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Mayor and Commissioners.

I wanted to put this in the public record since I will not be able to attend the May 7th meeting, I am going to be out of town.

I am a big powerboat racing fan. Glad to see the City is trying to improve the event.

For many years I have enjoyed the races and I especially like following the race circuit and watching the livestreams from around the country, to see what teams are doing heading to the World Championships in Key West.

I look at the racing news websites often, as well as the racing organization websites. I consider myself a well informed fan of the sport.

I am concerned something may have been missed in the RFP screening process.

The leading point total from your scoring committee for the Key West Contract is with Race World Offshore. On page 34 of their RFP bid they reference their race, the Hooters Clearwater Offshore Nationals, scheduled after the RWO Dunkirk, NY race. Their website does not have this Hooters Clearwater race listed and the latest media report online about RWO states they only have one race this year, in Dunkirk.

Here below is the RWO website. Compared to the other organizations, this site is outdated with last years information and only a facebook link at the bottom to the Dunkirk race for 2019 and not any mention of a Hooters Clearwater event.

<https://www.raceworldoffshore.global/>

Here below is that media report.

<https://speedonthewater.com/in-the-news/racing/6013-race-world-offshore-television-show-to-air-in-mid-may>

Race fans and the commission should ask Larry Bliel of Race World Offshore if he has a contract for Clearwater and if not, why was misleading information included on the RFP.

I reviewed the rules of the RFP process. Clearly it states that presenting inaccurate or false information is not permitted.

This is a clear and open process and I know you the commission have a lot to review for each meeting. You may not follow this sport as closely as a fan like myself, so I felt it important to present this to you.

Regards,

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