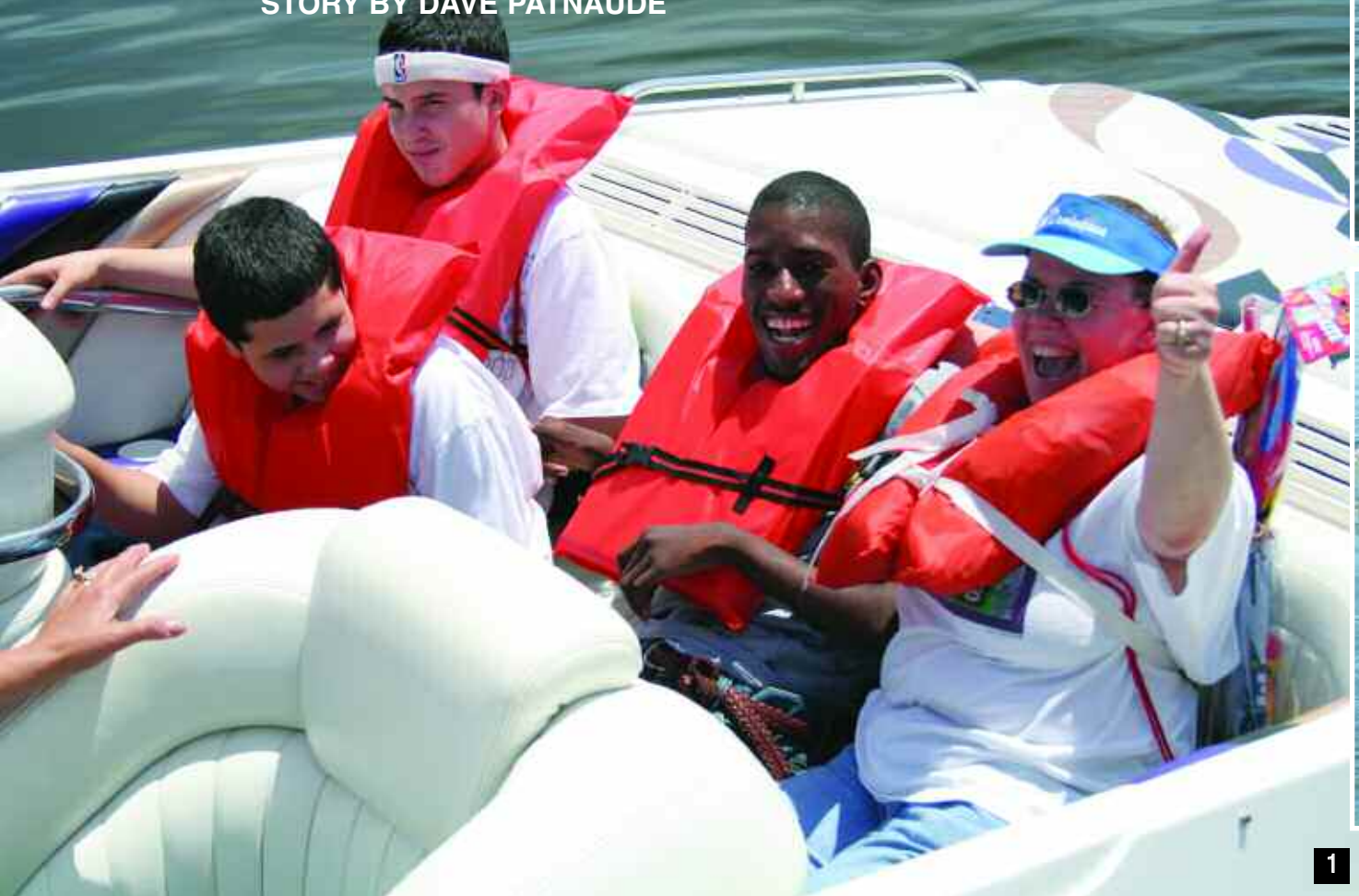




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SHORE DREAMS FOR KIDS POKER RUN

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Every year, on a Saturday in mid July an event happens at the Jersey Shore that remains in people's memory all year long. The event is Shore Dreams For Kids and the event is for special invited guests from the Special Olympics and the Make A Wish Foundation.

The event offers a day of entertainment which includes a "carnival atmosphere" complete with games and small rides, an classic car show, food and drinks, live entertainment and performance powerboat rides on Barnegat Bay at the Jersey Shore.

This year's event hosted 650 New Jersey Special Olympics athletes, special needs children, and children from the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

This is an event that has roots back to 1974 according to Bud Crisp, one of the events original volunteers. Every year since 1974 Bud and his lovely wife have been a part of this great event. The event back then was called Day on the Bay. The Barnegat Bay Powerboat Racing Association produced the event all the way into the early 1980's.

After the Barnegat Bay Powerboat Racing Association folded, several key members formed "The Day on the Bay Foundation" and continued the event until 2002. In 2003, the members of The Day on the Bay Foundation decided it was time to pass the torch to another group to carry on the tradition. The NJ Performance Powerboat Club

(NJPPC) was up to the task!

NJPPC Director Peter Mazzo along with NJPPC members Brian Meade and Rob Cline decided to take the reigns of the project with the support of NJPPC members. In 2004, NJPPC hosted "Shore Dreams For Kids" and the event has continued to grow even stronger since!

In 2004, NJPPC created Shore Dreams for Kids as a separate entity. Shore Dreams for Kids is a non-profit 501c(3) fully exempt "not for profit" organization. All fund raising that is conducted annually is done through Shore Dreams For Kids.

At this year's event the classic car show really gathered momentum and had over 60 classic cars show up for this year's participants to enjoy.

For more information, visit Shore Dreams For Kids Website www.shore-dreamsforkids.org



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