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F1 Powerboat GP to be a treat for PM

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THE Formula One Powerboat Malaysian Grand Prix on Oct 4-5 is set to be a grand treat for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Besides the world class race, organisers H2O Sports Sdn Berhad has lined up a memorable experience for the spectators and guests at the Mines Resort City in Seri Kembangan.

"That is the magical date, Oct 5," said H2O managing director Datuk Yahya Abdul Jalil.

"We are spending a lot on the support events, which are also world class spectacles and we hope that people will come and help make it a treat for the Prime Minister," he added.

Dr Mahathir is set to retire after he attends the Asia Pacific Economic Caucus (APEC) summit in Thailand and the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) summit in Putrajaya.

Yahya believes the Malaysian Grand Prix should be made a fitting treat for the Prime Minister as it is held before the two events.

For the event, Yahya said, H2O has lined up the Stars of Florida water acrobatics troupe, who will be performing on the Mines Resort City lake.

A series of events leading up to the Malaysian Grand Prix have also been lined up, including the much awaited launch of the Formula Future programme, a development programme introducing school children to boating.

Sports Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein will launch the programme on Sept 16.

"In fact, we already have 100 school children currently registered," said Yahya.

H2O has also purchased 11 new rubber dinghys specifically for use in the programme.