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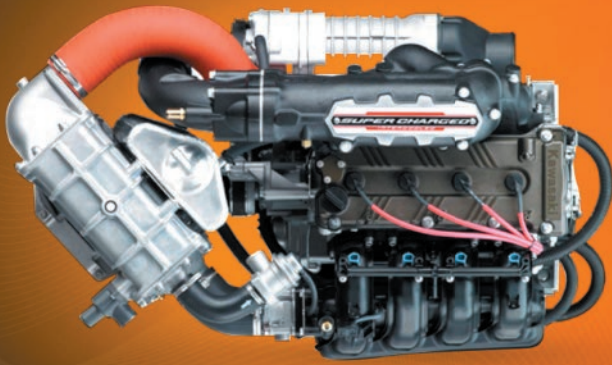
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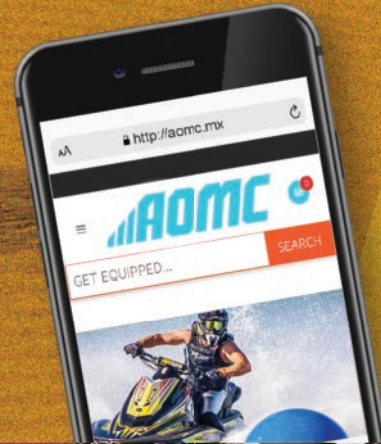
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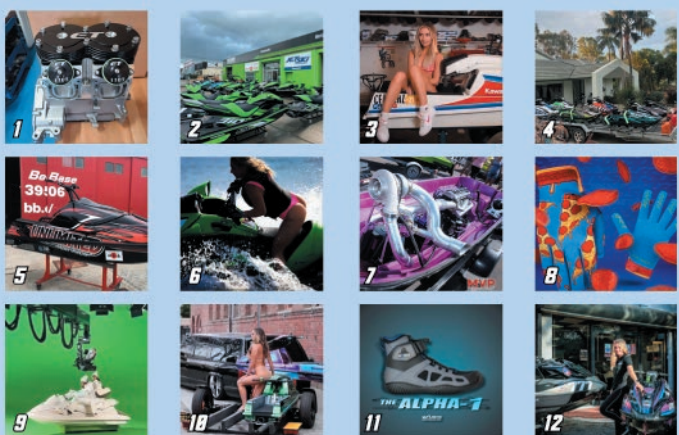
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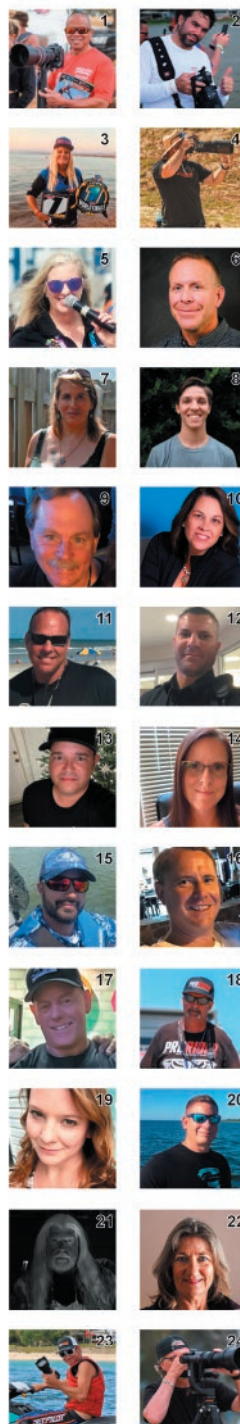
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There is indeed a new sheriff in town! The 2021 May/June cover shot goes to 2020 Pro Open IJSBA World Champion, Endurance World Champion and 2 X National Champion, young gun 18-year-old Tory Snyder of Bradenton, Florida. The image of Tory aboard his Yamaha FX SVHO was captured through the lens of David Lando WFO Productions during the opening round of 2021



P1AquaX racing in Daytona Beach, Florida where Tory took the win in Pro 300. Read more on page 56 about this accomplished young racer following in his World Champion dad Troy Snyder's footsteps.

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Welcome to the 2021 May/June Spring print and digital issue of Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine! This time last year we were wrestling with the question of how to continue producing Pro Rider at the highest quality possible, while overcoming challenges due to the pandemic, concerned that printing and mailing would be problematic. While worldwide mailing continues to run at slower than desirable rates, we are ecstatic and exceedingly grateful to report, thanks to the enduring support from veteran and new advertisers, from major corporations to small family run businesses and everything in between, and our amazing individual subscribers and readers, Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine humbly and proudly celebrates the printing of the 60<sup>th</sup> issue of the magazine! Our gratitude runs deep especially through the realization that many who advertise are low on or completely sold out of watercraft inventory—THANK YOU for staying onboard.

Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine is honored to work and collaborate with major industry leaders, event promoters, talented photographers, and brilliant authors in the creation of this issue. Despite the pandemic, much is happening in the jet ski world, nothing can keep us down or take away our passion.

The 2021 May/June cover shot goes to 2 X World and 2 X National Champion,

18-year-old Tory Snyder. The image of Tory aboard his Yamaha FX SVHO was captured through the lens of David Lando WFO Productions during the opening round of P1AquaX racing in Daytona Beach, Florida. Read more about Tory in Rider Profile in this issue.

This issue features coverage from the 2021 Yamaha Mark Hahn Memorial 300, PWC Muscle new products, 2021 Pro Rider Bikini Cup Winners, Jet Jam Racing, Jersey Shore PWC Riders, Pro Watercross Racing, Great Lakes Recreational Jet Ski Riders, Jolly Gator Fun Run, AOMC Business Profile, Vintage corner, PWC fishing, QPWC Racing in Australia, and more. Don't miss this issue's Future Threats presented by Junior Stars of Florida and a special Pro Rider Swag Bag Gear Giveaway to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> issue.

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1-5: Freestyle fundamentals training with Bailey Cunningham of Eight 1 Racing." | 6: Backflips at Thunder Lake, Sea World, Gold Coast, Australia. | 7: Celebrating with the first-ever print issue of Pro Rider featuring Dustin Farthing on the cover in 2011 | 8-9: Celebrating Pro Rider Toddler Editor Aaliyah Ratti's 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday!"

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Here in Michigan, the weather is warming up and we can get out on the water. We look forward to an awesome 2021 riding season and hope Covid won't limit the Freeride calendar. Typically, we get out to WaveDaze in Virginia Beach, Carolina Beach Freeride, WaveRave Freeride on Lake Michigan, and if things line up just right, one of the Florida freerides. My son Jake and I are fortunate to live on Loon Lake allowing us to ride every day through Covid restrictions. Having the local riding crew over or wandering up to Lake Huron, Houghton Lake, or any of the numerous lakes Michigan has to offer makes for a great number of riding days! Keep up the great work!

**Jim and Jake Kwiatkowski**  
Waterford, Michigan

## DEAR PRO RIDER,

I'm so glad I found your magazine! I grew up flipping the pages of magazines in the 1990's, dreaming about riding. Finally got my hands on a Kawasaki 750sxi when I was 17 and remember reading content in magazines back then to help me and my ski go faster, louder, and better than stock. Twenty years later, there are virtual publications, but it's just not the same. Some say magazines are dead, I disagree! I can connect much better with the actual magazine in my hand, versus on a website. After 20 years of watching my 750sxi rot in the backyard, the pandemic gave me time to pull my ski into the garage and rebuild it. I'm glad I was able to get information from Pro Rider Magazine and website, as it allowed me to find products and suppliers that were still in business to purchase needed parts. In 2020, I entered the Pro Watercross World Championship Races in Naples, first race I ever attended much less raced at. I entered the ski I've had for 20 years in the Vintage 650/750 races, and Novice Ski Stock. Come to find out, a photo of my friend Ryan Stevens and I was in Pro Rider Jan-Feb 2021 issue! Thank you for being one of the few actual magazines still available for us. I find myself carrying the magazines around with me flipping through the pages like in the 1990's. Keep them coming! I look forward to this year's race season and have built a 2015 Superjet to race Amateur Ski Stock. See you on the line!

**Danny Newman #Ninety9Racing**  
East Atlanta - Social Circle, Georgia

## DEAR PRO RIDER,

Since 1985, riding a jet ski has been my favorite activity. Back then, my parents rented two Kawasaki 300s, we fell instantly in love, so they bought 2 new skis the next weekend. A couple years later, we needed more power, so we got two Kawasaki 650s. I taught myself some tricks and though it was my dream to race, it just wasn't in the cards.

I rode the 650 for years until a family with a cool 16-year-old kid rented a room next door to us in Lakeport, California. That kid turned out to be the now famous Mark Gomez who got me into riding a Yamaha Superjet, which is what I have now and love it. Watching Mark progress as a rider has been awe inspiring.

I grew up reading all the PWC magazines and would wait eagerly each month for the next issue. That's why I'm always so thrilled to get my issue of Pro Rider, read great stories, and live vicariously through the pictures. I've been riding for 36 years and plan to keep riding indefinitely! There is no greater joy in life than flying across the lake wide open, wind in your hair and the sun at your back.

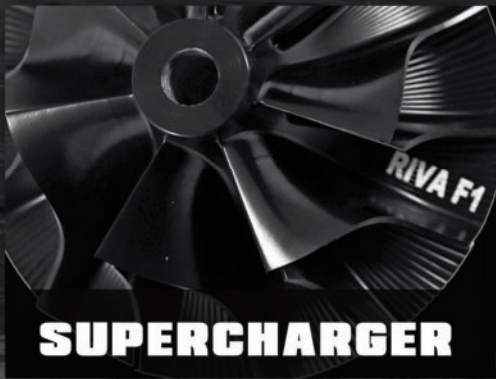
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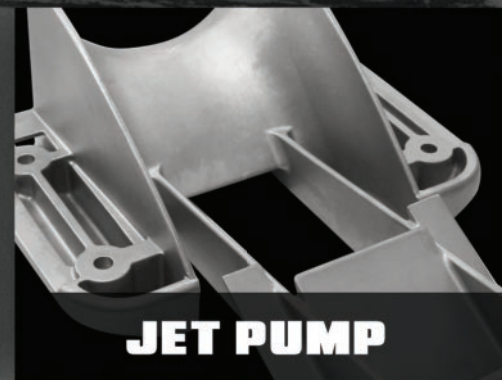
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## WATER SCOOTER ENTHUSIASM: RONNY HOMME OLSEN JET SKI CLUB KRISTIANSAND

Submitted by: Ronny Homme Olsen

My name is Ronny Homme Olsen, age 38, Kristiansand, Norway. I love riding my 2019 Spark Trixx from H&H Motor. This year when I started the season there was still ice on the sea, but I couldn't wait. Planning to build free flow exhaust this year for little more nice sound with the help Bishop Phillips in the USA with Wet Jet Performance. Please check him out at [www.wetjetperformance.com](http://www.wetjetperformance.com).



In Kristiansand I ride with Jetski Club Stavanger. Recently I established Jet-Ski Club Kristiansand group on Facebook that collects the jetski riders here. It's open for all to share pictures and invite others to join for a scooter ride. Last year, I travelled a lot with my Trixx and a group of 12 to Lysefjorden, a well-known fjord in Norway, Prekestolen, Kvitsøy, and from there to Haugesund and Karmøy, and back. My favorite place to ride is Lysefjorden in Rogaland, an awesome fjord.

Agder Vannscoter Utleie is a place to rent jet skis, from Trixx up to 230rx, and 300rxp, something for everybody. Planning to visit Kristiansand in Norway, and want to have a day or two on a scooter? Find us on Facebook : Agder vannskuterutleie or [www.agdervannscoterutleie.no](http://www.agdervannscoterutleie.no).

My most memorable ride was in 2020. We rented a house in Forsand, in front of Lysefjorden, with 25 skis going in the fjord together—it was magic. When I don't jetski, I work as a painter, hang out with friends, and spend time at the gym, don't get any younger. My advice to PWC owners: if you take care of your scooter, your scooter takes care of you; have fun, enjoy life; respect wildlife and the environment. Plans for 2021: another Norway Tour, and hope to ride with killer whales when they come by the west coast and enjoy every minute on the water!



## PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Matt Cabral, Ontario, Canada, on winning the Mar-Apr 2021 photo contest! Matt will receive a Jettribe Gift Certificate. The picture was taken by Harold Horlings in Port Maitland, Ontario on Lake Erie, Matt's "wave paradise." The ski is a 2018 Sea-Doo Spark Trixx. "I ride all over Ontario from Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Georgian Bay, Trent Severn Waterways Locke system. And of course, I love wavy days for some wave jumping," Matt shared. "It's so hard getting pictures of yourself doing what you love, but that day I lucked out and got photos I'll cherish forever!"



## ALPHA JET GOLD STANDARD AWARD PRESENTED TO PRO RIDER WATERCRAFT MAGAZINE

All of us at Pro Rider are honored to receive the Alpha Jet Gold Standard Award. Craig Witt, Founder WNYPWC and Alpha Jet Studios President shared, "Some things simply cannot be contested. The Alpha Jet 'Gold Standard Award' represents the 'Alpha' in its class, one who provides high quality and operates with utmost integrity. We congratulate Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine as the recipient of our #goldstandardaward. From breathtaking photos, well written articles, swimsuit issues to their unwavering support of this industry, it is no wonder they are known worldwide as #legitprint."



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**BRITISH FREESTYLE'S "MOST INSPIRATIONAL NEWCOMER" AWARD TO BE JUDGED BY AUDIENCE POLL**

Photos: John Baker, Keith Thomas

The British Freestyle Championships are delighted to announce a new award for this year's Virtual British Freestyle Championships, voted on and decided by the global audience. Sponsored by Tommo's Dream Foundation (TDF), a special trophy and prize package will be awarded to a first-time competitor judged by an audience poll to be the Championship's "Most Inspirational Newcomer." The award is open to all entering the 2021 TJ Products Virtual British Freestyle Championships as their first ever freestyle competition, British or International. Riders will be judged on their two-minute routine and their introduction to camera. Voting will be between event screening and presentation, July 10th. BFC Team Manager Paul Hewitt said, "We are incredibly grateful to have the support of Tommo's Dream Foundation, to recognize and reward a new competitor in this way. We want to encourage as many new people into the sport as possible."



When asked the significance of this award, TDF Founder Lynne Robertson, stated, "When starting TDF three years ago, little did I realize how quickly it would grow to become recognized and supported on such an international level. We thought it was just the UK we would be helping on the Freeride side but have come to realize this jetski family has many branches and we want to support them too, as much as we can. We are proud to sponsor the "TDF Most Inspirational Newcomer Award" and hope this will be the start of a new part to our TDF jetski family. You ride alone out on the water but when we stand together, we achieve great things: LOVE LIFE, LIVE YOUR DREAMS."

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**CHAMPIONS LIVE FOREVER ROY LUIS PEROZO 1983-2021**

Submitted by: Manuel Valdes

An amazing human being and member of the PWC community has left this world. Those who had the pleasure of meeting Roy Luis know he was a humble person, full of life and loved by many. Roy was well-known for racing in the Hydrodrags and won SuperStock class in 2020. He will always be remembered.



**BUSINESS PROFILE: EASY GUIDE**

**MEET CLIFFORD LEASURE: THE STORY OF EASYGUIDE**



Five years ago, Clifford Leasure and his wife were driving to a lake. Clifford shared, "While driving we passed a lake with no dock. The truck with a boat on the trailer was leaving the lake. The truck and boat passed us, and the boat was on the trailer at about 25 degrees from flat. I said, 'why can't someone come up with something that would allow anyone to load a boat centered by themselves?'. This idea popped into my head and when we got home, I constructed a prototype of Easyguide. When I took it to the lake it performed much better than what I thought it would. The first set of floats were very large and ugly, so I made a sleeker lined set. These worked just as good as the big ugly ones. A few of my friends saw these and wanted a set. A friend of mine wanted a set for his son's jetski. We put them on his ski, and they worked amazingly well."

"A very good friend of mine is a retired executive from Mercury Marine. I showed them to him, and he said I have something. Over the course of a year we went to several boat shows and a lot of boat ramps doing research. Everyone that saw these wanted them. So, we started the company and produced quite a few prototypes. We have these on jet skis and small fishing boats from Indiana to Florida. From individual people to marinas there is a demand for these floats. We began production in March 2021. If you watch our videos you can see how these function and perform. A lady in eastern Indiana told me with a lot of excitement in her voice "I can load this thing by myself - it's awesome!" A young man that jet skis a lot told me he will never be without them."

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## THE YAMAHA 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL 2021 MARK HAHN MEMORIAL 300

By: Renee Hill | Photos: Rick Powell

The morning of February 27, 2021, we all wished for a little wind to level the field in the running of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Mark Hahn 300. We never imagined what Mother Nature was about to throw at us.

Teams scurried to ready their pits and boats for the start of the world's longest endurance race, the Mark Hahn 300. Racers gathered to remember Mark Hahn, a fallen endurance racer beloved by many that passed away in 2004 in a PWC endurance race, and others lost who loved PWC racing: Nedra Atwood, Bill Wilson, and Aaron Cress.

Winds picked up to 25 mph with 40 mph gusts turning Lake Havasu into an ocean of 3-to-6-foot waves as the starter's gun signaled the beginning of the race with 40 teams on the line. Runabouts started first, standups followed two minutes behind, each lap 10 miles long.

Water conditions were wicked, boats flying upward jumping waves. Racers described the course as brutal with pilots strewn across the lake trying to get back to their vessels. Many wanted to quit but remembered why they were there, to make memories in the world's longest endurance race.

Over 6½ hours, this was the longest race in Hahn history. The first rider to cross the finish line was Cassius Sanders from California, riding ironman the entire 300 miles, followed by the team of Mike Klippenstein and Eric Lagopoulos. The first standup team to finish consisted of local teens Jake Tobin, Ryder Bliss, and Logan Blanchard completing 21 laps. A true test of man vs. machine, many machines failed before the end of the race. Several top finishers were not the usual suspects: Santiago Kuan and Omar Leon, Mike Neuman and Leslie Adams, and Chris Stark and Renee Hill rounded out the top five. Multiple racers riding ironman, Adam Abadie, Tyler Hill, and Jackson Rod on standups and Cassius Sanders, Anthony Radetic, Annie Simms, and Bob Reed on runabouts, endured the race solo.

Top racers were awarded handsome trophies in remembrance of Mark. The most memorable of the awards was honoring long-time race fan Nedra Atwood. Her husband, Brad, was presented the Nedra Atwood Memorial Bell, a beautiful cowbell inspired award. The Nedra Atwood Memorial Award, formerly the Mark Hahn Memorial Award, was presented to Frank Walsh of Jettrim for his support and commitment to PWC racing.

Another incredible Mark Hahn 300 is in the books with the hard work of Mike Follmer, Jim Russell, Ross Wallach, and sponsors that support this race. The Hahn marks the beginning of the race season-good luck to all for a successful 2021 season!



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TEENS LOGAN BLANCHARD, RYDER BLISS AND JAKE TOBIN WIN STANDUP CLASS



## CASSIUS SANDERS, 42, OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA NOT ONLY WON THE MARK HAHN MEMORIAL 300, HE WON IT IRONMAN STYLE—SOLO.

This was Sanders' 4<sup>th</sup> year at the Hahn. When asked what motivated him, he shared, "Originally I wasn't doing the race because I couldn't find a partner. Last year, my friend Cyrille Lemoine stepped in, we won our class. I decided last minute to do the 2021 Hahn as part of a team, however, the night before the race things weren't adding up; I felt the only way I stood a chance was going Ironman. Race day things weren't looking good, winds were the worst I've ever seen, my stock ski wouldn't start for a solid 20 seconds. It was all about how much you could take, heart and skill. I had no idea what place I was in. After having the wind knocked out of me, taking major hits to the face from waves, last stop, 3 laps remaining, my team told me I was 90 seconds behind the leader, Mike Klippenstein. The crew dumped 7 gallons, I put the hammer down and brought the checkered flag home. I only expected to win my class, I did not expect to win overall let alone doing it ironman. That was a bucket list check off for me. I'd like to thank Pro Rider Magazine for the acknowledgement, Chen, Egypt, Paul, Jacob, Rich, Armando, Kyle at Worx Racing, Collin, Nicole and Johnny at Moto United."



# THANK YOU LETTER

Seventeen years ago, at the funeral to put my good friend Mark Hahn to rest I promised to ensure his dreams of PWC endurance racing dominance were realized and that his name and memory were synonymous with endurance racing. Thus began my personal odyssey into the world of race co-promoting with DSM's Jim Russell to produce a 300-mile endurance race to honor Mark. This year's event was different as we lost a true PWC fan, special friend, and supporter, Nedra Atwood, who we honored during the awards. Going forward, a Nedra Atwood trophy will be presented each year.

It requires a professional, experienced promoter to ensure a quality event. Jim Russell, DSM Events again stepped in while I focused on sponsorships and PR. With Jim's

unwavering devotion this event continues to be world class. Thank you, Ross Wallach for taking time away from family and business working tirelessly to guarantee the event's success. Jim and Ross are consummate professionals; racers are encouraged to show appreciation by entering events early and often to promote the growth of the sport.

A big thank you to title sponsor Yamaha Motor Corp. USA and Andrew Cullen and presenting sponsors Scott Saito and Tom Perry from Hot Products. To Glen Perry of Impros, Frank Walsh from Jettrim and Dave Bamdas from Riva thank you for believing in the world's longest PWC race.

With the support of IJSBA's Scott Frazier, manufacturers and sponsors, forty teams/boats participated in the incident free 2021

YAMAHA Mark Hahn Memorial Havasu 300 presented by Hot Products, Riva, Jettrim and Impros which received international television, magazine, newspaper, and social media coverage. I owe too many people thanks for their help and support to mention all here, but I do thank you all for everything. The 2022 Mark Hahn will be bigger and better. I know Mark was looking down with pride and would be the first to say, "what a great event!"

To all racers THANK YOU for competing and supporting the event. The entire Hahn family and I thank you for keeping Mark's dream alive. I will forever miss my friend, a true giant of a man.

**Mike Follmer**  
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## 2021 MARK HAHN 300 TOP TEN

	CLASS	MAKE	LAPS
1. Cassius Sanders	VMD	Yamaha	30
2. Mike Klippenstein, Eric Lagopoulos	PA4	Yamaha	30
3. Santiago Kuan, Omar Leon	VMD	Yamaha	26
4. Mike Neuman, Leslie Nadeker Adams	MS	Yamaha	26
5. Chris Stark, Renee Hill	MS	Kawasaki	25
6. Anthony Radetic	MS	Sea-Do	25
7. Fadi Sacre, Troy Morgan	MS	Sea-Do	25
8. Bobby Kerns, Mark Gomez	MS	Kawasaki	24
9. Lee Phan, Tony Hoa	PA4	Yamaha	23
10. Pete Strobl, Greg Matta	4SNA	Yamaha	22



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## PRO-AM 4 STROKE OPEN

1. Mike Klippenstein, Eric Lagopoulos
2. Lee Phan, Tony Hoa
3. Christopher Landis, Valentina Lezcano

## VET MASTER OPEN

1. Cassius Sanders
2. Santiago Kuan, Omar Leon
3. Mike Habel, Eric Garcia

## 4 STROKE NA OPEN

1. Pete Strobl, Greg Matta
2. Jamal Reyes, Jeffrey Therrien
3. Mike Yellich, Adam Gruender

## MANUFACTURER'S STOCK

1. Mike Neumann, Leslie Nadeker Adams
2. Chris Stark, Renee Hill
3. Anthony Radetic

## 4 STROKE STOCK

1. Troy Snyder, Dustin Farthing
2. Paul Pham, Jacob Leu
3. Mark Conroy, Lauren Conroy

## SPORTSMAN 2 STROKE STANDUP

1. Hunter Dunn, Jeremy Newton, Deegan Newton
2. Curtis Pitman, Ethan Pederson
3. Reese Maricich, Tyler Shinko

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# JETSKI FREERIDE & SKATE PARK COMPETITION

By: Phoenix | Photos: Craig Milne Zoomed Images



Two highly anticipated days in Australian Freeride finally arrived with amazing weather, pumping surf, and a spectacular view of the Gold Coast. Welcome to SCX 2021 v3 presented by The Wetseat and Southeast Stone on the naturally refreshing Sunshine Coast. Following Covid related postponements we charged ahead, the event was the easiest in history due to the support of the incredible freeride community. Crew members boost each other as we evolve to higher levels - no wonder Australia has the most dare devils!

Day one saw freeriders converge with relaxed energy as riders from Perth, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, and Gold Coast arrived and local Sunshine Coast riders throwing down on their home turf. Day two the SCX storm erupted. Crowds cheered the multi-action sports competition with a live broadcast from Liquid Radio, pop up bar from a local brewery and lots of keen shredders showing off their skills. Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine Publisher Michael Ratti stopped over to check out the action and grab a quick wave ride. Another glorious Sunshine Coast event as Australian freeriders showed why this is the best sport on the planet! **PR**



ZOOMED IMAGES  
Gold Coast, Australia

## SCX FREERIDE COMP

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BEST PRESENTED SKI	HYDRO-TURF	TRAVIS CHAMBERS
BEST PRO	JET PILOT	JOEL BARRY
BEST ROOKIE	AJSP	ANTHONY MURPHY
BEST VETERAN	A VAN 2 HIRE	STUART 'PLAYER 1' LOCKLEY
SURF RIDER AWARD	PRO RIDER MAGAZINE	JIMMY BLACKWOOD > FRYZIE NICHOLSON
BIGGEST AIR SITDOWN	SUNSTATE SEA-DOO	STUART LOCKLEY
BIGGEST AIR STANDUP	ANARCHY TRAILERS	TOMMY AIKEN
BIGGEST BAIL	KRASH INDUSTRIES	BEAU ARSCOTT
CHERRY POPPER	EIGHT 1 RACING	DANIEL ANGELD
MOST IMPROVED RIDER	TWO-FOLD	BEAU ARSCOTT

## SCX SKATE PARK COMP

BEST RIDER OPEN CLASS	LSGA	JOHN TARRY (SCOOTER)
BEST RIDER U-10	TEENS TAKE CONTROL	KOBY CLAYTON (BMX)
BEST RIDER U-13	LIQUID RADIO	RORY THOMPSON (SKB)
BEST RIDER U-16	ACE OPTICS	COREY SPONSELLER (SCOOTER)
CROWD FAVORITE	ETHIC PROJECTS	PHOENIX ANDREASSON (SKB U13)
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**SLIPPERY**

I tend to think a true test of a new race boat design should be done by someone that races that class. Tension and energy flows off the line as you smack talk each other before you punch the clock. I always admired from afar the wild reckless abandon and sheer raw talent sport riders bring to every turn. I'm doing this review anyway. Why? I've always envied you. The grin you sport riders have on the line; you look like maniacal hackers with your first back door install. Now, it's my turn!

# THE NEW WAVEBLASTER 3-R

Story and photos:  
Dawn Dawson

**Disclosure:** I'm pretty sure Billy Dearman didn't think I would say "yes" when he asked if I wanted to ride the WaveBlaster 3-R. Wish you could have seen his face, when I snatched that boat faster than a kid grabbing the last go kart. Please imagine the look as I ride off with his brand-new boat that he's been working on for 3 years, brand new. Brave man.

The custom race hull designed by Jerry Marquis (Watoossee Racing) and Billy Dearman is built to round out a three-year dream of Billy's to build the perfect handling race boat; his quest brought him to this model.

Let's start with the race proven V Hull built by a leader in race hull construction with decades of experience. The hull was ready at World Finals two years ago, but Billy felt some modifications were needed. The lightweight top deck is a direct copy of the Yamaha WaveBlaster800, WB3. The hull setup is also designed to accept engine configurations of a Kawasaki 1100, Sea-Doo 951-1050, and a Kawasaki 1500, four stroke, with the Sea-Doo XPL driveline, #flexibility.

Under the hull, the one-piece carbon seat/hood combo allows for ease of working on the inside of the hull. Watoossee hulls are known for smooth tracking on the water, and I see why. The rider friendly design provides predictable tracking around the course, with a hull design that stays close to the water, a true no hunt or twitch ride! Corner speeds are consistent, predictable on turns, key for Sport GP, and suitable for experienced and newer riders.

**ENGINE:** As usual the great Tim Judge turned the wrenches and provided the vision for this engine. Billy wanted his ski to be aggressive with the option for adjustability, so the engine mounts can be moved forward or rear for a specific rider's liking, and space on the sides to put in whatever bells and whistles you want. Installation of a Sea-Doo XPL tank allows the hull the option of running more fuel and thus adds more weight for desired handling characteristics. The battery can be positioned anywhere you want for weight distribution. The B1 UMI steering rounds off the overall smoothness of this ski. The motor, nothing crazy, basic Kawasaki 1500, offshore kit with pistons and a reflashed ECU.

You need to feel this boat, buoy to buoy, quick with a signature deep scream. This boat's response going in a turn and coming out is just one big rush. The WB3-R's smooth power band just kept teasing me to push it a little more. I never once felt unsure about her grip and the back stretch was just a flat out high. It is reminiscent of a 2 stroke (even though it's not). Jonathan Owens calls this ski "unobtainium." Previously the WB3 was never available to the US market but FINALLY, it has arrived!

**Final note:** watch for her in the midrange because that is a holeshot waiting to happen. I recommend watching the live stream when Bill brings it to the line. Or if you don't want to wait that long, give him a call, they start at \$12K. **PR**



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# LIQUI MOLY PRO WATERCROSS NATIONAL TOUR KICKS OFF 2021 SEASON!

By: Robert Sand, Race Director | Photos: Jessica Waters, Waters Edge Photography, David Lando, WFO Productions; Vicki Baker Vicki Baker Photography

After months of no racing, the first round on the Liqui Moly Pro Watercross National Tour Powered by Hydro-Turf took place on the clear waters of Lake Jackson in Sebring, Florida. The starting gate lent itself to a left-hand start into a split track with large back straight. Racers were required to take the "Joker buoy" at least once or be penalized a lap. On Pro Day, CBS sports network filmed racing for a TV show. Pro-Am Ski GP was fast, furious, and exciting as always! Jimmy Wilson returned to racing aboard a Kommander K1 race craft and secured a 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Camden Powell placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Matthew Richuk took the checkered flag. Another large class was Sport Stock and Sport GP / Open, exciting to watch as the Sport boats race against other manufacturers crafts which has been a rivalry since the Blaster came out in the mid 90's. In Sport Stock Haden Skellett took first, Sammy Nehme 2<sup>nd</sup> and Bobby Cardone with a respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> on the podium. Notably in Pro Runabout Stock father and son racers Troy and Tory Snyder took the top two podium positions with son Tory taking first, dad Troy second and multi time champion Erminio Iantosca third.

Freestyle was elevated to a new level this year. Having Ryan Kulka onboard, without a doubt, raised the bar for freestyle for this opening series! World Champion Freestyler Lee Stone served as special guest judge as well as Brian Sizemore of Torrent Pumps alongside freestyle gurus Ryan Kulka and Paul Lehr. Local freestyler Dino Warzel got the crowd warmed up and on their feet with an incredible exhibition. Following the routines, final overall winner was Chris Anyzeski, Jason "the Destroyer" Stoyer 2<sup>nd</sup> and Michael Depalma 3<sup>rd</sup>.

With picture perfect weather 29 races were completed with 156 laps to get racers packed up and out before storms rolled in. Special thanks to Kommander Industries, Yamaha, Find It Now GPS Security, Watcon, Fresh and Salty Beach Carts, AOMC, VP Fuels, PWC Doctor, Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine, and the Watercraft Network. Thank you to the city of Sebring, Tru by Hilton, and Lake Placid Marine. **PR**

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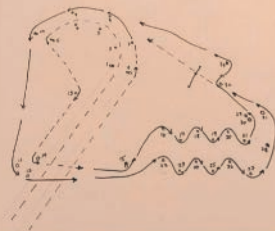


"Super proud of my son Tory. Nothing better than following him around the track. Never in my life would I say I'm happy to be runner up. First Pro Runabout podium in jet ski history with father and son 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>!"

Troy Snyder #110 Bradenton, Florida

### NEW! BEGINNER CLASS TRAINING

This year Pro Watercross added a pre-race beginner class where new racers get a one on one session with Course Marshall Craig Johnson. It was a great success with 20 new riders who demonstrated on the track what they learned from the class.







# JOLLY GATOR FUN RUN



Story and photos: Manny Arroyo, Founder Jet Rider Nation

In the last issue of Pro Rider Magazine, I gave you a taste of what the St. Johns River has to offer with beautiful Silver Glen Springs. This time we are going on a trip to the South St. Johns River where the fun level takes it up to 100! We call this ride the Jolly Gator Fun Run which covers a distance of 65 miles round trip and is an absolute blast with twists and turns, side trails, rope swings, alligator sightings and some of the best chicken wings you can find on the water. If you have a supercharged ski, bringing extra gas is highly recommended, as there are no fuel stops on this route.

Starting at Lake Monroe Marina Boat Ramp in Sanford, Florida, we head east encountering small no-wake zones, then it's off to the races. The no wake zones restrictions only apply if the St. Johns River is in flood stage, so be sure to check the local water levels at <https://tinyurl.com/stjohnswaterlevels>.

Halfway through the river take a break at Iron Bend a local boater hangout that gets full before noon. Splash into the river at the

rope swing, grab a snack and a drink before heading out towards Lake Harney and Jolly Gator. As you depart Iron Bend, be cautious of other boaters coming around the turn, as this is a wide-open zone with no speed restrictions. Once past Iron Bend, it's full throttle to Lake Harney, which you must cross to get to Jolly Gator Fish Camp. This is a fun, high-speed ride with twists and turns. Lake Harney can be smooth as glass, or choppy with waves 3 feet high. For the most part it's usually smooth. Once you cross the lake, you will encounter the main channel to Jolly Gator Fish Camp, as well as several side trails that lead back to the river. The side trails should only be explored when the water level is high. During low water levels on the St. Johns River, stay in the main channel.

The Jolly Gator Fish Camp dock accommodates up to 10 PWCs, or you can park along their shoreline and anchor to land. Although

the chicken wings are amazing at Jolly Gator, everything on the menu is good including the gator bites! The staff is always friendly and eager to serve our PWC family.

Want to check out Silver Glen Springs with others who know the area well? Check out the Jet Rider Nation Florida Facebook Group. The Jolly Gator Fun Run is one of their signature rides, conducted in a safe group setting several times a year. Interested in checking this amazing spot out on your own or with a group of friends? Check out Jet Rider Nation's interactive online maps for routes, ramps, and other key locations at <https://tinyurl.com/jrnjollygator>. **PR**





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**AOMC'S NEW OWNER TREY FRAME  
ADDS PWC SEGMENT TO COMPANY LINEUP**

National Runabout Champion and entrepreneur Trey Frame and Pro Rider Magazine Publisher Michael Ratti go way back so it was a genuine pleasure to reconnect recently.

**PRO RIDER:** Please tell our readers about yourself and what motivated you to acquire AOMC.

**TREY FRAME:** Many people may recognize me and my family from years of PWC racing. I'm the current owner of Hidden Trails Motorsports and new owner of AOMC (Appalachian Offroad Motorcycle Company). AOMC was established in 2004 when it became a KTM motorcycle dealer in Cross Lanes, WV. Former owner Jamin Jones, who competed in the Sport Class for years, entered the e-commerce industry focusing on KTM motorcycles. Jamin foresaw the rise of KTM and the demand for KTM parts and accessories and created [www.ktm-parts.com](http://www.ktm-parts.com) which evolved into <https://aomc.mx/>. Jamin, a visionary, spent years building the e-commerce side of AOMC into the largest KTM parts dealer in the USA. Over the years Jamin added several other top offroad motorcycle brands expanding his foothold in the e-commerce industry. Our plan is to merge the Hidden Trails and AOMC brands to expand our e-commerce focus into PWC, ATV and UTV segments. HTM currently offers Yamaha, Suzuki, Can-Am and Sea-Doo brands.

**PR:** What is AOMC's focus, specialties, and primary customers?

**TF:** AOMC already has a great following in the off-road / street motorcycle industry and sells brands KTM, Husqvarna, GasGas, Sherco and Beta. AOMC sponsors many motorcycle racing series across the US and is now a large sponsor of the Pro Watercross National Tour. We are just getting our feet wet in the PWC segment and will be adding new product daily. The goal is to bring the best products and excellent customer service to your buying experience. Our primary customers would simply be powersport enthusiasts. We are anticipating that most of our customers enjoy many different types of powersports just like we do!

**PR:** Please share what you and your family members ride, favorite riding locations and what you like to do when you are not working.

**TF:** We ride everything from standups, sit-downs, ATVs, UTVs, dirt bikes, street bikes, choppers and lawn mowers! Just kidding, but I do have a Husqvarna push mower. Locally we have great riding spots on land and water including the always interesting Kanawha River running through our hometown of Charleston, WV; going east is crystal clear Summersville Lake. The Appalachian Mountains offer great street and offroad riding destinations and the Hatfield and McCoy Trail Systems, one of the best and

largest trail riding systems on the east coast. West Virginia and the Appalachian Mountains provide plenty of options when deciding when, where and what to ride!

**PR:** What is your best advice to PWC owners?

**TF:** Don't overlook your maintenance! A little focus on maintenance goes a long way, not just with PWCs but with all powersports. Get to know your machine, give it the maintenance and attention it needs, and you'll enjoy your investment for many years.

**PR:** Any special plans for 2021?

**TF:** Our plans for this year are to get back into racing and promoting our new business venture with AOMC. We took over AOMC operations April 1<sup>st</sup>, and have been working hard figuring out where we can improve the website and overall customer buying experience. With any powersports dealership, we will focus a lot of advertising at racing events. We'll continue to sponsor off-road motorcycle events and you'll see us on the Pro Watercross National Tour / World Championship as well as competing at the IJSBA World Championship in Lake Havasu. Building out a larger 70,000 sq ft warehouse / office complex for AOMC will give us room to expand; we hope to be moved in by June or July.

**PR:** Are you currently working with jet ski racers or riders?

**TF:** Yes, once we knew the AOMC deal was going through, we put a deal together with riders we've supported in the past. I've been a huge fan and supporter of Jimmy Wilson over the years. His talent and work ethic make him the total package in the Pro Ski GP class. Jimmy and his family have been great for Hidden Trails in the past, so it was an easy choice to offer Jimmy a deal to ride for AOMC. The next rider shouldn't come as any surprise because I've been supporting him in racing his whole life. My brother, Cameron Frame, who has always been there with me, works incredibly hard and earned several National and World titles over the years. Cam actually works for HTM and is the lead PWC mechanic. He'll be competing this season in the IROC GP class on the Pro Watercross Tour. We will be doing some contingency sponsorships with young racers like Tory Snyder and Sammy Nehme. I've been watching these kids for years; you'll see some breakout rides from them this season. These guys are all solid representatives of the AOMC brand and I'm looking forward to getting back into PWC racing. It's hard to put into words, but simply put, I love this sport and always will!



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### BIKINI CUP WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

The votes have been tallied and the readers have spoken. This year's bikini themed advertisements were eye catching and amazing to say the least and voting was super close! Congratulations to Namura Technologies and Ewa Kalinsky, Sales and Product Development Manager of Namura Technologies for earning the win and bragging rights! Ewa, pictured on the back cover of the 2021 swimsuit issue, withstood freezing temperatures on Lake Minnetonka in Minnesota to get the shot. In second place, congratulations to High Speed Industries and Demi Morgan, Amateur Freestyle rider and Director of Sales and Social Media at High Speed Industries. The shot of Demi was taken in the English Village water fountain near the famous London Bridge in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. Blowsion snagged a close third with striking model and entrepreneur Ali Anderson posing on a few of Blowsion's signature skis with unique awe-inspiring graphics. All the bikini themed ad submissions were stunning; a lot of planning coordinating and hard work goes into making these splendid displays! Congratulations and THANK YOU to all who participated!



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# PR PRORIDER SAFETY TIPS

## TRAILERING TIPS FOR THE NEW SEASON

Story and photos: Ron Brok & Tamarin Gullett  
Founders, Personal Watercraft Safety Initiative

Trailering is more than hitching up and hitting the road. Front to back inspection of your trailer and evaluation of how the PWC sits on the bunks is crucial to preventing mishaps and possible insurance liabilities. Consider protecting your investment with insurance coverage.

Before you go, ensure the coupler, chains, lights, and brake line (if equipped) are properly attached to the tow vehicle. It's a good habit to cross the chains before attaching them to your tow hitch hooks; ensure lights are functional by conducting a quick indicator and brake check; replace broken bulbs or faulty wiring promptly.

Once the trailer is safely attached to the tow vehicle, visually inspect, and ensure the bow of the PWC sits securely against the bow roller, and the strap and safety backup are securely attached. Check the winch and ensure the locking pin is in place. Continue to move aftward, swing the dolly wheel into the up and locked position, inspect the bunks as the PWC sits on them, check for visible cracks in the wood or noticeable bowing. If signs of decay, promptly replace bunks with pretreated wood.

**CHECK:** hubs of wheels for signs of grease leakage, lugs for tightness, tire tread for depth and side walls (inner and outer) for signs of dry rot. Consider upgrading to radial tires for better traction and longer, safer wear over long distances.

Ensure the rear of the PWC is securely strapped down to the rear of the trailer. This protects it from being bounced off the bunks over rough roads and helps stabilize the rear of the trailer by securing the weight downwards, reducing the risk of losing the load on a sharp turn or if the bow roller strap fails. There are many ratcheting tie downs with locking mechanisms available. Fit the ratchet strap to the ski and trailer and trim and lightly burn the ends of the straps so they are short enough not to flap behind the trailer. While not exhaustive, these tips will get you on the road safely. For more in-depth information, visit your local trailer service shop or follow us online for tips. **PR**



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# JET JAM RACING OPENS ON FAST TRACK AT THE NAUTICAL —WHERE IT ALL BEGAN!

## HYDRO-TURF JET JAM Racing Tour

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By: Robert Sand | Photos: Kenny Wong, Rick Powell, Ken Gallagher, Geneva Gallagher

Ironically, Jet Jam Racing was able to secure The Nautical Beachfront Resort as the venue for the first 3 races of their tour, which happened to be the original race site for the sport. It was exciting to be there as it brought back all kinds of memories.

Technical inspections were completed as racers entered the property, making it easier and more convenient for all involved. Although racing commenced later than scheduled, as much racing as possible was held in the amount of daylight hours available, although laps were cut to make up for lost time. One thing is certain with racing, little gremlins always pop up here and there. Full lines in many classes, including Ski Lites with 21 racers, led to heat races to narrow the field to 16 for the main. Another impressive turnout was the X2 class with 11 racers on the line.

A highlight of the weekend was witnessing the one and only 'Haulin' Harry Goatcher on the red #3 make his comeback to racing after 25 years away from the sport! When asked about his experience and what it felt like to make his debut Harry shared, "To be back racing jet skis at the Nautical Inn is truly a dream come true. Talk about a family reunion; that is just what this incredible sport is, a family. With a 5th place overall racing against the kids guess we didn't do too bad. I'm just grateful to be strong and healthy enough to be competing. Gonna keep riding, keep training, and keep loving. Special thanks to Jet Jam for putting on such a wonderful event. See ya at the races everyone and God bless jet skiing."

This was a fast track which ran about 45 seconds per lap and included a log jump making it very exciting for spectators! There was a great turnout with a record 139 individuals racing! With the venue being in Lake Havasu, several big names showed up including Raphael Maurin, Kole Cramer, Dustin and Tyron Motzouris, Preston Matzdorff, David Redinger, and many more. Jet Jam thanks all racers for their continued support and of course the sponsors that always step up to support racing. **PR**

Please check out <https://www.jetjam.racing/> for complete race results and racing schedule.







# OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!

## THE FIRST JUNIOR STARS OF FLORIDA TRAINING CAMP!

By: Dawn Dawson | Photos: Dawn Dawson, Dexie Payne

**D**oug Underhill, the man behind the Junior Stars of Florida (JSof), felt a sense of déjà vu over the two-week camp as he watched parents spend uninterrupted time with their children, learn alongside them, talk to other parents and seek their support to understand this fascinating sport as a community. Doug was taken back to when his sons started 6 years ago. Despite being new to the sport and lacking information, the racing community rallied behind them. Doug and his family now have the tools to provide other racing families the 'ground up' knowledge base to start their children off as racers.

The purpose of the camp was to give back to the community everything given him and his sons, Bret, and Avery, when they first joined the sport. With a commitment to grow the future of the sport, the JSof launched the first camp/clinic for riders under 15 to be introduced to jet ski riding and racing or hone their skills further. Twenty-two riders attended the two-week camp benefitting from the expertise of some of the sport's best teachers.

The main components of camp focused around safety, responsible craft use, technical proficiency, environmental stewardship and creating a sense of community. Instructors included veteran safety marshals Randy Scott and Drake Stanley, and professional riders and champions, Bill Haig, Bret Underhill and myself who shared knowledge on safety

and technique to young riders before they even got on the water; experienced young riders received fresh feedback after each of their sessions on the water to sharpen their racing strategy. The relaxed no-pressure environment meant families had the chance to come together. More than winning, that's what makes jet ski racing so special: community!

Familiar faces in the sport, Gary Holbein, Jr. (aka Super G), shared a memory of the late Nedra Atwood (known affectionately as PVC Racing's #1 Fan) being so welcoming to him at his first world finals; he said this camp is something she would have wanted to see. John Benson said it was a great start to the race season, and a chance to experience the hospitality and friendliness of this incredible community. Course Marshal Drake noted older racers reignited their love for the sport through the eyes of young riders. Ryan Stevens discussed plans for his Team Reckless Abandonment!

There is a huge amount of talent and tradecraft within our sport that needs to be transferred to upcoming new crews as regional racing continues to grow in the resurgence of jet ski racing. Camps like JSof provide a great template for increasing awareness of the



sport, reinforcing the importance of safety, and coming together to celebrate great racing.

We dedicate our first event to the memory of Nedra Atwood, all the efforts of Chris Hagest and his family at Pro Watercraft and our friend Mike Pipes. We look forward to exciting things in 2021 as the Junior Stars roll out their new name: The #1 Fan Junior Stars Program. *PR*

"I purchased skis during the summer of Covid to get the family out on the water and saw on FB about the camp and wanted my daughter to learn how to safely ride. She is extremely adventurous and was super enthusiastic when I told her about the camp. After talking with Doug, I was sold on the camp to properly teach her the fundamentals of the sport. This camp was a homerun for us! We are so fortunate to have such a program here in Perdido Key for our youth. During camp Sofia looked at me and said, "Daddy, are you going to make me wait a year before I can ride these skis again?" It was then I knew I was in trouble."

Shawn Dockery, Parent  
Pensacola, Florida



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## FAMILY + FRIENDS + PWC FISHING = HAPPINESS!

Story and photos: Jay Flores

Hello everyone, my name is Jay Flores from Central Florida. Family, friends, fishing and driving fast on everything makes me happy, from my Harley, to my boat and most of all my jet ski. Growing up as a kid I loved to fish off bridges, mangrove lakes, rivers, and the open sea. My family would go out often on our little 20 ft center console boat. Fast forward my wife asked for a jet ski for her birthday. I quickly found two Sea-Doo GTI SE 155 PWCs and we became fanatics, great way to be with family, fun for the teenagers an all-around great idea, but I felt something was missing — FISHING! Watching YouTube videos of people fishing off their PWCs, instantly I thought why not try to create a fishing PWC for myself. Working in the plumbing industry for over a decade, I knew I could put this together myself. I took an ice chest purchased at a local sporting goods store, attached four pole holders with a Lawrence hook 5 and my adventures began. I can hit shallow waterways that my boat could not get in and out of which is priceless! After a while and great times fishing with my friends on these smaller PWCs, it became challenging to store more bait and tackle creating more weight causing instability for my ride. In late 2020 I came across the new Sea-Doo Fish Pro with iDF and was instantly sold. This was like waving candy in a kid's face.

True fishing enthusiasts understand this feeling. The Sea-Doo Fish Pro has everything, is quick and easy on the water and the amount of storage is insane! It has all the necessary fishing features including GPS, fish finder with depth finder, large ice chest, plenty of rod holders, and the most stable haul on the market. The extra-large platform is great for standing — yes, I said standing without flipping or falling. It has a cool extra link system for a gas tank caddy for longer trips. The top of the cooler is the table we use to get a good game of dominoes going.

I've put this Fish Pro through a few tests, and it has not let me down so far. I absolutely love the iDF (Intelligent Debris Free) pump system feature on this PWC for those moments when you are in grassy or muddy areas. No more jumping in and trying to get out whatever is stuck in your jet pump. Then after a nice morning of fishing, I can ditch the gear and with its 170 HP motor, it has plenty of get up and go to hit the waves with my family and friends from Florida Jet Rider Nation. **PR**





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## MEET THE GREAT LAKES JET SKI RIDERS

Story and photos: Jeff Caco

Riding regularly on the Detroit River and Lake Erie with a group of riders, in the summer of 2020, I decided to create a Facebook page group to post pictures, rides, industry information, etc. to help grow the sport of PWC recreational riding as well as racing. Group riding provides comradery, friendships, and just pure fun!

The Great Lakes Jet Ski Riders page with 248 members has a core group that rides regularly including Joe Cornett (IG: joecornett35), Al Pacheco (IG: al.pacheco.25), Ryan McDaniel (IG: rune\_breaker\_thetann), and myself Jeff Caco (IG: jefc73). Give all these Instagram accounts a follow for great PWC content.

I ride a 2021 Yamaha GP1800R SVHO and a Kommander GP1 and race a Yamaha GP1800R HO in the P1 Aqua X series 200 AM Class. Back in the 90's I raced in standup and sport class. Our core group rides both GP1800's FX's and Sea-Doo RXPX and RTX skis. Our usual spot to ride is the Detroit River/Lake Erie area from Detroit to Monroe, Michigan. This area has it all as far as water conditions, flat water areas, chop, and rough water and all can often be experienced on the same day. The Livingstone Channel is one of our favorite spots due to the large freighters that pass through and kick up big waves. Several islands with beaches are accessible as well.

We are planning quite a few rides this summer around Michigan in Lakes Erie, Huron, Superior and Michigan as well as a few trips down south to Florida and some other states yet to be determined. We do a yearly trip down to the Florida Keys area between Christmas and New Year. Anyone that has a PWC or is interested in getting into the sport is welcomed and encouraged to join our group and come out and ride.

My advice for anyone wanting to get into PWC group riding is to reach out to someone that currently rides and get out and try it. You will love it! Be sure to secure the correct riding and safety gear. Group riding is a great way to develop friendships with like-minded people, see beautiful scenery and ride spots that you wouldn't see if not for PWC riding. **PR**



Photo by Jessica Waters



We have a race team, **Team Speedlab Performance**, which I am a part of as well. Great Lakes Jet Ski Rider members Errol Lange and Chris Teff are teammates and will be racing P1 Aqua X 200 AM class on Yamaha GP1800R HO skis. Current sponsors include Riva, Jet Pilot, Liqui Moly and Twizted Jerky. Errol has an extensive racing background on standups racing since 2018. Chris is a new racer and we will be bringing him up to speed.



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## RE-PITCH JET PUMP IMPELLER -GO FASTER

By: Greg Gaddis Aka "Hulk Junior"




Summer is quickly approaching, and for most, that means installing the latest and greatest high-performance parts on our skis to be the fastest on the water. Some of us will bolt on new goodies and may be slightly disappointed when the outcome isn't as fast as expected. Why is that? Depending on your location in the world, elevation, or even the weather conditions, different factors can affect your ski's performance.

To thoroughly understand this, we must first understand how the internal combustion engine works. As an engine's piston moves downward in its combustion cycle, air and fuel is pulled in through the intake and into the combustion chamber. As the piston moves back up, that air and fuel mixture is compressed and ignited. This powers the piston back down to the bottom of the cylinder. The spent air and fuel mixture is then expelled out of the exhaust as the piston comes up again. The more air that enters the combustion chamber, the more fuel that can be added; more air and fuel means a larger explosion moving the piston faster which equates to more horsepower. This is why superchargers and turbochargers add more horsepower, they force more air and fuel into the combustion chamber. Keep in mind, not all air is created equal.

The key factor in this whole equation is oxygen! Without oxygen, there is no combustion. The amount of oxygen in "air" itself depends on multiple factors. For starters, as elevation increases oxygen density depletes. If you've ever been at extreme heights, you may have noticed it gets more difficult to breathe; this struggle to breathe is something your engine will also feel. Less oxygen means less fuel and a smaller explosion in an engine's combustion chamber, resulting in less horsepower. Not only will altitude affect oxygen density, so will temperature. Cooler air is naturally packed with more oxygen molecules than hotter air. Low- or high-pressure systems, humidity, and other weather patterns all have their effect on oxygen density. Given that everyday conditions and geological locations greatly affect horsepower, what do we do about it?

The best thing to get desired speeds when horsepower is lacking is to get RPMs up by re-pitching your jet pump impeller. Re-pitching a jet pump impeller is very simple, almost anyone can do it. Generally, more RPMs lead to more speed! In the GreenHulk Store, you will find digital tachometers that read exact engine RPMs and are necessary to get your RPMs dialed in perfectly. Once installed, you can decrease the trailing edge impeller pitch until your desired RPMs are reached. It is important you only re-pitch the trailing edge of your impeller to gain or lower RPM. Personally, I like to pitch the trailing edge of my impellers to get 150-200 RPMs less than the rev-limiter of whatever tune I am running. After you have your RPMs where you want them, you'll notice you've gained any speed you may have lost due to altitude or other weather factors. Most importantly, you will be getting the advertised speeds, or better, from the performance parts you just installed! **PR**

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# PR RIG OF THE MONTH

## RIG OWNER:

Jason Schriener, BJ's Performance

## VEHICLE SPECS:

1992 Chevy Suburban with 22-inch American racing rims; fully bagged lays frame; 2 Kicker 15in L7s. Motor started off as a small block 350 converted into a 382 stroker.

## TRAILER SPECS:

Started as a 1990 Zeman 550 trailer; custom trailing arms with Firestone suspension airbags; trailer box has two air compressors with one 5-gallon tank.

## EXTRAS:

WeatherTech floor mats; Jet Pilot Australia seat covers.

## FAVORITE RIDE SPOT:

Backside of Canyon Lake, California.

## TRUCK SPONSORS:

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## SKIS:

**Green ski:** aka "Greenie" owner Rj Killian

**Purple ski:** aka "Bellissimo" Italian for beautiful, owner Dante Borruso

## PHOTO

*Dante Borruso*

## MODEL

*Jennifer Katchis*





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# FULL LINES EDGE OF SEAT RACING

# QPWC AUSTRALIA

By: Carla McLennan Secretary/Treasurer,  
Queensland Personal Watercraft Club

Photos: Craig Milne, Zoomed Images



Another beautiful race day in QLD saw close to 50 entries for round 2 racing, even the President of the Australian Jet Sports Boating Association (AJSBA), Justin Belczowski, took out 1<sup>st</sup> on the podium in the Naturally Aspirated class.

With Covid restrictions easing and Queensland weather being warm and sunny riders from all over Australia made the trek to race on beautiful Bells Beach north of Brisbane. Well know names lining up saw very close, competitive racing keeping spectators on the edge of their seats as they cheered their favourites over the finish line. Great results and smiles all round, who could ask for a better way to spend a weekend! **PR**

See all race results on Queensland Personal Watercraft Club on Facebook.



**QPWC PRE-RACE CHECKLIST**

- ✓ **Life jacket\PFDF:** Correct type for event (AustPFDF2/PDF3)
- ✓ **Helmet:** MX full face helmet approved per AJSBA\IJSBA.
- ✓ **PWC Registration Number\ Sticker\Label:** 100mm high on both sides of the ski
- ✓ **Bowtow loop:** attached, securely fixed, appropriate size
- ✓ **Race Number:** Correct number, contrasting base, size
  - One digit: 20cm (8 in.) high by 15cm (6 in.) wide
  - Two digits: 20cm (8 in.) high by 23cm (9 in.) wide
  - Three digits 20cm (8 in.) high by 30cm (12 in.) wide
- ✓ **Hull:** no sharp edges\cracks: underside of ski, sponsons, intake, sides
- ✓ **Hand Grips:** secured
- ✓ **Handlebar pad:** fixed to handlebar crossbar
- ✓ **No visible fuel leaks:** Inside hull, around fuel cap
- ✓ **Lanyard kill switch** working



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# Homage To A Legend



In loving memory Gary Hart 1958-2014



Story and photos: Tim Campbell

This Vintage Feature provides a glimpse into the eighties as we introduce a custom original JS550 designed and modified by the late Gary Hart. "Super G" as Gary was known, was the founder and owner of Jettrim and his legendary mats, scalloped paint designs, early widened tray mods, bars, braces, hoods and glass work make this legendary ski a true diamond in the rough. Finding this ski with many unique and very sought after Jettrim parts made this build very special as Gary and I worked together creating the Vintage Jet Ski Museum for many IJSBA World Finals. I'm proud to see this particular creation come to completion. The crisp paint by JeffSki laid down in the mid to late 80's looks like the day it rolled out of the paint booth. My son, Chad Campbell found it stored in a local airport hangar. Recognizing the legendary "Super G" design I immediately called the owner and secured the purchase of this rare original. The hull was stored under covers, completely disassembled in the hangar with all its parts crammed into various boxes and bags. This amazing '85 hull was just screaming to be completed. The JeffSki paint you see in the photos, as well as the custom Jettrim mats and accoutrements put the cherry on top.

Work immediately began on freshening up the engine and pump. But there were problems, a hull leak and the pump was trash. Once we evaluated the condition of the JS pump and made hull repairs, we decided to upgrade the back half to a modified SX pump. Sourcing the parts and making the necessary modifications was a breeze as my son and a few industry leaders came up with several custom pump/prop combos that worked extremely well and were proven on our previous builds. Doing this gave homage to a true "Vintage Jet Ski" without doing a 750 swap or making unnecessary modifications.

As the work continued on the "Super G" hull, a lot of cleaning, polishing and repairing of each part took place. Many hours of work went into prepping and completing this time capsule. To our surprise the hull was void of all exhaust outlets as they were glassed over during body mods. ARhaas right hand billet exhaust was decided upon and we couldn't be happier with the results. A few unknowns took place as many builds do. But once completed, the day of reckoning came. A trip to Lake Havasu City Body Beach during this years' Mark Hahn 300 proved a great success. I felt Gary was with me. The "Super G" ski rips and looks as Bitchin as Gary's Stchin. Keep an eye out for me on the lakes, this vintage beauty is hard to ignore. **PR**

Stay tuned for other Vintage ski projects from Tim's Jet Ski Shop and remember, "Stand Up for Your Rights and Carve Your Lefts!"



## 1985 JS550

### HULL MODIFICATIONS:

- Widened tray: Gary Hart, Jettrim
- Custom paint: JeffSki, Lake Havasu, AZ - 1986
- Original custom Gary Hart Jettrim mat, dash, and chin pad kit
- Original custom Gary Hart Jettrim welded bars, subplate and steering assembly
- Original Jettrim fuel nose block off plate
- Original Jettrim dash block off plate
- Original Jettrim hood stiffeners
- Original Jettrim hull braces
- Original Jettrim nose brace
- Original competitive fiberglass hood by Rusty Sharman
- Original HD pole spring
- Chrome handle pole crown
- New OEM nose guard
- Right hand exhaust modification
- Billet nose and tail eyelets
- Pole spring brace
- Custom hardware throughout

### ENGINE:

- JS550 Piston Port engine - ported
- Std crank and flywheel - trued and welded
- Modified OEM head
- BCW 44mm intake
- New Mikuni SBN 44mm carburetor
- Westcoast flame arrestor
- New throttle cable
- New Billet throttle
- Custom Coffman half pipe
- Coffman water box
- New high temp silicone exhaust tubing
- New Rhaas Billet exhaust tip outlet
- New 550 E-Box - Jet Ski Solutions

### PUMP MODIFICATION:

- Custom modified 1992 550 SX pump
- Mod by Tim's Speed Shop, Yucaipa, CA



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# JERSEY SHORE PWC RIDERS

## MEET JASON AND THE JERSEY SHORE PWC RIDERS

Jason Chait aka 'Jason Frank' has been riding skis recreationally since he was 18. A 20-year EMT, Jason is Admin and page originator of the Jersey Shore PWC Riders, Co-Host of Yeah Buddy Productions Rec Ride Report, Admin of Sea-Doo 300 Enthusiasts Official on Facebook, and several others. Jason recently shared some background and exciting plans for the year.

**PRO RIDER:** Please tell us a little about yourself. What motivated you to establish the Jersey Shore PWC Riders?

**JASON CHAIT:** I started on a Sea-Doo SPI and Sea-Doo SPX in 1999 then sold them for a supercharger for my Ford Mustang. Years later I rented a jet ski in the keys and caught the bug all over again. Since then I've owned Sea-Doos and Yamahas but as a technology and ergonomic person, the Sea-Doo brand keeps drawing me back. Currently I own a 2018 Sea-Doo RXT X 300 with a few modifications. In 2016 frustrated with the lack of organization getting people together for group rides, along with Marco Fiorenza and Tommy Branella, Jersey Shore PWC Riders page was established to come together, share photos, share rides, sell items, and most importantly help one another with their jet skis. The group took off with members along the Jersey shore, New York, and Pennsylvania. Most events are planned for the Atlantic City area; the scenery on the Jersey coast is amazing. Groups and individuals are encouraged to join. This year we are expecting Ohio PWC Enthusiasts, Strong Island and Buffalo Ski Riders to join us.

Riding the inlets, bays and intercoastal waterways we encounter dolphins, lighthouses, marshes with swooping turns that challenge your skills and your skis!

In 2018 we partnered with Pro Watercross Rec Tour to develop a ride where all proceeds went to the Wounded Warriors Project. Close to 50 skis participated. Boats lined up the intercoastal taking photos and videos of our group as we passed. As we cruised into Atlantic City a video from one of the casinos was taken of us passing in the ocean. The video ended up on the 6 o'clock news!

**PR:** How did you become involved in the Yeah Buddy Show?

**JC:** In 2018 after meeting Kenny Kgees (host of Yeah Buddy Productions Rec Ride Report) we developed a great friendship. Kenny has mentored me a lot with non jet ski issues and provides great advice. Kenny left the two networks he had a segment on for recreational riding and I stressed to him well before he left, that he has a great following and great personality and needed to host a show on his own. Running a podcast/livecast is no easy task! Kenny and I both knew that but there came a time where he said after badgering him constantly, the community needs a voice and it's time to do this. He said he wasn't doing this without me. The PWC community responded in positive ways we couldn't even imagine. Tune in the Yeah Buddy Productions Rec Ride Report on Facebook Thursday nights at 8:00pm EST.

**PR:** What is your best advice to PWC owners?

**JC:** My best advice for PWC owners is simple: read the owner's manual, as corny as that sounds it has all the answers you need without looking for advice on the internet and potentially being steered the wrong way; also pick the brains of the professionals in specialized performance shops!

**PR:** What are your plans for 2021?

**JC:** For 2021 I am looking forward to continually unifying the community and promoting this sport positively and professionally. My beautiful girlfriend Caitlin who has been helping me with the podcast and planning the June 19th Jersey Shore PWC Riders charity event to help raise money for Make-A-Wish, is relatively new to the sport so I can't wait to share my passion with her. We have a lot of great rides planned. I look forward to meeting new people nationwide and locally. This is going to be an amazing year and I'm eager to share my experiences on the Jersey Shore PWC Riders page and Yeah Buddy Productions Rec Ride Report for all!



### JERSEY SHORE PWC RIDERS 2021 SCHEDULE:

#### MAY

23 Season Opening Rip Ride  
Sloop Creek to Atlantic City

29 - 31

Memorial Day Weekend  
Ride at Tices Shoal  
Bay Side Island Beach  
State Park

#### JUNE

6 Around the Island Long  
Distance Ride  
Waterfront Marine, Somers  
Point, New Jersey

27 Dolphin Mega Search/Epic  
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#### JULY

4 - 5 Tices Shoal Ride  
Barnegat Bay, New Jersey

18 Ride to Nowhere  
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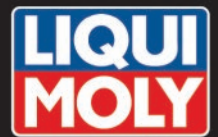


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**A**t just 18 years old, Tory Snyder has accumulated some major hardware over the past few years. Tory didn't become serious about racing until 2018—that's when the spark ignited, and determination set in. Pro Rider recently caught up with Tory's dad, Troy, a highly decorated 2 X Kings Cup Champion, 3 X IJSBA World Champion, 9 X USA National Champion and Tory's biggest fan.

**PRO RIDER:** When did Tory first start racing? What prompted him to start?

**TROY SNYDER:** Tory started racing in 2013 in Islamorada, Florida at age 10 on a Sea-Doo XP800. He raced basically because I was making him. I stopped forcing him and let him find his own way. He stopped racing shortly thereafter. One day in 2018 he said, "hey dad what are you going to do with that Yamaha EX?" My reply—"it's sitting there waiting for you to want to race again." That is when the spark ignited, and determination set in.

**PR:** What classes did Tory race in 2020 and in 2021?

**TS:** Tory started 2020 on the Pro Watercross tour in Amateur Box Stock and won every race that year in that class. When we got to IJSBA World Finals I had a broken leg, so I let him move up to Pro Stock on my boats where he won the very first moto enroute to 4<sup>th</sup> overall and ended up winning Pro Open and Pro Endurance at Lake Havasu World Finals. This year he's racing Pro Stock and Pro Runabout GP on the Pro Watercross tour and Pro Enduro 300 on the P1Aquax tour. He'll race Pro Stock and Pro Limited at the IJSBA World Finals and Pro Stock in Poland at the IJSBA World Series events.

**PR:** As a father, what has been most rewarding and what are you most proud of regarding Tory?

**TS:** The most rewarding aspect has been seeing him go from "dad I don't want to race to dad I want to race" and then winning 3 world titles and the opening round of P1 Aquax. It shows how much youngsters soak up being raised at the race site around competition and the good people of jet ski racing, good, competitive fun!

**PR:** What are Tory's racing plans for 2021?

**TS:** To be on the podium at P1Aquax and IJSBA World Finals and put his name next to mine in Thailand Kings Cup later this year.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- 2020 Amateur Box Stock World and National Champion Pro Watercross
- 2020 Pro Runabout Open World Champion IJSBA
- 2020 Pro Endurance World Champion IJSBA
- 2020 Pro Runabout GP World Champion Pro Watercross
- 2021 Pro 300 First Place P1Aquax Opening Round

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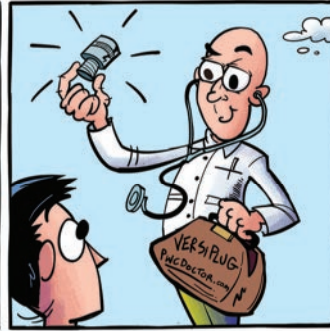
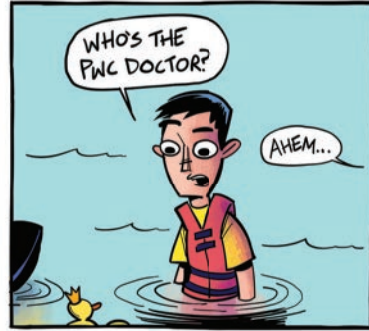
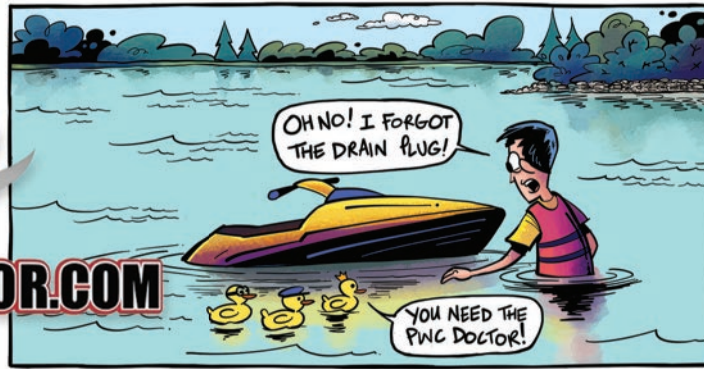
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**OVERVIEW:** The deadlift is a core exercise and fundamental movement of everyday life. It's one of the 'king' movements in strength and conditioning. In short, you squat down, grab an object and stand up. So simple yet so complex. There is something magical and satisfying about lifting an extremely heavy weight. With each lift, you get stronger and each time you perform such a lift, you push to lift more. Yesterday, as Babe Ruth implies, isn't good enough, and so today, you load more weight on the bar to challenge yourself. Today, if you lift more weight or perform an additional repetition, you 'win'. Looking for inspiration? Simply Google or YouTube Hafthor Bjornsson (Game of Thrones "the Mountain") and see the 2020 COVID world record 1,104 lb. deadlift.

**BASICS:** There are two methods for this lift (parallel stance or sumo stance). In this article, I'll describe the parallel stance. First, stand behind the object (typically an Olympic weight bar) with your feet pointing forward and your stance shoulder width apart (Photo 1). Squat down lowering your thighs and butt keeping your head up and back straight (Photo 2). Hold the bar with an opposing grip (one hand over and one hand under the bar). Keep the bar close to the shins (Photo 1 & 2). With the legs, begin standing, ensuring your head is up and back remains straight. The bar will drag along the shins and thighs (Photo 3). Continue an upward motion until you are fully standing erect (Photo 4). At this point lower the bar to the ground reversing the movement until the bar/plates touch the floor.

**PRECAUTIONS:** Maintaining a straight back is a critical part of the movement. When there is more weight than a person can safely lift, there is a tendency for the hips to rise faster than the bar which causes bending or rounding (flexion) of the spine. This places excessive stress on the intervertebral discs of the spine leading to back injuries. Therefore, keep the head moving towards the ceiling and ensure your shoulders and hips rise at the same speed. Do not allow the hips to outpace the upper body. Many forget that when lowering the bar to the floor, there is still stress on the back and the exercise is not over. Again, lower the bar in the same reverse manner as you lifted the bar until the bar rests on the floor. Safety is paramount.

**EXERCISE RELEVANCE TO PWC:** Regardless of standup or sit-down PWC, the legs, back, and upper body play a major role in controlling the vehicle. The stronger the entire body, the less fatigue while racing which equates to faster times in straight a-ways or cornering. And if riding for recreation, the same applies.

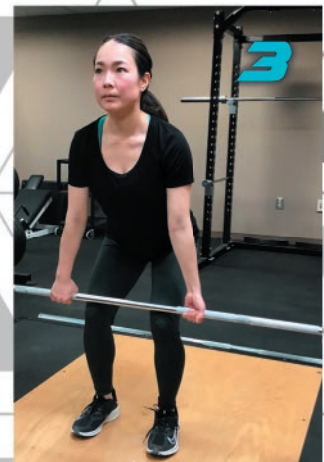
**PRESCRIPTION:** Deadlifts can complement other exercises or be a stand-alone workout

**DAYS OF THE WEEK:** Once every 5 to 8 days.  
(Due to intensity, this is often performed 1x a week, not more)

**BEGINNERS:** 2 – 3 sets of 6 – 8 repetitions (learn the form before increasing weight)

**INTERMEDIATE:** 3 – 4 sets of 5 – 6 repetitions

**ADVANCED:** 4 – 5 sets of 2 – 3 repetitions one week (heavy) and  
4 – 6 repetitions (lighter) opposite weeks



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# Florida Ski Riders

## 2021 Rec Rider Buoy Challenge

By: Florida Ski Riders | Photos: Manuel Valdes, MVP Production

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In 2021 the Florida Ski Riders (FLSR) set out to do something a little different. We wanted to host a race style event dedicated to recreational riders. Partnering up with our good friends at JetRide and American Jet Concept known for the Spark Evo Jet Kart, we created a day of buoy course racing in Stuart, Florida, in the southeast portion of the state. We added a twist to the event by making it a YouTuber meet and greet and brought out YouTuber Jiggin' with Jordan known for his insane treasure hunting, and DJ Fabuloso known for his incredible jet ski football pass and Yappy Twan Twan a well-known urban treasure hunter. The day was filled with positive energy, intense buoy course racing with cash prizes and a few attempts to catch the infamous jet ski football pass. Founder

of FLSR Randy Cabrera snagged a 50-yard pass alongside Jiggin' with Jordan. As the day progressed racing continued with friendly battles among riders including a contest between Jun's World and Bobby Cardone 239 Raceboat/Cardone Race Corner in which Cardone took the win by a 10<sup>th</sup> of a second — rematch coming soon! Racecourse official Andy Hodgen kept tight sight of the racers on the course and their official course times.

FLSR is locking in more locations with some huge YouTubers to bring more Rec Rider Buoy Challenge events to different areas of Florida. Florida Ski Riders is committed to the recreation rider community and enhancing their experience on and off the water with full excursion tours and the YouTuber tour. Visit [www.FLSkiRiders.com](http://www.FLSkiRiders.com) for more information. **PR**

*"It was inspirational to watch rec riders come out and give it their best as they carved up the course, most racing for the very first time, as well as fans coming out to meet their favorite YouTubers. Bringing people together like this is such an honor."*

**Randy Cabrera  
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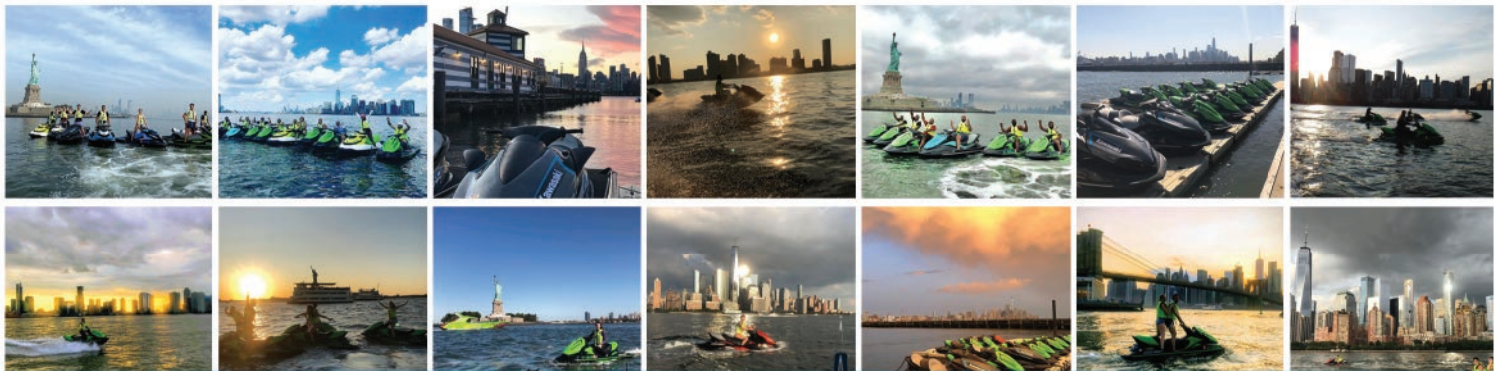
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# PR RACER PROFILE



## SHAINIE RIVER SEIDENBERG

Photos: Kenny Wong KDW; Blaine Seidenberg

Meet Shainie River Seidenberg, age 14, from Huntington Beach, California. She's been riding a ski since she was 8. Pro Rider recently chatted with Shainie's proud dad who shared, "Shainie has been going to the Colorado River from the time she was born and got into speed early on. She started racing BMX at 4, cruiser and class, and was 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the state of California at age 6. Jet skiing was next on a 550; she raced a 2016 Superjet in Junior 10–12. We upgraded her stable to a new GP1, SXR 1500, 4 stroke Superjet and her favorite 2013 760 Superjet. She is racing Women's 4 stroke, 4 stroke lites, 2 stroke lites and waiting to see about the GP1."

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

2020: World Finals  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Jr. 13–15

2019: World Finals  
3<sup>rd</sup> place 10–12 stock,  
4<sup>th</sup> women novice,  
2<sup>nd</sup> 10–12 lites

Shainie is very athletic, plays all-star softball and soccer. In 2016 she received a new Superjet from Kommander delivered by World Champion Dustin Motzouris. She received instruction from Dustin and World Champion Tera Leho. Shainie is pushing this year to up her game with a goal to compete in Thailand 2022. **PR**



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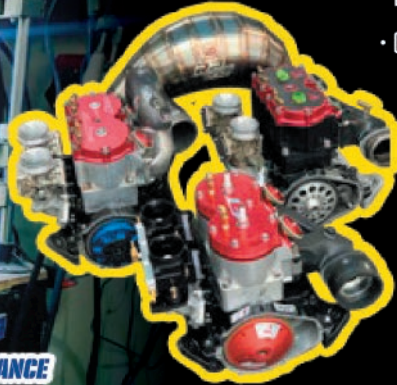


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# MASSIVE TURNOUT RIDING THREE RIVERS THE SPRING HOPPIN' REC RIDE!

By: Manny Arroyo | Photos: Alex Ortega

Recently, we had the opportunity to check out the Spring Hoppin' Recreation Ride in the Suwannee, Santa Fe, and Ichetucknee Rivers located in North Florida. Jet Rider Nation, Florida River Riders, Florida PWC Riders, and PWC Explorers came together to give 104 riders a wonderful experience featuring dozens of beautiful, natural, clear springs.

The preferred launch was from Ellie Ray's RV Resort in Branford, Florida located where the Santa Fe and Suwannee Rivers meet. Ellie Ray's has cabins, RV sites, and tent spaces for campers with great food, drinks, and live entertainment at Sturge's situated right on the property. Off the Santa Fe River is the Ichetucknee River with 3 miles of no-wake, crystal clear waters with views of the underwater ecosystem, and nature at its finest. The Suwannee and Santa Fe Rivers include multiple springs. Ginnie and Dogwood Springs are of the most popular, as well as Little River, Troy, and Fanning Springs. It is truly a tour of some of Florida's most gorgeous natural aquifers.

Ride with care on the Santa Fe when journeying east where Ginnie and Dogwood Springs are located as there is a section of rocks along the river with a strong current; you must travel through them either slowly on the right side, or fast on the left. When water levels are high (winter and spring), you can travel them safely on both sides. It is recommended to secure an experienced guide for the area. The Suwannee River is safe to ride, except for sturgeon jumping season. Sturgeon are fish that tend to jump out of the water towards the middle of the river in July and August. Otherwise they are rarely seen.

For a list of the springs and other great water spots on the Santa Fe, Ichetucknee, and Suwannee Rivers, and the rest of Florida, check out [tinyurl.com/floridasprings](http://tinyurl.com/floridasprings). **PR**







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# PILOTS FROM 12 TO 64 PREVAIL AT NEW ZEALAND AQUAX GRAND PRIX

By: Diane Daly  
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In a sleepy, picturesque village on the northern shore of the great Lake Taupo, lies Kinloch, home to the annual end of summer, New Zealand AquaX Grand Prix. Riders from both North and South Islands met as they challenged for a coveted title.

Cancelled in 2020 because of Covid, Kiwis acknowledge how fortunate we are in New Zealand to be COVID free, for now anyway. This rare and precious freedom enabled us to resume a normality other nations only dream of. Knowing we are one case away from social restrictions, we all eagerly attended this year's event.

When we set up the course, the lake was like a millpond. It was a chilly 6 degrees Celsius, and the predicted rain had not arrived. The pilots had, however, pulling up with trailers laden with skis. The race site took shape with marquees erected and skis unloaded onto trolleys. Old friends greeted each other, shared stories, and commented how the young racers had grown. This event attracted more racers than usual to compete for silverware and prize money.

Lake Taupo, in the centre of the North Island, has a weather pattern all its own. High winds blew and waves were over a metre high.

As a UIM affiliated club classes are categorised by horsepower and include pole skis and runabouts. We ran a total of six classes. Runabout GP 1, the open supercharged class battled it out since the start of summer back in December; this was their final chance to post points for the season. Zach Prevette was undefeated and this event was to be no different. Apart from falling from his ski in the first race, he maintained a strong lead in every other race on his midnight purple 2021 RXP-X 300 RS, a stock ski that qualified for GP2, which he also won.

Runabout GP3 skis are under 200hp and are naturally aspirated. The class includes Sea-Doo GTX170s, Sea-Doo 155s, Yamaha VXR, Yamaha FXHO and a GP4 Spark racing up a class. These skis are largely stock, the type used commonly for recreational riding.

The AquaX GP3 Grand Prix was taken out by 16-year-old rider, Ben Morris from Christchurch racing a Yamaha VXR. The season,

however, was won by the over 60-year-old, Club President, Dave Vennell.

Runabout GP4 is limited to EX Yamahas and Sea-Doo Sparks, small plastic skis that have become very popular on the harbours and lakes of New Zealand and are ideal entry level to racing being affordable, nimble, fun to ride and quick enough to provide enthralling racing without great risk of injury in the event of a mishap.

South Island took the GP4 spoils with Ollie Morris winning the AquaX GP4 Grand Prix. The GP3 pole ski class (from stock up to modified Rec Lites) was the largest class with pilots ranging from 12 to 64 years old. This class was won by 16 year old Corban Farnley from Christchurch, a current IJSBA World Champion.

The inclusion of Rookie races nearths new talent and allows recent inductees to learn their craft in a controlled environment.

The event concluded with prizegiving including trophies, certificates, and cash. As in previous years perpetual trophies were awarded to Rider of the Year, Zach Prevette, and Member of the Year, this time President Dave Vennell for his ongoing commitment to the sport. **PR**

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# RIDING BACK IN TIME: CASTILLO DE SAN MARCOS



**Story and photos:** Eddie Nieto, Sea-Doo Florida Community | **Fort Photos:** Dary Soto

**W**ith a bright sunny morning and a crowd with a positive attitude, we headed back in time to a place where the waters are no longer conquered by pirates and walls are still standing even after many years of guarding. The trip commenced at a quiet little ramp on Flagler Beach with 2 updated concrete ramps. South of the ramps, we followed the wooden trail to a small beach where we beached our PWCs for a morning greet and meet before heading out. As always, a safe trip is our number one goal and a day full of adventures. The ride had a

minimal amount of slow wake zones that are guarded from May to Sept due to the manatee migration. The main attraction is only 1 hour of riding at an average speed of 40 to 50 mph.

El Castillo de San Marcos (The Castle of San Marcos) located in Saint Augustine preserves the oldest masonry fortification in the US and boasts a beautiful isolated beach split by the walls of the castle. The area is well traveled by watercrafts of all kinds and sizes.

After admiring the views and making memories we made our way to the very popular restaurant Beaches at Vilano, just a short drift across the bay but beware of strong currents

and heavy boat traffic. The restaurant's beautiful dock provides plenty of room to beach your watercraft.

If the need for fuel should arise, not to worry; across the bay are multiple fuel points. Fortunately, we were not in need for fuel, so we kept on to our next destination, another fort the size of a 2-story home with a cannon still protecting its' shores. After pictures and a few laughs, we moved on, heading home just as the weather was changing and storms were moving in. **PR**

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### RYHS

### RYHS STRICKLAND

Photos: Jimmy Strickland

**AGE:** 11

**HOMETOWN:** Kiln, Mississippi

**SKI:** 2011 Yamaha Superjet

**RACE/RECREATION/FREERIDE/FREESTYLE:** Recreation but will race for the first time at the Panama City Pro Watercross race this summer.

**LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS:** Wakeboarding and riding my Kx65

**CRAZIEST OR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER:** The junior stars of Florida training camp. I had a blast to be with other kids my age who are interested in standups. We live on a river, so I grew up on the wakeboard and jet skis but it's hard to find kids this age who are interested in our sports.

**FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION:** Mr. Doug's (Doug Underhill) training camp and Jordan River in Mississippi.

**SPONSORS:** Mom and Dad



### SOFIA

### SOFIA DOCKERY

Photos: Dexie Payne; Jacqee Dockery

**AGE:** 8

**HOMETOWN:** Pensacola, Florida

**SKI:** Still searching (whatever dad rides, currently Yamaha Cruiser FX SVHO)

**RACE/RECREATION/FREERIDE/FREESTYLE:** Racer in training

**LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS:** Completed the Junior Stars of Florida Spring training camp. Qualified for the Pepsi Youth Championship Bowling Tournament.

**CRAZIEST OR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER:** Rode with dolphins while watching the Blue Angels practice.

**FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION:** Pensacola, hanging out on the sandbar at Little Sabine.

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### HAYDEN O'CONNELL

Photos: Dexie Payne; Jen Horan

**AGE:** 12

**HOMETOWN:** Bonita Springs, Florida

**SKI:** Sea-Doo HX

**RACE/RECREATION/FREERIDE/FREESTYLE:** Race and Recreation

**LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS:** I was awarded the most improved rider at the 2021 Florida Junior Stars riding camp. It was such a cool experience. Drake was the BEST teacher. I placed in the top three in the punt, pass, and kick competition.

**CRAZIEST OR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER:** Learning to ride a stand-up at Florida Junior Stars has been my most memorable ride. I can't wait to go back and learn more. I just got my first ski for Christmas this year. We just got it back from Color Concepts and it was painted black. My friend Valentina is helping me dress it up with stickers. I cannot wait to start my first year of racing. Everyone I have met through racing is so nice and is always willing to help and give tips to help make me better. I can't wait to beat my brother, Keegan, who has been racing for a year now.

**FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION:** I like to practice at Lazy Springs in Felda, Florida. I loved riding in Pensacola, Florida. The Underhills were so nice. We watched dolphins swim past us when we were riding!

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5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$900	11 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$500
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$800	12 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$500

\*based on year-end final series points totals (Pro Sport & Pro Ski); to be eligible must attend all 2021 Hydro-Cross Nationals scheduled (Pro Sport & Pro Ski) events; must attend October 23 event in Branson, MO to collect.

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First Place	\$3000
Second Place	\$1000
Third Place	\$500
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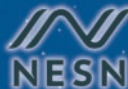
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- Pro-Am R/A Super Stock
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