



TEAM RAYMARINE RAISE CASH FOR THE KIDS

Back in the cold month of November 2006, BBC Children in Need winner Charles Carter posted the highest bid on BBC's Terry Wogan Breakfast Show. Charles won a full day training with past Honda Formula 4-Stroke 225hp winners Team Raymarine with VIP hospitality at a Honda Formula 4-Stroke race of his choice. Charles subsequently helped raised an impressive £11,000 for the worthy charity, Children in Need.



In true Team Raymarine style, co-drivers Shelley Jory and Libby Kier pulled out all the stops to ensure an extra memorable day for their apprentice powerboat racer.



Chartering into unfamiliar territory Charles began his day with an early morning visit to Hampshire Health Club along with Shelley and her personal fitness trainer James Seilo. Once he was there, Charles was given an insight into what it takes to win a top powerboat championship as Shelley forced him through a tough routine of various strengthening exercises that focus upon core stability. Charles, who was clearly not about to be converted into professional powerboat racer in one session, decided to sit out most of the training until the boxing gloves came on! If he was brave enough to withstand Shelley's right hook then he was definitely cut out for the adrenaline rush of the Honda propelled powerboat.



A cool down period was followed by a classroom session with Libby and powerboat trainer Neil Holmes. Charles began to grasp the tactics and techniques of racing on water and the importance that teamwork plays in a successful Honda Formula 4-Stroke race team. Charles completed the morning's activities feeling well prepared for his afternoon as a navigator.



After an energy boost at the stylish Banana Wharf restaurant in Ocean Village, it was time to get out on the water for the real test of the day.



With Charles safely in the navigator's seat and Shelley at the wheel of the aquamarine 225hp monster-sized race boat, Charles put his new skills to the test as Neil and Libby simulated a race using an evolution RIB as a pursuit boat. A true speed junkie, Charles took to the role naturally.

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As a special second part to the prize Charles watched the latest round of the Honda Formula 4-Stroke Powerboat Championship in the Isle of Man live from the official start boat.



“It was indescribable being out on the official start boat in the midst of all the action”.
“I was cheering the Team Raymarine girls all the way and was delighted to see them cross the finish line second on the Saturday race.”

Martin Sanders, General Manager of Honda (UK) Power Equipment commented,
“Charles' generous bid is truly representative of the growing popularity of the Honda Formula 4-Stroke powerboat series, and it is hoped that the championship has many more opportunities to help such worthy causes in the years to come”.

For further information on the Honda Formula 4-Stroke Powerboat Series visit

<http://www.honda-racing.co.uk/championships/2007/hf4s/>



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