

HDB Exclusive Interview: Tracy Bratvold, of Whispering Turbines, Inc., Part II of II. In Part I we covered how WTI got into performance boating, and also the Qatar 50' Twin 1,850hp Turbine powered Mystic. The Qatar turbine had a great first race, hammering down to first place overall finish in the Big Apple. Here's Part II:

On MY WAY's record-breaking LOTO run: "3 or 4 years in the making, countless hours on the phone with Bill Tomlinson's group of guys...mostly Jamie Auld, and we made history. I TIP MY HAT to Bill Tomlinson for staying the course, as most would have given up with all the setbacks...but not Bill, and he finally achieved his goal...not once, but twice. In '11, we also broke the record, but the radar used at the Shootout was a little suspect, as our GPS showed many runs over the record of 209 MPH...but that didn't stop Bill. He worked all of '12 getting ready for LOTO, and just prior to the Shootout, most of the boat went under water, with some pretty extensive damage to the hull and engines. The turbines came back to us, and the boat went to Mystic Powerboats, for much needed repairs. Still...Bill stayed the course, and we rebuilt the gas turbines and John Cosker, owner of Mystic Powerboats, did the repair on the hull. After all repairs had been accomplished, Bill's crew took over, and re-rigged the entire boat! The changes made when putting the boat back together, made for a much stronger, and better install...which all proved out...in the '13 running of the Shootout. MY WAY shattered the old record by 15 MPH, running a 224 MPH PASS...all I can say to Bill is congratulations and thanks, for putting your trust in Whispering Turbines, Inc."

Other projects: "The phone hasn't stopped ringing since LOTO '13! It seems Bill Tomlinson has raised the bar, and a lot of new clientele are asking for direction and guidance in their quest to be the next Top Gun! We have several new customers in H1 Unlimited Hydroplane Racing, and just last weekend, we took one of those new customers, and raised their performance. We have several Top Secret military projects in the works. We continue to supply oil and natural gas exploration, with reliable gas turbines. In short, we no longer have any time for a much needed vacation...life is good to us, and we're very blessed! "