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### NEW PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT: INTRODUCING A NEW BREED OF COVER FOR YOUR PWC H20 INDUSTRIES

Occasionally, a great new product comes along that deserves some media love. Based out of Idaho, H2O Industries' new high-quality cover is exactly that. What sets this cover apart from others is the attention to detail and quality of materials used.

#### "I'D DIP THAT!" MEET CHAD RANKIN KING OF HYDRO DIPPING 26

Hydro dipping, also referred to as immersion printing, is a super cool technique with amazing results. Pro Rider caught up with entrepreneur, jet ski enthusiast and Owner/Operator of Crankin Customz Chad Rankin to find out more about this interesting creative process and how it all started.

### FUN ON PRACTICE TRACK CAMP FAR WEST LAKE

Riders and racers come from all over California, some traveling 3 hours to ride and practice at Camp Far West Lake in north central California. Without a race season yet in place, many ride to keep up their skills, others ride for the pure enjoyment of the sport.

### ANGELICA RACING AND REPAIR JET SKI FIBERGLASS REPAIR AND PAINT SHOP

The Gonzalez family, Victor, Heather, daughter 19-year-old Angelica and son 17-year-old Antonio are very well known and respected in the jet ski community.

They've been racing and wrenching for many years!

#### APWC RIDERS HORE SKILLS WHILE ENJOYING COMRADERIE

As weather cooled and covid-19 restrictions eased in Queensland, Australia riders were thrilled to get back on the water for training and recreation. Training/fun days are organized by the Queensland Personal Watercraft Club.

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#### Australia Surf Ride at the Spit

The Covid-19 crisis stopped people in sunny Queensland, Australia from using their watercraft, so as restrictions eased, not even single digit temperatures could keep riders off the beautiful waters of the Pacific.

#### GREAT LAKES WATERCROSS KICKS IT OFF BIG!

Great Lakes Watercross kicked off their 2020 tour with action-packed racing on Lake Petenwell in Nekoosa, Wisconsin, a favorite for those who like to camp. Riders were anxious to get back to racing. There was a feeling of normalcy as trucks, RVs, and trailers set up for racing.

#### SWEDEN'S GEFLE JET RACING CLUB AND TEAM PSON RACING

The Gefle Jet Racing Club (GJRC) was born in 1992. It was started by Christian Westerlund, a professional rider in the US in the mid 90's. The club started primarily for riders to have somewhere to practice as the sport was growing.

#### UK PHOTOGRAPHER MARK PONEY AT KINGSBURY JET BIKE

With events on hold worldwide, PWC enthusiasts riding at Kingsbury Jet Bike home of one of the largest lakes in the United Kingdom, often encounter the professional lens of long-time jet ski photographer Mark Povey. Pro Rider chatted with Mark who shared some incredible images.

#### STRONG CHALLENGING SEASON OPENING IN EUROPE!

Lithuania was the first country in Europe that started the jet ski season during the COVID-19 quarantine. Competition took place in Kaunas City in Kaunas Reservoir, which is the largest artificial lake in Lithuania. Weather was challenging – the wind made ocean-like waves causing trouble for even the most physically prepared riders.



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Yamaha powered by Judge Motorsports. The image was captured by the lens of prominent jet ski photographer Jessica Waters, Waters Edge Photography in Panama City Beach, Florida during the Pro Watercross 2020 Season Opener. At 15 years of age, Sammy is one of the youngest racers in the Pro Watercross and P1AquaX tours. Sammy recently took the top podium spot in the Sport Spec class during the second round of the Pro Watercross tour. Dad Sam Nehme, Owner/Founder of Broward Motorsports Racing, a multi-time World and National Champion and co-host of the History Channel's hit show "It's How You Get There" is Sammy's biggest fan.



























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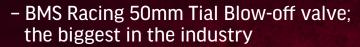
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## Pro Rider July/August Summer Landmark Issue

Photos: Kaleb Kennedy, Liam Mellott, Lost Soul, Siana Higgins

elcome to the 2020 July/ August Summer and 55th print and digital issue of Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine!

Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine is honored to have had the opportunity to work and collaborate with major industry leaders, event promoters, photographers and brilliant authors in the creation of this year's July/ August issue. Despite challenges the world has faced during recent times, it is apparent that nothing can take away our passion for all things personal watercraft and the PWC community is united across the globe. This is something we can all be truly proud of.

This issue is a milestone for Pro Rider as one of the biggest issues to date in the last 10 years. In addition to our longtime dedicated advertisers and supporters, we would like to welcome a host of new companies who all share the same goal, to better serve and promote the jet ski community in every aspect and on all levels and spread the love and passion for everything personal watercraft. We are honored to have all on board and thank them for choosing to be a part of the Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine legacy. If you are interested in partnership with Pro Rider

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Features include international coverage from the 2020 Eastern European Season Opener, Pro Watercross Tour Opener, Great Lakes Watercross Tour, Sweden's Gefle Jet Racing Club, free riding in Australia and adventure rides from South Florida Ski Riders, Buffalo

Ski Riders and H2O Addicts. Product and tech highlights include the all-new H20 Industries PWC cover, Wax Racing Stainless Pump Liner, Liqui Moly engine additives, Crankin' Customz hydro dipping, Angelica Racing, LLC jet ski fiberglass and repair, and more! Don't miss this issue's Vintage customs, PWC fishing, Jet Skis for Sale, Future Threats, Rig of the Month and Gear Giveaway presented by PWC Super Rack.

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Water Recreation Retail Business in the Annual Best of Kosh contest recognizing outstanding businesses in the

Oshkosh, Wisconsin area. Way to go John! Be sure to check out Watcon, a full service onestop shop for new and used parts, machine work and more. Visit http://www.watcon.com/.

#### new pwc podcast rec ride report

Ken Kgees announces his new live weekly social media podcast show, the Yeah Buddy Productions Rec Ride Report, Thursdays at 8pm on Yea Buddy Productions and PWC Community on Facebook. The one-hour





show held weekly during the active riding season will move to a less frequent format during the off

season. Ken credits Kevin Shaw. Watercraft Network and Bobby Cardone, Cardone Race Corner for providing him the platforms to bring this report to life. The show focuses 100% on the recreational rider community with guests from around the globe covering topics such as PWC parts, modifications, customizations, new products on the PWC market, club recreational rides, large scale events at amazing locations, fund raiser rides and waterway regulations. Jason Frank, Jersey Shore PWC Riders co-hosts with special appearances by Jersey Shore PWC Rider Tommy "the tech" Branella. The initial podcast featured long-time industry heavy hitter Jerry Gaddis, founder of greenhulk. net PWC Performance Forum and PWC Performance Products.

#### To be Delivery PWC SUPER RACK A RIDING NECESSITY

Submitted by: Nelson Valdes

Everything started with my cousin Carlos and I riding jet skis to the Bimini Islands in the Bahamas. Out of necessity, we built a rack knowing the need



for gas, coolers, food, water, etc. and since we like the Surecan gas can a lot we specially designed our racks for them. Friends loved the racks and started asking for them which led to Carlos building the racks in a garage as a hobby. Demand became so high we opened a shop and started manufacturing for business;

we opened a website www.pwcsuperrack.com, listed on Amazon, Facebook, and Instagram. This affordable rack facilitates long rides on jet skis and has a variety of accessories such as cup holders, umbrella holder, boarding steps and fishing rod holders and is super easy to install. We recently bought a large CNC machine and will be making new styles and more custom racks. As our slogan says " Made by Jetski Riders for Jetski Riders" we have been riding for 20 years. Our favorite trip is Bimini Bahamas, crossing the Atlantic Ocean gives us the adrenaline rush every rider craves; we also ride in the Florida Keys, Miami, Naples and most parts of Florida. Our business is our passion and customer satisfaction is our highest priority. Enter this issue's Pro Rider Photo Contest

for a chance to win a voucher redeemable for a specially made Custom Cruise Edition Rack for any jet ski from PWC Super Rack!



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Congratulations to

Russ Di Lauri of Morris Plains. New Jersey on winning the May/June 2020 Pro Rider Magazine photo contest! Russ shared, " I've been riding WaveRunners



since the Yamaha GP1200 days. This year I bought a Yamaha SVHO. It's a beast of a machine! I took the ski out to the ocean and was jumping waves next to the Barnaget Lighthouse in NJ. I'm rocking Team Jettribe, love their brand!" Russ will receive Jettribe's new Compact Anchor Bag from our good

#### The same of the sa Keith Walker Watercross RACER REMEMBERED

friend Tony Vo at Jettribe.

Pro Rider was saddened to learn that long-time Runabout and Sport class PWC racer Keith Walker, Birmingham, Alabama, passed away recently at age 50. His good friend and fellow racer Erin McConkey shared the following about Keith. "Keith was truly one of a kind. When I first met him in 2004 when I moved to Alabama from New







Zealand not knowing anybody, I knew he was going to be my mate. He was kind, loving, loyal to the bone, funny as hell, with a crack up laugh. I built him up a standup jetski, we rode together, partied together, laughed together. He came to all my races and held for me on the line. Many of you at the races will remember him and his contagious laugh. He had so many friends in so many different circles, all who loved him very much. He was my holder, my wingman, my pitman, my brother—he was a part of our family and will be terribly missed."

#### east coast ski riders ecsr

Submitted by: Shelton Shilliday

ECSR is a family-run jet ski group in Palm Coast, Florida established in 2017. We plan rides, events, dinners, grill outs, and road trips; we are a family on and off the water meeting amazing people forming long-lasting friendships. We were driven to establish ECSR solely based on the idea that we could create a group to bring people together for a good time! Most rides are held in the Matanzas Inlet south of St. Augustine. The most interesting outcome of the group has been seeing riders come together to lend a helping hand. Whether it's a flat tire or a jet ski in need of a tow, there's always someone willing to help. As for our plans in the coming months, we have one thing in mind--continue having a blast and keeping people safe during these tough times. Visit East Coast Ski Riders













#### Ky PWC RIDERS

on Facebook.

Submitted by: Cory Eads

Growing up in Evansville, Indiana living the lake life on Kentucky Lake since I was in diapers, I have



always been a boater up until 2018 when I bought my first 2006 Yamaha FXHO a week before Christmas. I wanted a little more adventure by going places not accessible by boat as well as travel to different lakes. The KY PWC Riders group was formed in 2018 by me and co-founder Austin Steele to build an awesome group of likeminded adventure riders. Our group has grown to 166 members. Rollie Pierson from Eddyville, Kentucky has provided mentoring and assistance leading

rides and ensuring the group is safe. We have completed several group rides in Kentucky with plans to venture out further in the coming years. On average we cover 80-110 miles to make a full day out of each ride.

Austin shared, "Growing up on the banks of the Ohio River, in a home that's been in the family for three generations, I learned how to operate a boat before a car. I've enjoyed being on the water my whole life. Twelve years ago, on my way home from work, I passed a used 2002 Sea-Doo XP. The next day, I bought it and have been hooked ever since. After meeting my wife several years later, we traded that ski for a bigger, more modern one, a 2008 Sea-Doo RXT 215 and traded it in recently for a 2015 Yamaha FXHO. Three skis and 7 years later, riding has turned into a passion in both our lives. KY PWC Riders has brought us together with great people who enjoy riding as much as we do. Exploring new lakes and river systems with friends, who are familiar with the area, has been wonderful and helped us get the most out of our trips! Cory is doing an awesome job running the Facebook page and organizing group rides. Rollie has been a terrific guide with his GPS and depth finder, getting us into areas we would not have been able to access otherwise. KY PWC has already explored Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley down to Fort Donelson this year with more trips planned in the coming months to Lake Cumberland, Nashville, Cave-In-Rock on the Ohio River and more!"



#### RSKI RIDERS

Submitted by: Stuart Allison Photos: Visually Beyond, LLC; RSKI Riders

RSKI, pronounced "risky" is our way of sharing our love for action sports with the world. RSKI Riders includes myself and Riley McElroy. We



both have engineering **75K** backgrounds and use our skills to find new ways to solve problems, try new ideas, and improve

on existing ones. Sharing







our experiences has motivated us to learn new things and our hope is that others will do the same. Riley and I have been good riding buddies since 2014. We primarily ride surf in Pacific City, Oregon and if you know anything about the waves there you know they are powerful. Throughout the course of surf riding we







learned it is very common to break just about everything on a jet ski at one point or another. We are mainly focused on sharing content through our You Tube channel and finding ways to get people excited and welcoming newcomers into the sport. Here's all our links:

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#### The state of the s Introducing the Jetskibuddy *System*

The JetskiBuddy is a revolutionary new system designed to make jet ski operations easier and safer than ever before, with no monthly fee. The patent pending JetskiBuddy has these main features:



1) Avoid collisions by constantly monitoring the distance between your jet skis. If jet skis are too close to each other, the system alerts the user and slows down and limits speed. The system will resume normal controls once the skis are a safe distance apart.

- 2) Allows you to set up an operation area where your watercraft will operate by scanning a location tag and then riding around an area to establish a parameter, which will be stored by the system. If any of your skis leave the established area, the user will be alerted, and their speed will be limited until they are back in the established area.
- 3) Before every rental, simply scan a time tag that tells the system how many minutes the rental is for. The system will begin alerting the user that their time is almost up in the last 5 minutes. Should the user exceed their time limit, their speed will be limited encouraging their return
- 4) Each individual function (collision prevention. geofencing and timer) can be easily turned on or off by scanning a tag, allowing for maximum flexibility to accommodate occasions like complimentary rides or tours/safaris.
- 5) The distance at which the collision prevention starts can be easily adjusted by scanning a tag to suit different conditions.
- 6) The dial switch allows users to change the cut off speed to suit different conditions to ensure optimal operation.
- 7) Time and function tags are universally compatible with all JetskiBuddy units, so one set of tags will work for your entire fleet. Each unit comes with a full set of tags, enough for every member of your team.

### MEET THE DTM RACING TEAM

Story and photos: Arnas Eidukaitis

Our team in Eastern Europe has been operating since 2014. The DTM Racing Team Club was officially registered since 2019 and is comprised Jet Ski Federation was one of the first in Europe to



open the 2020 season with the Lithuanian Jet Ski Aquacross Championship. Kaunas Reservoir demonstrated its hospitality very subtly - with big wind and waves. Among the half-hundred participants, the gambling battle was further fueled by powerful guests from neighbor countries - Latvia, Estonia and Poland. For the first time in Lithuania, last year's world champion Arvydas Pečatauskas from Kėdainiai, came from Germany. Our team stayed positive so the bad weather and the extremely difficult first competition did not scare or prevent our athletes from climbing the podium.

In Runabout Novice, Arnas Jakučionis won first, and Vytautas Požarskas won the honorable second place in Runabout Open. Other athletes on the team showed high competition and shared honorable seats and will intensively prepare for the next stages to show an even higher level. The start of the season is set off!

See DTM Racing Team on Facebook and follow @dtmracingteam on Instagram.



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ro Watercross had a fantastic weekend of racing to open the 2020 season, perfect for celebrating the 25th anniversary of producing personal watercraft racing. Pro Watercross kicked off the season with its first round at Sharky's Beachfront Restaurant in Panama City Beach, Florida. What an awesome weekend re-uniting with racers from all over the country! It was great to see so many people excited to get out to race and be part of the jet ski community again. Staff, racers, and spectators rolled excitedly into Panama City following months on lockdown and geared up for what turned out to be a spectacular weekend of racing, reunions and celebrations!

The course was arranged with a single gate start into a split that had either a tight inside or much faster outside split. Racers from many states arrived for the event resulting in full lines for each class. Pro-Am Ski GP, Sport Stock and Box Stock Runabout were the largest classes of the weekend which made for exciting racing! Racers put on one heck of a show for spectators lining the beach.

Pro-Am Ski GP featured a lineup of heavy hitters competing on the latest state of the art aftermarket hulls from Bullett, Kommander and Pro Watercraft. The result was an outstanding and intense day of racing through three motos that was not decided until the final checkered flag. Finishing on top of the podium was multi time National and World Champion Dustin Motzouris aboard his Kommander GP1. Motzouris, Tim Gewecke, Camden Powell, Jimmy Wilson, Matthew Richuk and others made this race incredible! Camden Powell making his Pro-Am debut showed the other pros he is a force to reckon with. At the end of moto 3 it was Dustin Motzouris in first followed by Camden Powell second and Jimmy Wilson third. Box Stock runabout was exciting as Brian Baldwin and Troy Snyder continued their rivalry on the water going head to head. At the end of moto three Brian Baldwin took first, Troy Snyder second and Tim Miller third.

Sport Stock saw the biggest class of the weekend. Racer and host of the popular Cardone Race Corner weekly live Facebook show, Bobby Cardone took the first moto win. Moto two Christopher Landis grabbed the win with young Sammy Nehme taking the moto 3 win. After the 3 motos were added up, Ken Waddle's consistency with 2-2-3 put him on the top podium spot with Devin Farthing 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sammy Nehme 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Congratulations to all that participated!





#### TOP FINISHERS ROUND ONE PRO WATERCROSS NATIONAL TOUR

Pro-Am R/A Box Stock; Brian Baldwin Amateur Ski Stock; Zeke Keim Junior Spark Stock 13-15 Yr: Robbie Finlinson Amateur Freestyle: Brian Spicer Pro-Am Ski GP: Dustin **Motzouris** Junior Sport Stock 13-15 Yr: Jax Hayden Pro Freestyle: Brad Hill Veteran IROC Stock: John Block Beginner Runabout Box Stock: Jon Koederitz Pro-Am Runabout GP: **Troy Snyder**Amateur Ski GP: **Zeke Keim** Veterans R/A Box Stock: Frank Ortiz Beginner Ski Stock: Teagan Hill Pro-Am Ski Stock: Matthew Richuk IROC Stock: Jay Finlinson Novice Sport Stock: Andrew Hancock Blaster GP: Deven Farthing IROC GP: Dominic Perez Vintage Ski 550: Ralph Henning Sport GP: Revin Harris -Runabout 800 SS: Jim Devlinki Stock 10-12 Yr: Teagan Hill Ski 4-Stroke Stock: Camden Powell



























he process is quite normal: Every PWC steadily loses power over the course of time. When the engine is running, combustion produces residues that are also deposited in the injection system. These then ensure that the gasoline is no longer atomized so finely during injection and therefore does not burn as efficiently as before. The result is less power and higher consumption. In addition, this also produces even more combustion residues, which further cloq the injection system - a vicious circle. Because this is a creeping process, it is often not noticed at all. If only gasoline of below-average quality is available, the effect is even greater.

One solution to the problem would be to remove the injection nozzles and clean them mechanically. This is tedious and costs a lot of time. It is much easier with the Marine 4T Shooter from LIQUI MOLY. This additive was specially developed for the cleaning and protection of four-stroke engines. It is simply added to the gasoline. Every time the engine runs, the gasoline transports the cleaning agents to the crucial points. It removes deposits from injection nozzles, intake valves, spark plugs and the combustion chamber. It also ensures that new deposits can no longer form so guickly. This restores the engine's original performance level.

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ith phase 1 of the pandemic out of the way and entering phase 2, many people are starting to make plans and take trips out of town. PWC enthusiasts are no strangers to traveling great distances to satisfy their need for crystal clear waters, and the company of family and friends that share the same passion.

The local Florida PWC community continues to grow and expand their horizons. The South Florida Jet Ski Riders is one of the southern Florida clubs that prides itself in making memories while respecting the environment. The Sea-Doo Florida Community was welcomed into a recent trip and in our opinion, it was a complete success! While the South Florida Riders Club is a private club, they welcome anyone to ride with them. The club has high standards which is part of what makes them so well respected by the community. Club members are highly motivated, helpful with one another, friendly and mature and includes kids and adults of all ages.

Juan Mallen, President of the South Florida Ski Riders Club for over 13 years is an official member of the Sea-Doo Florida Community since January 2020. The Sea-Doo Florida Community Team is currently composed of Eddie Nieto, Randy Cabrera and Juan Mallen.

The club's invitation was accepted, and the destination was set on the west coast of Florida in the beautiful Crystal River, a location very well known by anglers for the wide variety of fish, clams, and oysters. Crystal River is highly recognized for the natural springs famous for their crystal-clear waters and spectrum of colors. The springs are highly respected and protected, rightfully so to keep and maintain their beauty and charm. Riders traveled from Rainbow Springs State Park, Three Sister Springs, to the Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. The Gulf Coast had a bit of its own attitude with the constant showers due to rough weather heading toward the New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Alabama borders.

Even with the tough weather ahead adventure seekers were not about to allow the fun to stop. The ride was guided with caution and supervised by club members. Mallen led the pack aboard his 2020 Sea-Doo RXT-X 300 in California green metallic and black with audio system and GPS. Throughout the ride the club made stops to indulge in the beauty Mother Nature had to offer, along with enjoying a moment of laughter and friendly water fun.

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## **BUSINESS** PROFILE



ccasionally, a great new product comes along that deserves some media love. Based out of Idaho, H2O Industries' new high-quality cover is exactly that. I recently had the opportunity to preview this watercraft cover, and after getting my hands on it, it's clear that more thought has been put into this cover than any other cover manufacturer in the past, ever.

What sets this cover apart from others is the attention to detail and quality of materials used. The top side fabric is a vinyl-coated polyester that is durable and provides maximum UV protection to keep your paint looking good. When left out in the sun, the cover provides as much as a 25-degree reduction in temperature due to the deflected direct sunlight. The warp-knit polyester underside provides a soft, abrasionresistant surface, making it safe to use on critical painted surfaces, delicate objects and sensitive gelcoats. This underside protection is, in my experience, the main problem with most covers that are currently on the market.







### **NEW PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT:** INTRODUCING A NEW BREED OF **COVER FOR YOUR PWC**



By: Dan Lindgren Photos: H2O Industries

Every cover I have ever used, factory or aftermarket, has always buffed or scratched the paint on my skis if used while towing due to the abrasive material that flops in the wind against your ski while driving down the road. This is a real bummer when you are going on a long road trip with your precious expensive aftermarket ski and you want some way to protect it for the ride without damaging paint.



H20 Industries has solved that problem by making the extra effort in their cover design. Additionally, the cover has built in straps that can be used to tie down your ski using the cover itself because the straps are stitched into the cover with D rings strategically located in the perfect spots for tying down on your trailer or hitch hauler.

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## PR BUSINESS PROFILE "I'D DIP THAT!"

## MEET CHAD RANKIN KING OF HYDRO DIPPING

ydro dipping, also referred to as immersion printing, is a super cool technique with amazing results. Pro Rider Magazine recently caught up with entrepreneur, jet ski enthusiast and Owner/Operator of Crankin Customz Chad Rankin to find out more about this interesting creative process and how it all started.

**PRO RIDER:** Please tell us a little bit about yourself and what motivated you to establish Crankin Customz.

**CHAD RANKIN:** I am always up for a challenge. I love to hunt and ride jet skis. My wife is always supportive and encourages me to express myself in all my entrepreneurial journeys. If she can park her car in the garage come wintertime, she's cool with it!

I have always been into learning new things and have an appreciation for loud colors. I saw a video a few years back on hydro dipping and decided to try it. Challenge accepted! After securing everything needed to try it out, I failed over and over! But I did not let that stop me. I did more research, tested out different companies and their products. With practice I improved and started doing my own jet ski parts and some car parts; friends gave me their parts to practice on--pretty gutsy friends! After a while I got better at it and decided to start a side business. I'm not only making jet ski parts look awesome but other things like deer skull mounts and travel cups, among other miscellaneous items.

PR: Please describe hydro dipping. Who are your main customers?

**ER:** Hydro dipping is a lot more technical and complicated than people think. I do not just spray paint in a tub of water and dip a part. I have to paint the parts and of course let them dry. I tape off the edges of the hydro dip film, lay it on the water which has to be a specific temperature; let the water soak into the film for about a minute; then spray an activator product that turns the film into a piece of art on top of the water. Very carefully I take the part that I am dipping and slowly, at an angle, push the painted part into the film. After that I rinse it very well in warm water to remove any leftover film. After that dries, I apply a clearcoat to the product. Then, voila! A part is beautifully reborn! My main customers are my family and my jet ski friends that I also consider my family. I do work with other people like a taxidermist who allows me to hydro dip all sorts of deer mounts.

**PR:** What are the benefits of hydro dipping as relates to PWC parts? What is the largest item you have dipped?



**CR:** The benefit to hydro dipping jet ski parts and what not, is that people can show off their skis and give their ski a different look instead of just a solid color. I can help make it stand out! The largest part I have ever dipped was an air intake for a Monte Carlo. It barely fit in my tank.

PR: In your spare time what kind of ski do you ride and what is your favorite riding location?

**ER:** My favorite ski is my very original "Air" fix steer. I own 2 "Air Blair" jet skis currently. If my wife will let me, I'll snag up more when I hear a good deal! I absolutely love riding the Great Lakes here in Michigan. We have a cottage at Houghton Lake we really enjoy. I have a buddy that has an old gravel pit here in my town where I ride at least once a week. Someday I'll have a place to stay whenever I want on the Great Lakes. But in order to ever be able to do that, I'll need some more business so heck out my ad in this issue with my contact info, and I'll give your ski a new look too! Thanks for reading! RIDE ON! 🎘 📗





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## MINGLING/ MIXING/ ACTION/ FUN ON PRACTICE TRACK CAMP FAR WEST LAKE

By: Kenny Wong

**Photos:** Kenny Wong KDW Photography
Britni Tallerico Copper Glow Photos



iders and racers come from all over California, with some traveling more than 3 hours to ride and practice at Camp Far West Lake located in north central California in Wheatland. Without a race season yet in place, many ride to keep up their skills, others ride for the pure enjoyment of the sport. Additionally, this location provides a chance to race against other riders on an actual course. The tracks were designed and set up by other riders. Pro racers Pete Zernick and Jeff Kleeschulte provided the buoys and their personal time to install the racecourse. Racers and families mix and mingle, while practicing social distancing. The Nor-Cal Jetski industry is one big family and all personalities are cheerful and positive!

The setting at Camp Far West is spacious with easy lake access and ample parking. A designated 'Jet Ski Cove' is used for racing with other areas for camping and boating. Jet Ski Cove is ideal for jet skiers as it is away from the rest of the lake apart from boating traffic. Excessive speed is approved and side by side racing is acceptable. Anyone entering the cove knows they will be entering an area filled with action and speed.

The track accommodates practicing every aspect of racing including holding, starting, turning and jumping. Freestylers are welcomed and always excite the crowd with amazing flips and tricks. On an average Saturday, upwards of 45 riders, from beginners to professionals take to the water at Camp Far West Lake.







## PR BUSINESS PROFILE





## ANGELICA RACING AND REPAIR — JET SKI FIBERGLASS REPAIR AND PAINT SHOP

he Gonzalez family, Victor, Heather, daughter 19-year-old Angelica and son 17-year-old Antonio are very well known and respected in the jet ski community. They've been racing and wrenching for many years!

Last March, Hydrodrag World Champion Angelica was working on jet skis for friends in the family's garage. She shared, "Our family has been working on jet skis in our garage for the last 15 years. We soon had more demand than we had space, resulting in us progressing into a shop of our own. That is when the business Angelica Racing, LLC was developed."

Angelica, affectionately known as 'Princess of the Hydrodrags' has a true a passion for her work. The entire family loves jet skis, and dad Victor has worked with fiberglass and paint for more than 30 years which prompted starting a business that combines the two things Angelica loves most—racing and paint and fiberglass work. "I am the proudest of the positive feedback and the good reputation we have established. Customers being fully satisfied and the work being beyond their expectations is what keeps me going. Word of mouth is also very important as I put a lot of time and effort into my work to earn the customer's full trust," said Angelica.

The way things are going, bigger shop, gaining more accounts and more customers, the future looks bright for Angelica Racing, LLC located in Dade City, Florida.

Lastly, Angelica shared some advice, "Stay positive, keep a great attitude. It is also big deal to reinforce your hulls. With a powerful ski not only comes trophies and world championships, but you also run the risk of cracking your hull. Put in hard work and dedication, and you will soon achieve your goals. Don't forget, if you hit something, give us a call!" PR































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## PR PRORIDER TECH TIPS

## WAX RACING ALL STAINLESS PUMP LINER

Story and photos: Daren Hawes, Founder Jetski Army

ecently my '82 550 with SX motor and pump started gradually slowing down until it stopped. It had the dreaded click, when all you hear is the starter engaging. Recharged the battery, same thing. Before investigating the engine, I started at the easy end – the pump- to see if there were rocks or maybe the bearings had seized.

Seeing nothing obvious I ripped off the ride plate and dropped out the pump. To my delight the engine turned over. Clearly, a pump issue.

Removing the pump is relatively easy. Remove the intake grate and ride plate, then remove the pump by loosening the 4 bolts and the water pipes. I cut around the silicone at the intake with a blade. You can use a fishing trace wire to separate the two, either way don't damage the hull.

Take note if any shims were under the pump bolts. Remember where they went for reinstallation. Break it open, undo the 4 pump bolts. The jet pump sections should have been sealed with silicone so you may need to give it a careful tap with a rubber mallet. Remove the cone shaped cap and set aside.

My pump case lining had started to corrode between the wear ring and pump case pushing the wear ring into my impeller. This happened over time until it seized. The rust bulge was fouling the wear ring for quite some time. The pump outlet is aluminum and the pump liner stainless steel. After 30 years corrosion sets in starting the separation that EVERYONE will experience one day.

Not only was the impeller seized, the guide vanes were smashed. Googling it amazed me the forces and temperatures on these things. Cavitation is powerful.

The Skat 15.5 in this pump luckily had little wear. It had been getting hot and required the burs be removed with a file.

Off to Wax Racing Products website for a new pump liner. I wasn't keen to cut and separate the pump liner then freezing and squeezing in the wear ring like the old days, so I opted for a new one. This will be the last pump case I will ever need to buy.

The first thing I-noticed about the Wax Racing all stainless pump liner was the high quality and weight. It's more than twice as heavy as the OEM and impressive!

The next step was to press in the inside bearing into its housing until it's against the stopper groove. Use a socket to do this ensuring the socket touches the bearing race and nothing else or you will damage your bearings. I used a bit of waterproof grease to assist. You can freeze the bearings if it's a little tight. Pop in the space and press in the outer bearing with your socket. Carefully and slowly drive the bearing down until it just touches the

spacer. Don't overdo it or you will damage your bearing. Align it all by inserting the shaft.

I installed the grease seals by coating the lower seal with grease and carefully driving into the pump housing with a bearing driver or socket with the same outer diameter as the seal. Install the lower seal so that the open side (with the spring on it) faces to the front of the pump housing. Drive the seal into the housing until it touches the bearing. Coat the upper seal with grease and install it right over the last. They look backwards, but nope checked the manual, the spring faces the impeller.

It's important to have these pumps tuned. If there is a gap between the impeller and the wear ring you lose performance. Change this adjustment by adding or removing shims behind the impeller.

Using the special removal tool, I added and removed shims (or stainless washers) from the shaft. I did this 5 times until it was perfect. Tighten the impeller to 20 N.M (14 tt.b) and temporarily put the pump back together. Don't just tap the Wax Racing all stainless pump liner on and measure. Nip it all up tight then measure.

The recommended gap on average around the impeller is 0.2-0.3<sub>MM</sub> (0.008-0.012 in.). There was no rubbing and the Wax Racing full stainless pump liner was very true and round.

Put the pump back together using a smear of silicone around the casing seals and threadlock on all bolts. Tighten the 4 long pump case bolts to 5.5 N.M (48 in.b). Change the O-ring that came with the rebuild kit of the cone cap and fill with grease. Attach your steering nozzle and tiny rubber cover on the impeller end.

Clean up the silicone sealant from the pump area intake on both the pump and boat. Apply a bead of silicone all the way around the pump intake on the jet pump. Do not get silicone inside the pump intake or it will cause water cavitation and reduced thrust.

Install the jet pump assembly by engaging the drive shaft splines with the impeller and pushing in. Add the alignment shims you originally took off and using threadlock put back the 4 bolts. Tighten to 22 N.M (16 ft.lb). Reattach the hoses and reattach your grate and ride plate. Tighten to 10 N.M (7 ft.lb). Finally grease and attach your steering cable to your nozzle.

In summary this job was not as hard as you might think, especially with the right tools. had forgotten how much fun these skis are when they are working at near new!

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s the weather cooled and covid-19 restrictions eased in Queensland, Australia we are thrilled to get back on the water for training and recreation! Whilst the restrictions have not eased to the point to allow us to race yet, we are taking advantage of what we have to keep our skills honed ready for racing to resume.

Training/fun days are organized by riders of the Queensland Personal Watercraft Club (QPWC) at a private lake (Marshall's ski lake) north of Brisbane that owner Bob Marshall kindly allows us to use for practice. One of the few easily accessible places, we were able to permanently set up buoys to have a track on which to hone our skills. This in turn draws a

variety of skis from vintage stand-ups to open boats and everything in between. Although not a huge lake it easily accommodates a small buoy track and a lot of our local QPWC racers utilize this to its full capacity, alongside recreational riders.

With this being the middle of our usual racing season, racers organize these rides to keep up with their practice of closed course racing, stay in contact with other riders in the club as well as to have fun. All levels of skill are seen as riders band together to grow their performance levels while challenging each other on the course. One training day per month is organized, more if busy schedules allow. PR



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#### RACE AND FITNESS TIP

#### **SPLIT SQUAT JUMPS**

Story and photos: Joseph M. Berning, PhD, CSCS, FACSM Strength Physiologist New Mexico State University

With summer upon us, many are moving lakeside and firing up the PWC. Businesses are slowly reopening; however, many fitness centers remain closed due to COVID-19. Despite the 'Corona Chaos' fitness training must go on!

Split Squat Jumps are a plyometric exercise which highly stimulates both the nervous and muscular systems. The purpose is to enhance speed of muscular contraction which in turn increases speed of movement.

**OVERVIEW:** Split Squat Jumps are performed starting in a lunge position. With a skyward swing of your arms, leap vertically into the air switching your leading leg with your trailing leg, landing in a lunge position with the trailing leg forward. Split Squat Jumps can be performed one jump at a time or in a cyclical manner where you jump repeatedly cycling the legs for several repetitions. A key to any plyometric exercise is speed of transition where you rebound as fast as possible keeping contact with the ground as short as possible. The pictures demonstrate four phases 1) start, 2) take-off, 3) flight-switch legs, and 4) landing.

PRECAUTIONS: Jumping and bounding places a lot stress on the nervous system, muscles, joints, and connective tissue. As a youth, we jump and play outdoors all the time but as we age, bodyweight increases creating additional gravitational stresses when jumping. It is highly recommended that before performing plyometric exercises, you have a strong base of muscle strength. One of the most important aspects of plyometric training is ensuring you focus on controlled technique.

EXERCISE RELEVANCE TO PWC: Stand-up watercraft riders and racers typically stand in a split stance. Racers will stand in a low split stance position and rapidly change right leg or left leg forward during turns. Split Squat Jumps help train racers to transition from one leg forward to the other rapidly mimicking immediate turns and directional changes during races.

PRESCRIPTION: Perform in conjunction with other lower body exercises.

DAYS OF THE WEEK:

2 days a week separated by 48 - 72 hours recovery

VOLUME:

Lower body plyometrics use the number of foot contacts instead of traditional sets/repetitions. Each time a foot or both feet touch the ground equals 1 contact. Programs can still be set up with sets/reps. For example: 3 sets of 20-foot contacts.

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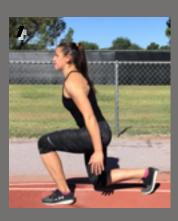
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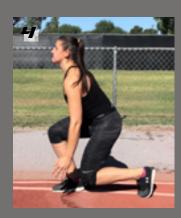
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Training and competing places tremendous stress on the body physically and psychologically. In addition, most racers compete on weekends and hold down fulltime jobs during the week which adds to daily stressors. There is no substitution for eating healthy and consuming enough calories while still training and getting plenty of sleep and recovery. However, because of the compounding demands of all the aforementioned issues, adding top quality supplements has been adopted by athletes of all levels in all sports. Those racing personal watercraft are no exception. Because there are so many companies selling supplements, choosing the right ones can be overwhelming.

The first step in choosing what's best for you would be to see what a company offers and how they cater to specific types of sports. For example, Ryno Power Sports Supplements (rynopower.com) specializes in extreme sports with world class and amateur athletes in sports such as Jet Ski, MotoX, Mountain Bike, and BMX racing. Some of the top trainers in those sports endorse Ryno Power for their athletes.

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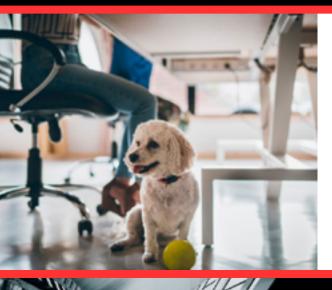






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#### ZOOMED IMAGES Story and Photos: Zoomed Images he Covid-19 crisis stopped people in sunny Queensland, Australia from using their watercraft, so as restrictions eased, not even single digit temperatures could keep riders off the beautiful waters of the Pacific. A group from "GC Freeride" on the Gold Coast wasted no time getting back on the water to enjoy comradery within the freeride fraternity which has been made even stronger with the addition of an informal "Battle for the 'Big Boy' Belt" held whenever this group rides. PR Rules are simple: 1. Height and complexity of tricks scores highest. 2. Judging is based on general consensus of the group following each ride. 3. Best rider of the day takes home the belt for the week and returns it the following weekend. 4. Throwing down a trick for the first time automatically earns retaining the belt for 2 weeks. However, you must nominate/register your trick prior to the ride so spectators know to look out for it. If two or more riders execute a trick they've never performed on the same ride, the group decides the winner for the day. 5. Performing a "first ever in the world" trick allows the rider to retain the belt for 4 weeks. 6. All riders must participate in a group photo at the end of the ride.

Spit is a narrow elongated landform created from deposits of sand by the tide movements. One end of the spit remains attached to the mainland while the other end is open out in the water. Also known as sandspit, this type of landform is often found off coasts or lake shores.

Several types of skis have been taking to the water from Rickters to Superjets, it's all just part of "Freeride" and grabbing the best wave you can.

Riders in attendance for this ride included: Jack Watson, Dan McNamara, Travis Chambers, Jimmy Blackwood, Brodie Copp, Guy Youngblutt, Shaun Howie, Cameron Binstead, Austin Clark, Brodie Olsen and David Anthony. Jimmy Blackwood took out the belt with his trick being the super man barrel roll.







# SUN'S OUT SKIS OUT: BUFFALO SKI RIDERS HOST BIG SEASON OPENING RIDE

Story and photos: Ken KGees Yeah Buddy Productions

he Buffalo Ski Riders was created by David Muniz in 2019. Together with his cousin Sergio Muniz, they began a group with the goal of growing their club to provide a safe and fun environment for friends. It has truly become a "family" that rides and spends

time together. David and Sergio were originally avid motorcycle riders that transitioned to PWCs. Soon they realized they needed a Facebook page, initially expecting just a few others in their close circle to join. However, it wasn't long before others noticed the page, and it quickly grew to 200 members strong, and still growing. Members enjoy their personal watercraft on the waterways in and around Buffalo, New York.

Although no one expected the coronavirus and its resulting pandemic that closed marinas and ramps and sent us all home to shelter in place, the group remained in contact, communicating and supporting

each other. As regulations relaxed, they reached out to their members to plan a ride, teaming up with Yeah Buddy Productions from the DC area, to support their season opening ride. I joined riders from Western NY, and as far as Rochester to participate in this special event. With 65+ PWCs, the group set off together to Strawberry Island for a safety briefing and head count. The route included a lap around Grand Island, then over to the furthest point you can ride up to the barrier one of the world's greatest natural wonders - Niagara Falls. Riders could feel the mist, and

the scenery was breathtaking. Grass Island was the next rally point for a short photo break, refreshments, and some old fashioned PWC networking! From here, the group rode into the basin of Lake Erie, with quite a bit of chop, and finally to Woodlawn Beach for lunch. The group enjoyed several hours of riding, wave jumping, and spending time together on the crystal-clear water; the camaraderie and fun had by all was a sight to behold.

"We want to unite riders from across the state, even across the country, to join together and make the community strong," said Buffalo Ski Riders Founder David Muniz. This team plans to take their show on the road and ride with other groups including the Jersey Shore PWC riders, the Mid-Atlantic PWC Owners and Riders, the Carolina Watercraft Club Riders, and more!

Making this ride even more special was the fact it was one of the first organized events as the pandemic continued to rock our nation. Each rider was reminded of social distancing requirements, all brought a mask and appropriate sanitizer and items necessary to maintain safety. Spectators were seen cheering; drivers were honking as they drove past the line of trucks and PWCs lined up and down the street and out to the highway to launch their watercraft.

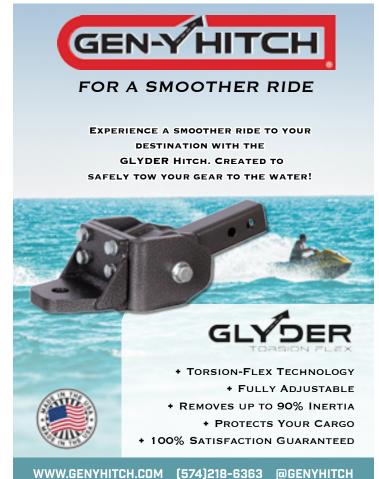
The Buffalo Ski Riders welcome everyone and invite all to join together as a community to ensure the waterways stay open to boats and personal watercraft.

Look for the Buffalo Ski Riders on Facebook. They would love to see you join one of their rides soon! **PR** 





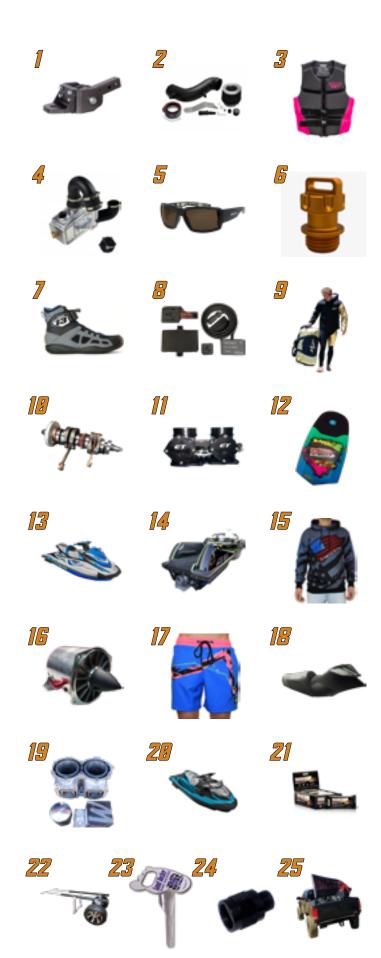




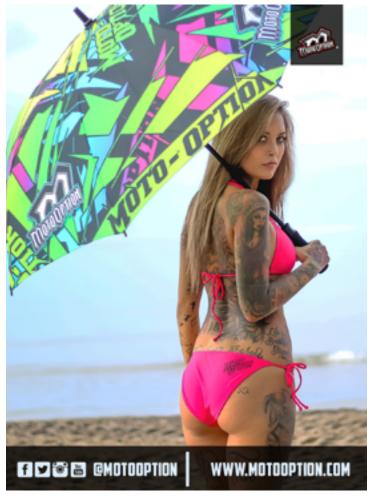
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reat Lakes Watercross kicked off their 2020 tour Father's Day weekend with action-packed racing on Lake Petenwell at the Lure Bar & Grill in Nekoosa, Wisconsin. This is a favorite site for many racers who like to camp, and they come prepared with campers, motorhomes, and tents. After having to cancel the first scheduled race due to the pandemic, riders were anxious to get back to racing fun! There was a feeling of normalcy as trucks, RVs, and trailers set up for a weekend of racing. This event brought 60 registrations!

Great Lakes Watercross changed up the tour slightly this year from a 2-moto system to a 4-moto system, which made racers concentrate and fight for that overall win across 4 motos in 2 days! Lines were full for Pro Am Ski and IROC stock. Ryan "Razz" Rasmussen took the win in IROC stock, Summer Voss came in close behind with a 2nd overall, and Erich Nehls took 3rd. Rasmussen

also worked hard to fight off Brad Bohat and Nick Krupka in the Amateur/Vet Runabout class, taking the overall win leaving Brad in 2nd and Nick in 3rd. The winner of the biggest ski class was Zach Genrich, taking a win in all motos., Zach's son Dylan, age 7, captured the attention of everyone watching on the beach as he performed a Junior Freestyle show; he has an impressive ski made just for the junior freestyler, and has major talent!

The sun shined down on all the proud fathers watching their kids in the Junior Ski Class and Junior IROC class. Steve King watched from behind the starting line and cheered as son Emerson, age 10, took the win in Junior Ski.

On behalf of all the racers, we extend a huge thank you to the Great Lakes Watercross promoters Justin Treder and Kelsey Leasure, and their entire crew. They always pull together a fantastic and well-organized event.











# PR PRORIDER VINTAGE







#### THROWEACH TO THE '805 WITH A TWIST!

Story and photos: Minnesota Mark Rabe

friend of mine, Mike, had a few too many hulls laying around, and I gladly offered to take one off his hands. As I started stripping it down and cleaning oil out of the engine bay, then flipping it over to start on the bottom of the hull, I immediately decided on old school graphics with a new fun little twist to the paint job!

Not far into the project I glanced at my 1990 550SX bought brand new with custom hand painted checkerboard graphics and thought let's replicate that and add some 80s graphics. The taping of the checkerboard was a time-consuming process, to say the least. I also installed a rear exhaust and painted the motor to blend with the hull colors.

I started jet skiing in 1987 in Mazatlán, Mexico on a rented 550 and enjoyed it so much that after returning from vacation to Minnesota I bought a new 650SX. Soon after, I decided

I wanted a more playful ski and two years later bought a brand new 1990 550SX and still have it 30 years later! I always like the feeling of carving the water and the freestyle tricks the lightweight 550 hull makes possible.

About three and a half years ago, wondering what I was going to do

for work, the good Lord said, "I know just your thing," so here I am in Central Florida collecting, restoring, building, painting, fixing and selling skis like they are something new, but what I found is most of my clients are guys

and gals in their fifties saying to me "I remember back in the day, and I want one for my kids or grandkids to ride!"

My final thoughts: The Vintage 550s are back with a vengeance and with the help of serious enthusiasts restoring and making the parts that are rare or becoming short supply available, this Vintage group will continue to grow with the "ORIGINAL JET SKI" where it all started!

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### ADDICTION TO WATER FUN! H20 ADDICTS

2O Addicts Founder Adam Lao explained that H2O Addicts was formed in 2014 with a group of friends who share the love of water. With that, it grew into a family that continues to ride the waves, bringing families and friends together. When asked what motivated him, Adam shared, "I've always been into chasing the adrenaline rush. From a young age, it evolved from motorcycles, to ATVs, then eventually to jet skis. I've always been the 'group coordinator' and love to be surrounded by friends and family."



Under normal circumstances, the group organizes rides every quarter in both New York and Florida. Since New York is seasonal, rides occur mostly in the spring/summer and in Florida, pretty much year-round. In New York City they ride the Hudson River around the Statue of Liberty; in Long Island they ride out of Freeport to Fire Island. In Florida, they ride the Atlantic along Miami's beaches and the Florida Keys, north to Marco Island. Silver Glen Springs in Orlando is another popular destination for their rides that combine exploration, adventure, fun and fellowship with other PWC groups.



Not only is H2O Addicts a crew, but it's a brand with fun new merchandise. Adam said, "Through H2O Addicts, I've made connections with some pretty awesome people all around the world. Our followers and supporters are the best! They've helped get us where we are today and it's just the beginning. We welcome everyone to join us as we ride the waves!"

By: Pro Rider Magazine

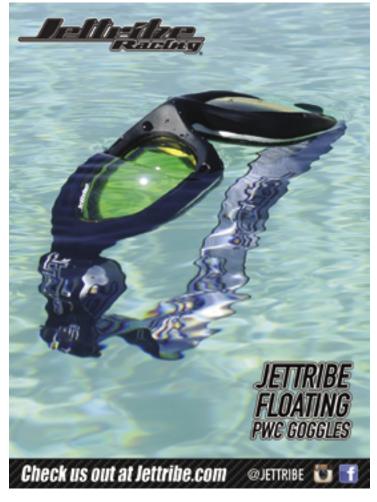
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#### FAUORITE DESTINATIONS

Lake Havasu City, Arizona - We were married during the 2011 World Finals at the London Bridge in Lake Havasu; North Beach in Racine, Wisconsin - Beautiful site with a huge beach area on Lake Michigan.

#### SUPPORT VEHICLE

2019 Polaris Sportsman 450

#### PLANS FOR 2020

#### Great Lakes Watercross Races:

Round 2 - July 11 and 12 Neosho, WI

Round 3 - August Date TBD -La Crosse, WI

Round 3 - August 29 and 30 Neosho, WI

Round 4 - September 12 and Lake Koshkonong, Milton WI - Series Championship

#### Pro Watercross Events:

August 1-2, 2020: Racine, WI

August 8-9, 2020: Lake Charles, LA

World Championships - October 29-November 1, 2020 Naples, FL

Hoping to attend IJSBA World Finals in Lake Havasu City. The challenge right now is finding an IJSBA event that will allow us to qualify for World Finals.











I joined the club which provides a safe place for racers to practice and a great place to hang out and get some speed on the water for everyone that loves riding jet skis. All you need is a machine, helmet, back protection and a life vest to join on the water. The racetrack is located central of the town of Gävle on the east coast

Our goal for this season before the covid-19 came, was to ride the European Championship and the Jetski World Series Triple Crown and protect my Swedish Championship gold. But I guess we must wait for next year and while we are waiting keep practicing.

in the middle of Sweden.

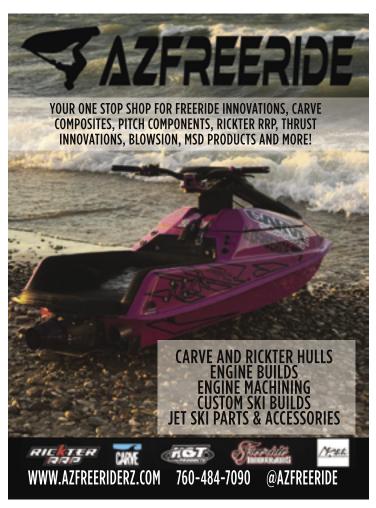
Team Pson Racing consists of myself and my wife Frida Persson. We have been a team since 2016 racing with Sea-Doo Sparks all over Europe and Thailand. The team name originated in 2001 when I was racing with snowmobiles on open water. The name came from one of my mechanics that called us "The Pson Racing Team" in a show race that we did for Engans Water Show. "Pson" was a shortcut of my last name and since then the team name has followed us.

In 2007 I started to race jet skis, and for 7 years I raced a Kawasaki SXR 800 all over Sweden. In 2014 the Sea-Doo Spark came, a new fun machine to race and I still love it. Two years later in 2016 my wife entered a debutant race and won over 12 guys! And she fell in love with the sport too. Today it is a family team; we travel together with our two kids like a big racing family and plan to do so for many years to come with all of us racing side by side. PR



See more on Facebook Team Pson Racing and Gefle Jet Racing Club.







# PRORIDER SAFETY TIPS

### Distauce Off



By: Mandy Brown - Author, Jet Ski Best Practices | Photos: Nigel Miller - Jet Ski TV

housands of individuals around the world discover a love of jet skis each year. I compiled notes of testing and related findings into a book to enable riders to access the years of knowledge I'd collated reaching back to when my mentor, Milton Brunton, kicked off the Australian Water Rescue scene in 1990

Jet Ski Best Practices was released in 2018 and is now in its 3rd revision, and to this day there is not one ride where I don't learn something new about our incredible sport! For 15 years I've subscribed to global news services about jet skis. From these articles I've kept statistics on PWC related severe injuries and fatalities.

It is clear the best way to stay safe on a PWC is to never breach "distance off" a regulatory requirement stemming from International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. Each region has its own PWC distance off requirements however most are around 150 feet. Most jet ski incidences of a serious nature occur when riding too close.

To substantially minimize risk, the single most efficient way is to simply always keep your "distance off" when moving faster than idle speed!

For more information on safety, touring, home maintenance and just about everything else you need to know about jet skis, grab a copy of Jet Ski Best Practices, visit www.JetSkiBook.com. PR









# PR PRORIDER TEGE TOPS

#### ENGINE REAK-IN

By: Austin Livingston Redline Powersports Myrtle Beach, SC

t's that time of year, days are warmer, nights are shorter, boat ramps are packed. You're tired of missing out on the aquatic fun so you decide to go down to your local powersports dealer and purchase a new water rocket. However, after signing the papers and laying down a huge portion of Benjamins, you may leave with little to no knowledge on how to properly use and care for your new watercraft. The most important time in your watercraft's life is the first few hours of engine break-in. A watercraft's engine is comprised of thousands of components that haven't yet learned how to work together since being assembled at the factory. A proper break-in ensures your watercraft will supply smiles for years to come instead of hefty repair bills. Here's some tips for all watercraft brands. PR



See more on Instagram @austin\_lives.



#### KAWASAKI

- ► Kawasaki has a breakin period of 1hr 35m Kawasaki states.
- ▶ During the first 5 min, do not exceed 2500 rpm.
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- ▶ During the next 30 min, do not exceed 6000 rpm.



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#### **ЧАМАНА**

- Yamaha has a break-in period of 1hr35m Yamaha states.
- ► For the first 5 min, operate with the engine speed at 2000 rpm (idle speed).
- ► For the next 30 min, operate with engine speed below 5000 rpm.
- For the next hour, operate with engine speed below 6000 rpm.
- For supercharged models Yamaha states for the first 5min, operate with the engine speed below 5000 rpm.













# UK PHOTOGRAPHER MARK POVEY CAPTURES SMILES AND MEMORIES AT KINGSBURY JET BIKE

**By:** Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine **Photos:** Mark Povey Photography

ith many events on hold worldwide, PWC enthusiasts riding at Kingsbury Jet Bike home of one of the largest lakes in the United Kingdom, will often encounter the professional lens of long-time jet ski photographer Mark Povey of Tamworth, Staffordhshire, England. Pro Rider recently chatted with Mark who graciously shared the incredible images on this page.

**PRO RIMER:** When did you start doing jet ski photography?

**MIRIX POVITY:** I started jet ski photography about 12 years ago. It began as a hobby as the lake was local to me and I was always there.

Please tell us a bit about the location where these pictures were taken.

The private lake is in Kingsbury Water Park in Central England and is run by two great individuals Kerry and Tony Kingsbury (www.jetsport.co.uk). There are around 120 members and 25 – 30 skis on the water at any one time. Riders come to practice or purely for recreation as it is a big lake and can accommodate all riders' needs. One

area provides an oval track for racers

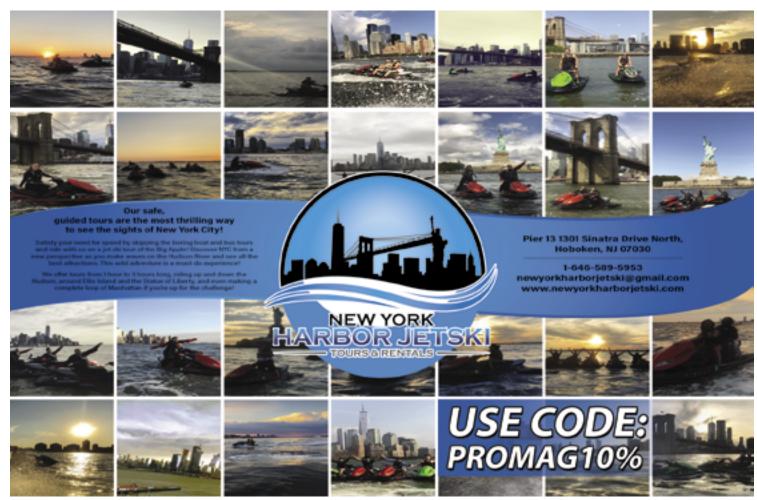
to push the skis' speed; there's a towing area just for inflatables. Recently added is an area for standup skis and freestyle.

What is the most rewarding aspect of photographing jet ski riders?

capturing the many smiles and memories for riders and families is most rewarding.

What are your plans for the rest of 2020 regarding jet skiing?

Hopefully I'll get to photograph the British Freestyle Championship and the JSRA if we get a few rounds ok'd. I'll always be at the local lake on weekends, I find the lake to be a family friendly place to be.







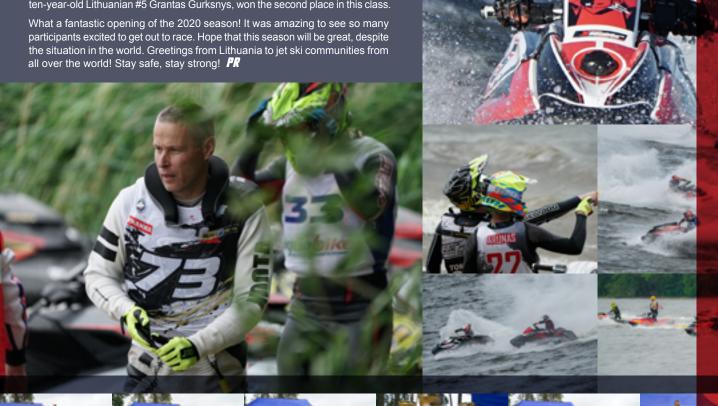
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ithuania was the first country in Europe that started the jet ski season during the COVID-19 guarantine. The competition took place in Kaunas City in Kaunas Reservoir, which is the largest artificial lake in Lithuania. The weather was challenging – the wind made ocean-like waves and caused trouble even for the most physically prepared riders.



Fifty participants took part in the competition, including Lithuanian riders #33 Gediminas Leonas, #5 Tomas Gurksnys, #73 Mindaugas Jaciauskas, representing their county at the World Championships and #7 Arvydas Pecatauskas, Champion of Jetski World Series 2019 in Novice Runabout Stock. Competition was intense with guests from neighboring countries of Latvia, Estonia and Poland. From the pictures of the event you can recognize the familiar faces of world-famous riders #25 Andrzej Wisniewski and #14

This season, there are seven classes in the Lithuanian Aquacross Championship: Runabout GP3, Runabout GP4, Runabout Open, Runabout Novice, Runabout GP2, Runabout GP1 and SKI GP1. What is new this year is that Lithuanian revived the class of stand-up jet skis. The youngest participant of the competition, ten-year-old Lithuanian #5 Grantas Gurksnys, won the second place in this class.







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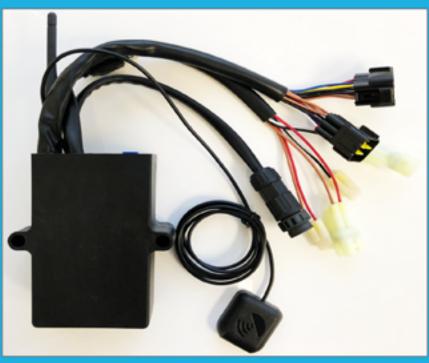
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# PR FUTURE THREATS





#### JULY / AUGUST 2020



## VINCENTE 'little poison' MATZENBACHER TOALDO

Photos: Ricardo Fuchs/jetskiNworld

AGE:

HOMETOWN: Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

SKI: Yamaha Superjet

RACE NUMBER: N/A in training

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: Vincente is the son of Daniel Matzenbacher who competes in South American. Daniel won the Brazilian championship in 2018 in Runabout Turbo Stock and in 2020 the South Brazilian championship in Turbo Endurance. Daniel and a group of friends are sponsors of this sport, through their families and sponsorships from their companies, driving the new generation of athletes and admirers of the sport. Vicente emerged on his own initiative to accompany his parents in competitions, engaging in training and soon received support from his family, who is passionate about this sport. After some training, due to his age, size and talent, he soon caught the attention of connoisseurs of this sport in the region. His father, known in the sport by the nickname "poison" soon had his son called "poison" a nickname given to athletes in the face of their skill and courage in accelerating and contouring the buoys. He also found in his mother, Caroline and his brother Gabriel, unconditional support for him to continue and become a champion. Even while still learning to read and write, Vincente became self-taught in accelerating in the water, earning the catchphrase "poison in the water." He currently uses Lake Guaíba, in the city of Porto Alegre Brazil, to train together with his father and several Brazilian world champions.

**CRAZIEST MOMENT ON TOUR:** A crazy moment was when his father was winning a race and Vicente, because his father's distance in the race from the second place racer was so great, thought his father was the last of the race, and he wanted to get into the water to run, crying angrily!

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#### BENJAMIN CORDOVA DELGADO

Photos: Patricio Cordova

**AGE:** 11

HOMETOWN: Punta Del Este, Uruguay

**SKI:** Yamaha Superjet **RACE NUMBER:** 6

**LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS:** My first competition was the South American 2018, made in the sea in Punta del Este. It had rained and it was with many waves. I was afraid but never gave up, I faced the difficulty of the sea and continued with absolute integrity until the end. (Note from Benjamin's parents: Benjamin maintains hearing loss and does not use hearing aids in the water, so for him the challenge of exceeding all limits is more.)

CRAZIEST MOMENT ON TOUR: The most fun moment was having traveled with my father more than 2400 km in a van to compete in the South American to Cordoba, Argentina in 2019. It was a spectacular trip that I would do again.

SPONSORS: Mom and Dad



#### **LUKA MARTINO**

Photos: Esteban Martino

**AGE:** 12

**HOMETOWN:** Buenos Aires, Argentina

**SKI:** Yamaha Superjet **RACE NUMBER:** 4

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: Until the beginning of this year I was participating in most of the events within two Argentine jet ski championships, in the limited promotional categories. I am training hard and improving little by little, achieving good results in this sport that we like so much. There are really many activities in which I participate and enjoy, such as soccer and rugby. But the feeling of running in the jet ski is what most excites me. We look forward to having the opportunity to travel to the USA and participate for the first time in the Havasu World Championship.

**CRAZIEST MOMENT ON TOUR:** Stopped my race to help a friend who fell from his jet ski.

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