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Team Doosan in Race Seven of the Rayglass New Zealand Offshore Powerboat Championship  
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### **Comradeship, Competition and Completion**

With an enthusiastic home crowd gathered to cheer on the Doosan Team, the crew was keen to put on a good show and secure a win on the Auckland course. All were looking forward to some close racing with conditions perfect for a fast race - clear skies, no swell and little breeze. While the season championship title was all but secured by a competing boat, the team of Doosan knew they had a very slim chance of retaining their title, and had to at least finish the race to secure a position on the championship podium.

The lead up to the race had been frustrating for the team when an issue with a Cam Sensor was identified the day before the race. This sensor is one of a pair that monitor the running of the engine, one checking the alignment while the other checks the timing of the motor. The system is designed to prevent engine damage by shutting it down when undue stress is identified. The team were unable to get access to the necessary part in New Zealand despite the efforts and input of their fellow competitors, and resorted to flying in a crew member from one of the Australian Race Teams who was able to unbolt the part off their boat for the kiwis to use.

Offshore Powerboat Racing is always about strategy and making quick decisions based on the situation as it evolves during the race. While confident when they left the dock, it was obvious from the start that Doosan had a problem, and were unable to accelerate alongside the other superbats. The experience and common sense of the crew came into play with the realization that finishing the race was essential if the team were to retain enough points to hold on to their place on the podium at the end of the season.

While painful to listen to, the crew of Cary Gleeson and Sam Fillmore nursed the boat carefully throughout the race focusing on getting the boat around the course while protecting the errant engine from any further damage. As it turned out the noise was largely due to the poor timing of the engine and sounded worse than it was.

The crowds were surprised to see Doosan back out on the race course straight after the race with the Alan Brand from AB Marine Services intent on identifying the problem and making use of the closed harbour to push the engines at speed and ensure he could observe the engines close up. He and his team will be intent on making sure Doosan is up to scratch for the race in Wellington.

While it was not to be Doosan's day the team are grateful for the support of their fellow competitors, and it is heartening to know that the Offshore Powerboat Community can overcome their personal rivalries to assist another team in need, as, in reality, racing is not as much fun if the competition is unable to compete. The same can also be said for the support from those across the Tasman who were able to come to the assistance of Doosan and support another team in a truly sporting manner.

Doosan will be concentrating now on winning the Wellington race. The Wellington course is always challenging, and is known for it's bouncing chop and potentially high winds. The race starts at 12.00pm on Saturday April 23rd and there are several spectacular viewing points along the waterfront of Oriental Bay. The boats run close to shore and provide plenty of noise, colour and spray as they pass the crowds.

Doosan would like to thank all their supporters and would especially like to acknowledge the tremendous support they receive from Doosan Construction Equipment NZ Ltd, JFC, Gleeson Builders, Hydraulink, AB Marine Services, Placemakers Cook Street, Porterhire, Schaeffer Premium Oil and Intertruck without which racing would not be possible.

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