



# It's Monte-Carlo or Bust!

The 2008 Round Britain Management team of Mike Lloyd, Peter Myles and Alan Goodwin are back and intend to bring back to life one of the most famous of all offshore races, one that hasn't taken place for **38 years**, a race that is longer, harder, bigger and tougher than any other offshore powerboat race in the world. At 2400 nautical miles it is 1,000 miles longer than the Round Britain Race.

## The 2013 Cowes to Monte-Carlo Powerboat Grand Prix

Planning is at a very early stage and we have much to do and many people to talk to. However, as with RB08, finance and funding is one of our main priorities and we need help from potential sponsors who are interested in joining us and becoming partners in helping us to organise this great old historical event.

**To enable us to make our plans we also need to hear from every potential team who would like to join us because we believe that this is one of the last great sea challenges left to men and women who love powerboats, the sea and who have an ounce of adventure in their souls.**

To add spice to this great trip, for those who own suitable Motor Cruisers and want to join in the fun we will be running a Rally in tandem with the race. Who knows some of you might even beat the race boats by travelling through the night!

Two parties will be organised, the first at halfway point in Cascais, Portugal. The second will be in Monte-Carlo, of course, where we will celebrate in style with those who have made it. There will be eleven venues with two rest days at the halfway point. We intend this Grand Prix to be a true challenge for boats and crews, an adventure to remember and talk about for the rest of your lives. This is eleven races running back to back with many legs longer than the Cowes-Torquay-Cowes race. Are you thinking it's too much? Well, it has been done before and it can be done again. We hope to have inspiration on board from Mike Bellamy who won last time in 1972 in the famous HTS.



Those who took part in the Round Britain Race of 2008 and the subsequent Cowes Torquay Cowes races of 2008 and 2009 will know that we are serious in our intent. We are fully aware of the huge logistical problems that both we the organisers and the race teams face. We believe that 2013 is the right time for this wonderful old historical event to happen once again and we will do our best to make it happen so that **YOU** can take part. The Round Britain Race was the first challenge, now it's onto the next – a 2,400 nautical mile "Grand Prix" to Monte-Carlo! One thing is certain, long range fuel tanks will be needed as some of the legs are going to be over 300 nautical miles! This is a proper International Offshore

Marathon/Endurance "Grand Prix", one to stir the blood and one to test both men and machinery to the limit. The event will be run under UIM Marathon rules but safety equipment and crew qualifications will be increased.

**There is no greater challenge for powerboat racers and no greater adventure.** This great historical, once in a life time event is truly International and will visit FIVE countries. Be a part of it as it may never happen again.

**Register your interest with Mike Lloyd now at [mikellloyd00@gmail.com](mailto:mikellloyd00@gmail.com)**

For those interested in the race and our plans, a meeting will take place in early January (venue yet to be decided) when we will have more information for you such as dates, venues, costs, etc.

**The above is subject to Sponsorship and to approval by the RYA, the UIM and the Principality of Monaco.**

**The Cowes Monte-Carlo Organising Committee**

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