



Dr. Ricardo “Rique” Ford



Dr. Rique Ford is one of world’s finest minds in engineering, whose research and development in the chemical engineering industry has led him to pioneering designs in silicone base materials and components for Boeing aircraft, Lockheed fighter jets, Ford and GM cars, and US Military ships and aircraft. Proud of his Jamaican heritage and true to his humble beginnings, he still prefers to be called “Rique.” Driven by the finish line, Rique is a problem solver that relies on ingenuity, tenacity, collaboration, perseverance and quality dependence, regardless if the solution is for launching a NASA rocket, powerboat performance efficiency, lowering the Planet’s CO₂, CO and NO_x Emissions, and or operating a global chemical engineering firm.

Rique attended Calabar High School in Kingston, Jamaica and migrated to Los Angeles, California to pursue his advance studies through the California State Universities. He achieved an MBA in Chemical Engineering and established himself as an astute engineer and businessman in the silicone elastomer industry. He spent the next two decades spearheading numerous engineering designs and developments and the delivery of technical solutions to meet the needs of many of the Fortune 100 companies with which he worked and collaborated. One of his noted achievements was being named an Engineering Manager at Dow Corning in the mid 1980’s at the age of twenty-five years old, a feat unheard of at the time in corporate America.

Forever thinking of new solutions, ideas, and business opportunities, Rique has earned the reputation as a “creative genius” for his ability to transform his imagination into real marketable products and solutions, as well as profits. Rique’s very first entrepreneurial company was sold to a German manufacturing company. Wacker Chemie, AG. which allowed him to retire at age 40. However, after enough golf, boating, flying and motor racing he started several other chemical engineering and manufacturing companies that have all been very successful and have had positive impacts on the global environment. Rique was named **1995 Southern California Entrepreneur of the Year**.

His varied business and research and development experiences in the field of government and military aerospace, marine and automotive engineering, and quality control engineering systems have allowed him to achieve global Patents on Buoyant Silicone Rubber, Thermally Conductive Silicones, and Fuel and Performance Enhancing Additives and Lubricants.



Rique Ford gleams with pride due to the international acclaim and attention he has brought to Jamaica because of his “love for speed” and his ability to engineer state-of-the-art additives and lubricants to his unique advantage. Rique, who held World Records long before Usain Bolt made headlines in the Olympics, is an internationally accomplished sportsman who thrives on racing motorbikes, powerboats, airplanes and cars, as long as they go fast.

Rique not only designs, engineers and builds his performance boats, cars and planes, he is an accomplished driver and pilot, most renowned for his *Ragamuffin Offshore Racing Team* which became a globally recognized brand in the marine and powerboat industries, cumulating with three (3) APBA / UIM World Championships and three (3) “Unbroken” World UIM Speed Records. His regional and Marine World Speed Records have catapulted him to the highest echelons in the performance boating arena with many accolades from his professional peers.

The zest for the checkered flag and a desire to be the best pushed Rique to continue to modify his own engine configurations for efficiency and reliability, as well as to design and engineer proprietary chemical solutions for enhanced engine performance. His quiet determination to always improve has led to numerous successes in amateur and professional racing where he got the nickname “*Pizza Man*”, for his ability to “*Always Deliver.*”

Rique has been instrumental in developing several key innovative marine products that have gone on to be the “standards” in the Marine Industry. His business acumen, as well as his chemical and mechanical engineering accomplishments have been recognized all over the world.

In December of 1994 in Northern California, Rique suffered a near life-changing incident when he was severely injured during a robbery attempt of his semi-truck that was hooked up to his race boat under which he was working. The accident left him paralyzed and doctors told him he would not walk again. But for Rique’s fortitude and strength of character he would not be walking today. He chose to not settle and or accept conventional wisdom, instead he chose “hope” by purchasing a new Porsche 911 Convertible and having it delivered to the parking lot of his hospital. He instructed his nurse to drive it daily, in full view of his hospital room, to motivate his mind, his heart and his will. His determination to walk again accelerated his full recovery to the dismay of many.

Rique Ford holds three citizenships; Jamaica, the United States and Britain. Rique’s passions and perseverance have always led him and his “team” across the finish line first!

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