Exotic Autos on Display

he Festival of Speed is not limited to high-performance powerboats - though there will be plenty on display throughout the three-day festival. On June 21, an exotic car show will take place curbside at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City. The four-hour event, which starts at noon, is one luxury car enthusiasts are not going to want to miss.

Over 40 of the world's finest automobiles will be on display, in addition to more than 40 high-performance powerboats. Trophies will be awarded to top models in 20 different categories - and all the afternoon's events are free and open to the public.

This will be the second annual auto show hosted by the New Jersey Offshore Powerboat Racing Association. During the show, donations will be collected to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project, a veteran service organization that supports veterans injured in active duty on or following the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001. One hundred wounded veterans and their families will be onsite at the Golden Nugget on June 20 to partake in the day's events, including a Wounded Warrior cocktail party taking place immediately following the auto show at 5 p.m.

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Atlantic City Offshore Grand Prix

n the racing world, the lineage of the Atlantic City Offshore Grand Prix is of the highest caliber. It is a continuation of New Jersey's world-renowned offshore racing heritage, including the iconic Benihana Offshore Grand Prix, which took place off the shores of Point Pleasant Beach in the 1970s.

Known as the Indy 500 of offshore races — a nod to the Indianapolis 500, the world's most famous and prestigious auto race and largest single-day spectator sporting event — the Benihana Offshore Grand Prix was the be-all, end-all of highperformance powerboat races in the region, and a world-class competition that attracted international attention to the organized by the New Jersey Offshore Powerboat Racing Association, brought offshore racing back to the Jersey Shore in a big way. This year's event promises to only up the ante.

On June 20, more than 40 high-performance powerboats will hit the waters right off the shores of Atlantic City in full view of the tens of the thousands of spectators expected to turn out to watch the two races scheduled for Sunday afternoon at noon and 2 p.m.

The racecourse is a small, four mile oval designed to keep the action as close to the beach as possible. The coastal shelf drops off rather sharply along the shores

the Atlantic City Offshore Grand Prix, run most of the race within 150 feet of the surf, ensuring spectators unbelievable views of all the action - even the outside leg can be clearly seen from the shoreline.

> This year's Atlantic City Offshore Grand Prix will close out a weekend-long, actionpacked celebration of high-performance cars and powerboats, better known as the Festival of Speed. The headquarters for all events happening June 20-22 is the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City.

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