

Jenny's Thundering Sport

Think of a thundering hydroplane skimming across the water. Now, imagine the driver, and who comes to mind? Probably not an 11-year-old girl.

Jenny Peterson travels across the country all year long to race her 9-foot hydroplane "Rocket J. Squirrel." As a nine-year-old, she began racing in the nine to 15-year-old division of the American Power Boat Association. She is the only girl on the west coast who races in this division. But that doesn't bother Jenny, who has a terrific habit of winning!

She's won 10 out of 15 races and has been crowned champion of two regional competitions. She also finished second in the national championship!

What's it like to race a hydroplane? Well, all boats start at the same time with a "flying start" that makes for close races. "I'm nervous and real excited," says Jenny of the start of each race. "But if there's a lot of drivers, it's really fun to race because of more competition."

Up to 12 drivers can race at one time. When the hydros begin to roar and the race begins, Jenny must concentrate on her own driving as well as the other drivers around her. "I look to see if I'm leading. Usually if I'm in the lead at the start, I'm ahead for the rest of the race."

By Barbie Berst

When the race is done, there is much congratulating to do. "After it's over, we all go and tell everyone they did good."

But...a word of caution for a driver who wins his or her first race. With the help of all the other drivers, he or she gets tossed into the water!

Jenny's goals include being a hydroplane racer when she's grown up, winning a national championship, and "just plain driving hard against all of the boys all year long!"

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