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LONG BEACH OFFSHORE POWERFEST

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Round # 3 of the Triple Crown of Offshore Racing

REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA – June 2011 - RPM Racing Enterprises released today the final details, plans and schedule for the 2011 Long Beach to Catalina & Back

APBA PWC Offshore National Championships presented by  &

. This prestigious National Championship event is part of the Long Beach Offshore Powerfest weekend that takes place on July 16th and 17th. Three separate racing events including the 63rd Annual Catalina Ski Race on Saturday July 16th, the American Powerboat Racing Association's (APBA) Pacific Offshore Powerboat Racing Association (POPRA) Offshore "Rum Run" race and culminating on Sunday July 17th with the **APBA** Professional Watercraft Racers (PWC) National Offshore Championship Long Beach to Catalina & Back race (LB2CAT) presented by **Sea-Doo & Sea-Tow**.

Powerfest Weekend kicks off on Friday, July 15th with the race teams moving into the pits at Marina Green Park in Long Beach. There is a Beach Bash party on Marina Green park complete with vendor booths, live music, activities for the entire family. Both Powerfest and the Beach Bash is a free event open to the public.

Five classes of personal water craft including the "Sportsman" for the "first time" racer class, "Manufacturer's Stock" classes to entice the average PWC enthusiast to participate and "Super Stock Limited" class (open to all racers that have done minor

modifications to their boats except the powertrain). These classes are expected to swell the field to over 75 boats as the news of the weekend of racing stirs interest in the entire personal water craft community to enter and be a part of this momentous weekend. Offshore PWC racers from across the country are clamoring to get their entries in and compete with the elite West Coast group of offshore endurance experts try to break the new records in every class set last year for the challenging channel crossing.

The current points leader for the Triple Crown of Offshore Racing and back to back 2008 & 2009 overall winner Craig Warner, Corona, CA #1 **Monster Energy & Kawasaki** will be back again going for his third APBA National title on a Kawasaki Ultra 300X. Among the early entry favorites are Mark Gerner, Aliso Viejo, CA #58 on a Kawasaki Ultra 300X and from Alice, TX- Tyler White #3 also on a Kawasaki Ultra 300X. This year will feature some international competition with an Australian team that will compete in the 52 mile sprint.

All the components are converging to make this weekends events one of the most exciting of the two and ½ month long 2011 Long Beach Sea Festival. So come to Marina Green Park in Long Beach and watch the 2011 Long Beach Offshore Powerfest races to experience the fun and excitement of powerboat racing in 3 different forms! Remember this is an all ages event and it is Free to the Public!

For more information on the race and the weekend, please visit www.apbracing.com www.rpmracingent.com, www.pwcoffshore.com www.catalinaskirace.net www.pacificoffshore.com. For more information please contact RPM RACING can be at (310) 318-4012



This race for the APBA Offshore National Championship will start off with a “rolling start” near the Queen Mary in Long Beach at 9:00 AM by a flagman on an official vessel anchored in the harbor. The PWC’s will proceed from the start out through the Queens Gate entrance to the Los Angeles Harbor into the Pacific Ocean on a straight line across the channel to Catalina Island. Navigation always plays a large part in any offshore race but particularly here where racers lose sight of land and all fixed reference points at some time going in both directions. PWC racers are required to have a GPS system, compass, radio, cell phone and numerous other safety items in order to make the potentially dangerous crossing as safe as possible. When the PWC’s arrive at Catalina, they will have to negotiate around a three masted schooner with a large marker flying overhead that will be anchored one mile offshore and have race officials on board documenting their passage. With helicopters overhead guiding and filming the event, the fleet of PWC’s will proceed back to Long Beach along the same route they just traversed the channel on to reach the finish line just off the stern of the start/finish vessel. The entire event, as well as the other two events this Long Beach Offshore Power Fest weekend will be filmed for later editing and broadcast on the new, national Water Channel. The race is also expected to garner the largest and most diversified media coverage ever for boat racing because of the popularity of the three completely different types of races being run and the importance the City of Long Beach is placing on this weekend of events.

Next up is the 98th Annual Offshore Platinum Power Boats “Rum-Run” Challenge on Sunday (race time is approx. 11:00 a.m.) The fastest offshore boats will take the start at Belmont Shore Pier and exit the breakwater and head to the Isthmus at Catalina then on to Avalon then back to Long Beach for the 72 mile round trip journey. Washington’s Team CRC is the two time defending champions with a time of 38 minutes to complete the course! Just added for this year’s event is tunnel boat racing action as Round # 2 of the Western Formula Light Series (WFLS) makes its debut stop during Power Fest. These highly maneuverable 14’ long tunnel boats (cousins to the larger Formula One Tunnel boats) can literally “turn on the dime” and pull 4-6 g’s around the tight 7/8 mile course. The WFLS tunnel boats will race just outside of Rainbow Harbor (adjacent to Parker’s Lighthouse). Saturday is qualifying and Sunday afternoon is the 25 lap main event.

Racing starts Saturday morning with the “Grand-daddy” of Water Ski Races – the 62nd Annual Catalina Ski Race produced by the Long Beach Boat & Ski Club. Next up the Sunday morning (approx. 8:00 a.m.) race action continues with the very fast PWC racers going for an APBA National Championship in the American Powerboat Racing Association’s (APBA) Professional Watercraft Racers (PWC) National Championship Long Beach 2 Catalina & Back Race presented by Sea-Doo