the Fort Monroe Authority, the Partnership for a New Phoebus, Prillaman Crane & Rigging, Old Point National Bank, Towne Bank, M. Price Distributing, Wawa of Hampton,, Bayport Credit Union, Dodd RV and Marine, SKY4 TV, Oozlefinch Craft Brewery, Outback Steakhouse

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For more information on the 96th annual Hampton Cup Regatta visit www.hamptoncupregatta.com.

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Hampton Cup Regatta 1: Hampton Cup Regatta 2022 flyer.

Hampton Cup Regatta 2: Hydroplane boat at previous Hampton Cup Regatta

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Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Science Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.