



## Fifth Annual APBA National Mark Hahn Memorial Havasu 300 Set for February 28<sup>th</sup> at Lake Havasu

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CA** - March 20, 2008: The Fifth Annual “World’s Longest Continuous PWC Race” was announced today by the event co-promoters Jim Russell, **DSM Events** owner and Executive Producer, **Mike Follmer**. The **2009 – Mark Hahn Memorial**, 300 Mile Team Endurance Race is all set to launch on February 28, 2009 from Crazy Horse Campground in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. The event will once again be sanctioned by the American Power Boat Association (APBA), and it is expected that over 75 two rider teams will enter to try and break the APBA 2008 Endurance Record of 3 Hours 55 Minutes to cover the 300 miles set at last year’s event by Andy Wise and Bobby Hall aboard a SeaDoo RXPX.

The race is being held again in the memory of endurance racer Mark Hahn who was instrumental in providing the momentum to keep endurance racing going strong and growing across the country before his untimely death during a PWC race in 2004. The “Team” format features two riders for runabout (sit down) boat teams and up to three riders for a stand-up craft. Solo riders are also welcome to “Ironman” the race on either style of boat, a real test of endurance and stamina reserved for only the true endurance zealots.

The race is returning to Crazy Horse Campground’s Main Beach site for this very important event”, said Jim Russell, “and the 10 mile course we have approval from the Coast Guard for will pit all the teams against the wind, rough water and long runs that this event has become synonymous with.” In addition to all the weather and water conditions all the teams have to contend with, they will also be required to make fuel stops without spilling fuel and make rider changes several times during the race, while modifying their race strategies as the race progresses. There will be six different classes competing on the race course simultaneously, with all the racers competing for the overall title. At the conclusion of the race, each class winning team will be crowned the APBA National Endurance Champion for their respective class. Awards sit down dinner will once again be held at the Aquatic center Rods and Recs room.

After the gigantic success and world wide recognition received in the press of 2008 event **Mark Hahn Memorial**, it is expected that 2009 entries will far surpass the 62 teams that were there to battle for the title and the promoter and his staff are planning for over 70 teams to enter. Mike Follmer said, "We're gearing up to make 2009 event outshine what we did in 2008 by getting more give a ways and even better trophies for the massive awards banquet at the Aquatic center that will far surpass what we did in 08." "We have on the water still photography and magazine coverage to chronicle the event for the riders, Follmer added. The awards banquet will feature a sit down dinner for over 400 people and over 100 award trophies to be presented to overall and class winners with a host of special awards that will again surprise their worthy recipients.

All of the pre-race attention and planning for this year's **Mark Hahn Memorial** guarantee that it will far surpass the previous four years which have been heralded as the "Best PWC race of the year"! Get your teams together and your entry in early to make sure you don't miss out on this great experience.

Entry forms and entry information sheets were released today for the February 28<sup>th</sup> event. Entry forms, race information, updates and results will be posted on the Mark Hahn web site in December 2008 [www.pwcfun.com/markhahn300.asp](http://www.pwcfun.com/markhahn300.asp), [www.pwctoday.com](http://www.pwctoday.com), [www.apbaracing.com](http://www.apbaracing.com), and [www.pwcoffshore.com](http://www.pwcoffshore.com) .