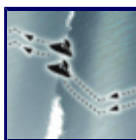
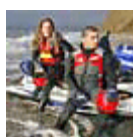


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Shawn Alladio (left) and Jonathan "JC" Cahill sit at the water's edge near this year's Maverick's contest nears. Chronicle photo by Michael Macor



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