

## **THE EUROPEAN CLOSED COURSE JET SKI CHAMPIONSHIP, THE SECOND ROUND IN AUSTRIA**

**For the first time since it has been created, the *Corona Tour Jet Ski Championship* is going to stop in Austria, more precisely, in the little typical city Reifnitz located in the south of the country. The competition is going to take place in the postcard background of a lake which overhangs a medieval castle on the 27<sup>th</sup>, the 28<sup>th</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup> of May. Only Yves VAN HEERS could find out such an idyllic site.**

The event is going to be huge. Indeed, given what happened during the first heat in Murcia in Spain, it seems that the competition has never been as open. Moreover, a new jet manufacturer is going to go in for the competition. It is HYDROSPACE, that is, the new jet make which was brought to light last winter. It is truly going to make big news since HYDROSPACE is an Austrian make and it is one of the World best pilots who is going to ride the first 4-stroke arm jet. It is the 10-time World Champion MAC CLUGAGE. His choice to compete with the HYDROSPACE is not a random choice. The Austrian jet has been made for competition. It has a bi-cylinder 4-stroke 800 cm<sup>3</sup> compressed turbo engine and its hull has very futuristic lines. Its performances should be optimal. For example, a close to 110km/hr highest speed is expected. It is no wonder that the jet circles, especially the adversaries of the "Mac", are burning to attend the event. There will be the KAWASAKI pilots such as the double World and Europe French Champion Steven DAULIACH, the amateur World champion Jean-Baptiste BOTTI, the Champion of France Brice LOPEZ, the Belgian Renaud URBAIN who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the World Championship in 2003, but also the YAMAHA pilots such as the number 1 adversary of MAC CLUGAGE Nicolas RIUS, the young Belgian Nick JACOBS and the Norwegian Smurf MANGERUD. It looks as though the competition will be cutthroat. It also seems that the F1 Runabout races will be spectacular. Indeed the official SEA DOO pilot Jimmy BOSIO is supposed to take his revenge since he had some repeated technical troubles in Spain. However, the Italian pilot will be hard to defeat the French Franky ZAPATA who competes with the highest-performance KAWASAKI, the Europe Champion title holder Nicolas RIUS and its YAMAHA and the English Phil POPE who should do all he can to remain second in the temporary placing. In the other categories, the different performers of Murcia will have to face adversaries who have nothing to loose. This year, for the first time, all the heats will be taken into account for the attribution of the points of the final placing. Thus every heat is important. The pilots should be more motivated than ever.

So do not miss the Corona Tour European Jet Ski Championship in Reifnitz on the 27<sup>th</sup>, the 28<sup>th</sup> and then 29<sup>th</sup> of May. It should be a great moment.