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24 Hours of Rouen Marred by Tragic Accident Race Stopped at 14 Hours Mercury S3000 Powered Team Performance Declared Race Winner OptiMax 200XS SST Sweeps 1-4 in Class 2 Competition

FOND DU LAC, Wis., May 5, 2010 – The 47th annual *24 Hours of Rouen* endurance powerboat race began 4 p.m. Rouen, France time Saturday, May 1. A total of 50 boats representing three classes started the world's most grueling powerboat race on the river Seine. The race was running smoothly, with the normal attrition as time wore on to man and machine as they continued to race into the evening and the overnight hours. All of that changed at approximately 6:20 a.m. local time, Sunday, when one of the race boats struck one of the three safety patrol boats escorting a merchant ship running upriver. The impact killed one police officer, and wounded a second on board the patrol boat. Race officials immediately stopped the race with 14 hours completed.

Team Performance #6, a Mercury S3000 race outboard-powered DAC hull, was declared the race winner overall as well as the winner of Class 3 competition. Pilots Pab Galiléa, Denis Jarnigon, Tul Abbate and Owen Jelf completed 436 laps to win the 14-hour race. The low-emissions Mercury OptiMax 200XS SST race outboard-powered **Navikart #32**, a Moore hull piloted by Eric Doublet, Tony Bourdin and Franck Delambre, completed 420 laps for a first-place finish in Class 2 competition and an impressive second place overall. Mercury Racing S3000 race outboard-powered **Tech Motor Racing #16** placed third overall and second in Class 3 competition with 396 laps completed. **Racing Team Passio #3**, a low-emissions Evinrude E-Tec S3000 race outboard-powered Molinari hull, completed 383 laps (37 laps behind the smaller, less powerful Mercury OptiMax 200XS SST powered **Navikart #32**) for a fourth place finish overall and third in Class 3 competition. Mercury S3000 race outboard-powered **Team Neptune Inshore #14** placed fifth overall and fourth in Class 3 Competition with 377 laps completed.

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OptiMax Rules Class 2

The low-emissions Mercury OptiMax 200XS SST race outboard, featuring a 2.5 Liter V-6 direct-fuel injected 2-stroke powerhead mounted on a 12" race center section and IV SSM race gearcase, placed 1-4 in the highly competitive Class 2 competition – formerly ruled by the purpose-built 2.0 Liter Mercury SST 120/S2000 race outboard. **Team Marine Inshore #28**, **Team Dailly Inshore #36** and **Team Neptune Inshore #34** finished 2-4 (6-8 overall) behind Class 2 winner **Navikart #32**, with 314, 313 and 303 laps completed, respectively. Mercury SST 120 race outboard-powered **Team Privilege #21** rounded out the top 5 in Class 2 competition with 287 laps completed.

Visit the official *24 Hours of Rouen* Web site: <http://www.24heuresrouen.com> for complete results.

Results by Category:

Top 5 - Class 3

Team Performance #6 (Mercury S3000-436 laps)
Tech Motor Racing #16 (Mercury S3000-396 laps)
Team Neptune Inshore #14 (Mercury S3000-377 laps)
Team VSI Racing #5 (Mercury S3000-298 laps)
Team Privilege TC4 #9 (Mercury S3000-287 laps)

Top 5 - Class 2

Navikart #32 (Mercury OptiMax 200XS SST-420 laps)
Team Marine Inshore #28 (Mercury OptiMax 200XS SST-314 laps)
Team Dailly Inshore #36 (Mercury OptiMax 200XS SST-313 laps)
Team Neptune Inshore #34 (Mercury OptiMax 200XS SST-303 laps)
Team Privilege #21 (Mercury SST 120-287 laps)

About Mercury Racing

Based in Fond du Lac, Wis., Mercury Racing, a division of Mercury Marine, is a leading provider of high-performance marine propulsion systems for discriminating boaters worldwide, offering an exciting and fulfilling power boating experience on the water. Using leading-edge technology, Mercury Racing produces high-performance outboards, sterndrives, propellers, parts and accessories. Mercury Marine is a division of Brunswick Corp. (NYSE: BC), the world's largest manufacturer of recreational products, including pleasure boats, marine engines, fitness equipment, and bowling and billiards.

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