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36 DAYS TO THE 2009 HYDRO-TURF APBA WATERCROSS NATIONALS

Only 36 Days Until The 2009 U.S. National Championship

EASTPOINTE, MICH. – With only 36 days remaining to the 2009 HYDRO-TURF APBA Watercross Nationals, presented by Mystik Lubricants, the event is once again shaping up to be the “must-attend” watercraft racing event of the Summer. The event is a three-day national racing event that features the top watercraft racers from the United States and Canada. The whole atmosphere of the event will be fun and family-oriented and will take place on September 4th, 5th and 6th at Nashville Shores Park, just minutes from downtown Nashville. Watercraft enthusiasts can watch some of the best watercraft racing action to take place all year long. The event is also the final points round for the 2009 HYDRO-TURF APBA Watercross National Tour and the final points round for the APBA National Highpoints Championship that determines rider’s national ranking, 2010 numbers and the U.S. National Champions. The event will be filmed for a two half-hour specials that will air on the MavTV and the Untamed Sport TV networks. All of the APBA National Tour events will begin airing in the first quarter of 2010. All the top racing classes will be covered.

The event will feature the top Professional, Amateur, and Junior racers from all across the United States and Canada competing for cash, awards, and National Championship titles and numbers. It is the one event of the season in which all the top racers get together from all over the United States and Canada. With close to 300 participants in 2008, winning Nashville is one of the biggest accomplishments a racer will have in their PWC racing career. In addition to the top Amateur riders, all the top riders in the U.S. are expected to be in attendance, including Chris MacClugage, Craig Warner, Erminio Iantasca, Eric Lagopoulos, Dustin Charrier, Rick Sherker, Rob Greenwald, Keifer King, Jake Zier, Amy Green, Christine Milone, Dennis Mack, Bill Haig, Eric Malone, Jason Stoyer and many others will be in attendance trying to earn a shot at a U.S. National Championship title. The event has classes for everyone including the new Vintage Ski class. The event is also the 13th and final points round for the HYDRO-TURF APBA Watercross National Tour.

The event will award more than \$40,000 in cash, prizes, contingency awards and trophies. The top 10 riders in each of the 31 Watercross Nationals racing classes will receive awards from results during this prestigious event with top 3 taking home some beautiful, huge, custom cups and 4th-10th earning a cool plaque. All season long racers have accumulated points toward the APBA National Highpoints championships. The APBA National Highpoints system determines rider’s annual ranking and 2009 number. The APBA will

once again reward the APBA racers for their accomplishments with some great awards this year for the National Highpoints champions. The top 10 will receive awards with the top-three taking home an awesome custom trophy and 4th-10th place earning a plaque that shows their 2009 National ranking. With double points on the line in Nashville, the National Championship and the prestigious #1 plate all come down to the final event of the season. In total more than 200 custom trophies and over 400 cool plaques will be presented to the participants. It is a tremendous number of awards, but the APBA feels it is very important to reward its racers for their accomplishments. In addition to all the APBA Awards, Hot Products has stepped up to sponsor the Junior classes and will provide video games as prizes for National Highpoints champions in the Junior classes. The video units will come packed full of games and are a very valuable prize. There are many other sponsors of the Junior classes including Skat-Trak, Hydro-Turf, as well as several others supporting our Youth riders. Sea-Doo has once again stepped up with a great contingency program for Sea-Doo racers at the Nationals. There are many other great things happening at the 2009 Nationals that will be announced over the next two weeks.

Nashville Shores Park is located on the 14,200-acre J. Percy Priest Lake that features 213 miles of scenic natural shoreline to explore. This is the same site that hosted the Nationals since 2001. The lake is absolutely beautiful, and except for several marinas, campgrounds, boat launches, and parks, including Nashville Shores, the rest of this huge lake is wide open. The combination of a first class facility, together with first class racing events, will make this a very exciting and memorable event. Whether you are racing or just coming to watch a great time is guaranteed in Nashville.

The Nashville race site has been voted by a huge number of racers as their favorite race site. The Nashville race site is awesome and is fun, convenient, and affordable to attend. This plays a huge part as to the success of the APBA Watercross Nationals and why racers keep coming back year after year. The Nashville event is a one day drive for 80% of the racers in the United States. The race site is very friendly and the hospitality of the host site, Nashville Shores, is outstanding. The race site is second to none where racers are allowed to stay right on site at a secured race site. J. Percy Priest is a beautiful clean lake where racers can come early and practice, tune equipment, swim, relax and tour the awesome lake. The Nashville event is very affordable to attend with several hotels available for under \$50 a night just one mile from the race site. You can even stay at the Marriott Suites hotel for only \$69. The Nashville International airport is only 4 miles from the race site, is very quick and convenient to get in and out of, that has very inexpensive rental car rates. Any restaurant that you could want is right down the road and downtown Nashville is just six miles away for those interested in seeing Nashville or go out on the town.

2009 HYDRO-TURF APBA WATERCROSS NATIONALS EVENTS

APBA Watercross Racing Events

Similar to motocross on the water, Watercross racing is handle bar-to-handle bar competition that pits rider and machine in a personal watercraft battlefield. Reaching top speeds of over 80mph, closed course racing features a buoy-marked track that is designed to keep the competition tight and fans close to the action. Each race begins with one of the most gut-wrenching experiences in motorsports – the side-by-side gated start. Similar to horse racing, a PWC racing start features 20 riders exploding off the line, each thinking to themselves “I’m going to be the first one to that buoy.” Surviving the first-turn is just the beginning. Speed, technique and racing ability will all come into play over the next 20 minutes, as the riders begin to negotiate a series of left- and right-hand turns – and oh yeah, one must not forget the man-made log jumps. There will be 31 classes of racing during the event from Junior classes to the top Professional classes.

APBA Amateur & Pro Freestyle National Championships

The event will feature both a Pro and Amateur Freestyle competition that highlights the acrobatical abilities of these highly specialized athletes and their watercraft. One of the truly “extreme sports,” freestyle features some of the most gifted athletes on the beach, performing two-minute routines in an Olympic-style format for a panel of seven judges. Amateur Freestyle will be run on Saturday and Pro Freestyle on Sunday.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Thursday, September 3

2:00 am to 7:00 pm Check-in and Safety Inspection All Classes

Friday, September 4

6:30 am - 7:30 pm Check-In Novice, Junior, Veteran and Vintage Classes
8:00 am Riders Meeting
8:30 am - 10:00 am Practice Novice, Junior, Veteran and Vintage Classes
10:00 am - 5:00 pm Racing
11:00 am - 4:00 pm Check-In Expert, Pro-Am, Sport, Amateur and Masters

Events Running on Friday

Watercross - All Novice, Junior, Veteran and Vintage Motos, Qualifying and LCO's

Saturday, September 5

6:30 am - 7:30 pm Check-In Amateur, Sport, and Masters Classes
8:00 am Riders Meeting
8:00 am - 5:00 pm Check-In all other classes and Jamboree events
8:30 am - 10:00 am Practice Amateur, Sport and Masters Classes
10:00 am - 5:00 pm Racing
1:30 pm Amateur Freestyle
7:00 pm Awards - All Friday and Saturday Classes

Events Running on Saturday

Watercross - All Amateur, Sport and Masters Classes Motos, Qualifying and LCO's
Amateur Freestyle

Sunday, September 6

7:00 am - 7:30 pm Check-In Expert, Pro-Am, Run 800 Open and Womens Runabout Classes
8:00 am Riders Meeting
8:30 am - 10:00 am Practice Expert, Women's Runabout and Pro-Am Classes
8:30 am - 4:00 pm Racing
1:00 pm Pro Freestyle
6:00 pm Expert, Pro-Am, Women's Runabout and Pro Freestyle Awards

Classes Running on Sunday

Watercross - All Expert, Pro-Am, Run 800 Open and Women's Runabout classes
Pro Freestyle

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NATIONAL SPONSORS

The APBA Watercross Nationals is proud to have HYDRO-TURF as the Title Sponsor of this year's event and Mystik Lubricants as the Presenting sponsor of the event. Special thanks to these important companies that make this event possible, as well as supporting sponsors Bombardier Sea-Doo, Yamaha Motor Corporation, Monster Energy, Hot Products, American Honda, Skat-Trak, Kommander Industries, Fly/WPS, Jettribe, RIVA Racing, Bomber Eyewear, and our gracious host Nashville Shores. There will be many great vendors on site this year including Mystik Lubricants, Jettribe, Liquid Militia, Deadly Sins Clothing, Pixel This Photo, Monster Energy, APBA Official Merchandise and the local Yamaha dealer to name a few.

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