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2008 NJ PERFORMANCE POWERBOAT CLUB ATLANTIC CITY OVERNIGHT POKER RUN

There are few places in the northeast that are as perfect of a location to host a poker run other than Trump Marina Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City. Trump Marina has it all to offer: On water location, large 500 slip marina, a recently remodeled hotel and of course gambling and POKER! For over 10 years this destination has been a favorite of NJPPC members. This year was NJPPC's 11th Annual Atlantic City Poker Run. This event has been cited by Powerboat

Magazine as one of their "Top Poker Runs in as North America." This year, the event welcomed 54 powerboats.

This year's event was held on a Friday, the same as the previous year's event. The previous year, NJPPC decided to have their Poker Run on a Friday instead of the traditional Saturday. The main reason for this is that the inland waterways and inlets to the ocean would have 90% less boat traffic than if it were held on a Saturday.

TYPHOON PERFORMANCE MARINE KICKS OFF THURSDAY PARTY

Being that the event started early on Friday morning, a lot of participants traveled in on the Thursday before. With that in mind, NJPPC and Typhoon Performance Marine once again hosted a Friday night Welcome Party for all of

the poker run teams who came from near and far. Typhoon is situated on 13 acres of land and has a travel lift that can accommodate up to a 50ft V-bottom. A big thank you to Bob Christie, Frank Civitano and the entire Typhoon crew for allowing us to have "run of the marina" for the day.

FRIDAY MORNING

Friday morning came around fast (too fast for some!) and it was time to fire up the engines and head over to the Lobster Shanty Restaurant in Toms River NJ. The weather could not have been more perfect. The temperature was 80 degrees, the sun was out and there was not a cloud in the sky!

The dedicated team of NJPPC Planning Committee members were abound inside and outside of the restaurant. The team inside had registration



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**ACCIDENTS ON THE WATER HAPPEN!
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flowing and everyone was lined up at the NJPPC clothing stand as well as the day's raffles for Shore Dreams For Kids. Outside, over a dozen NJPPC Planning Committee members were on hand to help raft up all of the incoming boats as well as assist those who were from out of town with some last minute questions.

All participants were welcomed by a complete hot breakfast buffet with an endless supply of food and coffee.

DRIVER'S MEETING

NJPPC's President Dave Patnaude shifted the Atlantic City Poker Run into high gear @ 10am with the mandatory driver's meeting. Dave briefed the participants on the nuances of the route, the safety guidelines of the day and the overall itinerary for the weekend.

START YOUR ENGINES!

With the fleet assembled at the end of the Toms River, the pace boats led out the three groups up the Toms River. NJPPC always makes sure that the fleet is broken down into three groups, Offshore – for those larger, faster boats who want to run in open water, Inshore – for those boats that want the comfort of the bay but enjoy more speed and 55 mph group – for center consoles, smaller single engine boats or for those who

just want to cruise.

Six pace boats were deployed to keep the 50 boat fleet organized. Leading the Offshore wave was Pete Mazzo and Tom Toto who were captaining their two 46 Outerlimits. The Inshore wave was lead by Jerry Monroe in his 35ZR Donzi, "Crazy Charlie" Amorosi in his 39 Velocity and Mike Intile in his 38ZR Donzi. Lastly, the 55mph wave was being lead by Dave Patnaude in his 36 Concept center console.

Also deployed were 3 teams of Paramedics that represent the great people of Monmouth Ocean Hospital Service Corporation (MONOC) who are always on all NJPPC Poker Runs to ensure everyone's safety.

As the boats exited the Toms River

and started to head south in Barnegat Bay all of the boats picked up speed. Just as we enjoyed the previous year, the Friday boat traffic was minimal. We had Barnegat Bay all to ourselves! It was a poker runner's paradise!

After the first card stop, the offshore group headed out Barnegat Inlet for an awesome run south to Atlantic City. The inshore group, after the first card stop, headed south toward the Mullica River. We all finally arrived into Trump Marina where we were welcomed by the friendly staff of the marina as they assisted us with slip assignments as well as tying up the boats.

Since we were done for the day, everyone made their pilgrimage to the outside deck bar or casino where the partying began!

DINNER – SHORE DREAMS FOR KIDS CHARITY AUCTION

After everyone checked into their hotel rooms and cleaned up, everyone headed down to the Regatta Ball Room. The Poker Run Banquet brought more than 225 people to Ball Room for an exceptional feast - savory poached salmon, roast beef, and all of the gourmet side dishes adorned the buffet tables, and strategically placed bars poured liquid entertainment selected to accompany



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the feast.

During dinner NJPPC President Dave Patnaude jumped on stage and donned his "Pimp Daddy Big Pappa" outfit and held an auction to raise money for Shore Dreams For Kids. Several donated prizes from Mercury Racing, Outerlimits, Nor-tech and several other generous donors we auctioned off to raise money. At the end of the auction, several cocktails and lots of fun later everyone helped raise over \$12,000 for Shore Dreams For Kids. Everyone's generosity was greatly appreciated!

The banquet concluded with Dave Patnaude announcing the winners, and then everyone returned to the casino, lobby bar and the famous WAVE nightclub for a Friday night to remember.

SATURDAY – BREAKFAST AND A FUN RUN

The following morning the crew was treated to a gourmet buffet breakfast overlooking the marina. Everyone shared stories from the night before and a few were even missing in action until later in the day.

After breakfast, 15 boats made a quick trip to the Sunset Marina in Ventnor NJ for some great food and fun!

THE WINNERS



1st Place went to long time poker runners Dave & Judy Redding who own a beautiful 38' Cigarette

2nd Place went to long time poker run and last year's winner "Bad Boy Billy" Duckworth who ran in his "lucky" 51' Outerlimits

3rd Place went to Vinny Scimeca and his 38' Cigarette called NEVER ENOUGH!

ABOUT NJPPC

The New Jersey Performance Powerboat Club (NJPPC) was founded in 1999 and has over 200 members. The NJPPC is a members-run club that's charter is to provide its members with top quality Poker Runs and other exciting events. It enthusiastically welcomes a broad cross-section of performance powerboaters to join the club. Its schedule is planned considering both smaller and larger boats. Consequently, its membership spans from owners of 18' to 50' boats!

Distinct from other Poker Run organizations, the club chooses to limit the number of event participants to assure safety, promote camaraderie and to facilitate a well-run, enjoyable day for all involved.

For further information please visit the club's website at: <http://www.njppc.com>. NJPPC can be contacted via telephone at 732 674-2946, via email at

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