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Grand Prix preparation

Terry King

THERE was activity everywhere, Thursday at the new Shenzhen Bay Inner Lake boat racing venue.

Flags were flying: Chinese, French, Italian, and many more. Workers rolled out red carpets, put up hundreds of spotlights, speakers, and adverts for the many sponsors. The world-class racing course for high-speed F1 boats has been built with a speed and perfection never seen before.

But it is only when you travel past the grandstand and the spectator areas to the paddock that you understand the real reason behind all this preparation: the passion of men for machines, and the passion for speed. Formula 1 Powerboats are a combination of artistry and engineering.

The boats have incredibly sleek lines and motors with up to 400 horsepower. The crews work with speed but also with great care as they assemble parts of each boat, and check out the steering and safety systems.

The *Shenzhen Daily* spoke with the engineers and crew of some of the top teams such as Emirates and XPV. The crews have many years of dedication to the sport and to the development of the boats and engines. The original designer of the Mercury motor used is now with the Emirates Team, which has been a consistent winner. But, he said, "When that boat goes in the water, all I can do is watch!" Asked what he looked for, he said, "I watch the boat's action, and especially the 'rooster tail,' which tells me a lot about how the propeller is working." The "rooster tail" is the long, high spray



The 400 HP motor in a F1 boat being prepared for the Shenzhen Grand Prix.

of water behind the boats when the driver pushes the accelerator to the floor and all 400 horsepower pushes the boat against the water and air, up to 200 km/h in 3 or 4 seconds. Spectators will see and hear the excitement of these powerful boats Saturday and Sunday.

On Friday, each boat will be wheeled to the technical inspectors where they will be examined closely, checking all the safety precautions and that they meet the rules. On Saturday the boats will compete in Time Trials and then the exciting "Shoot Out" to decide which driver will have the advantage of Pole Position. There will also be demonstrations of the boats with a special two-seat version where some officials will get an exciting ride around the new lake which was built with the speed for which Shenzhen is famous.

◀ Many workers finish preparations for the Shenzhen Grand Prix.

▼ The Qatar Team carefully assembles their motor.

Team	No	Drivers	Country
Emirates F1	1	Scott Gillman	U.S.A. 
	2	Thani Al Qamzi	UAE 
	27	Ahmed Al Hamli	
XPV Racing	3	Bob Trask	Australia 
	4	David Trask	
F1 Team Energy	5	Sami Selio	Finland 
	6	Stasislav Kourtsenovsky	Russia 
China CTIC Team Charente-Maritime	7	Philippe Dessertenne	France 
	8	Peng Linwu	China 
Atlantic Team	9	Philippe Chiappe	France 
	10	Duarte Benavente	Portugal 
Qatar Team	11	Jay Price	U.S.A. 
	12	Massimo Roggiero	Italy 
	13	Leo Bonelli	
F1 Team Sweden	14	Jonas Andersson	Sweden 
	15	Philippe Turre	France 
Comparato Racing Team	19	Luigi Roberto	Italy 
	20	Pierre Lundin	Sweden 
Tamoil F1 Team	21	Guido Cappellini	Italy 
	22	Marco Gambi	
Singha Racing Team	23	Franco Leidi	
	24	Francesco Cantando	
Rainbow Team	31	Fabrizio Bocca	Italy 
	32	Valerio Lagiannella	

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These large buoys will mark the race course.