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Coast to Coast – Outerlimits Offshore Powerboats Lead the Way

Gananoque, Ontario, Canada – August 24, 2002 – Outerlimits participation in the 12th annual 1000 Island Poker Run was more exciting than ever before. This event, which is the world’s largest international poker run, is held in the panoramic 1000 Islands between Ontario Canada and upstate New York.

Mike Fiore, president of Outerlimits, ran a 42 Outerlimits GTX powered with twin 1400 Sterlings, along with his wife Martina and his father Paul. The GTX was equipped with the new Hering forged propellers, which bolstered the handling at speeds exceeding 140 MPH.

Other Outerlimits participants included Pete Mazzo in his 42 Outerlimits ‘*No Discipline*’, Mark Stoddard in his 42 Outerlimits. Riding along with Mark was Jim Earle, owner of Jim Earle Marine. Oliver Bach was in his 37 Quad Step LE, Scott Applegate in his 37 Outerlimits ‘*Just Trucking*’ and Sandro in his 37 Outerlimits. This beautiful fleet of Outerlimits was out to steal the show.

As the event got started, Mike and Paul in the GTX, decided to let everyone else go ahead in the first leg since they didn’t know the course. And besides they thought it would be just plain fun to roar past everyone else. Boys will be boys. But they stayed in back of the two packs just a bit longer than they had planned and then looked at each other and said, “*Do you think its time?*” With those big grins on their faces, the boys in the GTX blasted through the rough waters as they worked their way through the pack. And to their delight, they managed to not only catch up, but also ran past all the other V-bottoms, reaching Alexandria Bay with the first five boats.

On the next leg, back to Brockville, they just totally ran away from everyone. They actually had to slow down to let everyone catch up, since once again, they didn’t know where they were going. Maybe next year they’ll bring a navigator along. But being lost didn’t seem to deter them as they arrived at the dock first anyway.

Nothing changed on the third leg, and after cruising along at over 100 MPH, they pulled in first at Gananoque. “*It would have been a lot easier to get here first if we knew where we*

were going”, said Paul. “No problem”, stated Mike, still grinning. To add to the excitement of the day, four other Outerlimits were right behind them.

Meanwhile, out west...

On the same weekend, the Southern California Offshore Powerboat Elite Poker Run (SCOPE) was taking place. With over 165 boats participating on a beautiful southern California weekend, it was certainly *the* event on the West Coast.

Prior to the run, it seems like there was lots of talk around the docks about the Outerlimits slogan of ‘*Follow the Leader*’. The word was out that the ‘cats’ were going to give the Outerlimits boys a lesson or two about just who was going to be the leader of *this* event.

Although there were only two Outerlimits at the SCOPE event, Bob Russel in his 42 ‘*Rock It*’ and Frank Barbarino in his 42 ‘*Fire and Ice*’, they managed to repeat last year’s action and leave the competition in their wake.

Rock It was the official pace boat, and as instructed, slowly headed out of Long Beach harbor with the impressive fleet following. But before the drop of the flag, the cats decided to make their move, pounce on their prey, and pass the pace boat. Gee, I thought that was against the rules. Well, maybe they thought they would get that extra edge they needed to put them out in front. But that was to no avail. The Outerlimits boys in their Outerlimits toys passed them all by (*V-bottoms and cats*) and were the first to arrive at Catalina Island. Not only first, but also waiting and hanging out in Avalon Harbor for everyone else to show up. Seemed like a repeat of last year.

Each leg of the run played out the same and by the end of the day, once again, Outerlimits flaunted their slogan of ‘*Follow the Leader*’. Some things just don’t change.

Over and over again, coast to coast, Outerlimits proves that you’re either in an Outerlimits or you’re following one.

Outerlimits Offshore Powerboats is located in Bristol, Rhode Island. For additional information on their offshore powerboats, call 401-253-7300.

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