

Book signing for *Hydromania: A History of the Diamond Cup* with local author Stephen Shepperd.
Sunday Dec. 1 from 1-4 at Hastings Books, 101 Best Ave, Coeur d'Alene
Friday Dec. 13 from 5-8 at Angel Gallery, 423 Sherman, Coeur d'Alene
Sunday Dec. 15 at 1 at Aunties Books, 402 W. Main, Spokane
Published by the Museum of North Idaho. Books are available at bookstores, Angel Gallery, Kootenai Lawn and Garden at 1401 E. Best, Coeur d'Alene or www.museumni.org. Hardcover \$39.95.

Author background:

Stephen Shepperd was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, but his roots are deeply planted in North Idaho and Coeur d'Alene. His family homesteaded in the Idaho Territory, and members of his family have lived in the Coeur d'Alene area for nearly a century. He graduated from Coeur d'Alene High School and North Idaho (Junior) College on his way to earning a B.S. degree in History, an M.A. in Teaching, and an M.Ed. in School Administration from the University of Idaho. A retired teacher and principal, he worked the majority of his career in the Kellogg, Idaho school district, earning the honor of Idaho's Elementary Principal of the Year in 2001. Stephen and his wife, Cedris, live in Kellogg and enjoy following the sporting exploits of their two grandchildren.

About the book:

Hydromania: A History of the Diamond Cup covers the comprehensive history of the Diamond Cup hydroplane races and Coeur d'Alene's love/hate relationship with boat racing. The early origins of competitive boat racing on Coeur d'Alene Lake, the backstory of the how the community came to host 10 years of the Diamond Cup, the true story of the civil disturbances that would cast a lasting pall on the event, the real reasons behind the end of the races, and the drama and controversy that led to the races being banned from the city are all covered in depth. The stories of the civic leaders, race volunteers, boat owners, drivers, and other key individuals who came together to put on the exciting spectacle that was the Diamond Cup are recounted. Of interest to boat racing fans and those curious about one of the premier sporting events in of North Idaho. Published by The Museum of North Idaho, illustrated with 112 photos, indexed, 400 pages, 8.5 x 11, \$39.95.