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Budweiser Continues on in Unlimited Hydroplane Racing

RENTON, Wash. — Anheuser-Busch has pulled a shocker, announcing this year won't really be the farewell tour for the wildly successful Miss Budweiser unlimited hydroplane.

"There is nothing like having a championship boat in the pits," said Miss Bud Owner **Roger Newton**, who has raced for the Budweiser label for 26 years. "In the memory of my good friend Bernie Little, we're not going to quit, nor are we going away."

August Busch IV was on hand for the announcement at the palatial Newton Racing Team boat shop in Renton.

"It was completely a joke last month when we said we were totally leaving the sport," Busch said. "As long as Newton Racing Team is racing with the name of the world's most famous beer on his boat, we're fully behind Roger and David."

Busch said he and Newton agreed to let the fervor die down a little after the announcement the beer-maker would no longer sponsor the big boat series before making this announcement. Neither party would disclose what agreement the two had.

Newton, known widely as "The Czar", has won 30 races, two drivers' championships, a Triple Crown, and a Gold Cup in his career. He currently owns and pilots the Miss Budweiser T-3.

"**Don Mock** is sneaking up on my career win total," Newton said, "and I don't want him to catch me, so we're going to stay in it as long as we need to."

Newton continued, saying he's got a few "Chet-the-Jet-like" tricks up his sleeve for the coming 2004 season.

"Whenever Don least expects it, he should expect it," Newton said, then just flashed his famous sly smile. Reports that Newton and fellow Miss Budweiser racer **Harry Gatjens** have conspired to fix the "random" computer draw used at R/CU races to put Mock and Newton together in every heat of the 2004 season could not be confirmed.

Newton Racing Team is recognized as a leader on and off the water. David Newton, Roger's son, is also expected to continue racing his Miss Budweiser T-6 in the future. He's one of the up-and-coming stars of R/C Unlimiteds racing.

Somewhere in Auburn, sources said they heard lame duck Miss Bud driver **Dave Villwock** whining, "I'm not surprised. Everyone is out to get me. I'm the best R/C pilot in the world. I should be Roger's driver."

The 2004 R/CU Oh Boy! Oberto Championship Series begins April 4 with the Atomic Cup in Kennewick.

— **Bud Racing** —