



Castleton Boat Club's Horsepower on the Hudson is Fast, Loud and Colorful

Horsepower on the Hudson is a shootout of sorts where performance boats do high speed radar-checked fly-by's.

This event came to being because performance boats would slow down to pass the Castleton Boat Club and then speed up after they passed. So I thought why don't we invite them to our Club and then check their speed with a radar gun. Our first event was held in 2012. We had about 12 boats and 175 spectators and it has grown every year. We had just under 700 Spectators and about 35 performance boats in 2017.

Everyone pays admission that includes hot dogs, salads and more. There is no extra charge for Performance boats to run the radar. We have a 50/50 raffle, event T-shirts and a raffle table. This year we have Gourmeli's Taste food truck for folks that want to hang around after the event and listen to the band "Cryin' Out Loud" from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Spectators can walk the docks to check out the boats and chat with the owners. It's a fun day for the entire family. I think folks like the noise the best. We give trophies for the Best Sounding boat, the Best Cat Hull and Best V Hull, Crowd Favorite and Best Looking Crew. The Fastest boat gets bragging rights. Last year Team Denooyer with Lindsey Denooyer at the helm of "Killer Bee" was the fastest.

This year's event is scheduled for August 4th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (approximate time). After party starts at 6:00 pm with "Cryin' Out Loud".

