



YAMAHA WAVERUNNER® RACERS WIN MARK HAHN 300 New Yamaha FX® Series Platform Dominates Field as Yamaha Riders Squeeze Competition from Top 10 Positions

Yamaha WaveRunner racers Chris MacClugage and Troy Snyder teamed up to win the 2019 Mark Hahn 300, the longest PWC endurance race in the world aboard the newly redesigned FX WaveRunner platform. The historic win could be the final chapter for one of the most storied events in the PWC industry, held for 15 years at Lake Havasu City, Arizona. MacClugage, Snyder, and their 2019 FX SVHO WaveRunner led a contingent of Yamaha racers that included a "Who's Who" of watercraft racing elite from Eric Francis, Dennis Mack, Eric Lagopoulos, Chris Saxon, and Sophie Francis - all IJSBA PWC racing champions.

"There's been some speculation as to how competitive the new FX platform would be in an actual race setting," said Yamaha's Product Manager Scott Watkins. "With any new platform, it takes time and development to get ready for a race like the Mark Hahn. Last year's event was won by a Yamaha GP1800® which didn't make the decision too easy for racers to switch to a new platform for 2019. Although I do remember back in August that Eric and Sophie Francis told me after riding the FX for the first time that 'it will be like cheating next year' and with 2 new FX's on the podium in its first race it seems like the FX is off to a great start for 2019."

"Thanks to the long-term sponsorship by Yamaha, Hot Products, and the IJSBA, we've offered one of the unique races in the motorsports arena to the toughest PWC endurance riders in the world," said event founder Mark Follmer.

The Mark Hahn 300 is the longest personal watercraft race in the world, covering a total of 300 tough miles in 30 successive laps of a 10-mile course. The race features the only true Le Mans start currently in motorsports of any type.



ROOKIE PLESSINGER SCORES CAREER-BEST 450 SUPERCROSS FINISH AND FERRANDIS TAKES RUNNER-UP SPOT IN 250SX EAST-WEST SHOWDOWN AT ATLANTA

As the Monster Energy® AMA® Supercross series hit the halfway mark Saturday night at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia, rookie Aaron Plessinger crossed the line in fifth for a career-best finish in the 450SX class. With Justin Barcia absent this weekend recovering from a training crash, Plessinger was the lone representative for the Monster Energy® Yamaha Factory Racing Team. In the main event, Plessinger got off to a great start in fourth and held onto that spot until a mistake had him down in the sand section of a very unforgiving track. The 23-year old quickly remounted and held onto fifth, his best finish to date in the premier class. Plessinger now lies 8th in the series with 122 points and Justin Barcia sits in 9th with 120 points.

In the Monster Energy® AMA® Supercross 250SX East-West Showdown, Monster Energy® Star Yamaha Racing Team's West rider Dylan Ferrandis took home top honors for the squad as he finished second on the night and, as a result, moved up to second place in the 250SX West Championship point standings. The team's lone East rider Justin Cooper finished fifth, while his teammate Mitchell Oldenburg had to sit out the night program after suffering an injury during afternoon practice. Ferrandis' West teammate Colt Nichols finished seventh, putting all three Monster Energy® Star Yamaha Racing teammates in the top-seven at the finish. In the West Championship standings, Ferrandis lies 2nd with 125 points and Nichols in 4th with 120. In the East, Cooper sits in 2nd with 81 points while Oldenburg lies in 9th with 50 points.