



COMPANY PROFILE

# STILL CROSSING THE FINISH LINE

*SONNY AND TINA HAWKINS ARE WORLD CHAMPION OFFSHORE POWERBOAT RACERS AND WORLD SPEED RECORD HOLDERS. UTILIZING THEIR MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE DURING HIGHLY COMPETITIVE RACING, SONNY AND TINA ALONG WITH A STAFF OF DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS, OFFER A COMPLETE LINE OF ADVANCED EMERGENCY BREATHING SYSTEMS, SAFETY AND COMMUNICATIONS PRODUCTS.*



Left: Intercom System  
Below: Generation II  
SCUBA Mask with  
Stilo Offshore



of Offshore Power Boat Racing. It started as a whim to enter a local race with their pleasure boat in 1983. The agony of defeat quickly prompted the excitement of competition and the desire to purchase a faster, more competitive race boat was fulfilled in 1986. Since then their career includes setting world speed records and becoming World and National Champions. The Tiger Team quickly became well known and committed to the safety of the sport, not only for their own well being but for that of their friends and fellow racers.

This commitment led to Sonny being President of the Champion Boat Racing Association COBRA, APBA Division and conducting many boat races in the North East APBA for many years. Sonny also served for several years as officer for the APBA Racing Commission and also technical advisor and committee member of The Lavin Foundation for Offshore Racing Safety. As a current advisor of the UIM COMINOFF and member of the APBA General Safety Commission for all categories these involvements give Sonny and Tina consistent insight into the constantly changing racing standards and safety needs of the competitors.

Today Sonny feels that the sport of Offshore Racing remains fractured and disorganized, lacking adequate participation while the Outboard Tunnel Boat, Hydro Plane and Drag Race Boat Series have consistently enjoyed greater success. His aspirations for the future of racing would be to bring renewed and improved organization and focus on the sport becoming more appealing as a recognized higher level motorsport. It will take dedicated people and resources to accomplish this. Most certainly a world combined circuit is needed which will include competing in the US and other major venues around the world.

Tiger Performance Products, Inc. was established in 1995 as a direct result of internationally acclaimed team owner and racer Tom Gentry's fatal accident during the Key West Offshore Powerboat Racing World Championships in 1994. This tragic accident led Sonny Hawkins into the development of several Emergency Survival Breathing Air Systems, SBA, which are now used throughout the world in all forms and classes of Powerboat Racing including Extreme Class, Unlimited Hydro Planes, Formula 1 Outboard Tunnel Boats and Drag Boats with top speeds exceeding 250mph. Tiger Performance Products' Emergency Breathing Air Systems have been credited with saving many lives and preventing many serious injuries. Sonny's ongoing interaction with technology and safety has kept his complete product line continually advancing towards the future. With many of the safety products integrating with communication systems, this prompted the development of Tiger's high quality, water submersible, mil spec Intercom Communication Systems. These systems are extremely durable and able to withstand the demands of continuous use and are consistently being upgraded as new technologies are perfected.

Tiger has on-staff an exceptional crew of >

**T**iger Performance not only produce safety systems equipment for powerboat racers worldwide, that is only a tiny segment of their business as they are also a leading manufacturer and supplier to the commercial, military marine and aviation markets. The same level of excellence first defined on the racecourse is provided to the marine and aviation markets as well.

Prior to launching Tiger Performance, Sonny was the owner of a highly successful construction industry related service business. His company was featured in INC Magazines' list of the 500 Fastest Growing Companies in the US for three years running while a successful stockbroker. With their competitive background and a keen interest in boats it was no surprise when they decided to enter the highly competitive and addictive world





technicians utilizing constant testing in real life conditions to forego any problems under racing conditions. Earlier this year, Tiger introduced highly perfected Wireless Bluetooth Communications for helmets and headsets with many more advances to debut in 2011. The company has perfected the Tiger Generation II SCUBA Mask for use with Full and Open Face Helmets. The combinations of Bell and Stilo Helmets used with the Tiger Generation II Mask have just been approved by the newly formed Lucas Oil US Drag Boat Series. This series replaces the International Hot Boat Series with all US Drag Boat promoters and Series now operating under the Lucas Oil Series banner.

Sonny's constant commitment to his fellow racers and the racing industry initiates updates to existing designs as well as new designs to better handle the safety of the ever changing sport of powerboat racing. This was witnessed at this year's (2010) Miami Boat Show at the Tiger Performance Products' booth by a detailed video and slide presentation of the "Cockpit of Tomorrow" that was designed and presented by Sonny Hawkins and Tom Stanley.

Tiger Performance Products, Inc. in keeping up with new technologies has also introduced their next generation Marine Intercom System. This modular plug and play rugged design, with an IP 67 & 68 rated immersion system and components, Mil Spec over molded cables, 2-8 person capabilities, 3 way radio switching, Wireless Bluetooth Headset/Helmet connectivity, support for video/audio, cell/satellite phones, iPod/MP3 players, and AM/FM/CD radio players create a system ideally suited for High Performance leisure powerboats, race boats and a wide variety of commercial, Law Enforcement and Military applications. Thanks to experienced driver Sonny Hawkins' and his professional staff at Tiger, this advanced Radio/Intercom system offers more advanced features than any other system on

the market.

Floatation and Capsule Vests is another area Tiger Performance has created with innovative designs for the safety of the racing community. Tiger's improved Modular Marine Floatation Vest for open cockpit use is made of high quality heavy duty materials designed to provide impact protection and long duration floatation capabilities resulting from an accident or over-board situation while awaiting rescue.



**Tiger Stainless Steel Safety Hinge UIM & APBA Approved**

The TIGER Capsule Vest meets and/or exceeds the APBA Standard Requirements for Type B and C Enclosed Cockpit, Restrained Power Boat Racing. With minimal buoyancy (adequate buoyancy for surface buoyancy on a circuit race course) this capsule vest allows easy escape from the cockpit where rescue is close at hand. It is also designed with stabilizing slots for use with the HANS Head and Neck Restraint Device.

Strategically placed Mollé webbing is included on both versions of the vest for convenient attachment of a wide variety of pouches and Tiger

Performance's specially developed padded holsters. Switlik's Manual Inflatable vests are also available for use in all forms of enclosed cockpit racing with pouches and accessories as well as Tiger's own padded holsters for complete modular efficiency.

Tiger Performance is a one-stop shop for safety and communications products for the marine and aviation markets. The company offers complete radio, electronics and safety products sales and service. They can provide helmet systems completely wired and ready to plug in and use, as well as full refurbishment services.

