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“Thanks to the Super Boat Grand Prix Race and Festival, Sarasota is firmly established as a destination to vacation for the July 4th holiday weekend. This annual Festival draws families from all over Florida and brings serious economic benefits to our community (2008 estimated Economic Impact was \$9.6 Million).”

Virginia J. Haley, President
Sarasota Convention & Visitors Bureau



“Having grown up with the Super Boat Grand Prix Race and Festival in Sarasota, I can say that this has become just as much a part of our community’s 4th of July celebrations as are the fireworks. Better than fireworks, the festival has provided over two decades of positive financial returns to all of Sarasota county in supporting children’s charitable organizations. We are grateful to have the Festival as a full partner in building an ever-greater community.”

Kelly Kirschner, Mayor
City of Sarasota



“We are excited to host the 2011 Super Boat Grand Prix Race and Festival. The remarkable success of the Grand Prix continues to enrich the lives of residents and visitors, while raising funds for activities that support the needs of deserving children in our community. This event supports the reputation Sarasota County has received as a great venue to showcase our beautiful environment and vibrant community.”

Nora Patterson, Chair
Sarasota Board of County Commissioners.



“Super Boat International has been honored to produce the Super Boat Grand Prix Race for the outstanding community of Sarasota and their neighboring cities. We have been very fortunate to work alongside with Suncoast Charities for Children in producing an environmentally conscious venue with a proven safety record.”

John Carbonell, President
Super Boat International



“FCCI has been a part of Sarasota’s community for over 50 years, and our association with and support of the Suncoast Charities for Children has encompassed its 26 year history. We are proud of all that the Suncoast Charities for Children & this annual Festival has achieved for the children of our community and grateful for the opportunity to continue to support its mission.”

G.W. Jacobs, President & CEO
FCCI Insurance Group (Longtime Sponsor)



“As the Owner/Throttleman of Twisted Metal Motorsports race team, over the years I have experienced race venues across the country and outside of the United States. Sarasota has proven to be one of the premier and longest continuously running race sites in the country raising money for charity. I am a resident of Sarasota, and the strong support from the local community makes race teams feel welcome and a site they look forward to racing at each year.”

Billy Glueck, Owner of Glueck’s Auto Parts #2
Owner/Throttleman – Twisted Metal Motorsports (World & National Champion)



“My father was heavily involved with the Suncoast Foundation for the Handicapped (now known as Suncoast Charities for Children) and the Grand Prix Boat Race since the very beginning. It is an honor to serve as Chairman of the Board for this organization knowing first hand the impact this annual Festival has made on so many special needs children and adults in our community. For their sake, I hope the Festival will continue to grow and continue to do great things for our community.”

Jack Cox, President of Halfacre Construction Co.
Board Chairman – Suncoast Charities for Children