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Father Brandt Wins Diamond Cup for Second Career Victory

SPOKANE, Wash. — All season **Bill Brandt** (Kennewick, Wash.) has been threatening to win a race, only to watch someone else take first — including four times when his son was in the winner's circle. But on Sept. 1, Brandt (the father) won for the first time this season, taking the Diamond Cup on the Spokane River, driving his 1998 Close Call.

The Diamond Cup is the second jewel in the R/C Unlimiteds Triple Crown. The first is the season-opening Atomic Cup in Finley, Wash., and the third is the Gold Cup in Chelan on October 4-5. **Don Mock** (Seattle, Wash.) won the Atomic Cup. The Triple Crown is based on total points earned in the three races.

Brandt was the fourth different race winner on the series this season. The Diamond Cup was the 11th stop in the R/C Unlimiteds 14-race **Oberto Championship Series**.

Second place went to **Lee Robertson** (Seattle, Wash.) driving the 1978 U-65 Squire Shop, while Mock finished third with his 1984 Atlas Van Lines. The fourth place finisher was **Greg Ross** (Kennewick, Wash.), driving his 1989 Risle's Express, and fifth went to **Steve Schmitz** (Mount Vernon, Wash.) with the 1985 Squire Shop. Sixth place was **David Newton** (Renton, Wash.) with the 2002 Miss Budweiser (T-6). **Jim Sherrell** (East Wenatchee, Wash.) did not finish with the 1999 Miss Elam Plus.

The next stop in the R/CU Oberto Championship Series is the Champion Spark Plug Regatta, September 14 at Twin Lakes Park in Marysville/Arlington, Wash.

Radio Controlled Unlimiteds is a racing club affiliated with the American Power Boat Association. The club races radio controlled model unlimited hydroplanes that duplicate the real hydroplanes as closely as possible. The boats are nearly four feet long and two feet wide, and travel at speeds between 50-65 miles per hour.

R/CU COLUMBIA CUP

at Spokane Riverfront Park, Spokane, Wash.

Championship Heat Results

1. Bill Brandt, Kennewick, Wash., 1998 Close Call
 2. Lee Robertson, Seattle, Wash., 1978 U-65 Squire Shop
 3. Don Mock, Seattle, Wash., 1984 Atlas Van Lines
 4. Greg Ross, Kennewick, Wash., 1989 Risle's Express
 5. Steve Schmitz, Mount Vernon, Wash., 1985 Squire Shop
 6. David Newton, Renton, Wash., 2002 Miss Budweiser (T-6)
- DNF Jim Sherrell, East Wenatchee, Wash., 1999 Miss Elam Plus

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