

Mark Hahn 300 Memorial PWC Race 2009
Lake Havasu, Arizona

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Sea-Doo X-Team Pit Crew Contest is another PWC racing first for the Mark Hahn 300!

In it's fifth year the longest PWC race in the world lays claim to yet another first-ever for the sport. This year, with thanks to BRP, they will host the first ever "Sea-Doo X-Team Pit Crew Contest" as a part of the most grueling personal watercraft race in the sport. This is appropriate as it is the only such race where actual pitting takes place during the real time of competition. Akin to a NASCAR race the competitors must refuel their boats numerous times during the grueling 300 miles of racing on Lake Havasu. This refueling is complicated by regulations relating to environmental issues requiring the boats to be removed completely from the water before fuel is introduced. This further emphasizes the importance of all members of the race team more than any other PWC race. This race can be won or lost by the pit crews.

Competing teams will start by launching their race boat at the race beach when directed with an appropriately suited, registered rider onboard. With their trailer in the water and the boat one hundred feet from it at the officials signal the time will start and the driver will bring the boat onto the trailer in a safe and controlled manner, the pit crew will pull it out of the water past the twenty foot line at which time they will add five gallons of fuel and change riders to a second (also entered) rider. They will then re-launch the boat, and their time will stop when the rider has moved away under power in a forward direction. There will be penalties assessed for any safety or environmental violations observed. The team completing the tasks in the least elapsed time (after any penalties) will be the winner.

The winning team will be announced at the Mike Follmer Awards Banquet on Saturday night where they will receive the Sea-Doo X-Team Pit Crew Contest trophy plus one hundred dollars in cash. It is especially appropriate to recognize and reward the members of these pit crews for their very important contributions to the success of any racer entered in this three hundred mile event.

Any team officially entered in the race may compete in the Sea-Doo X-Team Pit Crew Contest which will be held on the race beach at Crazy Horse Campground on Friday, February 27, 2009, the day before the race. Required race check in and registration will take place Friday at Walt's Motorsports & Marine in Lake Havasu City from noon until 6 pm and any team wishing to compete will notify the DSM staff there at check in and receive a special pass to the race beach for Friday. The competition will take place between 3 pm and 5 pm only so plan your arrivals in Lake Havasu City accordingly. It should be noted that this is the only opportunity for any team to actually use the race beach prior to Saturday's race start, no practice or early set up at Crazy Horse is allowed.

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