

POWER BOATING PROMOTED



MEC for Tourism, Economic & Environmental Affairs Mamiki Qabathe being showed the ropes at the Parys event. *Photo: DETEA*

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During the weekend of 2 - 3 November 2012 the Phakisa Lifestyle Show, featuring amongst others F1 power boating, was held at the Parys Golf & Country Estate, at Parys. It was a weekend full of speed, velocity, recreation and leisure, with speed junkies and engine heads coming in numbers to attend.

With the first official powerboat race in the Free State held on the Bloemhof Dam in 2006, the sport has grown in leaps and bounds. F1 powerboat racing was established in SA 25 years ago.

Also in attendance, was the Premier of the Free State, Mr Ace Magashule, as well as a number of MECs, amongst them MEC for Tourism, Economic & Environmental Affairs Mamiki Qabathe.

Part of the event was the development programme for the local community, with a special focus on the youth.

Accommodation facilities in Parys were said to be fully booked during the weekend. It is being envisaged to build this event into an annual extravaganza, serving as a draw card to attract visitors to Parys and the Free State.

The highlight of the event was an announcement that the Free State is to host the 2013 F2 World Championships.

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