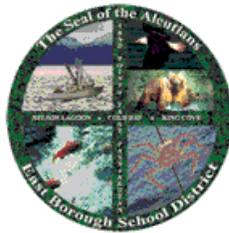
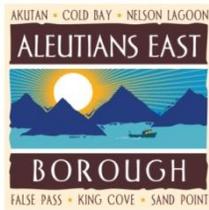


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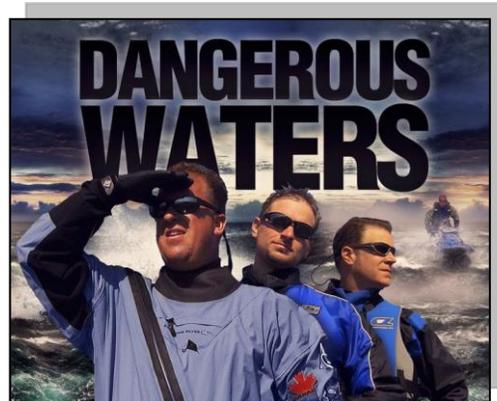
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## TV Show Jet Ski Adventure Team Travels over ‘Dangerous Waters’ to the Aleutians and Beyond

Traveling thousands of miles on the water isn’t all that unusual. Commercial fishermen do it all the time. But imagine traveling thousands of miles in some of the most dangerous waters in the world in personal watercrafts. That’s what a five-man jet ski team is doing as part of an HDNet television show that’s aptly named, “Dangerous Waters”.

“Most of the rivers out there have been run, said Steven Moll, founder of the show, and one of the team members. “Most of the highest peaks have been



The show, “Dangerous Waters,” will air on HDNet and GCI’s Alaska One Channel.

climbed. There aren't a lot of 'firsts' left in the world. This is a category of 'firsts' that we've found. And we're setting records now."

Traveling with his jet ski team from Seattle to Haines was a record (1600 miles) and the start of their Alaska trip.



**The five-man jet ski adventure team stopped in Sand Point on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, while shooting the television show, "Dangerous Waters". Photo by Tina Anderson.**

"This trip (to the Aleutians and the Alaska Peninsula) will be double that. That's what this whole program is all about -- trying to conquer bodies of water on vehicles that have never done it," Moll added.

The five men (Moll, cameraman Andrew Maella, cameraman/pilot Wes Davis, and two other

adventurers, Charles Davis and Patrick McGreger) embarked on the second

leg of their Alaskan adventure in mid-July. The plan was to go from Kodiak, to Chignik, Dutch Harbor, Akutan, Sand Point, King Cove and False Pass. Then they will go through Unimak Pass, and head north along the Alaska Peninsula toward the Bristol Bay area, stopping in Port Moller and other communities along the way, ending up in Nome.

"That's how you get great -- shoot for the stars, land on the moon. If you dream big enough, sometimes it can happen," Moll said.

His dream started about three years ago on a whim -- to try jet skiing for the first time in San Francisco Bay.

"We went up the coast, and I was just hooked. Within a week, I had a Sea-Doo of my own. I started running all of the rivers and lakes in our area, but then it got kind of boring. And so we started looking at greater distances. We went to the



**Founder of the show, "Dangerous Waters," Steven Moll, got hooked on jet skiing when he tried it for the first time in San Francisco Bay. Photo courtesy of Steven Moll.**

Farallon Islands, off the coast of San Francisco. It reminded me of Alaskan waters.”

Since then, Moll has clocked thousands of hours on the water. Most of his teammates have comparable experience, while a few have less. Last year, Moll and other teammates visited southeast Alaska. Moll filmed their adventures with a small high-definition camera.



**Steven Moll, founder of the television show, “Dangerous Waters” says the team plans to visit seven continents and air seven seasons of their adventures. Photo by Jim Brown.**

“I put together a sizzle reel, just to see what would happen,” Moll said.

He sent the reel to the Discovery Channel, the History Channel, Animal Planet, Green Planet and HDNet. HDNet took the bait and got in touch with Moll.

“They said, we’d love to run it. We think it’s high adventure,” Moll said.

HDNet contracted for ten episodes, which will run throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Carribean. The show will also run on GCI’s Alaska One Channel. But this is just the beginning for Moll and his team.

“Next year, we’ll go to South America. Then we’ll go to the next continent and the next continent. So seven seasons is how we’ve slated the show,” he said.

Part of the appeal of the show is the challenges they will face on their journeys. They have already faced a few, such as when one of the Sea-Doos rolled over in high seas, just north of Shearwater, in the Canadian Inside Passage.

“When I saw it roll over and the surf pushing it up under the rocks, it was within ten feet of being completely splintered. One of my guys was in between the ski and the rock. Thank God, our cameraman, Andrew, put down his camera, jumped off his skis, swam over to help Charles flip the ski back over, and got it started out of the hole. Another ten or 15 seconds, and that ski was done. So that was scary, but we overcame it.”

Team members expect to encounter more obstacles in the Aleutians, which they’re confident they’ll overcome.

“We can handle 28-foot seas, as long as they’re spaced well. It all depends on the water,” Moll added.

Another reason the team is confident is because of the support they have to make this adventure happen.

“GCI is a great sponsor that we have now. That’s one of the reasons we’re here. Without them, we would have had zero communications. They have provided us with technical and logistical support. They also have provided us with a list of contacts in case we run into challenges.”

The team is carrying all the necessary equipment so they’ll have a heads-up about what the weather is going to be like.

“If the wind’s howling and we have high seas, we have enough gear to camp for a week. So we’re going to sleep when Mother Nature says to sleep, and go when the weather is good,” Moll said.

After departing from Kodiak, the team visited Chignik, Sand Point, King Cove and False Pass. As of 10:47 a.m.



**Cameraman/pilot Wes Davis waves while cameraman Andrew Mazzella takes video during their visit of Sand Point. Photo by Jim Brown.**

today, Aug. 2, 2011, they were on their way to Port Moller. Every place they visit, they find beautiful scenery and wonderful people along the way.

“The people here are magical,” said Moll. “Everybody has been open arms to us, which has just been fantastic.”

If you’d like to follow the adventures of the crew from the show, “Dangerous Waters”, log onto their blog: <http://seadooventures.com/wordpress/> where you can track their progress “live” via satellite. The team is also posting videos periodically and having incredible adventures along the way.

“Our confidence is at an all-time high right now,” Moll said. “Alaska is great.”

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