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Durham, N.H. – HK Powersports in Laconia announced it is providing two Yamaha WaveRunner personal watercraft to Northeast Passage for use in the adaptive water ski program.

Northeast Passage is a program of the University of New Hampshire's School of Health and Human Services, and is an affiliate of Disabled Sports USA. Northeast Passage develops and delivers innovative, barrier-free recreation and health promotion programs. Northeast Passage offers adaptive water skiing through its Adaptive Sports and Recreation program.

Throughout the summer, Northeast Passage offers weekly skiing in New Hampshire and Massachusetts and two weekend dates (offered in Vermont and Maine for 2007). Northeast Passage gets close to 100 skiers on the water each summer and has offered adaptive water skiing for more than 10 years.

The WaveRunners act as safety boats, with highly trained volunteers assisting participants in the water.

"These WaveRunners provide a successful and fun experience for our participants, but they also ensure their safety," said Tom Carr, program coordinator for Northeast Passage. "Having a WaveRunner on the water and in position to help a skier if needed is essential for our program; we would not be able to offer skiing to our participants without it. We are grateful to HK Powersports and Yamaha for their support."

With the support of local dealers like HK Powersports in Laconia, Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A sponsors a nationwide effort of loaning WaveRunner personal watercraft to law enforcement and rescue agencies free of charge for use during the boating season.

"This program reflects Yamaha's overall commitment to boating safety," said Yamaha Vice President Mark Speaks. "We have prided ourselves in leading the entire marine industry in these types of partnerships."

For more information on Northeast Passage, visit www.nepassage.org. For HK Powersports, visit www.hkplaconia.com.

