



# YAMAHA



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**FOLLMER**

## PRESS RELEASE

Fountain Valley Ca – December 15, 2009 - Mike Follmer, owner of **R&D FACTORY YAMAHA Team FOLLMER**, announced today that he has entered two teams that will be aboard pair of new Factory **YAMAHA FZR Wave Runners** in the **Sixth Annual Hot Products APBA MARK HAHN MEMORIAL Havasu 300 Endurance Race** being contested on February 27, 2010 on Lake Havasu in Arizona. This event will mark the second time that the new **FZR Wave Runner**, with its 1.8 liter supercharged **YAMAHA Marine** engine, has been in endurance competition. This 300 mile 6 hour endurance race with its fuel stops and rider changes is the perfect place for the **FZR** with its more powerful supercharged engine, that when coupled with its overall weight advantage makes it a superior competition package.

Mike Follmer will be riding the team's primary entry in the Pro Am 4-Stroke Open Class and will be once again sharing riding duties with Tony Beck, the owner of **Walt's Motorsports** in Lake Havasu City, who is a long time supporter of this event. **Walt's** will also be joining all the other Factory **R&D YAMAHA Team FOLLMER** sponsors in providing support for the team's effort to once again try to capture the overall championship for **YAMAHA**. The team's second entry will compete in the 4-Stroke Stock Class with the all female and all Lake Havasu resident team of Nicky Goudreau and Lark Schmitt. Nicky and Lark finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class and 12<sup>th</sup> overall last year on a **SHO** this year will be there first time on the new **FZR**. They have raced in this event since its beginning. They both have carried away several APBA National Class Championships, and have distinguished themselves as champions on stand-up and sit-down PWC's in APBA Regional and National closed course events.

"I am really pleased to be partnering again with my longtime friends Tony Beck, Lark Schmitt and Nicky Goudreau this year," said Follmer during the announcement. "Having **Walt's** as a sponsor is a bonus that will provide us with the strong foundation we will need to bring home the first overall Mark Hahn Havasu 300 title for **YAMAHA** on the **FZR Wave Runner**." Both **Team FOLLMER's FZR's** have been set up by super tuner, **R&D's Bill Chapin**, who is working his magic on all facets of performance to insure that both entries are optimized to enhance their chances of capturing the championship.

"It is a real honor to be asked by Mike, once again who started this event back in 2004, to be his partner," said Tony Beck who joined in the announcement from his Lake Havasu City showroom. We finished 8<sup>th</sup> overall last year and am looking forward to winning this year. I have competed in this race every year since its inception and can truly appreciate how hard it is to put together a two boat team effort which will operate at the highest optimum level." Beck added, "With that understanding and our long association with **YAMAHA**, it was an easy decision to partner with **Team FOLLMER** to place focus on my business while using selected resources to support the effort to win the championship rather than trying it solo." Follmer was also the overall champion of this special event in 2005.

The team expects each boat to make as many as five pit stops where they will take on 17 gallons of F&L unleaded Race Fuel and make rider changes as quickly and efficiently as possible without spilling any fuel or incurring any penalties that could ruin the riders' efforts on the race course. "Fortunately, the **FZR** has a large fuel tank and is very fuel efficient which will lead to fewer stops," said Follmer, "but we are preparing for every eventuality to insure that we do not come up short in any respect."

With **YAMAHA Factory** support, **R&D's Bill Chapin's** engineering expertise and the support of everyone at **Walt's Motorsports**, **R&D FACTORY YAMAHA Team FOLLMER** is uniquely positioned and prepared to make an excellent two-boat assault on the championship. Together with the slightest amount of racing luck, the **YAMAHA FZR Wave Runner** will receive its first APBA Mark Hahn Havasu 300 National Endurance title.

We would like to extend a special **THANK YOU** to all of our long time supporting sponsors: **YAMAHA Motor Corp USA**, **R&D Performance Products**, **Jetpilot**, **Oakley**, **NGK**, **Hydro Turf**, **Skat Trak**, **F&L Racing Fuel**, **Simpson Helmets**, **Walt's Motorsports**, **Monster Energy**, **Riva Yamaha**, **Motul Lubricants**, **Exotic Signs**. **JE Pistons**, and **Carrillo Rods**.



