

Three GEICO-Sponsored Watercraft Competing in Sarasota Powerboat Grand Prix

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SARASOTA, FL – The full complement of GEICO-sponsored racing watercraft will appear together for the first time on the Fourth of July weekend at the Sarasota Powerboat Grand Prix event.

The flagship vessel, of course, is the 50-foot Miss GEICO Victory, seeking its ninth offshore racing world championship during the 2016 race season. The 50-foot-long Miss GEICO Victory catamaran is made of carbon, Kevlar and S-glass for high performance. The boat sports a pair of 1650 RACE Sterndrive engines producing 3,300 horsepower and top speeds of 200 mph.

On the water, Miss GEICO is under the control of driver Marc Granet and throttleman Scott Begovich, who have been working together since the team was formed in 2004.

Miss GEICO won the Point Pleasant OPA Powerboat Race the weekend of May 20-22 in Point Pleasant, NJ. The race was the first of the year on the Offshore Powerboat Association (OPA) circuit. OPA racing continues June 17-19 in Atlantic City, NJ, Miss GEICO then begins the Super Boat International (SBI) season June 24-26 in Marathon, FL, before heading to Sarasota.

Additional SBI races are scheduled for Aug. 26-28 in Mentor, OH; Sept. 30-Oct. 2 in Clearwater, FL; and Nov. 7-13 in Key West, FL.

On top of the race schedule, the Miss GEICO team will appear at air shows on Aug. 17 in Atlantic City, NJ, and Oct. 15-16 in Baltimore, MD. The air show appearances will feature boat-versus-airplane races in a sea-sky duel with the GEICO Skytypers air show team.

Joining the record-breaking catamaran in Sarasota will be a 31-foot P1 Panther SuperStock race boat. The GEICO P1 Panther nears the end of its inaugural, four-race season with a legitimate shot at a U.S. championship in its first year of GEICO sponsorship. After struggling in the season opener at Tavares, FL, driver Craig Wilson brought the GEICO P1 home in first place in the Kissimmee/St. Cloud race May 20-21 on Lake Tohopekaliga.

Following the Jacksonville race on June 4, GEICO is in second place behind Team Barbados in the P1 standings. A holiday weekend win in Sarasota will land the GEICO team another boat racing title. The entire Miss GEICO Race Team will be lending its support to Throttleman, Craig Wilson and Driver, Micah Paul, as they attempt to pull off an upset and claim a National Title for GEICO.

Rounding out the fleet is GEICO sponsored racer is Jet Skier, Jason Russo.

Russo will compete in his hometown of Sarasota in the P1 AquaX Pro Class against the best racers in the world. Sarasota is the fourth race in an 8 Race Series, which culminates in November. The GEICO racer will be fighting for the coveted racing points. “I am looking forward to racing in my hometown and I

can't wait to compete on my GEICO ski in front of my family and friends along with the other GEICO watercraft.”

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About Miss GEICO

Miss GEICO is an offshore racing boat sponsored by GEICO Insurance and owned by the country's premier and fastest-performing powerboat racing team, AMF (America Moving Forward) Offshore racing. Miss GEICO is headquartered in Riviera Beach, FL.

Since the team's inception in 2005, Miss GEICO has won eight World Championship Titles.

In addition to competing in Offshore Racing, the Miss GEICO team participates year-round in boat shows, air shows, poker runs and charitable events assisting United We Race Inc., the team's 501 (c) (3) charity, providing support to United States veterans and veterans' programs.

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