

New Blacksand Genève 32-foot Doug Wright catamaran won the Sarasota race on July 1st, 2012 at the 28th annual Suncoast Grand Prix.



Blacksand Genève is pleased to announce the sponsorship of the new 32-foot Doug Wright catamaran for the 28th annual Suncoast Grand Prix.

Although the boat wasn't ready for the first Super Boat International (SBI) race of the year in Cocoa Beach, Fla., last month, Gary Ballough's new 32-foot Doug Wright catamaran has won this weekend race in Sarasota, Florida.

Gary Ballough, a veteran offshore throttleman who spends his winters racing overseas in the X-Cat Series, finished testing the new offshore cat the weekend before the Sarasota race.

The new Blacksand Genève boat, which is powered by twin Mercury 2.5 EFI race outboards, Gary Ballough said, ran better than expected. His expectations are high since he and teammate Omar Danial of Switzerland are familiar with this kind of boat and have months of testing knowledge at their disposal in Middle East. It was obvious that, Gary Ballough, a 10-time world champion throttleman, was excited about this boat and the fact that Omar Danial will be racing alongside him in the States this season.

Gary was also looking forward to showing what this boat could do in Sarasota since it was a real ocean race. And he was more than happy with it when you see the result.

"The race was fantastic, the new boat lead from start to finish with no problems. It was a very exciting race as the competition was just behind us and some times along side our boat very close racing. In our class all the boats have equal power and equal weight, making for very close racing. The course was 5 mile laps with a total of ten laps. The night before the race all boats were in a parade down town with 40 thousand spectators, race day over 150 thousand on the beach watching. The team is now 2 for 2 first place finishes. "

Calendar of the next races :
Miami Florida, July 15
Michigan City Indiana, August 5
New York City, September 9
Clearwater Florida, September 30
Key West Florida, November 11

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