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## David Newton to sell driving duties on eBay

**RENTON, Wash.** — It has been suggested more than once, and now it's really going to happen.

**David Newton** will put his name up for auction on the internet auction site eBay to become the highest bidder's driver at the 2006 ERCU Gold Cup hydroplane race. All proceeds of the auction will go to the "David Newton Higher Education Scholarship Fund."

In 2005, Newton was the champion driver in ERCU's vintage division, and was third place in drivers points in the modern division, driving **Jerry** and **Zane Courtway's** 1976 Olympia Beer and two other boats throughout the season.

"There's no doubt he's one of the best young talents out there," legendary hydroplane driver Chip Hanauer reportedly said. "David is the guy that everyone should want to drive their boat in the Gold Cup. Between his racing in RCU and in ERCU he's got more career heats under his belt than I do."

Hanauer, for the record, raced unlimited hydroplanes for nearly 20 years and won 63 races, including 11 Gold Cups.

The highest bidder will receive Newton's driving talents for the entire Gold Cup, including all testing time all preliminary heats and the Gold Cup final.

"While I can't guarantee that I'll make the final," Newton said. "I can guarantee that I'll do everything in my power to win the Gold Cup championship for whoever I'm driving for."

— **Newton Racing Team** —

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