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J.J. Marie, President of Zodiac is available for interviews

**ZODIAC ANNOUNCES THE LAUNCH OF IT'S FASTEST  
HURRICANE RIB TO DATE: THE ZODIAC MACH 2**

*At 11 meters in length, and featuring a patented Michael Peters stepped-hull design, the Zodiac MACH 2 is capable of speeds just over 60 knots*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** (February 25, 2008) – Zodiac of North America unveiled today the Zodiac Hurricane MACH 2. An eleven (11) meter RIB designed for the military, the MACH 2 is the fastest Hurricane produced today, with top speeds above 60 knots. Powered by three 300 hp outboards, the first production model impressed its crew during sea trials.

*"The real challenge for any marine manufacturer is in maintaining stability and control when traveling at high speeds." Todd Salus, Director of Military Operations at Zodiac, explained. "The Zodiac MACH 2 masters that challenge and performs with confidence and the sure-footedness you might experience in a high performance car."*

Renowned Naval Architect, Michael Peters, designed a patented two-step hull and proprietary keel to handle the speeds and maintain stability. Combined with ample shock mitigating technology in seating configurations and deck surface, the MACH 2 enhances the military's mission to strike fast with fresh warriors.

*"It's a technical marvel to combine this level of speed in a boat and not beat the crew up with the added shock and G-forces involved with skipping across waves," added J.J. Marie, President of Zodiac. "Zodiac's main focus is always crew safety first. Without the shock mitigating technology we've helped to pioneer, this boat would be too much. With the technology, it's an amazingly tame ride so our guys can arrive at their mission ready to go."*

The 11-meter Zodiac MACH 2 can be tailored to the specific mission needs of the military, with various deck and seating options.

With nine hundred horsepower, shock mitigating technology, an 11-meter two-stepped hull, and speeds of 60+ knots, the Zodiac MACH 2 gives operators a tremendous advantage on the water.

**About Zodiac Of North America, Inc.**

Zodiac of North America, Inc. is a subsidiary of Zodiac Marine and Pool, the inventor of inflatable boats, and global leader in the manufacture of RIBs, inflatable boats, life rafts and marine safety equipment. Zodiac of North America, Inc. corporate headquarters are located at 540 Thompson Creek Road, Stevensville, MD 21666; Phone: (410) 643-4141; Fax: (410) 643-4491; Internet: [www.zodiacmilpro.com](http://www.zodiacmilpro.com), [www.zodiacacademy.com](http://www.zodiacacademy.com), and [www.zodiacmilpro.com](http://www.zodiacmilpro.com).

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