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Honda champions raise £20,000

Powerboat champions, Shelley Jory and Libby Keir of Team Raymarine, raised £20,000 for BBC Children in Need's Great Big Bid.

Shown live on the BBC on Sunday 13 November 2005, they secured £20,000 for the charity, auctioning a day's training in the Team Raymarine race boat with Shelley and Libby, who are the current Honda Formula-4-Stroke Powerboat champions.

Celebrities and millionaires hotly contested the lot in the live auction. However, the

highest bidder was Darren Lyons who won the unique prize with the final bid of £20,000. This means the all-girl powerboat team actually raised more money than David Beckham.

The prize package includes a day's training with the Team Raymarine girls and their personal powerboat trainer Neil Holmes, land fitness training, and powerboat

racing preparation. Darren will also undertake the role of powerboat navigator, and learn how to plot race course charts and race around the UK's powerboat training course in Southampton, where boats can reach speeds of up to 70mph. He will even compete in a race during the 2006 Grand Prix season, which runs from April to September.

