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### **Piper's Angels Foundation Announces Bahama Boat Works as Lead Sponsor for 2019 Crossing For A Cure Endurance Paddle**

*– Luxury Fishing Boat Company to Lead Rose Ceremony Honoring Cystic Fibrosis Patients –*

LAKE WORTH, Fla., June 3, 2019 – Piper's Angels Foundation is proud to announce Bahama Boat Works as its Lead Sponsor for the 2019 Crossing For A Cure. As the Lead Sponsor, the company will lead the procession of boats in the Rose Paddle Out Ceremony – a tribute to those touched by cystic fibrosis who are not able to attend the annual fundraising event. Bahama Boat Works will lead more than 200 paddling vessels offshore during the Ceremony in Bimini, Bahamas, the starting point for the 80-mile epic endurance paddle.

Founded in 2004 by avid boater and fisherman Bob Sparks, Bahama Boat Works quickly grew to include partners Scott Henley and Rob Thomson who together build boats that are commonly referred to as “the Bentley of fishing boats.” Based in West Palm Beach, Fla., their clientele includes golfing legend Greg Norman, football great Don Stallings and royalty including the Crown Prince of Dubai and Sheikh of Qatar. Henley will be in a Bahama 41 as the official videography and drone go-fast boat, hosting the award-winning video crew that will document the 2019 Crossing For A Cure.

“We are very tuned into this event since it's marine-oriented and coincides with what we like to do,” said Henley. “It's also about the camaraderie and being such a great cause. Many charities raise money to find a cure, but this event raises money to disburse to families for needs associated with cystic fibrosis. Instead of not seeing any of the money raised, families of patients are directly impacted by receiving the help they really need. This event helps those with cystic fibrosis live a better quality of life.”

Bahama Boat Works was brought on as a sponsor through Brian Pandiscio, a long-time friend of Henley's and Director of Creative Design and Co-Chair for Crossing For A Cure. Bahama Boat Works has an employee with a daughter afflicted with cystic fibrosis – coincidentally also named

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Piper like the namesake of the event – so Henley has seen how difficult the disease can be for families.

“It’s a great alignment to find a partner of such high caliber in the boating industry that also has a connection to a little girl named Piper with cystic fibrosis,” said Pandiscio. “The Crossing relies heavily on captains and boats to cross from the islands to Florida, so the collaboration truly is remarkable.”

Piper’s Angels Foundation is a non-profit organization focused on ocean-based activities for cystic fibrosis patients due to the proven health benefits of saltwater. Its Crossing For A Cure charity event is a 80-mile endurance paddle challenge from Bimini, Bahamas to Florida’s Lake Worth Beach, which last year featured 100 paddlers and raised more than \$280,000 for cystic fibrosis patients and their families. This year’s event will take place June 15-17, with the Crossing beginning at Midnight on June 15 and finishing that same evening at Lake Worth Beach. Piper’s Angels is striving for a fundraising goal of \$500,000 through the paddler’s fundraising efforts.

Additional information about the 2019 Crossing For A Cure, including sponsorships, donations and volunteer details, can be found online at <https://www.crossingforacure.com>. Additional information about Bahama Boat Works can be found online at <http://bahamaboatworks.com>.

### **About Piper’s Angels Foundation**

Piper’s Angels Foundation supports and improves the lives of families with cystic fibrosis through heightened awareness, education, life-expanding activities, urgent financial support, and funding critical research. The organization aims to inspire action, make an impact and transform the lives of those affected by this disease. Additional information can be found online, at <https://www.pipersangels.org>.

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