



BOBBY GREER'S RESTORED '79 HYDROSTREAM

Restoration keeps the roots of performance boating alive—there's nothing that compares to the thrill of restoring a performance thoroughbred to "better than new" condition. Such was the feeling of Bobby Greer of Jacksonville, Florida, who took five months and a lot of help from friends to turn this once silver-and-blue metal-flake boat to a bright, red-hot boat. Here's how it came about:

"I blew the 175 Johnson on this blue-and-silver metal-flaked Hydrostream last summer and then decided to strip it down and refinish the boat.

"By stripping the boat down, the hull was light enough to flip it over, as we did four different times. We started by sanding and repairing holes, then we primed it. After the primer dried, we wet-sanded it and sprayed it with four coats of red Inron. After it dried a few days, we started putting on the stripes, with the help of Kenny Porter. After all the stripes dried, taking around two weeks, we again wet-sanded top and bottom with 600-grit paper, then cleared the whole boat with Inron.

"We installed the molding with rivets, installing them from the bottom sides so the heads would not show. After the molding was installed, the rubber insert was put on. The wind-

shield had stress cracks and was discolored and wasn't available through the dealer. "We painted it black with Intron.

The custom seats and carpet were done by Hawthorne's Seat Covers. The dash is made up with all VDO gauges, toggle switches, warning lights, custom steering wheel with trim switches, and AM/FM stereo cassette with 150-watt booster.

"The final step was hanging on a stock 150 Black max for now, with a 22-pitch four-blade Mach 1. With the Hot-Foot, stainless steel rods for transom support, the Hydrostream is cruising the lakes and rivers of North Florida. It's towed by a color-matched '79 Chevy stepside."

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