



66 RAID PAVIA VENEZIA

the return of the great race on the river

The 1st June 2008 will be held the 66th edition of the RAID MOTONAUTICO INTERNAZIONALE PAVIA-VENEZIA, organized by the "Associazione Motonautica Pavia" with the cooperation of the "Primo Club Motonautico Amici del Po", CONI, Federazione Italiana Motonautica and the Union International Motonautique. The record for which the competitors are called to race is 188.35 km/h (2006/65th Raid), while the absolute record remains the 203.341 km/h (2005/64th Raid). Both records have been accomplished by Dino Zantelli, racer from Parma class 1969, with a Clerici speedboat, Mercury motorized.

Many new features are expected for this year. As always the race will be opened to all boat types of the FIM and UIM circuits, with a capacity above 400 horsepower and Offshore class 3, to nautic skiers, to the turismboats with top speed above 60 km/h and at least with 40 horsepower, to propeller ships, to vintage boats, to old speedboats and to pleasure crafts. Moreover the Italian Endurance Water Motor Championship is opened to the jetski and to the runabouts.

The race is not only addressed to skilled boat pilots but also to anyone willing to enage in a "strong" experience on a speedboat or on a water motor. To join the race is compulsory the FIM/UIM license or being a member of a boat leader club, the membership drive to a FIM associated club (the membership drive of the AMP can be acquired the day of the technical reviews). The start is scheduled between 7am to 10am at the Associazione Motonautica Pavia headquarter on the Ticino, arrival time is expected to be at 7pm at the Motonautic Club Marina di Brondolo nearby Chioggia (VE), 384 km after. The competition, also called the "Parigi-Dakar on the river", has had many important names in the nautical scenario such as Fabio Buzzi, Renato Molinari, Teo Rossi of Montelera and Maurizio Caramelli; and other than this important people there are also prestigious names as Clay Regazzoni, Adriano Panatta and the Ravizza brothers from luxury fur shop Annabella.

The event will be shown for first time on the official web site www.raidpaviavenezia.it. Pictures and movies of the highlights of the event will be posted on the official web page. The race policy will be also available on the Internet along with the procedure to follow in order to join the contest. More interesting features of the Raid such as the vintage photo gallery, details about the pilots and the boats will also be available on the official internet page, in order to appreciate more the great importance of such a unique event.