

# SHOCKWAVE

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**T**here can only be one thing happening on Lake Havasu when you see almost 400 people with extremely big smiles on their faces—the Annual Shockwave Regatta!

Nearly 80 Shockwave owners brought their performance boats, family and friends to the lake. That's right, Lake Havasu was peppered with 29' Magnatudes, 25' Tremors and 21' Skiers as everyone sped around the lake stopping at the on-water poker-run stops and taking plenty of time to cool off in the dark-blue waters of Havasu. Julie Dove took home the first-place winnings of \$1,400, along with a Gibson Performance Exhaust gift certificate, while Corona, California, resident Tom Winter and Jeremy Harnit collected \$900 and \$565 for their respective second- and third-place finishes.

During the Saturday-night awards banquet and raffle, one of the Shockwave employees had an extra-special surprise planned for his girlfriend Sandra White. A Budweiser event banner was being raffled during the banquet—Dave Polliard provided MC Uncle Larry with her number and it was read off just like all the others. As Sandra got to the stage, Uncle Larry commented that this was not quite the right banner and as he turned her around on the stage to once again face the audience, she was shocked to see a 10x3-foot banner asking her if she would marry Dave! By this time Dave had worked his way to the stage and was on his knees next to her with ring in hand. The 400+ in attendance gave the couple a standing ovation as Sandra answered with a resounding yes.

Many Shockwave owners were heard commenting on how they feel as if they belong to one big extended family. That was very evident throughout the weekend as laughter filled the air during the Friday-night registration party where attendees picked up their goody bags, event guides and checked out a few of the on-site vendors—J&D Performance with everything you need for your tow vehicle, First Choice Properties with their vacation rentals, along with the latest developments from Nationwide Homes. Todd Taylor of Jokers Wild Promotions worked closely with his team to ensure that everything ran smoothly and on time.

While many had to leave early Sunday to make the drive back home, a few who stayed joined Todd and some of his team for a quick run to the south end of the lake for a much enjoyed Sunday brunch before heading back to Steamboat cove for some serious floating and bragging. ■





