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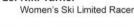




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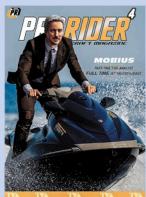


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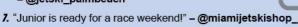






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The 2021 July/August cover shot goes to HydroDrag World Champion Angelica Gonzalez, Angelica Racing, shot through the lens of Manuel Valdes, MVP Production. At 20 years of age, from Tampa, Florida, Angelica started racing before her 14th birthday, watching her father race in the Hydrodrags since she was 8. Her first drag ski was a 2001 GP1200 her dad modified into a GP1300. Over the past several years through hard work, determination, and family support, she has accumu-

lated quite a collection of trophies for speed in Pro Stock, Super Stock Unlimited, and Spec.



A self-proclaimed adrenaline junkie best known for her reaction time and holeshot, she has been nicknamed Princess of the Hydrodrags" and the "Golden Girl."







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The 2021 July/August cover shot goes to Hydrodrag World Champion Angelica Gonzalez, Angelica Racing aka 'Princess of the Hydro-Drags.' The image of Angelica aboard her Yamaha FZR Pro Stock was captured by the lens of Manuel Valdes, MVP Production during the 2021 HydroDrag Nationals. Over the past 6 years Angelica has acquired quite a collection of hardware through hard work, determination, practice, and the support of her family and community.

This issue features coverage from several recreational rides and race tours including the 2021 RPM Best of the West Series, Jet Jam Racing, Great Lakes Watercross, HydroDrags, Jettribe WaterX, Powerboat

Pro Watercross Tour, Dunedin Excursion, Mid-Atlantic PWC Riders, Topsail Freeride, Kentucky PWC Falls Ride, NYC Hudson River Ride, Sea Roach TV Adventure Channel, Belly Buster Rec Ride, Alligator Lake Freeride, and Run Whatcha Brung Standup Jetski Regatta. Don't miss this issue's Future Threats, Tech Tips & Tricks, Double Vintage Corner, PWC Fishing, Gear Review, Safety, Fitness, Jet skis for Sale, Products Page and Gear Giveaway.

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PR LETTERS

DEAR PRO RIDER.

My PWC passion began in the early 2000's hanging out at the many great lakes Ontario offers. Riding friends' two stroke '96 Sea-Doo XPs and '97 GSXs. I quickly loved the thrill of being on a PWC. In 2011, I purchased my first Sea-Doo, a 1997 SPX 787. Friends began buying their own and coming along for the ride. I decided to form the PWC group "Birds in the Water" to document our travels. Why Birds in the Water? That question can be answered by a glimpse of our Instagram page (@birdsinthewatr) where you will see pictures and videos of myself and other members getting airtime amongst the wakes and waves! Some days we spend more time in the air out of the water, just like water birds.

As much as we love chasing waves there's nothing like a day of touring to see beautiful places you would not be able to access without a PWC. From riding lock systems to touring around beautiful Tobermory, Ontario, I have memories and stories to last a lifetime. I rode my '97 SPX for 7 solid years until I was done with the wrenching; in 2018 I bought my current ride a brand-new Sea-Doo Spark Trixx and the fun just keeps getting better!

The one thing I've noticed in all my years of riding, the PWC community is like no other. The people I've met at the lake or through social media that share the same passion, is camaraderie at its finest. That's where Pro Rider Magazine comes into play. This magazine reports what's going on in the PWC community, from races and racers, to product reviews to linking you up with parts dealers from all over the globe. Pro Rider Magazine is the heart and soul of the PWC/jetski community and dishes out content for every type of rider. Pro Rider Mag has stood the test of time and I'm sure will continue to serve the PWC community with amazing unique content for a sport like no other!

Matt Cabral

Cambridge, Ontario, Canada



Our family consists of myself, my wife Kara, 2-year-old son Lucas, and 5-month old daughter Adalyn. I ride a California Freestyle Phantom powered by a 1200cc ET motor and compete in Pro Freestyle. We also have a Superjet for Kara and Lucas to ride. We ride in the California Delta for weekday rides and like to camp on weekends at our favorite spot, East Park Reservoir. I'm always excited to receive the latest Pro Rider Magazine and check out all the great PWC content. When I first got into standups many years ago there was nothing like Pro Rider Magazine, so I really appreciate having such a cool magazine to promote and grow our sport.

Brad Turnbloom Martinez, California

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Great Lakes Watercross is proud to announce Jaymi Bohat and Brad Bohat are the new promoters of the Great Lakes Watercross Tour. Jaymi shared, "Brad and I have been working collaboratively with Justin Treder and Kelsey Leasure to ensure a smooth transition of ownership. This year the tour will remain as scheduled; we will soon announce new sponsors locked in for this season! We're excited to continue the tour and support our fellow racers. Special thanks to Justin, Kelsey and the entire GLW crew for their hard



work and dedication to the sport the last 2 years, without them we would not have had a tour to race at all!"

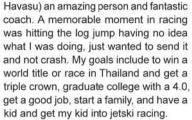


ROLE MODELS INSPIRE AND MOTIVATE YOUTH

Submitted by: Dane Duda Photos: Kenny Wong



My name is Dane Duda, I'm 13 and live in California. Recently I accomplished a series overall in 13-15 lites in Jet Jam Racing South Series. I started standup racing because of my buddy Tommy Luera, I love the excitement and adrenalin rush! I look up to Kevin Reiterer, an impressive rider with awesome style and Quinten Bossche who performs well in every race. I greatly admire Tomski (Thomas Suchodolski, Lake







Jennifer, 31, started jet skiing at 15 thanks to her father who raced; she began competing at 16 upon obtaining her boat license. Mickaël, 34, has been racing since 12 and was up on a ski at 3 years old with his dad. Both his parents raced.

PRO RIDER: How did you meet and what

JENNIFER: We got to know each other in a competition in 2006 in Bunrhaupt le Bas . In 2008 we got together and since then have had a long way and built our lovely little family with Olivia born 2017 and Noah 2020. In February 2020 we said "yes" and for a photo contest

MICKREL: I met Jennifer in 2006 at a regional/ national race. I was in a team and my boss was training her. Our first kiss was in Manille 2008. We grew up in the same world, travel, racing, have fun and enjoy life, it's simple when you have the same hobbies. Our best moments are going with our big truck with family. Our wedding was around jet skis because it's the only world we know.

PR: What class(es) do you race? Do you ever race against each other?

JEIMIFER: Currently, I am on a Yamaha Superjet 2 stroke in Women's Ski GP3 and Ski GP3. We have done several races against each other and I think this sentence will make him very happy, but he has always been better than me, but it was cool

MICKREL: I race GP1 class in Triple Crown (Europe, Havasu, and King's Cup) UIM Europe and world championship, Jetcross and French championship. I am 5-time slalom world champion 2-time world champion. European and French champion. I finish two time in top 4 at King's cup. I race against her

I race on all the boats 750 SXI, 750 SXI Pro 650 Yamaha, 700 Yamaha, hydrospace, SXR 800 EXR 1500 ohc hull, bulette v2.5 v3 v4 and now Kommander, I train every day.

PR: Of what accomplishments are you

JEMMIFER: Without hesitation my two titles of World Champion and my family

MICKHEL: My family. The rest is hobbies and I want to do with my wife daughter and son.

PR: Please share your plans for the rest

JENNIFER: For 2021, I'm going back to competitions, I will be present on the Jetcross and French Championship.

MICKREL: My goal is winning the thing I never win, King's Cup. For that I must do a maximum race, so, Jetcross, UIM Europe and world tour, Triple Crown, and French championship.



The state of the s PROMOTING JET SKIING IN POLAND: MEET ADIA JACHIMEK SPORTSWOMAN OF THE DECADE AND TEAM PRIMAJETŁÓDŹ



Submitted by: Ania Jachimek, Poland #32 Photos: Arek Reis Photography; Dariusz Oleinik Aquabike Poland - Facebook





My journey with jetskis started long ago on a pond with friends racing for prisingly I won and



was invited to join a racing team. My category is GP4, Sea-Doo Spark. I rely on my jetski, even though it's a challenge to control. Spark is very lightweight; every wave is a struggle. but I find those difficulties thrilling.

Our team, PrimaJet Łódź's goal is promoting jetski sport in Poland, we believe Polish people should hear about this sport as often as other Europeans do. I opened the team with my friend Marek Goździewicz; we race all over the world, all championships in Europe. in Hungary, Croatia, Italy, Lithuania, Czech Republic, and USA

My biggest accomplishment is being invited to the Polish National Team. Twice the champion of Poland, 2019 I won UIM Europe Championship and third place as sportsman of the year PZMiNW and achieved the title Sportswoman of the Decade in my hometown; 2018 I won Zarasai Lithuania Jetski Cup Runabout and sixth place IJSBA World Finals USA 2019. I rode in the Płyniemy Polsko rally. 1700 km, the only woman in Poland who did it twice. Competing with men motivates me to work on my strength to become the best version of myself. When racing, gender divisions become meaningless. My first ever race in Poland men thought I didn't take the sport seriously and expected me to end my career after one race. I told myself be strong, show them women aren't weak. My advice, never give up, promote our sport as much as possible and most importantly, play fair. I have a goal to podium on IJSBA JET SKI WORLD SERIES, in Ostów Warcki Port Jachtowy Jezicrsko, Poland. Our team organized this year's championship July 21-25

To my family, husband Rafał, daughter Oliwia, parents and friends, thank you for supporting me. To the Polish Federation of Motorboat and Water Skiing, thank you for believing in me. Recently I proudly became a Sea-Doo Poland ambassador! If you like the thrill, competition, speed, smell of gasoline and roar of engines. I encourage you to practice this sport, it will be perfect for you!









PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Kacey McCreary, Moneta, Virginia on winning the May-June 2021 photo contest! This adorable baby is Delaney Jo McCreary and her dad, Jonathan who races Veteran Ski GP. Delaney was proudly representing Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine in this cute Pro Rider onesie at her first race in St. Augustine while cheering on dad!



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Congratulations once again to Namura Technologies for snagging the 2021 Bikini Cup. Sales and Marketing Manager/model Ewa Kalinsky shared. "When we first heard about the contest we were a little pessimistic considering our weather conditions at that time - heavy Minnesota winter, but we decided to use it to our advantage and create something unique. Now that we won, it made it 100% worth it! "





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Pro Rider Beau Arscott

-Michael Ratti
Editor of Pro Rider
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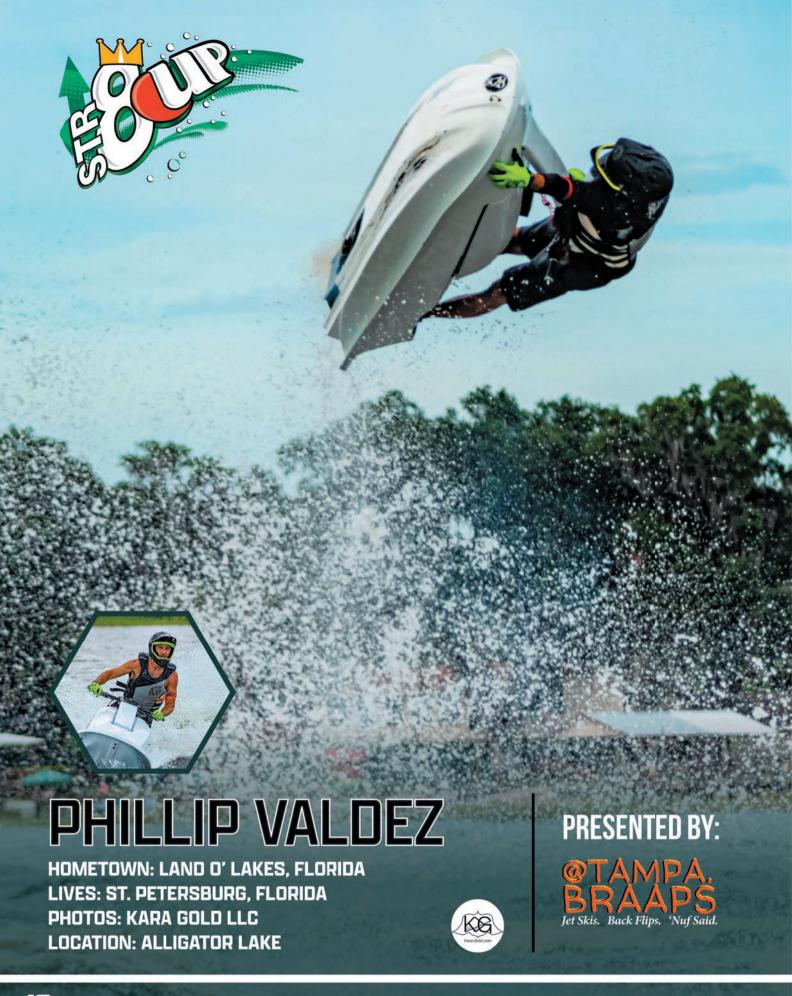


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PWC RACING BACK WITH A VENGEANCE!

HYDRO-TURF BEST OF THE WEST presented by HOT PRODUCTS

By: Ross Wallach | Photos: Ally J Photography #1 Fan Nedra-Atwood is definitely smiling!



ounds 1 & 2 of the 2021 Hydro-Turf Best of the West Series Presented by Hot Products — The Nedra Atwood Memorial Race/IJSBA World Finals Qualifier presented by Jettrim, Impros, Bomber Eyewear, Jettribe, Blowsion, Works H20, Kawasaki, Oakley, JC Racing, 3D Design Concepts T.C. Freeride, Rattlesnake Rentals, Pro Watercraft, Highspeed Industries, Jet World, Ultimate Watercraft, West Coast Watercraft Club and Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine kicked off sanctioned IJSBA racing on the West Coast with the largest attended event in quite some time. With just under 200 entries, racers from all over converged in Parker, Arizona for the annual event. For all the problems created since the Covid 19 pandemic began, one thing is for sure, PWC racing is back with a vengeance! The racing community is revitalized with former stars like "Haulin" Harry Goatcher, James Dean, Jonathan Levey returning to their aquatic racing roots along with throngs of new faces to the watercross track. Especially nice to see are the new Junior racers a source of pride and happiness for the #1 Fan. Nedra Atwood, who's memory was honored at the event. Her husband, Brad Atwood, remarked about Nedra and her deep passion for PWC racing "she was definitely smiling." Meg Conroy was asked by Brad to ring Nedra's cowbell bringing tears to most eyes. Though she's deeply missed by racers, families and crew, they all feel Nedra was looking down from above with a great big smile!

The newest Best of the West race site, La Paz County Park, provided ample pit space. easy access to practice and start line areas and great viewing for all in attendance. Balmy weather conditions were appreciated as the usual unrelenting heat of the Mojave Desert was offset by gentle breezes which made the usually calm water conditions ever changing throughout the event. This presented yet another challenge in addition to the tight technical Todd Young designed course. Racers enjoyed the challenging conditions and track on the Colorado River, which showed both on and off the course.

Thank you to all who attended and congratulations to the winners and podium finishers!

Thanks to Dawn Carey and her great scoring staff, Todd Young and his great on water safety staff, and the staff and volunteers for making this event so successful! PR







for Annual Dunedin Excursion Recreational Ride

he highly recognized Dunedin Excursion, now in its sixth year, is one of Florida's premier PWC events hosted by the Florida Ski Riders. This twoday event draws riders from all over Florida as well as Alabama, Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and beyond. This year we had just over 360 riders and all were treated to a complimentary BBQ. Saturday was a free ride day where riders explored the breathtaking area in small groups. Sunday the mayor of Clearwater and Dunedin joined as the massive group launched

Story and photos: Florida Ski Riders

North Anclote Sandbar where riders enjoyed the beautiful clear water. The group then rode through the Anclote mangroves south to Caladesi Island and the last stretch of the ride around the Clearwater loop passing the famous Clearwater Beach.

The second Dunedin Excursion is planned for November 21, 2021. To learn more visit www.FLSkiRiders.com or find us on Facebook, Florida Ski Riders. PR





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Parker Tolboe, 21, has been around personal watercraft since he was 14. He bought his first ski at 16 and has been wrenching, riding, and selling skis ever since. Parker recently shared the following with Pro Rider.

ve always had a thing for vintage paint. Being so close to Blowsion in Sherwood, Oregon, it was only natural for me to want to find an original Johnny painted ski. I searched deep on the internet and found a guy commenting on Blowsion's Instagram account saying he had a hull painted by Blowsion. I acquired the hull from him. The ski has been standing on its pump on the side of his house since 2003 He bought it, blew the motor, and never built it again. It was sunk 4 inches into the ground I cleaned the ski, gutted the remaining parts, and removed the old mats and chinpad. My plan was to make a tribute boat with a modern twist. Johnny and Blowsion were well known back in the day for building top notch boats and I wanted to make this boat unlike any other. The faded paint came back to life after a few coats of wax. Jettrim made custom mats to compliment the skis unique paint. I already had a reed motor

sitting on a

shelf with an old 550 superstock racing pipe, like a B pipe but made for 550s by Factory Pipe.

The coating on the engine was mediocre at best so I sandblasted every metal part and had it Cerakoted. The color looks killer. I repainted the inside of the bilge to make the motor really pop, using bilgekote gloss white with a duplicolor high gloss clear over it. While putting everything together with all new cables and new Rhaas Motor mounts I was given a NOS OCJS tank by a friend who raced back in the day. Dumb luck. The ski rips! Not wanting to damage it in any way, after riding it 4 times, I winterized it and covered it.

Fast-forward to June 2021, I decided to sell this ski to fund other projects and let it be enjoyed by someone else. Ironically, I was contacted by John Dady's older brother. For those who don't know, John Dady was the founder of Blowsion Kolors and was the painter. John died in 2016 at age 47 due to an undetected congenital heart condition. His legacy is carried on by his wife Kristy, his 2 sons and through Blowsion Kolors. John's brother has the ski now, he told me he wanted to keep it in the family so his kids would have something to remember their uncle by. Ride in paradise Johnny! Special thanks to Blowsion for letting me be part







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PR PWC FISHING

AN AMAZING DAY OF FISHING!

THE 2021 Lake Powell Sea-Doo Fish Pro **Catch Photo Release Tournament**

Story & photos: Bob Reed, Manager Up Lake Adventures

ow, what an amazing day of fishing on the water! Recently, Up Lake Adventures hosted the first main PWC fishing tournament in the USA, the 1st Annual Lake Powell Fish Pro Tournament, Anglers from eight states converged on Lake Powell in Southern Utah to kick off this amazing event; this was an exclusively PWC fishing event as all anglers must fish from a PWC.

At 5:30 am 24 anglers departed the State Line launch ramp and headed to their "spot." Several makes and models were represented, with the Sea-Doo Fish Pro being the most popular PWC of the day.

This was a CPR (catch, photo, release) tournament. Anglers caught a fish, measured it on a Ketch board then took a photo and uploaded it to the Fishing Chaos App. Each photo was then meticulously judged at an offsite location and added to the leader board. The winner would be the one who caught the combined most inches of their top 5 fish of either Largemouth Bass or Smallmouth Bass. The first-place angler won a 2021 Sea-Doo Fish Pro with trailer, \$500.00 cash, Castaway fishing rod and Up Lake Adventures apparel!

This tournament was a total riot! There were prizes for the longest Walleye, longest Striped Bass, longest bass caught on a Yamamoto bait and the overall longest bass.

1st Place Danny Vine of Page, AZ - 92.5"

winner of the new Fish Pro

2nd Place Kristine Fischer

of Weeping Water, NE - 82.5"

3rd Place Zack Banks of

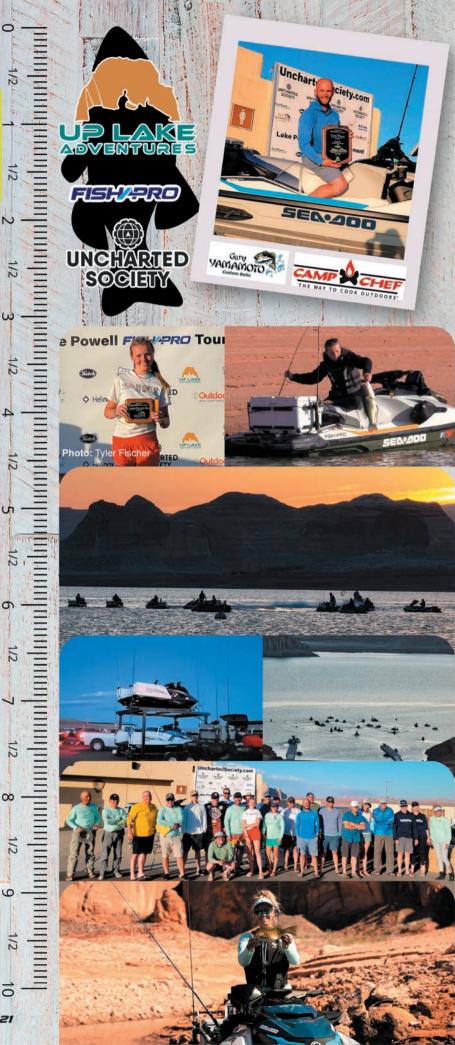
Vancouver, WA - 78.0"

One of the most exciting moments of the day was when 13-year-old Clair Peterson of St. George, Utah caught the largest bass of the day. She was fishing some tree structures using a Yamamoto Hula Grub; as soon as the grub hit the water, boom! She landed a 20.75" largemouth bass. KSL TV out of SLC, Utah caught the whole thing on video for their outdoor TV show. You can watch it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xNkEv0cxyOM. That bass gave Clair two prizes; the overall longest bass, and the longest bass caught on a Yamamoto bait. She won a \$200.00 Yamamoto gift certificate and a Pellet Grill from Camp Chef. Way to go Clair!

This event was hosted by Up Lake Adventures of Big Water, Utah. A special thanks to our main sponsor, Uncharted Society for donating the grand prize. They are a division of Sea-Doo, specializing in helping people find amazing adventures all over the world. Check out these awe-inspiring adventures at unchartedsociety.com

I believe it was the chance to take home a brand new 2021 Sea-Doo Fish Pro that attracted anglers from several states away.

We are going to host another tournament next year with more great prizes. Visit www.uplakeadventures.com for more information. Hope to see you there! PR





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By: Mike Young | Photos: Manuel Valdes, MVP Production

ello hi-speed race fans! Welcome to the US Hydro-Turf HydroDrag Nationals in Tavares, America's Seaplane City, on beautiful Lake Dora. Before we get started with hi-speed controlled chaos, we want to thank our presenting sponsors Hydro-Turf, City of Tavares, Lake County, RIVA Racing, co-sponsors Blowsion, Tiki West, Fish Camp, Key West Resort, OT Lounge, and T-Mobile and media sponsors Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine, Racer H2O, MVP Production, and Cardone Race Corner.

Race fans were greeted with an amazing site, great atmosphere, exciting competition, great friends, and amazing times- let's go racing!

In Stock, we started off with Nelson Lugo #16 and Luis Sandoval #13 but that's not close to how it ended. #912 Angelica Gonzalez, after suffering a scare early in the morning, ended up 3rd

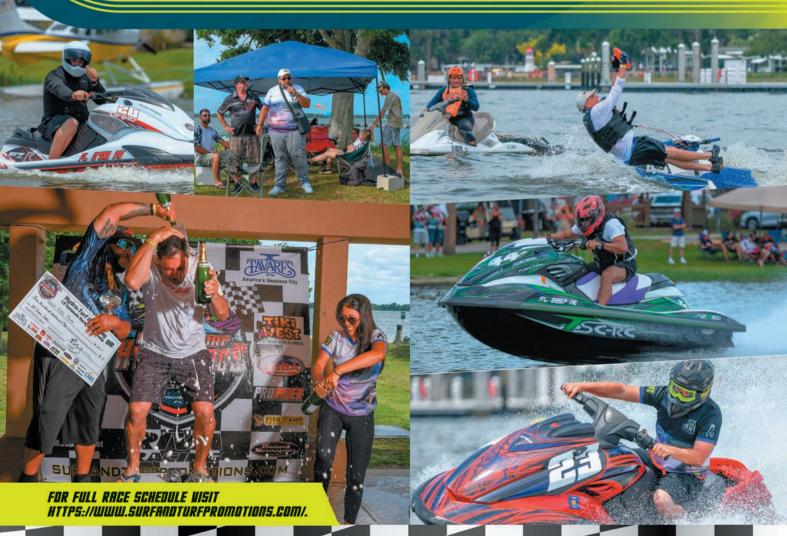
on the podium but #44 Alex ('took his') Toll ended up taking the top spot followed by #28 Isel Pupo 2nd.

On to Spec. The Spec Class did not come without its challenges, however, the favorites came out in front of the pack with Angelica Gonzalez, who had a problem out of the gate but came back from the consolation bracket to take 3rd place on the podium. The duel was with Ernesto Calas and Isel Pupo with Calas coming up on top.

In Superstock it was very interesting with several different teams from various areas of the country; we all knew it was going to be fast and furious because it was the Superstock class. One team has been dominant. Let's talk about #02 Michel Lopez of CRT Racing. This guy was 2020 Superstock Champion and worked his way through the pack with teammate Carlito Del Valle with SCRC's Alex Toll sharking in the waters.

Let's move on to Unlimited! With a huge fan base looking on from Wooten Park this was one of the best races ever and when everything ended this is how it splashed. At the onset, Mother Nature was not working with us, but thanks to the new block docks from City of Tavares, we were locked, cocked, and ready to rock! In Unlimited Drags, we think about what they have underneath their hoods as the fastest racers on PWC take to the water, as seaplanes took off beside us!

Team CRT showed up in force, however Pupo Racing was in the house, not to mention Empire Racing Club, big players, big names going for a big championship. This is how it went down in Unlimited: Isel Pupo third, and Carlito Del Valle and Michel Lopez shared the champagne in 1st and 2nd place on the podium representing CRT.







TAMPA.BRAAPS PRESENTS BLUE'S BIRTHDAY BASH 2021

By: Kyle Harris, Team Manager @Tampa.Braaps | Photos: Kara Gold-Harris @karagold.llc



eep within the scenic wonder of Florida's East Coast lies Alligator Lake. Once a year a group of strange, loud, tenacious animals takes over the peaceful body of waterjet skiers come to honor and celebrate at Blue's Birthday Bash. Tom Fransee and his wife Ashley flapped their wings all the way from Wisconsin to be part of the festivities. Hosts Howard Simmons (aka 'Blue' @blueportworx) and Gina Rocchetti Simmons welcome the wild crew with open arms at what has become one of the most spectacular displays in our sport.

Variety and beauty in the native environment are echoed by the stunning diversity in colors. shapes and sounds of pilots and machines. On shore camaraderie builds confidence. Attendees taking their first steps in the sport are joined and encouraged by some of the most knowledgeable and vetted members of the jetski community. The dockside crowd was treated to a world class run by World

Champion Lee Stone including a signature flat water double backflip!

Never to be stilled by nominal amounts of amplitude the bravest braapers crave bigger prey.

Like the Florida weather, without warning the area is transformed, as three wake boats depart onto the water their every move followed by a torrent of frenzied riders. The previously peaceful group turns into ravenous piranha attacking the wakes over an impressive expanse of lake which has suddenly become all too small for their appetite for altitude. Phillip Valdez kept everyone on edge with his death and gravity defying antics. In the middle of the tumult Chris Anyzeski launched his own huge double backflip!

Engines scream and crackle, riders soar and spin amongst the clouds. Slowly the sun fades, the spectacle dies down, the smell of race gas

swept away by late afternoon breeze. Even the most rambunctious of revelers come to rest by the water which at dusk returns to glassy unbroken calm. Blues Birthday Bash has come to be known as a world-class riding venue. Families find fun for all ages while champion riders put on a show for the record books. Engineering excellence, incredible athleticism and jetski culture are found alive and well on the sandy Florida shoreline. The hosts wholeheartedly thank everyone who has chosen to support this event through the years. The only thing more impressive than the skis and skies of St. Cloud, Fl is the unrivaled hospitality. May such a welcoming spirit and generosity be an example for all as we continue to enjoy jet skis in the wild! PR

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ea Roach TV highlights some of Puerto Rico's finest sites. Toñito Montalvo, Founder of Sea-Roach TV, was recently interviewed and featured on a segment of the Yeah Buddy Rec Ride Report.

SEAM BUDDS: Please tell us a little bit about yourself. When did you become involved with personal watercraft?



TONITO MONTALUO:

I'm born and raised in Carolina, Puerto Rico. I'm an automotive technician at A&A Service Center and Vilmary is a Medical Technologist in the VA Hospital. In 2019 I bought a Sea-Doo after watching a video on YouTube Channel Jose Luis (founder of Puerto Rico Jetski Adventures) riding from Puerto Rico to Saint Thomas, went around the island and back in 1 day. That's what really made me buy a Sea-Doo. Another reason is the 360 ride around Puerto Rico that the PR Jetski Riders organized with Alvaro de Marichalar in 2017 whose purpose was promoting Puerto Rico as a tourist destination and remembering the Numancia Resistance 2,150 years ago.

What motivated you to establish Sea Roach TV? How did you come up with the name?

What really motivated us was the positive feedback and support from all PWC group members, fans, and close friends. It all started as a hashtag #SeaRoachTV. Many boaters refer to PWCs as "roaches" so when I bought my Sea-Doo I proudly named it 'Sea Roach' just to

tease my brother who is a boater. Sea Roach TV was established as a personal blog Facebook page; in 2020 Sea Roach TV Youtube channel and professional IG page was established.

What has been the most rewarding aspect of producing the show?

The most rewarding aspect of producing the show has been people reaching out to us saying how we inspire adventure, to keep posting, that we are doing a really great job with the show, pictures of their new Sea-Doo and new passion inspired by us; they send us videos inspired by ours. It's so satisfying! It fuels us up! Being invited to The Yeah Buddy Show was really rewarding!

What do you find most gratifying about riding a PWC?

Most gratifying thing about riding a PWC for me is the adrenaline rush, coming in contact with the ocean and the family joy. Simply the best therapy!

SB: How many subscribers do you currently have?

IIII: We have 3,200 followers on Facebook, 578 subscribers on YouTube and 575 on IG.

How many episodes have you recorded? What are the challenges of producing the show?

Roach TV is our passion. Our main challenge is promoting Puerto Rico as a tourist destination. We challenge ourselves to ride new places and bring fresh new content. We challenge ourselves to prove how efficient these Sea-Doo platforms are, and challenge ourselves to ride, make coffee, cook, camp, hike, explore where only a PWC can take you.

96: Where do you usually ride and what is your preferred place to ride? What has been your favorite episode so far and why?

III: We're always looking to explore new places in Puerto Rico and love to show off our beautiful island and promote it as a tourist destination. There's so much to see in PR. Every new experience becomes our favorite! Besides Puerto Rico I'll say Lake Powell episode 49 was a totally amazing new experience for us and a favorite. My favorite spot in PR is Caja De Muertos.

YB: What advice do you have for those who would like to get involved with PWC riding? Any plans for 2021?

IIII: Practice safety, please do not drink and ride and have fun! We're planning a group ride with Junsworld from Florida Ski Riders in Puerto Rico and trips to Mona Island and St. Croix and another group ride in PR with Safaera Jetski, Agitando Jetski, Los Del Chinchorreo 24/7 and Millennium Custom Wheels. Sea Roach TV will travel to some of the best spots to ride PWC around the world this next couple of years. Stay tuned!



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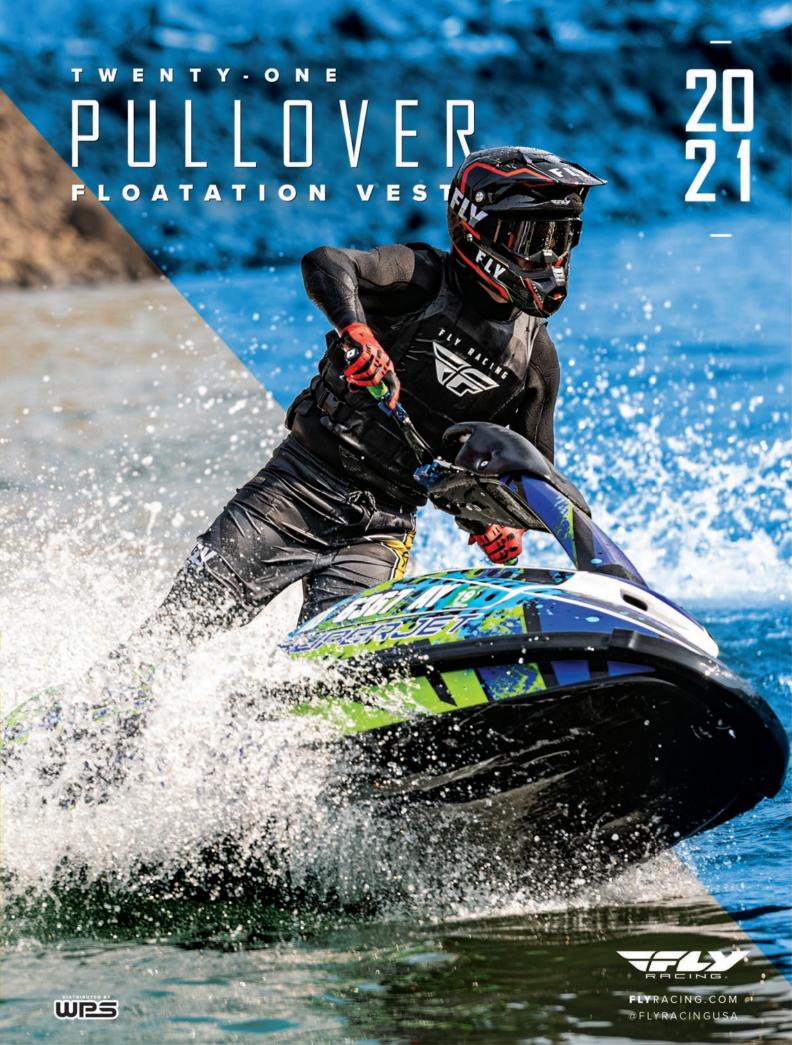
reat Lakes Watercross recently kicked off the 2021 Petenwell Lake Series at the Lure Bar and Grill in Nekoosa, Wisconsin, an excellent race venue with a beautiful sand beach, and a bluff overlooking the racecourse and pit area. Several racers and families camped atop the bluff and had the pleasure of viewing remarkable sunsets each evening.

Racing was fast and furious with over 70 registrations across 16 classes! Great Lakes Watercross recently became sanctioned under the IJSBA which resulted in different classes offered opposed to last year. Amateur Ski Lites came in with 13 skis on the line; Pro Am Ski lites had 12 skis ready to battle. Amateur Runabout 1100 Limited, another popular class in this region, had 8 boats and Amateur Runabout Rec Lites wasn't far behind with 6 in the class.

Ryder Wildeboer dominated Pro Ski taking the overall win after starting with a dead engine in the first moto. Zack Genrich followed in second, and Jeff Hansen third. The Vintage class is another popular class in the Midwest region and Club 550 showed up to represent. Anthony Cellucci took the overall win for Club 550, Tim Baum second and Tim English rounded out the podium in third. PR









MEET THE MID ATLANTIC PWC RIDERS!

Story and photos: Kirsten Sellers

id-Atlantic PWC Riders is an up and coming recreational PWC group that likes to host large rallies for local riders! We are excited to be able to bring the North East community together. Doug Jones is originally from Newport News, VA and I am from Solomon's Island, MD. We are familiar with the waterways and excited to explore new places. We live in Orlando, L but moved to Maryland for the summer to have our first child, be with family, and explore the beautiful waters in the Mid-Atlantic area. The Chesapeake Bay is a unique place. Fun fact: it's the biggest estuary in the United States. In most waterside towns, you'll notice an abundance of fishing boats. Watermen thrive off the plentiful blue crabs, oysters, and fish these waters provide. A lot of these towns are small quaint-quiet places with such good vibes, it's enchanting.

One our favorite activities is group rides exploring new places with great people. We noticed there were a ton of jet skis in the DeMarVa area, especially Solomons Island, MD; but everyone was doing their own thing. As admins of Mid-Atlantic PWC Riders we

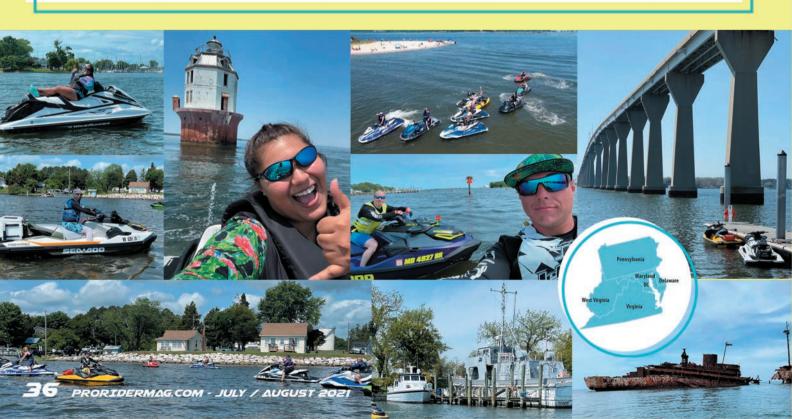
reached out to members on Facebook and received an ample amount of interest in group rides, and decided to bring the Floridastyle rallies up to the Chesapeake Bay and surrounding areas, reaching out to groups from Maine to Virginia, to connect on larger group rides from different areas. Mid-Atlantic PWC Riders Facebook group just reached 500 members and is growing rapidly!

MD ATLANTIC PAC BIDERS

Mid Atlantic PWC Riders recently hosted their first event of the season to Taylor's Island in Maryland. This large island is a classic illustration of the Chesapeake Bay title marsh habitat, making it the perfect winding racecourse-like fun run. Riders launched out of Solomons boat ramp and headed across the Chesapeake Bay to the eastern shore of

Maryland. Weather was perfect. At Taylor's Island, Doug Jones launched the drone to scope out the routes to make sure they were safe and clear. The river trip started at the north of end of Slaughter Creek and worked south; ripping our way through Slaughter Creek Narrows and Upper Keene Broad to Punch Island Creek back out to the Bay and back across the Chesapeake Bay into the Patuxent River to a small private cove to 'show off" safely while Doug shot awesome footage of each rider and an epic video with Solomon's bridge. After a super fun 4 hours and 54-mile adventure, a quick dip topped off our ride. Our second event was the Solomons Island/ Patuxent River Run, another smooth ride, with the tremendous help of another Mid-Atlantic admin, Jesse Williams, gaining new members on the way, growing to a total of 20 skis for the day!

Mid-Atlantic PWC Riders is excited to bring larger group rides to the North East. With the 2021 season starting, we can't wait to see what adventures the rest of the summer holds. For details on all events please follow Mid-Atlantic PWC Riders on Facebook.

























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By: Phillip Pasag

Photos: Kenny Wong, Rick Powell, Phillip Pasag





ydro-Turf Jet Jam Racing rounds 5 and 6 was held at The Nautical Beach Resort in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. The course was set right on the beachfront of the resort, giving spectators a close view of the action with the beautiful backdrop of Lake Havasu City.

Technical inspections, check-ins, and registrations went smoothly and on time. The beach was filled with pit crews from one end to the other with 4–8 racers in each class except for ski-lites with 13 racers registered! Sunny weather was abundant, but 19 mph winds created choppy waters making the course very challenging for every level racer. Even a leprechaun racer, #59 Matthew Wright, had trouble finding his luck through choppy waters. The Red Shirt Safety Crew did a great job making sure racers were safe after being victims of the choppy waters.

Race twelve of the Expert Class saw an epic battle for the finish line between two local

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favorites, #777 Anna 'Jet Girl' Glennon and #831 Aryana Thayer. For most of the race Anna held the lead as Aryana tailed her from behind. There were several moments where Aryana tried to take the lead but could not since Anna stayed focus and strong not letting her pass. On the last lap with only two turns left before the finish Aryana seized the lead by passing Anna on the inside and finishing in first place.

During the sixteenth race, the Gagnon family experienced a memorable race. James Gagnon (#36) and his son Zechariah Gagnon (#630) crossed the finish line together.

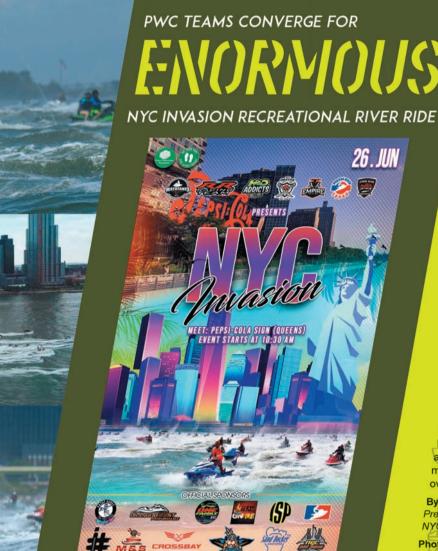
Overall, both days were filled with competitive, fun, exciting races for the large audience to enjoy. Local racers as well as those from California and Nevada came out to showcase their skills and take a title. Congratulations to all participants and to Monte Hughes of Jet Jam for putting together a fantastic racing tour!











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uring 2017, I first came up with the idea for the NYC Jet Ski Invasion then reached out to the Strong Island and H20 Addicts Jet Ski Teams to help in making this event bigger. After meeting we thought it would be even better if we could include other East Coast teams; Hudson River Squad, Empire Jetski Team, RR racing team, Matatanes. These 7 main teams united and went to work organizing the event. Fast forward to 2021, where the NYC Invasion has had 4 annual rides each being progressively bigger, safer, and more organized every year.

Due to Covid we couldn't host a ride in 2020 but came back strong this year with cur greatest attendance close to 400 riders! The large group of riders maintained safety with Coast Guard, NYPD and Fire Department New York escorts throughout the 18 mile ride cruising from the East River in Queens to the upper bay into the Hudson River. This event demonstrates there is a huge jetski lifestyle in New York City and surrounding areas. It brings riders and teams together for one of the biggest rides in the country where people make new friends and create a family in the water. Participants came from all over the east coast, north

over the east coast, nort and south. Can't wait to see what next year's NYC Invasion brings and hope to see even more riders from all over the USA! PR

By: James Reichelt, President CEO NYC Pirates

Photos: Manuel Valdes, MVP Production







nce a year, a gaggle of 2-stroke loving gearheads emerge on Topsail Beach of North Carolina to show off the toys they've spent a good portion of winter working on. Weather could not have been better sunny with 90°F and great surf conditions of 3 to 4-foot swells. The well-spaced rollers made for perfect setups to launch, complete, and land stunts. Many backflips and barrel rolls were thrown and successfully accomplished. Thanks to the Seaview Motel for hosting and having a great fishing pier which was the perfect location for fishermen, locals, and photographers to have a fantastic vantage point to view the epic tricks in the waves below. Huge thanks to Stephen Lundy of SNL Industries for putting together this freeride for all to enjoy! **PR**

















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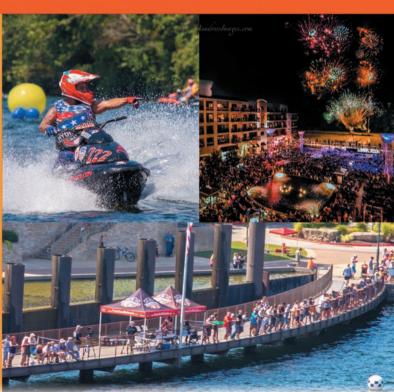












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OPWC RACING AUSTRALIA A TRUE TEAM EFFORT

By: Carla McLennan Secretary/Treasurer Queensland Personal Watercraft Club

Photos: Craig Milne, Zoomed Images

hilst the weather may be cooling down here in Australia racing is turning up the heat! Halfway through the series, riders have their eyes on the overall points, when skill meets determination and consistency is key. Beautiful weather brings all skill level riders to Redcliffe from juniors to pro, as riders throw their skis around our closed course and enduro track for high octane, adrenaline packed racing. When skis are beached and helmets off we are one big family, including the committee, from our president Charlie Beekman who can usually be found soaking wet at the start gate, ensuring everyone is on the line in time to our Vice President Paul Bazeley who not only gets the club van to the track at day break but races the full day then packs up and tows the van back, all our members help in some way to make events run smoothly.

After the salty waters of Bramble Bay riders were grateful for the next rounds of fresh-water dam racing at Somerset Dam.

QPWC hosted their first practice/racing combo in many years at Somerset Dam on a beautiful winter day as seasons are opposite those of North America. Consisting of track set up, close course and enduro training, first time riders learned tricks from experienced riders. We received land and water safety training from the famous Daz Keal and Ash Downs. Riders were taught how to assist on the track when a fellow rider is down, supporting medical crew on land and how to tow safely.

Racing started foggy and chilly but when the fog burned off riders were keen to get on the track. With rolling starts out the back of the track, a large closed course and enduro track, skis were put to the test. After 3 motos and two 25-minute enduros, bodies were tired, but smiles showed a great day was had by all! PR

























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hile Branson, Missouri is well known as a top travel and entertainment destination, Hydro-Cross Nationals is quickly making it a top spot for PWC racing! The first of four rounds of the 2021 Branson Grand Prix Series were held in front of large crowds at Branson Landing featuring Hydro-Cross Nationals Pro Sport (Sport GP) and Pro Ski (Ski GP) series with over \$10,000 in podium payouts!

Jimmy Wilson started on the inside line in the Pro Ski feature race and chased Camden Powell into the first turn when the green dropped. Powell won the hole shot but couldn't keep it together out of turn 1 nearly falling off his ski and into the frigid waters of Lake Taneycomo. Wilson took advantage of the opportunity and flew by. Powell was quick to get back up, stayed in second, and brought Wyatt Hayes along with him in third. Just past the six-minute mark, Lake Taneycomo again claimed Powell as he was thrown from his ski costing him his second-place position. Minutes later, Jeremy Styno's ski got caught in a rope from a turn buoy and brought out the red flag. Since the race was stopped past its half-way point, it was considered complete.

Jimmy Wilson was announced as the winner of Hydro-Cross Nationals' first-ever Pro Ski main event in Branson.

'It's pretty cool to be here in Branson racing," said Wilson. "We had good competition this weekend with Powell, Hayes, and several others. It was a great venue and a lot of fun to be here."

Wyatt Hayes and Johnny Smith joined Wilson on the Pro Ski podium; Camden Powell finished fourth.

The Pro Sport series took to Lake Taneycomo next with veteran rider Billy Dearman leading as top qualifier. However, controversy came into play in the main event as they roared to the hole shot. Justin Luinstra, who started fifth, had a great start and won the hole shot. However, it was determined that he crossed too many lanes at the start and made contact with the pole sitter Dearman on his way to the first turn. While Luinstra took his Team Faith Huracan-R out to the lead, he was penalized a lap for the infraction.

Dearman negotiated around veteran riders Johnny Smith, Christopher Landis, and 2019 Pro Sport Series World Champion Tom Keller to get in front and win Hydro-Cross National's Pro Sport Main Event in Branson.

"We had a blast. The location is great! The fountains, the spectators lined up on the shore, this place is phenomenal," said Dearman. "Many talented racers showed up. There was a lot of competition and great racing. We had an outstanding weekend, I'm glad to be here."

Tom Keller and Christopher Landis joined Dearman on the podium for the Pro Sport Series in Branson. Luinstra was awarded seventh. PR

GREENHULK-NET PWC PERFORMANCE FORUM

urprisingly, today's watercraft do not come perfectly optimized for a performance-oriented machine. Manufacturers must comply with emission standards and the United States Coast Guard to sell watercraft to the public. There are a few changes I recommend after purchasing a new watercraft. While most models come equipped with restrictive intakes, exhaust systems, and speed limiters, there are more important places to start!

Just about every modern watercraft on the market utilizes a positive

crankcase ventilation hose that is routed back to the intake tube. When the engine re-breathes crankcase vapors, it reduces the knock rating of the fuel which not only hurts engine performance, but severe cases will reduce the reliability of your watercraft. Once the engine in your watercraft is up to operating temperatures the engine oil begins to create oil vapors, these oil vapors must be ventilated and escape somewhere. Due to emissions standards, these vapors are routed back into the intake tube where they will be re-burned in the combustion chamber instead of being released into the atmosphere. So why would the factory crankcase ventilation be a bad thing?

In a worst-case scenario, oil vapors will cause premature engine knock or detonation. Engine detonation can absolutely cause engine failure,

Knock Knock

By: Greg Gaddis Aka "Hulk Junior"

but manufacturers have safe measures in place to keep damage to a minimum. When the engine control module senses detonation or "knock" it will pull ignition timing lowering the performance and fuel economy of your watercraft. However, if your engine has excessive blow-by, it will literally push oil into the intake! Blow-by occurs when your engine's air and fuel mixture escape past the piston rings into the crankcase creating pressure in the sump. Once pressurized, oil is pushed out of the crankcase into the intake tract ultimately coating the intercooler with oil. An oil-coated intercooler renders the intercooler less efficient, decreasing performance and reliability. Aless efficient intercooler allows hotter air to enter the engine further compounding the knock issue. Believe it or not, the solution for this ongoing problem is rather simple and inexpensive.

An oil catch can is not only a cheap addition, but completely solves this issue. The RIVA Racing catch can, available for only \$135 in the Greenhulk Store when using the coupon code "greenhulk" includes a mounting bracket and a new breather hose that routes directly to the factory location; this makes for a factory-like install that functions just as well as it looks. Conveniently, RIVA Racing integrated a valve on the bottom of the catch can to allow for easy drainage

whenever necessary. An oil catch can is the only way to ensure clean, oil free air entering your engine and preserving the performance of your personal watercraft. There are many areas to improve upon factory watercraft and an oil catch can is without a doubt the best place to start; it is the first modification I make to all my watercrafts!

If you are looking to purchase a catch can, visit the GreenHulkStore.com; there you will find the best deals on all OEM and performance products, including a perfect fit catch can. Use coupon code "greenhulk" at checkout to receive 10% off most RIVA products, all WORX racing products, and all Fizzle intercoolers. The more boost you make, the more fun you will have!

















PR UINTAGE

SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD RESTORES X2

Story and photos: Noah Keough

y name is Noah Keough and I've been into jet skis for pretty much my whole life. I'm 16 and have been jet skiing with my dad since I was 9. He's taught me a lot! Looking back at old pictures there was always an X2 or a standup in our garage no matter where we lived. Now that I'm older my dad has been more lenient to having these things around. Typically, we have 15 or so "projects" at our house, this flame X2 being one of our prized possessions.

This build started a year ago while on a work trip with my dad in Idaho and made a post something along the lines of 'looking to buy old watercraft'. The seller had a 440 and an X2. Going over the X2 pictures he sent the ski was a little dusty, the motor was in pieces and the engine bay had seen better days. As we were 750 miles away, he held the ski for me for 3 days until we made the drive to pick her up. Soon after it was time for assembly and cleanup, and she turned out beautifully! The original plan for this build was to run an MRD fuel injection setup my dad had been saving. We mounted it up and test started it and realized it wouldn't be the best idea since the engine was fresh and it would be likely that failure could happen resulting in engine damage. Instead we went with a more practical single SBN 44 and it works great.

After some more practice you might be seeing me and my dad at the 650 Mod Class with this beast! It has a crazy powerband out of the hole and needs to be put to the test on the track.

SKI

1986 Kawasaki X2

HULL SPECIFICATIONS:

- Full custom paint all around top and bottom with 10 coats of clear
- · Accusteer steering stem
- Fearless Metal Works custom primer plate and battery box
- · Custom high seat with diamond stitching
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ENGINE SPECIFICATIONS:

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- Mariner high compression head pushing 235psi before break in procedure
- Westcoast exhaust manifold
- Factory Limited pipe
- · Bad Bones dual resonator waterbox
- · SBN 44 carburetor with polished intake manifold
- · KVPI finger throttle with Troy Lee lock-ons

PAINT AND GRAPHICS:

Custom paint work "Pt Cruiser Ray" in Garden Grove back in 07. He gets his name from building the custom front end kits on those machines. Just recently however this X2 touched water for the first time since paint was done and it was sure a sight to see. Those lucky enough to attend Run Whatcha Brung saw this ski in all its glory.

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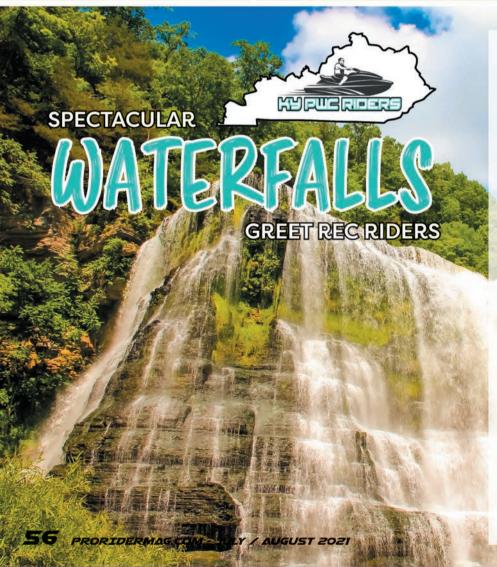












Story and photos: Cory Eads, Co-Founder
KY PWC RIDERS

entucky PWC Riders was formed 3 years ago by Austin Steele, Rollie Pierson, and me. Our numbers grow every week with a current total of 353 members with a strong supportive core group at every ride and a lot of new faces in the mix that share the same passion as ours.

Last year we were privileged to be featured in Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine covering our tour of Lake Cumberland in Kentucky. This year our big ride was at Dale Hollow Lake and Center Hill Lake in Tennessee, a 2-day ride. These lakes are spectacular and bucket list lakes fore sure! We started at Dale Hollow Lake Sunset Marina. The water is pristine with stunning Appalachian Mountain views. Our group headed west in search of waterfalls breaking at Trooper Island then made our way east for fun river riding.

Day 2 we dropped in at Edger Evins State Park at Center Hill. Water was calm, weather was perfect as we made our way 45 miles towards the magical sight of Twin Falls in Rock Island, TN, with wall after wall of stunning waterfalls, but little did we know much bigger falls awaited us further north. Burgess Falls did not disappoint as the shear size of this cascading waterfall was truly amazing! Our final stop was Fancher Falls towering up at 80 feet. We had such an amazing day with great people and strive to keep growing our group and making rec rides great experiences full of lifetime memories.





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JETTRIBE TEXAS WATERX CHAMPIONSHIP

RACERS BORN FROM RACERS -THE NEXT GENERATION TAKES TO THE WATER!

By: Jettribe Staff & Justin Smith | Photos: Dennis Duval Genisduvalsports

he kick-off for the inaugural Jettribe Texas WaterX Championship, sanctioned by IJSBA and powered by Nautiwater Racing, took place in Somerville, Texas. Despite brutal weather, staff and riders' energy was at an all-time high. It felt like the energy of the Havasu World Finals! What impressed us most was the general attitude "if we can ride these rough white caps in the rain, we can ride in any conditions! It's good training!" Staff and riders were grateful to reunite with friends and meet new ones while enjoying the sport we love so much, watercraft racing!

In the past 25 years Jettribe has participated in thousands of races, domestic and overseas, but never has the Jettribe staff seen such comradery among friends and riders. The best and kindest of the PWC community was there to lend a helping hand, or even let a junior rider borrow a ski. Special thanks to Larry Spector for accepting the junior and beginner riders as part of his team and sharing his experience. Several beginner riders took home hardware as a direct result from Larry's mentoring. Because of Larry's efforts we have new riders entering the sport for decades to come.

Race Director Justin Smith spoke about the new riders and the "blast from the past" pro racers who braved the rough conditions in Somerville. "Seasoned Vets, Champions and Pro Rider Racers including Travis Thompson, Keith Lynch, Tim Miller, Mike Mihills, Tyler White and Jeff Dowell came back after several years to reunite and battle on the track. Then it was racers born from racers, as the next generation and future of our sport, took to the water. Smith brothers, Haigen and Hendrix, excited to be racing in Texas again and looking forward to being around friends and racers, showed up in style sporting their new Jettribe gear. Haigen and Hendrix, both coming off IJSBA World Finals 2020 with respectable, solid overall results, were looking to pick up where they left off, and keep the pressure on the competition. They raced well and always learn from each race to prepare them for World Finals level competition.

The conditions and course were built like a Hayasu setting to give every racer confidence that they can meet the demands and realize the racer inside them. Four took top spots for the JR classes: Andrew Vo, Torin Thompson, Hendrix Smith and Tristen Hiebert are leading the way in those classes. Keep your eyes on JR racers: Copper Caldwell, Javier Falcon, 'Girl Power' Kamryn Wolverton, Trent Cornett and 'Lynch' mob brothers Collin and Hayden, as they hunt for the championship. PR













JETTRIBE MID-AMERICA WATERX CHAMPIONSHIP

NAUTIWATER RACING IS BACK BIGGER THAN EVER!

Story and photos: Brandy Fraley

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autiwater Racing is back for 2021 and bigger than ever! Why? With the sponsorship of Jettribe, Nautiwater Racing has taken on Texas to be included in our Midwest region to include the Jettribe Texas WaterX Championship and the Jettribe Mid-America WaterX Championship. The first round of the Jettribe Mid-America WaterX Championship took place in Lincoln, Nebraska. With nearly 50 race entries for the weekend it was a great start to the season. Fifteen of those were beginner and amateur racers. Watching new racers learn to love the sport and seeing the help and knowledge the veteran racers share is why Nautiwater Racing is known for its family like atmosphere.

Beginner Ski was the largest class followed closely by Runabout 800. Junior riders had 4 classes of their own. This was the first Mid-America Nautiwater event for four of the junior races. They loved racing, learning, and making new friends. Jon Benson a new racer, has only raced 3 times, and had a wonderful weekend. Here is how Jon summed the weekend up, "Nautiwater is good old down-home racing, very hospitable, welcoming, laid back friendly yet competitive. Of course, everyone wants to win! But we don't take ourselves too seriously. Win or lose, we're all giving each other high fives and talking smack all weekend, the way it should be. Terry and Justin are driven on hearing feedback from racers and making experiences as good as they can possibly be. Along with staff they do a phenomenal job hosting an organized and safe event."

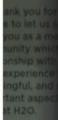
Top place finishers of the weekend included: Tristen Hiebert; Gavin Berglund; Ryan Poper; Trent Cornette; Ryan Smith; Aaron Dellinger; Bridget Poper; Olin Blackmore; Michael Ferrell; Brandt Teske; Jon Benson; Chris Cowan; Richard Haig; Jeremy Poper; Harold Green; Shawn Cox; Kent Abbott; Travis Givens; and Tim Hicks. Become part of the Nautiwater race family, join us at the next event!

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PR PRORIDER SAFETY TIPS

Fueling On and Off the Water

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t's warming up in the northern hemisphere heralding plenty of lake, river, and ocean time for PWC operators. Among the many safety precautions, one of the most overlooked and potentially most dangerous is refueling your craft. Explosions caused by a buildup of fumes can be triggered by static electricity or by any part of the electrical system from battery to starter. Loose terminal connections on the battery can cause a spark sufficient to provide the necessary ignition for an explosion and fire as was recently seen on Lake Lanier in Georgia, USA.

Manufacturers advise venting the engine compartment before and after riding. Engage as many of your senses as possible when refueling at the gas station or from a handheld can on the water. Failure to do so may result in catastrophic injury or death and extensive property damage. Fire and explosion need three key ingredients according to the International Fire Service Training Association: fuel, heat/ignition, and oxygen.

When refueling your PWC use the FILE method to ensure you and your craft remain safe during and after fueling:

FEEL - Feel for wetness which might indicate a potential problem with your fuel tank, gas cap, fuel lines or engine; use a cloth to mop up any suspicious liquid; dispose of it properly.

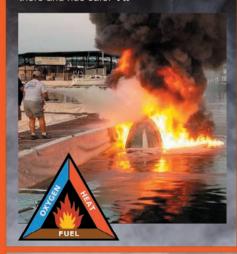
INSPECT - Look for signs of spills or leaks using a flashlight if necessary, routinely checking all components of your craft's fuel system.

IEII - Open the engine compartment to allow trapped fumes to escape; just popping the seat up a couple inches for a few minutes to allow clean air to circulate into the engine bay is helpful

EVALUATE - Any new or unusual odors coming from the engine compartment; reach out to a trusted mechanic to ensure watercraft is free of fuel and ignition system problems like leaking or corrosion.

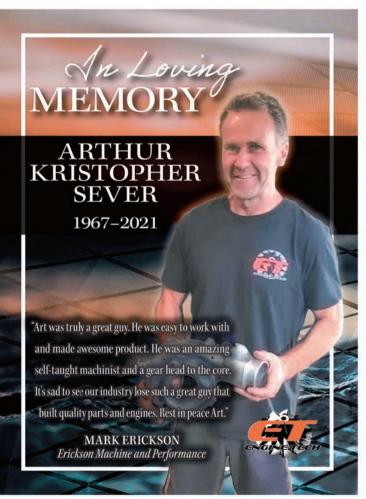


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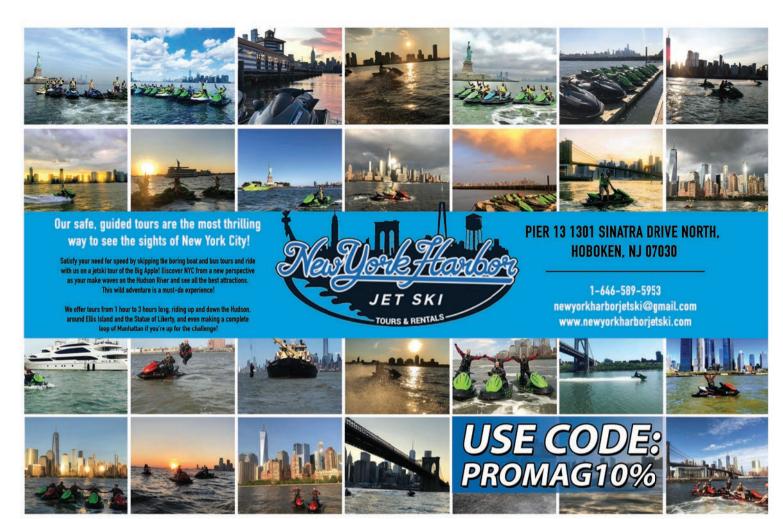
















PRORIDER TIPS



"IT ALWAYS SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL IT'S DONE."

- NELSON MANDELA

PREPARE TODAY, EVERY DAY, TO WIN

Story and photos: Joseph M. Berning PhD, CSCS, FACSM Strength Physiologist

Winning is not free. Winning takes sacrifice, dedication, commitment, persistence, and perseverance. Winning is built on history, a history full of trials, errors, tribulations, failures, conquests, tears, fatigue, emotions, and patience. As humans, we all cherish, respect, and love a winner. We marvel at a game winning shot, a last second move or a lightning-fast response that defies nature and results in a win. We see the final result and think, 'that was impossible... until it was done.' We watch reruns 100 times on ESPN and stare in awe. But in the moment of success, we forget, or maybe never consider, what it took to make that historical win. The event might have been instant, but the win was built on a history made up of all the aforementioned traits. Years of preparation for a moment of glory. Mandela spent 27 years in prison preparing (history) only to emerge to become a president of South Africa (win). You too can achieve great success. Prepare today, every day, to win.

ONE ARM DUMBBELL ROWS

One arm dumbbell rows are a relatively simple exercise that targets the latissimus dorsi (back), rear deltoids (rear shoulder), supplemental muscles around the scapula (rhomboids) and anterior arm (biceps brachii). These can be performed kneeling on a bench or standing while leaning forward on an object that allows the back to stay parallel with the floor.

OVERVIEW: The back plays an integral role in all torso, shoulder, and upper arm movement. Contraction of back musculature results in the upper extremity (arms, shoulder) performing a pulling movement. To begin using the right arm, place your left knee and left hand on a bench with your right foot positioned behind you while your right hand reaches down to grab a dumbbell (Photo 1). Keeping your entire back straight, begin pulling the dumbbell towards the body and concentrate on pulling with your back, not just your arm (Photo 2). Once you reach a full pull (Photo 3), the right side of your back should be fully contracted and may be a little higher than the left side. Then slowly return to the starting position (Photo 1) and begin the next repetition.

PRECAUTIONS: This is a relatively safe exercise but like all exercises, take precautions to ensure you maintain a straight back throughout every movement.

EXERCISE RELEVANCE TO PWC: Use of the back through pulling and pushing on the handle bars as well as far-side leans during sharp turns on stand-up watercraft can be enhanced through strengthening of the latissimus dorsi (back) using one arm rows.

PRESCRIPTION: One Arm Dumbbell Rows should complement other back exercises during a workout.

DAYS OF THE WEEK: Two days a week.

BEGINNERS: 2–3 sets of 8–12 repetitions (learn the form before increasing weight)

INTERMEDIATE: 3-4 sets of 8-10 repetitions

ADVANCED: 4-5 sets of 6-8 repetitions one week (heavy) and 8-10 repetitions (lighter)

opposite weeks









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his was Pro Watercross second year in St. Augustine, Florida for over the top action with the fastest racers in the nation battling through the ocean course as spectators watched in awe. Ocean swells with high winds made for fast laps. As the Motzouris brothers fought each other for the top spot which Dustin ended up taking. Jimmy Wilson took the last spot on the podium. Mathew Richuk 3rd in moto one, lost to Wilson by one point for 4th. The other big class was Sport Stock filling the line. Deven Farthing, Dustin Bury, and Tory Snyder took the top three spots on day one. Fast forward to Sunday's unpredicted swells that basically destroyed the track! Rough is an understatement. Paul Lehr and Kevin Scott took to the water as Marshalls as well as starters as there was no other way to start the races other than a rolling start. Thanks to Paul and Kevin for their surf experience

and protecting the racers. Seeing the juniors race in tough unpredictable conditions was incredible, some of them handled it better than the adults. Props to Caris Webster, Ryland Webster, Gary Holbein, Jr., Jax Hayden and Keegan O'Connell, junior racers ages 10–15.

Off to Panama City for back to back races on white sand beaches and pristine clear waters of the gulf. The track was set in record time allowing for a relaxing evening sponsored by Sharky's Beachfront Restaurant.

Next up, competitive racing! All larger classes had full lines. Racing was fierce and exciting with 12 Pro-Am Ski GP racers on the course. Two races stood out. IROC Stock was thrilling watching the Yamaha EX of John Block and the Sea-Doo Spark of Seth Nama as they went back and forth in the lead while Valentina Lezcano kept them in her view applying pressure on both! John took 1st in moto 1,

with Seth 1st in moto 2 making moto 3 the deciding moto. Valentina took 1st place in moto 3 giving Block 1st, Nama 2nd, and Valentina Lezcano 3rd overall.

Beginner Runabout Box Stock had spectators standing and cheering. With only two racers in this class, they gave the best show of the weekend, with John Comino on board a 2021 RXPX and Christian Morris on a 1998 Ultra 150, 2 stroke against 4 stroke. After switching positions between the split track and straights, it was Christian 1st and John 2nd.

Another growing class is Vintage 550. Ralph Henning took 1st, Austin Holm 2nd, Evan Waidhofer 3rd and Carli Henning Harris 4th. These racers traveled 9 hours from Texas!

On to the next round at South Padre Island, Texas a great backdrop for jetski racing! Crowds packed the beach and the Pro-am racers were ready for ocean racing with fun





2-3-foot surf. The Liqui Moly National tour was on point with a single gate start; 2 sides had 4 buoy slalom into a back straight and a long front straight. CBS Sports Network filmed the races for a later date for all to see what a great venue this is! Host hotel, La Quinta, was a very easy walk from the race site to the hotel. The race wasn't as large of a turnout than we expected due to post Covid prices and fuel costs but those that made the trip were treated to great weather.

Special thanks to 2021 sponsors Liqui Moly, Sharky's Beachfront Restaurant, Hydro-Turf, City of Panama City Beach, City of South Padre, Jettrim, FIN GPS, AOMC, Watcon, Kommander, Yamaha, Fresh & Salty Beach Carts, VP Racing Fuels, PWC Doctor, and Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine. For all results visit www.prowatercross.org. "A group of us from Texas ride, race, pit and stay together. We went to Panama City last year to race and it was a blast, so we went again this year. AJ Handler puts on fantastic races. I used to race on the Budweiser tour in the 90's and quit riding when I had two daughters. Thirty years later we got a couple of 550s and started racing again. That's my

youngest daughter Carli, 23 and I'm 53, we are having a blost! I build all our skis I'm a mechanic by trade. Our race team is called GTM Racing Good Times Mafia Racing."

- RALPH HENNING MAURICEVILLE, TEXAS





STANDUP JET SKI REGATTA / ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

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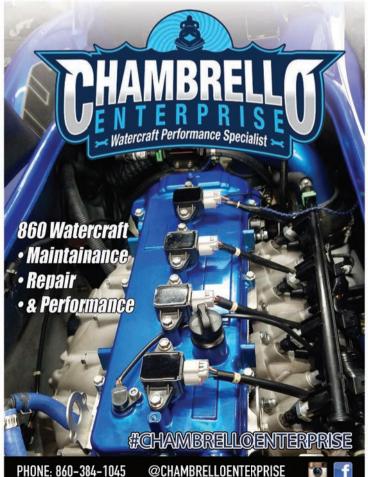
un Whatcha Brung started in 2014 with 17 riders, some of whom still attend! Late 80's, early 90's I worked for Gary Hart (Jettrim), a very memorable time of my life. One year while camping in Parker, AZ I told my buddy and fellow jet skier Brad Worsch about an idea for a poker run on standups only. He dug it and we put it together and had a blast! RWB is an annual fundraiser with proceeds benefitting a variety of non-profit organizations.

This year we simplified, no poker run; we made it a "Standup Jet Ski Regatta Freeride." With hundreds on the beach we took over part of the Colorado River, jet skis from the Pirate's Den along every camp site and park all the way to Parker Dam. Numerous legends from the industry participated including Harry Goatcher, Larry Rippenkroeger, Chris Fischetti and Clayton Jacobs, and several sponsors that are leaders in the industry, Chris Hagest from Pro Watercraft Racing, Frank Walsh from Jettrim, from the vintage world, Jason Rivera Jetstar Inc. and Stinkfish Products, and Jason Schriner BJ's Performance. Special thank you to my wife Jackie Berg for everything she did to help make this event happen.

All levels of riders, from weekend warriors to full race fanatics took part in the regatta which raised over \$10,000 being distributed to the following: local charity "Cooking for Cancer" for families with a child with cancer; "Cares" that assists children with special needs; Chris Hagest for the PWC monument built in Havasu. We provided seed money and want to be part of the next phase.

















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GAVIN HARRIS

Photos: Kara Gold-Harris

AGE: 14

HOMETOWN: St. Petersburg, Florida SKI: 1995 Yamaha Squarenose Superjet

RACE/RECREATION/FREERIDE/FREESTYLE: FREERIDER

RACE #: N/A

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: My baseball team just won a district championship.

CRAZIEST OR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER: Me and my dad were on a ride together on our way to Shell Key. I was on a rescue ski he was on his standup. The waves were serious, so we had to be careful considering it would've been easy to get rolled over. I was following him when I noticed the ski kept dying, so I had to bring it in because if I stayed in the water I would have been swept up by the waves. Me and my dad spent about the next 2 or so hours walking back and forth from Shell Key to where the ski was so we could get gas and all that. We did make it back safe however and we look back on it now as kind of funny.

FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION: Shell Key Preserve, Lake Seminole.

SPONSORS: Banshee Power Sports, Blue Port Worx, Roland's Garage

KEEGAN O'CONNELL

Photos: Dennis Duval

AGE: 13

HOMETOWN: Bonita Springs, Florida

SKI: Yamaha Waveblaster in sport class and Kawasaki sxr800 in junior sport/junior ski stock 13–15

RACE/RECREATION/FREERIDE/FREESTYLE: Race

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: 2nd overall 2020 Pro Watercross National Tour in junior sport; 2020 World finals 3rd junior sport; 2020 Florida state champion 2rd overall in novice sport. Honor Roll in school/ Advanced Cambridge Classes; Pop Warner All American Scholar.

CRAZIEST OR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER: In the Pro Watercross tour last year, I fractured my leg in Hartwell, Georgia during a race. I raced two weeks later in St. Augustine!

FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION: Practice: I like to practice at Markham Park in Sunrise, Florida. When we practice there, I get lots of good tips from some great riders like Valentina Lezcano, Christopher Landis, and Sam Nehme. Racing St. Augustine is my favorite location. I like the city and I like the waves!

SPONSORS: Horan Homes, LLC, Color Concepts and, of course my mom.



GARY HOLBEIN, JR.

Photos: Vicki Baker

AGE: 12

HOMETOWN: Fairhope, Alabama SKI: 2014 Yamaha Superjet 701

RACE #: #53 (after my dad's race number when he was racing)

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: I have been racing for 3 years. In 2019, I placed 3rd overall in the Pro Watercross World Championships Junior Ski 10–12; 2020, I placed 2rd overall in Pro Watercross National Tour and 2nd at IJSBA World Finals Jr. Ski Lites 10–12. I was unable to attend the PWC World Championships due to an injury that year. I am currently doing the Pro Watercross National Tour and placed first in Jr. Ski 10–12 at Panama City Beach and Sebring, Florida; 2nd in St. Augustine. I've been in the Gifted Education Program (GEP) in school the last 3 years and was nominated to the National STEM Envision Program and will be attending the program at Emory University in Atlanta, GA.

CRAZIEST OR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER: My most memorable ride was when I was able to borrow Revin Harris's ski at IJSBA World Finals. It was a tough race, I placed 2nd against some very tough competitors! While there, I rode at Body Beach with the prs. The highlight of my trip was meeting Nedra Atwood (The Cowbell Lady) whom I will remember forever! Her spirit and love for the junior riders was amazing!

FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION: The beautiful waters of Perdido Key, Florida.

SPONSORS: I could not do this sport if it wasn't for my mom and dad and my sponsors: Jet Blast Performance, Jet Blast of Mississippi, Ironhorse Wrecking, Three C's Properties, Jetpilot, Jettrim, and Junior Stars of Florida.





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