

Wet Dog Riders Waylaid in Cook Inlet - Update

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The five jet-skiers blazing the trail for a 2,000-mile race from Anchorage to Bristol Bay were waylaid before they got out of Cook Inlet.

John Lang, who calls himself a Good-Will Ambassador on the Paving the Way Expedition for the Wet-Dog Race, said they didn't plan on stopping in Anchor Point, but wound up there anyway after getting some bad gas, which clogged their watercrafts' fuel injectors.

Their next stop is Port Graham, near the tip of the Kenai Peninsula. There they'll decide if they should embark on the 100-mile leg to Kodiak today, or wait until Friday morning.*

The route of this year's test run will take them on to Old Harbor, Alitak, Chignik, Perryville, Cold Bay, False Pass, and then into Bristol Bay where they'll head north to Port Moller, Port Heiden, Egegik, Naknek, Igiugig, and finally Iliamna.

*UPDATE: Lang called this afternoon to say he and the other riders will be staying another night in Anchor Point to install water separators in their fuel lines, and they will put their jetskis back in the water Friday morning and make for Port Graham and then Kodiak. -ed.