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Yamaha factory racer Mike Follmer to debut 2008 Supercharged Yamaha FX SHO Waverunner at the Long Beach to Catalina Island and back Offshore National Championship race on Sunday July 20th.

Fountain Valley, CA. Yamaha factory sponsored PWC racer, Mike Follmer plans to ride the all-new Yamaha FXSHO Waverunner in this year's grueling 58 miles Long Beach to Catalina Island Offshore National Championship event set for Sunday, July 20th.

The 2008 Yamaha FXSHO Waverunner personal watercraft is powered by a 1.8 liter supercharged high output four- stroke engine and has a top speed of over 65 miles per hour. Mike Follmer is a past class winner of this high- speed ocean race, which starts in Long Beach Harbor and he is looking to win this years race aboard his factory tuned Waverunner.

The 2008 Long Beach to Catalina and back offshore race marks the 14th. year that this historic event has filled the ocean with racing craft going "head to head" for 58 miles of close off shore racing. This year's entry list has over 30 boats competing in the various classes and may well exceed last years record entry of 32 craft.

The offshore race on Sunday, July 20th. is part of "Powerfest '08" the Marine Aftermarket Expo to be staged in Marina Green and Shoreline Village on July 17 thru 20. The newest personal watercraft and accessories will be on display and "Kickoff party" on July 18th. will feature food and musical entertainment.

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Yamaha Factory Team Follmer Racing owner and rider, Mike Follmer, is excited about racing the new 2008 Yamaha FXSHO Waverunner for the first time in the Long Beach to Catalina and back offshore race. Asked about racing a new craft in a 58 miles high speed endurance event, the 2005/2006 SCSC/APBA High Points Sprint Champion replied, “ My new FXSHO Waverunner has been really fast running flat out on the ocean during testing. I am looking forward to the race and the chance to show the speed and endurance that the 1.8 liter supercharged four-stroke engine gives me. The Yamaha USA offices are close to Long Beach and I look forward to demonstrating the speed and ocean handling to the Yamaha executives who attend the races.”

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