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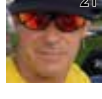
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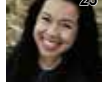
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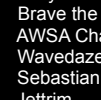
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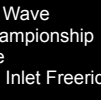
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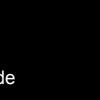
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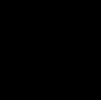
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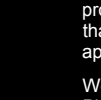
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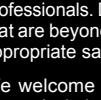
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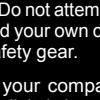
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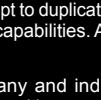
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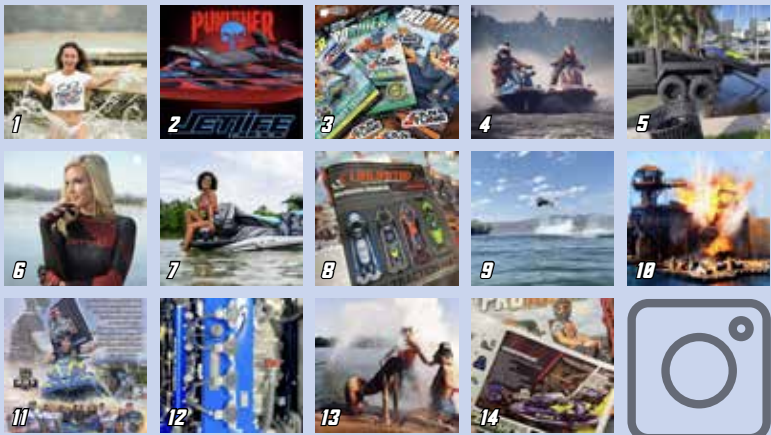
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In addition to long-time dedicated advertisers and supporters, we again welcomed a host of new companies serving and promoting the jet ski community. If you are interested in partnership with Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine, please reach out to us and we will be happy to organize the perfect plan to suit your needs.

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Features in this issue include coverage from Liqui-Moly Pro Watercross, Annual Broward Rec Ride, Westcoast Surf Riders Invitational, HydroDrags, Georgia Freedom Riders Rec Group, Jettribe Racing, HydroCross Nationals, British Virtual Freestyle Championship, PNW Jet Ski, Safaera, Hanseatic Ski Race, Brave the Wave and more. Don't miss this issue's Future Threats, Fitness, Tech, Vintage Corner, PWC fishing, Tampa Braaps Str8 Up page, Products and Gear-Giveaway.

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Bitten by the PWC bug eight years ago, I researched major brands, learned how to be a safe rider, obtained two boating licenses in Texas, and grabbed every opportunity to ride while living in Laredo. I subscribed to Pro Rider, loved everything I saw – from race coverage to reviews on engines and engine parts and everything in between. However, I noticed there was never anything around the Texas area, and was dreaming of the day I would see something in Texas. I had been working in the media industry a few years (and still do), when I came across an annual Jet Ski Extravaganza in Austin hosted by former jet ski champions. I remember asking if you would want me to cover this event for the magazine - little did I know this was the beginning of a beautiful relationship.

My first article for Pro Rider was the 2014 Austin Jet Ski Extravaganza. Fast forward seven years and I've been beyond blessed to have 13 published articles with pictures for this great magazine. Shortly after, Texas-based tour, TXH20 Racing, came along. I quickly made friends with event organizers and racers to provide regular coverage the

next few years. I moved to Waco in 2017 right in the middle of most Texas PWC events and was lucky enough to attend Rumble on the River in Orange, Texas in 2019, a memorial event for the amazing Shaun Compton. And even a pandemic couldn't stop me from going to the Llano Rock'n Riverfest.

Being a freelance contributor for Pro Rider has been nothing short of amazing. It's a great use of two of my hobbies – photography and writing. While I've shifted towards portrait photography (and occasional male modeling) I'm not done with watersports. I'm forever thankful to the Ratti family and can't wait to see what happens in the PWC world next!

Matt McGovern
Waco, Texas



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DEAR PRO RIDER MAGAZINE,

A loyal subscriber to the magazine, I'm also a married father of three beautiful kids, a business owner, and a YAMAHA JUNKIE. My beautiful wife Megan should get a medal with the number of toys we have, and for dealing with me! Being old-school I like to hold and read an actual magazine rather than online. The past two months I've been waiting for my Pro Rider to arrive, so I'd have something to look at and read during the season here in New York, which isn't long! But I believe somebody in my local post office has sticky fingers and enjoys reading the magazine as well since mine had not showed up!

After nagging my wife a few weeks, I decided to fire an Instagram message which I quickly got a response. You immediately reached out to me and promptly got to the bottom of the situation. Missing issues came 48 hours later! As a fellow business owner, I understand customer service is extremely important in today's market and my hat's off to you and your group for taking care of me expeditiously, professionally, and kindly! Please keep the magazines coming!

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Four years ago, I introduced my daughter Reese to riding a Sea-Doo; very next season she wanted to learn to ride a standup. After putting together a Kawasaki 650SX for her to ride, she never wanted to ride that Sea-Doo again! Wanting to race she moved to more competitive skis and has not looked back since. Shared Reese, "I ride a Kawasaki SXR 800 Lites ski, a Kommander GP1 1500, and a 2021 Yamaha 1050 Superjet. Riding jet skis is my passion. I've been riding since 2016 but just started racing in 2020. I hope to go far with this amazing sport. My goal is to race in the Jet Ski World Cup in Thailand. My first race was in Twin Falls, Idaho. First moto ever I got out there, grabbed the holeshot and won! Instantly, I was in love with the sport. I train twice a week at my local lake with friends where we set up buoys. Attending university and finding a job that involves the medical field and the moto industry would be a dream come true." The goal for Reese this year is to win Women's Lites World Championship in Havasu



PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Jacquelyn Sharp, Ruskin, Florida on winning the July-August 2021 photo contest! These pictures of Jacquelyn who began riding a standup a year ago at the age of 56 (shared with permission and encouragement), were snapped by husband Todd at Skyway Beach, St. Petersburg, Florida. Jacqueline, an RN, shared, "We enjoy the excitement and the ability to increase our skills, while enjoying the majestic scenery aboard our watercraft especially during these interesting times."



SUMMER 2021 RIDING AT CAMP FAR WEST

Story and photos: Chris Liu, Recreational Rider/Amateur Photographer

This summer, I made a few day trips to Camp Far West Reservoir in Wheatland, Northern California. The water level has been lower than normal however, that did not stop riders. If there is a patch of water anywhere, they will take advantage and ride on it. It was a typical scene during the summer along the shores of the lake, people camping, beach lined with jetskis and personal watercraft, racers practicing on the buoy course, freestyle riders, too. The range of riders spanned the spectrum from professionals to novices including a few famous people from the jetski community, racing legends Haulin' Harry Goatcher and Brenda Burns Chambers and jetski pioneer Bob Phares. There is so much to learn from these folks. Spending time with family and friends at the lake and riding jetskis, what a perfect way to enjoy the summer!



HYBRID FREERIDE EVENT IN SPAIN

Submitted by: Pierre Maixant

Announcing October 9-10 Freeride Event of Noja, Cantabria, Spain, bringing together the best Spanish, French, European riders and international riders from Australia, United States, Mexico and Ivory Coast. The purpose of this new format is to attract pilots and friends to Noja to create the biggest event ever, a hybrid format between competition and freeride exhibition sessions, the essence of our sport. Building on the success of the last two editions, we will make the NMS21 epic! www.nojamotosurf.com



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For this new edition, we're going to Miraf, south of Agadir, Morocco, from November 12th to 19th 2021, ideally housed in the Greenware ecotodge, especially privatized for our riders located right on the beach. Freeride sessions everyday on one of the most popular beaches for international surfers, as well as daily motorcycle tours guided by famous Dakar pilot. We make the most of this area for a week. If you wish to join the adventure, contact us to obtain your registration form quickly.

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ANNA BURK AGE 13 YOUNGEST KNOWN FEMALE TO BACKFLIP ON JETSKI – WHOLE FAMILY FLIPS!

Photos: Ashley Murphy

In 2019 on Lake Norman, North Carolina World Freestyle Champion Chris Anyzeski taught Anna Burk how to ride a standup. Last year, he built Anna a Rickter Ninja X; she started training with him in 2021. Following daily sessions on and off the water learning to safely attempt to backflip, Anna completed her first backflip in July at the age of 13! Sponsors include Freestyle Connection, SquidMoose, JetLift, HighSideDesignz and H2O Industries.



Anyzeski shared, "Anna is an absolute sweetheart, a talented young lady with the potential to go far in the sport. I couldn't believe how motivated and tough she was learning how to do her first backflip. Aside from jet skis Anna does very well in school. To my knowledge, Anna is the youngest female to do a backflip on a jetski. Her family is the first I know of daughter, mother, and father to all three complete a backflip on flat water skis." Anyzeski started his training business Freestyle Connection under the supervision of Wamiltons Customs in 2008. "Wamilton helped shape me as a rider and guided me how to help other riders excel. People skills is a trait I pride myself on, riding is my #1 passion, mixing the two was easy. My motivation is seeing people reach their goals. Aside from training riders on their own watercraft, I started a backflip jetski rental in 2018 with Ricker RRP. As far as I know I'm the only school in the world where you can rent a 1200cc competition ski and get trained how to backflip."



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GREAT TURNOUT FIRST ANNUAL WNY PWC KIDS DAY

Submitted by: Craig Witt, WNY PWC

WNY PWC had a great turnout for our First Annual Kids RiDE! The group met in the Upper Niagara River at Strawberry Island, where the kids searched for sea glass along the shore. The group rode down river to Burnt Ship Bay, tossed the football and had fun looking for wildlife, journeying to Grass Island where we met Snorkel Dog. It was a day the kids will remember. Feedback from parents was awesome!



MEET STRONGMAN TURNED WAVE JUMPER/RACER: A CHAT WITH WARRICK BRANT

Photos: Jeff Lakeford, Nautical Image *Nautical Image*

Pro Rider caught up with strongman title holder Warrick Brant who graciously shared the following:

"I've always loved the water and motorsports. It was no surprise when I saw jet ski racing on TV I was hooked. At age eleven I rode my first jet ski, a JS440 and spent hours playing on it in the garage waiting for the weekend. Yamaha brought out the new Superjet the sexiest thing I'd ever seen. My father brought home 2 brand new SJs with the grey and yellow decals. The passion I felt that day still flows through my veins.

I got into Strongman after breaking my neck playing rugby professionally. After 2 surgeries, 8 screws and 3 metal plates I was back on my feet. My journey started in bodybuilding and powerlifting before I stepped into the world of Strongman. I had a very successful career, never won world's strongest man but was the first and only Australian to make it to the 2014 finals. That year I won Southern Hemisphere's Strongest Man title and was undefeated as Australia's Strongest Man over my 10-year career.

Gold Coast Australia is the best place to ride a PWC. We launch off 3-4-foot perfect swells, whale watch and cruise through the spectacular Broadwater. For racing I don't mind the rough stuff. If you want to get

into strength sport be prepared to work hard for it. You are your own machine, feed it, rest it, look after it, keep to the basics, get a coach/trainer with proper experience. I offer online coaching if anybody is interested. When it comes to jet skiing, join a club, get to a few test/demo days, find the ski that is right for you and what you want to do on it. Many cowboys get their license and the fastest ski and never learn the art of riding. Spend a year on an old JS440/550 and learn the roots of the sport. Support the clubs and people who keep the sport going. Ride because you love it."



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"The jacket is a great addition to the suit, doubling as a tour coat and can be worn separately when needed. The design is more up-to-date with features including a hood, heavy duty zipper and lighter material."

Remarks: Michael Ratti
Editor of Pro Rider
Watercraft Magazine,
Pro Freestyle Jetskiier
and former US National
Champion

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"The suit itself is very comfortable and easy to get on. I personally like the velcro shoulder strap for quick access. Subtly, the knee and seat panels are reinforced to prevent tearing."

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REFINES FX SERIES WAVERUNNERS, AND
ADDS INNOVATIVE RECDECK ACCESSORY LINE

Story and Photos: Yamaha WaveRunners

Yamaha WaterCraft Group, a division of the Yamaha U.S. Marine Business Unit, unveiled an all-new WaveRunner for the freestyle crowd, a refined FX® WaveRunner® Series with ground-breaking technology, and an innovative accessory platform that expands the versatility of FX WaveRunner models.

“Consumers are looking to use their WaveRunners in all new ways on the water, whether it’s a touring adventure, all day cruising and lounging, watersports, or fishing,” said Bryan Seti, general manager of Yamaha’s WaterCraft Group. **“We wanted to create a WaveRunner line and related accessories that power our consumers’ passion for the water. The new JetBlaster® revolutionizes how you can ride a sitdown watercraft. Our new FX Series pushes the bounds of luxury, tech and performance, and our all new RecDeck™ offers a new level of customization for anything customers can dream of doing on the water.”**



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The fun and exciting JetBlaster (MSRP \$9,999) delivers a playful, freestyle riding experience like no other watercraft before it. The JetBlaster is the newest addition to Yamaha's youthful Freestyle Series that includes the four-stroke powered SuperJet® stand up WaveRunner. The JetBlaster's taller, wider handlebars allow the rider to have more leverage over the bars, and new performance grips reduce hand slippage and fatigue. The addition of foot chocks placed where the footwells meet the stern provide a secure stance when riding standing up and effectively transfer body weight input to the hull when riding freestyle.

The new custom-tuned Electric Trim feature allows the rider to transform the JetBlaster's riding characteristics from serious to playful and everywhere in between. This Electric Trim, exclusive to the JetBlaster, is tuned to give the rider the ability to pop out of the water, do spins, and whatever athletic riding the rider wishes.

Powering the JetBlaster is the three-cylinder 1 Liter Yamaha TR-1® HO Marine Engine that is the most powerful motor in a compact-size watercraft today.

2022 JETBLASTER SERIES *Specifications*

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PUMP: 144mm high pressure

IMPELLER: 3-blade, stainless steel

LENGTH: 123.6"

BEAM: 44.5"

HEIGHT: 46.5"

FUEL CAPACITY: 13.2 gallons,
regular unleaded fuel

PERSON CAPACITY: 1-3 persons

HULL MATERIAL: Ultra-lightweight
SMC fiberglass



Retired 2022 FX Series

with Larger Infotainment Screen, Audio Package

The best-selling luxury-performance personal watercraft series returns with significant enhancements that further distance the Yamaha FX Series (starting at MSRP \$14,299) from its competition. New features include a 7" or 5" full-featured infotainment system with a glass color touchscreen, premium factory-installed audio speakers, and Drive@Control with Auto Trim that allows the operator to set and save preferred trim modes for performance or comfort riding. Both screen sizes feature GPS-ready mapping with geo-fencing (GPS map cards are sold separately and available through Yamaha WaveRunner dealers). With the optional GPS map card installed, the operator can add and follow GPS waypoints, record, and follow tracks, and geofence the riding area where the watercraft can be operated. This new Connex[®] system features complete audio connectivity through the rider's smartphone. Riders can receive incoming phone calls and view incoming text message notifications on the Connex screen.

Also, there is a new Drive Control functionality that allows the operator to set and save different trim modes for performance or comfort, set top speed limits, and designate preferred acceleration curves.

Other significant enhancements to the FX Series deck are the new larger capacity, watertight glovebox that includes a dedicated area for a smartphone, a USB port, a 12V power outlet, and LED lighting. Also added are new ergonomically designed handlebars and a new steering column design that includes integrated rope hooks for added convenience.

For the first time, the FX Series is available with factory-installed, custom integrated audio speakers so your music doesn't have to stop when you leave the dock. The package includes twin, 4.5" waterproof marine speakers, integrated two-channel amplifier, easy access control pad, and an integrated low-voltage regulator to protect the battery.



New, Innovative RecDeck Platform

Transforms What You Can Do on the Water

An exciting new accessory option for the Yamaha FX Series is the innovative RecDeck platform that integrates with the stern platform and reboarding ladder brackets to enable a wide range of new accessory packages that expand the versatility of the FX line like nothing else in the industry.

The padded RecDeck is finished with MarineMat and includes four cleats that connect the adjustable Multi-Use Rack accessory (sold separately). The Multi-Use Rack expands to fit most coolers and serves as the seat structure for the Lounge Beach seat accessory.

Available accessory options for the RecDeck are the JetFish[™] Packages, the Lounging Package, and Tow Sports Package.





Other Yamaha WaveRunner models return with exciting new colors and graphics. The Yamaha Boats line returns with a handful of updates along with exciting new colors and graphics. Yamaha's 2022 product lines and accessories can be viewed at YamahaWaveRunners.com and YamahaBoats.com.



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The 5th year of Brave the Wave is a wrap! It included an all-star line-up of freestyle and slalom racing that went beyond expectations. Each year Brave the Wave strives to innovate something new, something old and something fun. The dual chicken races with Le Mans style start were great fun! Second consecutive year victory went to none other than Justin Sylvain and Megan Underwood.

Freestyle participation and competition started off with 'Up To 1500', '900', and '800' stock. Chris Anyzeski took 1st in 1500; Jack Ziegler took 1st in "Up to 900"; Even Krefski took first in "800" stock. In racing Bret Underhill took 1st in '950 up'; Eric Rouse took 1st in '700-800 no mods category. With many more victories from Vintage Classes, Four Stroke sit downs and eight total categories for the slalom course, it surely was a non-stop action-packed day.

This event would not be possible without the dedication and persistence of Ryan Kulka, Terri Nallamothe, and Scott Arsen. In addition, we recognize all the sponsorships and volunteers who help make this world class event possible year after year.

One of the most important reasons for this event is to give back. This year the charity selected was Dutton Farm of Rochester Hills Michigan (Duttonfarm.org). Their mission is to change the world and inspire others to see all people with disabilities treated with equality and valued for who they are. Every purchase from www.everybodyinc.com selling home-made natural and high-quality bath and body products, helps to support their cause.

If you thought the first five years were impressive between the prize money and competitors, just wait until year six, 2022! PR

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Story and Photos: Sea-Doo

BRP (TSX: DOO; NASDAQ: DOOO) has been the industry leader in personal watercraft with its Sea-Doo brand for decades, cementing itself as the leading brand for on-water fun. And now, Sea-Doo is entering a new era with the introduction of the 2022 Sea-Doo Switch, an all-new pontoon boat that marries the spirit and fun of Sea-Doo with the incredible versatility and stability of a pontoon platform.

“Over the years, we have proven that BRP is able to disrupt the industry by creating new segments. Our team has done it once again with the Sea-Doo Switch, which will revolutionize the pontoon market! Switch is uniquely positioned to attract new entrants and a younger generation,” mentioned José Boisjoli, BRP’s President and CEO.

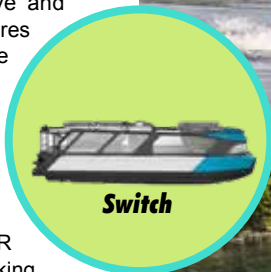
This is not a typical pontoon – the Switch is unlike anything that has ever hit the water, and is built specifically to change the realities of what life on the water can be. The innovative and adaptable platform provides the flexibility to fit the dreams of all kinds of recreational water lovers with a completely new and modular design, ease of riding, and affordability.

“It’s a dynamic pontoon with the heart of a Sea-Doo, and its quick-change deck design can be completely re-configured to fit a solo fishing trip in the morning to a family picnic at noon, and a wakeboard session in the evening,” said Annick Lauzon, Director, Global Marketing, Sea-Doo and Ski-Doo at BRP.

Perhaps its biggest point of differentiation – other than its Rotax jet propulsion system and unique, Sea-Doo inspired handlebar steering system – is that the entire deck is made of configurable tiles. Only the helm is stationary, and the rest of the layout can be changed in seconds to accommodate any adventure with easy-on, easy-off LinQ quick attach tiles. There are almost 100 options available, allowing people to add or remove seating, change table locations, and much more.

At its heart, the Sea-Doo Switch remains undeniably Sea-Doo, both above and below the waterline. A tri-hull ensures that fun is at the heart of the experience, with stability and agility allowing people to lean into turns and carve through the water. It also adds that rush of excitement and a dynamic behavior people don’t get from a traditional pontoon and features the acclaimed Sea-Doo iBR (Intelligent Brake & Reverse) – making it the first ever pontoon boat with brakes – which gives it one of the most intuitive docking experiences in the industry.

Available for pre-order the Sea-Doo Switch starts at US\$17,999, and also comes in two upgrade package options: the Cruise and the Sport, with lengths ranging from 13 to 21 feet. Each features ROTAX jet-drive power options from 100 to 230hp. A full overview of the lineup can be found at www.Sea-Doo.com/switch. **PR**



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Switch Cruise



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In addition to the introduction of the Sea-Doo Switch, the brand is also adding two new FISH PRO personal watercraft models to its lineup, further expanding the fast-growing personal watercraft fishing segment. The fully loaded FishPro Trophy 170 builds on the popular and proven FishPro 170, adding a quick-connect live well and integrated washdown system, modular swivel fishing seat, anchoring system, advanced battery system, Garmin 7" touchscreen fish-finder and navigation system. It is the ultimate in personal watercraft fishing.

Also joining the Sea-Doo Fish Pro lineup is the FishPro Scout 130. The Scout 130, which is based on the versatile Sea-Doo GTI platform, goes further to create an affordable option for the occasional fisherman or woman seeking both playful recreation and a great fishing experience. It includes the essentials for fishing, such as a redesigned 51L LinQ fishing cooler, adjustable rod holders both on the cooler and forward mounts, 6" Garmin system, and additional storage accessories.

BRP GO! For Personal Watercraft

In other exciting news, the exclusive and renowned BRP GO! app will be available for on-water use and will soon be offered in app stores for download. The app will enhance the on-water experience. It will allow viewing and control of relevant smart phone apps directly on the gauge using the handlebar mounted control pad while the phone is stowed. It will include interactive on-water mapping, and riders will be able to create and share routes, invite friends to ride along, and follow others on the map.

No matter your vision for the perfect day on the water, Sea-Doo has the right vehicle and accessories to ensure you make the most of your time, whether riding solo or making memories with friends and family. For technical details and product specs, as well as information about the complete lineup of Sea-Doo personal watercraft and pontoon boats, visit www.Sea-Doo.com. **PR**



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KELLY D. SMITH MAKES IT *TWO IN A ROW* IN GUNTERSVILLE HYDROCROSS NATIONALS



By: Jarred Romesburg/RACER H2O | Photos: Chris Denslow



Guntersville, Alabama is known for big races. Less than two hours from Talladega is Guntersville Lake which plays host to one of America's largest watercraft racing events – the Guntersville Lake HydroFest. Alongside H1 Unlimited Hydroplanes and the ProTunnel classes of Powerboat Nationals, HydroCross Nationals returned to Alabama in 2021 with its ProSport (Sport GP) series.

HydroCross Nationals debuted at HydroFest in 2019 to rave reviews with Team Faith's Kelly Smith taking home the hardware in the inaugural event. Smith was back in 2021 to defend his title.

"We're ready. (2019) was really kind of our debut for the Huracan-R and to get our first win with it was definitely amazing," said Smith before qualifying.

The field included two past series World Champions, Kyle Hayes ('18) and Tom Keller ('19), two teen phenoms in Deven Farthing and Haden Skellett, and veteran riders including Johnny Smith and Matt Johnson. When the green dropped, Kelly Smith on his Team Faith Huracan-R beat the fleet to the hole shot and grabbed P1 early.

Farthing and Skellett were locked in solid battle for fourth, but Farthing slipped off his boat on the opening lap and was forced to catch up. Skellett got by Kyle Hayes and moved up to third. Lake Guntersville claimed leader Kelly Smith as he got spun around and went for a dip. Matt Johnson took the lead but surrendered the spot to Johnny Smith when he went for his trip around the joker.

As laps progressed, Kelly Smith worked his way back into second. When Johnny Smith went for his trip around the joker, he gave the lead back to Kelly Smith and kept it to the end with Haden Skellett finishing second and Matt Johnson third.

"I definitely made it hard on myself having the spin-out where I came off and had to climb back on," said the back-to-back Guntersville winner Smith. "Not the way I really wanted to get it done because I was getting a pretty sizable lead at the beginning of that race and felt that I was pulling away."

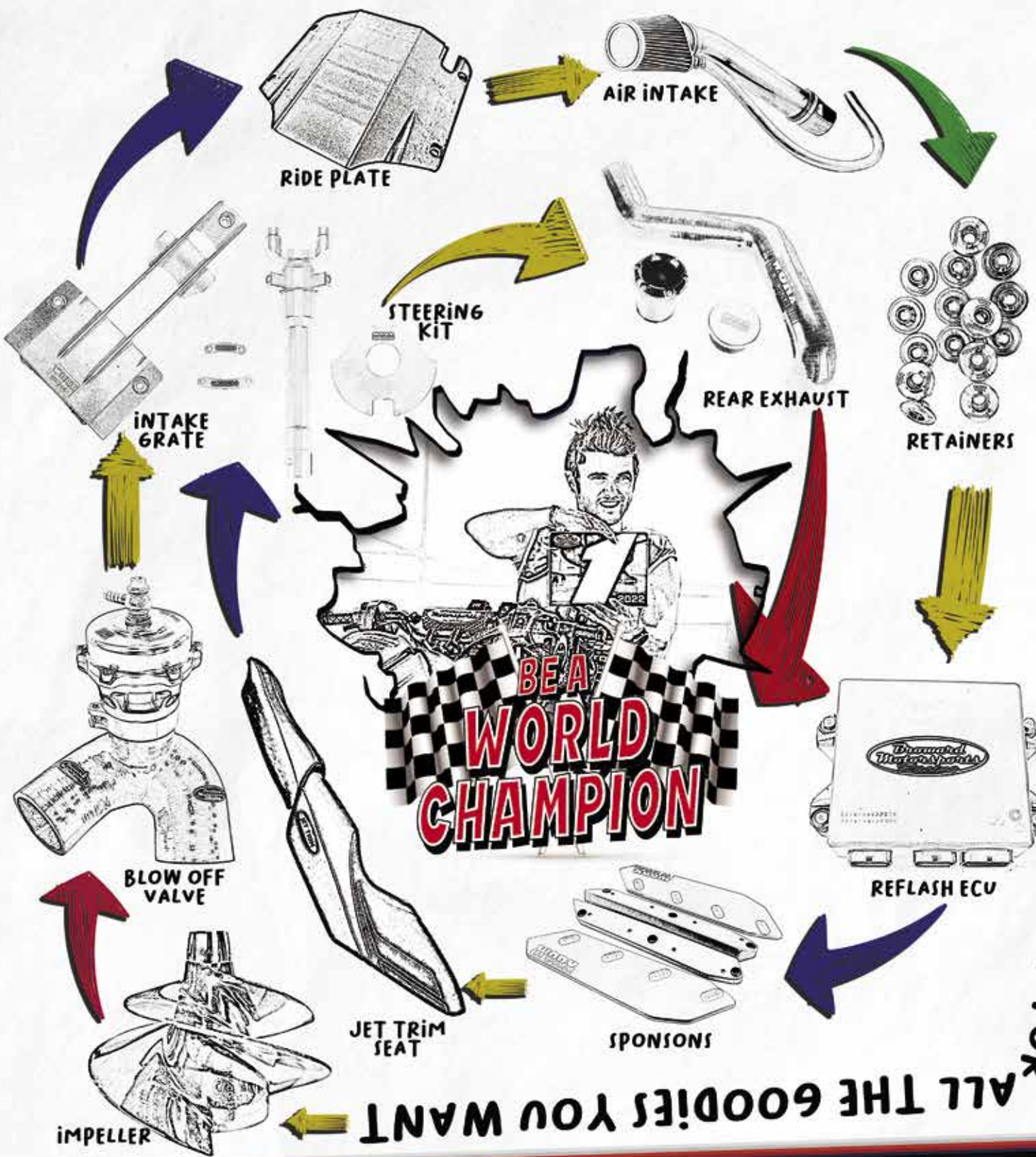
Televised highlights of the Guntersville race can be seen on RACER H2O on demand at www.youtube.com/c/racerh2o. **PR**

*Note: At the time of this writing Kelly Smith is the defending IJSBA World Champion in Sport GP and the current IJSBA National Champion in Sport GP.



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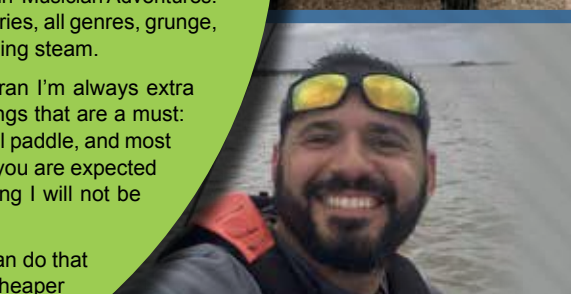
I love fishing! The thrill of catching is a sensation of its own! My first PWC, a 2021 FishPro checked all the boxes and has held up its end of the bargain with versatility and enjoyment. Throughout my youth I fished in creeks, lakes, ocean piers, jetties, and ponds. The thrill of not knowing what's at the end of the hook draws me in for more.

Owning a PWC versus a boat allows more time on the water and helped me become a better fisherman. I've made new friends PWC fishing on the Texas coast and joined offshore adventures, second time out landed my first ever jumbo Snapper that measured 30 inches and a 49-inch King Mackerel. Both put up a huge fight and just hearing the line screaming out of the spool was something a Largemouth Bass doesn't do for me.

A couple years ago I picked up a guitar and started an adventure for the love of music. To share my newly found passion, I started a youtube channel to document progress as a solo artist. Soon friends started calling me 'The Fishin' Musician' hence the YouTube Channel "The Fishin' Musician Adventures." Living in Rockwall, Texas I play at local breweries, restaurants/bars and wineries, all genres, grunge, country, pop, rock, and anything in between. I have 138 followers and gaining steam.

Owning a fishing PWC taught me to be prepared! Being an Army Veteran I'm always extra cautious of my surroundings. Make sure you are visible to boaters. Things that are a must: VHF radio, emergency kit (flashlight, whistle), the right life jacket, a small paddle, and most importantly-tell someone your plans, where you are going and when you are expected back. I use Sea Tow, less than \$200 a year I can rest easy knowing I will not be stranded on solo trips in case my PWC fails.

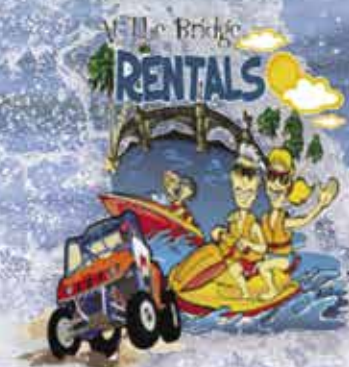
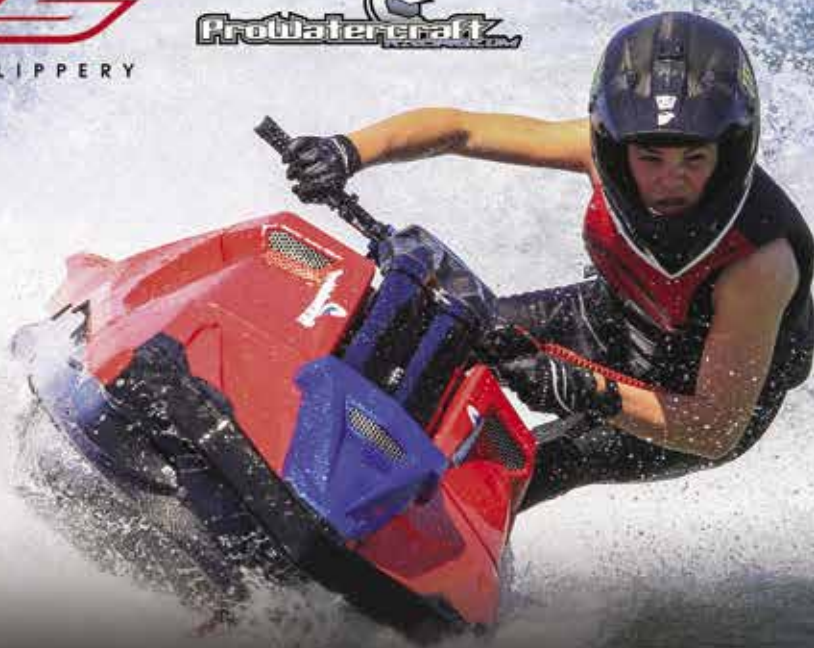
Fishing from a PWC is great! There are so many things you can do that boats can't- tighter, shallower places, getting there faster, cheaper and it's way more fun! Get yourself a few nice rods and reels, a live bait well, lures, hit the nearest puddle of water and enjoy! TIGHT LINES EVERYONE. **PR**





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LIGHTNING FAST SPEEDS, SMOOTH WATER: *WELCOME BACK TO HYDRODRAG RACING!*



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

Round 2 of the Hydro-Turf US HydroDrag Nationals was held in America's Sea Plane City, Tavares, Florida. Racers were greeted with sunny skies and calm waters for the event hosted by Wooton Park, presented by the City of Tavares, Lake County, and RIVA Racing. Racer and staff parties were enjoyed at Tiki West and Fish Camp of Lake Eustis.

Stock and Spec HydroDrag: Unbeaten Angelica Gonzalez, sponsored by Angelica Racing, captured the Stock Class top podium spot; the battle for 2nd was between SCRC's Josias Delgado and Luis Sandoval in which Sandoval edged out Delgado. There was tension in the Spec Class in the semi-finals with Ernesto Calas and Alfredo Giocolea. As the light went green from the launch pad Goicolea took off like a shot, Calas thought it may have been a false start and idled down the track. Alfredo turned around prior to the finish and was coming back until he saw Ernesto headed towards the finish line so he 180'd around



and barely passed Ernesto to the finish sending him to the consolation bracket to face off with David Lima. Lima got the jump on Ernesto and never looked back. Ernesto took 3rd place, Lima faced Goicolea in the final. Lima experienced mechanical issues and Goicolea took the win in Spec.

Superstock: Superstock didn't start well for Goicolea on a borrowed ski that had mechanical failure and tossed him off at the finish line putting him out. Semi-finals featured Andy Quicutis and Angelica Gonzalez going head-to-head of which Andy came out on top. Angelica beat David Lima in the consolation bracket giving her 2nd overall and her 2nd podium of the weekend.

Unlimited: When the spray cleared, Andy Quicutis emerged victorious and Eddy Pinarez got past Gonzalez; they placed 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Racing was capped off with the OT Lounge's champagne awards celebration. Thanks to the outstanding Surf and Turf Promotions staff and co-sponsors: Tiki West, Blowsion, Fish Camp, Racer H2O, pimpmyside.com, and the best place on Lake Dora, the Key West Resort. **We hope to see everyone at our final event in November, the Hydro-Turf HydroDrag World Championships. For more info go to surfandturfpromotions.com. See you in the pits! PR**

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ANNUAL BROWARD MOTORSPORTS REC RIDE!



By: Adam Williams | Photos: Ari Feldmiller Ren Media



With over a year of planning and preparations due to Covid, Adam Williams, Florida PWC Riders/ Broward Motorsports Racing, Manny Arroyo, Jet Rider Nation, and Bassil Alrubaie, FL River Riders, hundreds of riders from all over Florida and surrounding areas experienced the 2021 Broward Motorsports Rec Ride in the beautiful Florida Keys, starting in Key Largo, riding south through Gulf to Islamorada, cutting across to the Atlantic to Alligator Reef Light and back.

The logistics of launching 180 skis in the Florida Keys was one of the biggest challenges for this ride. Therefore, riders were given a choice of three marinas: John Pennekamp State Park, Caribbean Club, and Yacht Club Drive. Riders lined up at the ramps as early as 5:00AM!

This undertaking would not have been possible without the local knowledge of organized groups Florida PWC Riders, Jet Rider Nation, and FL River Riders. All had team leaders staged at each ramp location to guide riders to initial meeting points where the epic ride began. Riders traversed south hugging the Everglades National Park boundary, through beautiful mangroves, narrow channels, and the iconic Toilet Seat Cut. As the rec ride approached the Islamorada sandbar, skis could be seen stretching for more than a mile.

Once past Channel Marker 1, after respectfully honoring the No Wake Zone, hundreds of skis opened throttle and started their journey on choppy waters toward the famous and stunning Alligator Reef Light. Once there, they spent time exploring, snorkeling, mingling with friends, and meeting new people. Before returning, riders made their way back to the Islamorada sandbar, anchored or tied up to other skis and enjoyed great food from The Pincho Barge food boat.

Safety was the highest priority. Broward Motorsports hired local law enforcement to aid with the ride, thanks to the collaboration between Broward Motorsports and both agencies, who worked seamlessly together in the best interest of public safety and protection of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

With close to 200 skis and over 400 people in this unprecedented ride, the 2021 Broward Motorsports Rec Ride was a huge success, bringing commerce to the Florida Keys, after being battered by Covid 19. Riders from Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, New York, and even Canada participated and experienced the beauty and wildlife of the Florida Keys.

Aside the groups' hard work and dedication, this event was possible thanks to Sam Nehme, owner of Broward Motorsports. **PR**

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JACQUE 'THE HAMMER' BRYANT'S RESTORED KAWASAKI JS550

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Story and photos: Robert Sand

This project started a year ago when father and son Dave and Jake Zier contacted me as I specialize in restoration work in the industry. They crated the craft and shipped it from Indiana to Las Vegas for the magic to start! The paint needed to be redone due to a large "for sale" fading through the neon orange. There was body damage on the hull from years of Pro racing. Longtime watercraft master painter Don Serrano duplicated the paint after prep and fiberglass work. Fortunately, the original carbon fiber was in excellent condition. Brandon of BP Concepts & Designs in Vegas was a no brainer for the vinyl. My job was to source and rebuild the engine parts, most important short block was replaced for an OEM Kawasaki power plant with the bolt-ons from the original set up.

- Cleaned, powder coated and installed new parts to the dual Mikuni 38mm BN carbs, KV Total loss ignition with aluminum total loss flywheel, PJS exhaust system with reed chamber, modified 440 pump and Extrude Honed to stage 5. Motor was a PJS reed 550cc cylinder with OEM 550 JS cases and a true and welded rebuilt crankshaft by Jeff Seebold of Competitive Crankshafts. I had this reed cylinder from a complete re-sleeve and new standard bore pistons for a new motor; ported it to stage 5 that is race only and a PJS race head with copper head and base gaskets; topped off with an original K&N filter.

A unique aspect of this craft is what was done to the hull. Looking closely, you can see the top deck was cut off an original Kawasaki JS550 watercraft and a custom top deck and hood installed made of carbon fiber by SRS of Indianapolis who was big in making carbon fiber pieces for INDY. A reliable source stated only three were made. This one, the Number #7, was raced by Jacque "The Hammer" Bryant, a fast pro standup racer in the 80's and successful race promoter and later Race Director for the IJSBA World Finals.

Upon completion Jake said, "I love it! Happy to own history. Gary Hart would be proud." **PR**





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By: Paul Hewitt | Photos: Mark Povey, Trevor Robinson, Kristy Jukish, Ken Gallagher, Kaley Gomez, theunderknown, Craig Milne Zoomed Images

The United Kingdom, Finland, USA, Germany, and Australia were represented in this year's Virtual British Freestyle Championships, a truly international event sponsored by TJ Products. Building on the success of the first ever virtual freestyle jet ski championships and flying the flag for freestyle despite covid restrictions, the 2021 event saw 40% growth in participation. 27 competitors submitted their best two-minute routines during the filming window, with Tim Plumpton adding his unique brand of commentary. The event was screened on Facebook and YouTube in July and offered a real depth of freestyle talent across five classes.

The British 800cc class was won by Steve Riley, a first time British champion, who impressed with a packed, exciting, flawless old school routine. He narrowly edged out Darren Ogden (2nd) and Paul Hewitt (3rd).

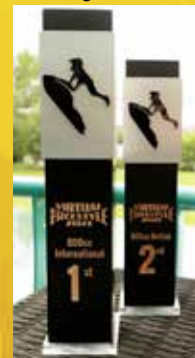
The 900cc International class was taken the second year running by USA wonderkid Nolan Jukish, one half of the Jukish super duo. Adam Reynolds won the 900cc British class the second year running and Best Trick.

Tony Blair caught the eye in 1200 International Novice, edging ahead of competitors in this class, all of whom were competing in their first ever freestyle competition. Former fighter pilot Tony also won the Most Inspirational Newcomer Award, voted by the public and kindly sponsored by Tommo's Dream Foundation (TDF). Pro flyboarder James Curtis repeated last year's feat, winning the 1200cc British class before flying off to join his flyboard team in China. The 1200cc International class attracted world caliber competitors. Mark Gomez took the title with a jaw dropping display, challenged all the way by the ever-improving Gabe Jukish; Neal Smith took third.

Following demand from riders, organizers added a new class at short notice; 800cc International Open. This was equally competitive, with Germany's Thomas Wolf narrowly edging out Mark Gomez with an aggressive and well executed compilation. USA's Gary Burtka (Team Twangled) took 3rd.

Congratulations to 2021 Novice Virtual Champions: Brian Fredericksen (900cc Int); Bailey Cunningham (800cc Int).

As well as setting a new benchmark in freestyle events, the Virtual Championships brought together arguably the most experienced freestyle judging panel for a single event: Vaclav Zacek, Michael Ratti, Marc Sickerling, Keith Thomas, Mark Curtis, and Martin Pearce. Huge thanks to sponsors who made this event possible: TJ Products; Air Time Products; Rickter-RRP; Lee Stone Products; Eight1Racing; PetRenu; Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine; Jettribe; Tommo's Dream Foundation. **PR**





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GREAT LAKES WATERCROSS RACING



By: Jaymi Bohat, Tour Promoter

Photos: Paytin Rasmussen

The Great Lakes Watercross tour heated up the past 3 rounds of racing hosted by the Lure Bar & Grill in Nekoosa, Wisconsin! Rounds 2, 3, and 4 were the biggest rounds in Great Lakes Watercross history, averaging 63 individual racers at each round and 80 entries. Clearly the sport is growing rapidly in the Midwest!

Amateur and Pro-Am Ski Lites classes are premier classes averaging 12-16 entries each. Justin Silber has had a perfect season in Amateur Ski Lites taking home the overall, making him the favorite for the next Amateur Ski Lites series champion. The Pro-Am class is tight since pro racer Ryder Wildeboer returned to Lake Havasu and is no longer in the running for points. Zack Genrich, Jeff Hansen, and Dustin Voss are currently the top 3 positions with the overall going depending on the championship round 5 in mid-September.

Amateur Runabout Rec Lites has been one of the largest runabout classes in our region. Round 3 Bryan Finlinson with Ignite Fuel Racing showed up and put a wager on the overall class champion. The pot quickly grew to just over \$1,000, with \$900 from the racers' pot and the entry fee of \$130 from Great Lakes Watercross which gets returned to the winner in a class with over 5 entries. The overall first place winner Jay Finlinson took home \$710, second place Ryan Rasumussen \$220, and third place Roseina Brabham won \$100. Round 4 followed suit with another racer's contingency bet on the line for the class. The top three winners took home over \$500 in cash payouts!

Great Lakes Watercross added MotoOption and Great Lakes Watercross accessories and apparel for sale at each event, the merchandise has been a major hit! We thank all racers, families, and spectators for their support. Our community and sponsors are the reason our sport has been successful. The last round of Great Lakes Watercross will be September 18-19 with a different schedule planned, it will be an excellent championship weekend!

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INTRODUCING **SAFAERA JETSKI**

Photos: Yariel Colon

On a recent episode of the Yeah Buddy Rec Ride Report, viewers were introduced to 35-year-old Yariel Colon originally from Manati, Puerto Rico now living in Ocala, Florida. Yariel rides a Sea-Doo GTX 300 Limited 2020 and is the Founder/Group Leader of the family oriented recreational ride group Safaera Jetski.

YB BUDDY: Please share a little about yourself and what motivated you to get into jet skiing and establish Safaera Jetski



YARIEL COLON: I got involved with the jet ski scene around 2018. I always had a vision of creating a group that was family oriented. In May 2020 after a conversation with friends we decided to create Safaera Jetski, and their support meant everything to me.

YB: What has been the most rewarding aspect of developing Safaera Jetski?

YC: The biggest satisfaction for me after creating this group has been all the fun times we have enjoyed together as a family and all the new members we have met along the way creating an extended family.

YB: How many members are enrolled in Safaera and what are your favorite riding locations?

YC: Currently we have about 4K members on our Facebook group. We like doing different activities and choosing rides for the enjoyment of all. Destinations are throughout the Florida coast such as Naples, Sarasota, Ft. De Soto, Tampa, Sebastian Inlet, Matanzas Inlet, and Peanut Island. If I had to pick our favorite ride/destination it would be Silver Glen Springs. Anybody wanting to join our group is welcome with open arms.

YB: What advice do you have for PWC riders and those wanting to get involved in the sport?

YC: My #1 recommendation is always safety first. We need to ensure we always adhere to boating rules and regulations of the ocean and coastal law.

YB: Any announcements or plans in the works?

YC: Yes! We are so excited that our group branched out and opened our first chapter base in Puerto Rico, Safaera Jetski Team PR lead by Gully Santiago. I and some of our Florida members recently traveled to PR for their first event which was a total success! Please follow us on social media Safaera Jetski (group and fan page) on Facebook and Safaera_Jetski on Instagram. Lastly, I want to thank our sponsors for always supporting us: Los Del Chinchorro 24/7, GE Events, Millennium Custom Wheels, Sea Roach TV, Costa Marine Upholstery and Jetski PR. Thank you to Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine for this opportunity and thank you to Ken KGees Yeah Buddy Rec Ride Report for his support!



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2021 WESTCOAST SURF RIDERS INVITATIONAL

By: Dan Lindgren | Photos: Tanner Veillette-Positive Phocus, Inc.; Ian Davis-Visually Beyond

The Westcoast Surf Riders Invitational is an informal large group hang out weekend with riders from the entire US west coast and states inland. Located in Grayland, Washington, the same location as the widely known Grayland Open Freeride Competition, this ride brings out much up-and-coming talent. The ride was founded in 2014, when Westport Mayor Michael Bruce issued an official invitation from the city requesting our local riding group (Westcoast Surf Riders) come out to ride, enjoy the Westport / Grayland Beach towns, and put on a show as part of a centennial celebration. It was so successful it became an annual occurrence.

This year rallied many riders that have been away from the scene a while and included brand-new pilots tackling surf for the first time. A big shout out to all who traveled near and far to share waves! Many good riders are emerging and getting better. No doubt there will be a ton of new faces in competition next year turning heads. Two that stood out particularly at the invitational were Joe Evans of Wenatchee, WA who's been riding with us for a couple years and is really boosting his amplitude. Joe has never competed but intends to start in 2022.

Another rider deserving props is "Pistol Pete" Niiranen of Oregon City, OR back flipping his Superjet like a mad man!

During the peak of the event, over 20 shredders were in the water. Beach vibes were abundant and the stoke for freeriding was high. As my beautiful wife Michelle said, "sometimes you just gotta rip it!" Freeride is alive and well in the Northwest. **PR**



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PRO WATERCROSS LIQUI MOLY TOUR CONTINUES

By: Robert Sand | Photos: Jessica Waters; Talia Hill

Lake Hartwell, Georgia is always one of the biggest turnouts on the Pro Watercross Liqui Moly National Tour. Record numbers turned out for fast racing coupled with the Carolina Watercraft Club's annual fundraiser, the Belly Buster Rec Ride which raised \$5,000 for charity. Every moto had a great lineup! Sport Stock with 14 racers on the line had spectators on the edge of their seats as Yamaha Wave Blasters competed against Sea-Doo HXs. Once the last racer received the checkered flag it was Matt Johnson 1st, Deven Farthing 2nd, and Christopher Landis 3rd. ProAm Ski GP was fast and furious with Deven Farthing 1st, Matthew Richuk 2nd and Jules Hopkins 3rd.

Amateur Ski Stock packed the line with 13 racers. What a great race watching Teagan Hill and Will Scruggs swap back and forth through the spilt course. Teagan held Will off for motos 1 and 2, had an issue in moto 3 and still podiumed. Scruggs finished 1st, Hill second and Broc Harris just edging Kevin Rowe for the final podium spot.

Crowd favorite Vintage ski had 6 racers; at the checker it was Kevin Rowe 1st, Jax Rowe 2nd and Lamar Weldon a respectable 3rd.

Pro Watercross thanks the City of Lavonia for their warm hospitality and all 2021 national tour sponsors. Full results at www.prowatercross.org. **PR**





The Liqui Moly Pro Watercross National Tour was back in Racine, Wisconsin for the first time in over two years. The course was huge, the beach was packed with fans, some of whom have been coming out to the jet ski races at North Beach Park since the early 90's.

With the wind out of the south, Lake Michigan was unusually flat for the sixth round of the tour, which saw many locals picking up National Tour wins. Not only was Greg Brock sportsman of the weekend for lending his ski to other riders, but the tour veteran also earned his first ever Pro Freestyle National Tour victory. After pulling his biggest aerial barrel roll ever, he out tricked the entire field of competitors in front of his local friends and customers who came out to support him. Moments later Kyle Burtka rode the same ski to victory in Amateur Freestyle.

Ski classes were packed and stacked! Ryder Wildeboer, all the way from Sioux Falls, showed everyone just how fast he is, winning eight of nine motos on his way to

overall wins in Pro-Am Ski GP, Pro-Am Ski Stock, and Ski 4-Stroke Stock classes. After an extended quarantine in Canada, Mike "the Clipper" Klippenstein was back in the USA winning motos dominating Vets Ski GP for the win. Kevin Rowe came out on top in Amateur Ski after great battles with junior racer Teagan Hill who won Junior Ski Stock. No national is complete without a 550 race and Tim Baum earned bragging rights and top honors in Vintage Ski.

In my race, Sport Spec, the action continued. I had the perfect view to watch Jake Zier win motos two and three to take the overall in Sport Spec aboard his HX. An HX also dominated Novice Sport as Women's Ski winner, Jessica Wiebesiek, swept Novice Sport en route to her first ever sport class overall. After amazing battles with Sammy Nehme, Deven Farthing emerged victorious in Sport GP. Runabout IROC Stock saw Roseina Brabham win motos two and three for the overall.

Huge thanks to Kurt Knollenberg and Rick Lake for rocking the mic! **PR**



SPORTSMANSHIP, SPEED AND SPECTACULAR FREESTYLE AT LIQUI MOLY PRO WATERCROSS TOUR

By: Gary Burtka, Pro Racer | Photos: Jessica Waters; Talia Hill

Luminescence: An in-depth profile of Polish rider, Andrzej Wisniewski

Story and photos: Dawn Dawson



A natural phenomenon 'luminescence' occurs when lightning and earthquakes happen simultaneously, making the ground look like it cracks open, with electricity and lightning emerging forth. That's the best way I can describe Andrzej Wisniewski. He never stops moving, he is electrifying, and he is grounded. No wonder his nickname is 'Amper'.

Andrzej is Aquabike's top Runabout GP 1 rider, top seed, equivalent to a world number one. The amount of excellent racing he's done in a remarkably short career is noteworthy, and he started later than most at 39. He has podiumed 7 times and been Polish Champion for several years running.

I spent three weeks with Andrzej and the Black Shadows Power Team, a disciplined and structured team, very close-knit working together like a well-oiled machine, and they are positive. Looking at Andrzej, it's easy to see a reflection of his personality in the team. He is charismatic, A-type personality, and a perfectionist. A tenacious fighter relentless in his commitment to his racing and his business, he shares these traits with high performing racers and mechanics; 12-hour workdays, long practices, multiple responsibilities, and still fitting in time with family.

Andrzej, a humble and generous soul, is full of praise for his competitors. He works in the construction business and grew up in the (then) small town of Elk, Poland, a ranch kid, helping his parents raise pigs and cows. All these years later, Andrzej is a cornerstone of Elk's commercial growth, seeing it become a hub for European holiday makers and growing businesses.

Most of all, Andrzej can be described as a family man. His two children, Paulina and Patryk, embody the Wisniewski spirit: persistence, tenacity, and hard work. Paulina works with Andrzej at his construction company, Patryk is finishing his dentistry degree. Part of his family includes Black Shadows Power Teammates: Lukasz, Anita (his niece) and Derek.

The only place you might see aggression from Andrzej is on the racecourse. He is a Chihuahua dad for crying out loud. He

traded in German Shepherds for Chihuahuas once Paulina got her first, Escobar. It takes a secure man to have a posse of Chihuahuas. Luckily, his very supportive girlfriend, Julie has no problem vying for attention with them. The pair met at dinner once. Andrzej was immediately taken, and Julie said, and I quote, "He is not bad."

In high adrenaline sports, especially the rough and tough world of Runabout GP 1, you expect a certain amount of male bravado. He has the look; a shaved head (for aerodynamics), stout build, blazing black, red, and white boat representing Poland. While Andrzej is what you would call macho, he has zero reservations about making friends with competitors, and never says a single word to uplift his performance over theirs. This spirit of generosity is important for the sport, and it is what led Andrzej to support and contribute to the last two Aquabike tour stops in Poland.

Andrzej wants to be remembered as a kind person, with a heart of gold. He wants his kids to grow up responsible and have the right relationships. He wants his staff to have a new office, to insure their future. He wants to help his friends and make Julie happy. I asked him "What about for yourself?" He wants good health and maybe one day, once racing is done for him, get back to kite surfing.

Andrzej races the number 25 because he wants to race like he is 25 years old always. I only wish half of us had the wisdom, drive, and kindness of this Polish racer at any age, because the sport, and our world, would be the better for it; we need some of that 25 luminescence. **PR**



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AQUA ADRENALINE TOUR AND TOMMO'S DREAM FOUNDATION PARTICIPATE IN 2021 ANNUAL HANSEATIC SKI RACE IN UNITED KINGDOM

By: Matt Palmes | Photos: Georgina Lofthouse; Ian Ward; Andy Carter; Mark David

On invitation from Hanseatic Ski Racing, the Aqua Adrenaline Tour headed to Kings Lynn for an action-packed weekend of waterski, OCRDA Powerboat, jet ski racing and jetski stunt displays organized by Tommo's Dream Foundation (TDF). With huge support from Kings Lynn Borough Council this proved to be a fantastic event.

Aqua Adrenaline, founded in 2013 by Bob McCarthy and Matt Palmes, originally featured OCRDA Powerboat Racing, waterski racing, Zapcat racing, and jet ski stunt displays. Several years of organizing events later, the

series is getting stronger. Last year saw the introduction of a dedicated jet ski aspect (Aqua Adrenaline Jetski Racing) which has grown massively. Without corporate or commercial pressures riders are free to pursue the excitement of racing without restriction. A decent ski, protective equipment and an OCRDA race license and you're ready for action!



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TDF IN THE HOUSE!

By: Andy Harrison

After 18 months of lockdowns and restrictions for the TDF freestyle team, an enquiry came in to set up display at the Aqua Adrenaline Tour stop, incorporated in the Hanseatic Festival of Watersports in Kings Lynn. Looking at it on a map was one thing, getting there was another. It was easier and quicker for Vikings of old to get there than us but with an invite to a reception hosted by the Mayor (not Randy Laine) and showcase TDF alongside serious racing organizations we hit the (narrow) road to Norfolk!

Trying to explain freestyle jet-skiing to boating types at the Mayor's reception led to us blagging a few boats to set up wake and a £20 bet we couldn't get The Mayor ("call me Harry") on a jetski.

TDF racers Dean Mayze and Rob McRae gave a good account with Rob making podium. We gazed on as waterski racers started their competition along the River Great Ouse. The first of the displays was a bit chaotic. With a large tidal throw and backlog of races, our team was hastily sent out, launching from a pontoon into a fast-running ebbing tide. World Champ Ant Burgess, British and Euro hero Tan Hussein and resident old skool trick

master Paul Hewitt pulled it out of the bag, with young guns Jamie Knott-Bower and Harry Stokes giving support in Gomez-esque dinosaur costumes, a crowd hit. Visitors descended on the TDF tent to scope the skis and read of adventures across the globe with action pics of jet ski and motocross members of the TDF Family.



Team TDF showcased freestyle riding to the public, with informative commentary by TDF member Malachy Browne, a natural behind the mic who seemed to have beaten each rider at some long-forgotten competition and informed the crowd of such at every opportunity! Mal raced in the powerboat series as throttle man giving up his time between rounds to help the TDF Team.

Oh yeah, we got the Mayor on a ski as well!

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Story and photos: Vaiva Babkauskaitė-Marciuc

Originally from Lithuania, my family immigrated to Chicago when I was 15. I always liked water related activities but didn't get into jet skis until meeting my husband, Adrian. We rode our friend's jetski in Lake Michigan and decided to get a brand-new Yamaha, a fast one! That's when this turned into a hobby and a passion. In 2015 we moved to Georgia and met people on Lake Allatoona. Adrian, one of the Admins, is originally from Romania, Admin Barry moved here from New York.

Established in 2020, the name GA Freedom Jet Ski Riders, not only represents our love of this beautiful country but the freedom members have to share good and not so good experiences with vendors in the PWC world, funny memes, crazy videos, and a variety of posts to get exposure to different views, safety issues, fun memorable events and plan or partake in rides. Three admins monitor the activity on our FB page with 127 members.

The most rewarding aspect of group riding is the friendships and adventures, bringing people from various walks of life, together. If you have a working jet ski and the willingness to show up to a ride, you

are welcomed with open arms. The group provides a sense of belonging and allows us to explore Georgia and surrounding states through water. We join other groups and often rely on more experienced lead riders (like Chris Adamczyk and Jay Howell) to help guide the group through different bodies of water.

I ride a 2014 Yamaha FZS, Adrian rides a 2014 Yamaha FZR, and third Admin Barry rides a 2019 Sea-Doo GTX 230. Our home lake is Allatoona, top locations to ride are Lake Lanier, Tennessee River, Lake Hartwell, and the east coast of Florida. Last year we joined ATL Jet Riders and Lake Lanier Jetski group and rode from Chattanooga to Knoxville and a trip to Panama City to explore the ocean by PWC. Trips tend to be long with many miles, but we love every second of it. Our favorite ride so far was the Polar Bear Run organized by Jay Howell, Lake Lanier Group. Regardless of temperature (one ride

was 39 degrees upon departure) we bundle up and ride glass smooth water in the crisp winter air.

For those wanting to get involved with PWC group riding make sure you know how to operate your PWC, keep up with the maintenance, always keep extra gear (ropes, tools, etc.) for unexpected breakdowns. It's extremely fun and rewarding and some might even say it counts as light exercise! Special thanks to David from PWC Brackets for developing our logo and graphics. **PR**



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DRAWING THEM IN AT THE LLANO ROCK'N RIVERFEST!

By: Brandy Fraley | Photos: Brandy Fraley; Charles Guinchard



The Jettribe WaterX Championship Series hosted by Nautiwater Racing was a blast with vendors, jet ski races, live music, freestyle, and fireworks!

Ninety racers from New Mexico to Florida, were drawn to the 2021 Llano Rock 'n Riverfest. With 20 beginner racers in various classes this was an exciting race. Beginners learned safety and course orientation through the Junior Stars of Florida's Doug and Bret Underhill. With the help of Michael Bernhardt safety lessons and course orientation was expanded to include all youth and adults.

Runabout beginner Jordan Hunner will soon be progressing to Amateur status with the speed and skill he showed on the racecourse. He took 1st place. Doug Underhill raced for the first time. He hopped on a Rec Lites Runabout taking 4th place, not bad for this first-time racer. Beginner Juniors Javier Falcon, Andrew Vo, Coltin Lynch, Hayden Lynch, Torrin Thompson, Kamryn Woolverton, and Trent Cornette did an amazing job. We look forward to seeing these kids continue to learn and grow in the sport. Way to go juniors!! **PR**

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Rolling on the River

MISSISSIPPI SKI RIDERS

By: Neil Scott | Photos: Neil Scott; Doug Heller

Cody Frierson and I created the Mississippi Ski Riders group this year. Our motivation was to create an active place for riders in our state and visitors, and to organize group rides. The most rewarding aspect has been interest from complete strangers that simply have this hobby in common. People have become friends by meeting in our Facebook group and on our group rides. We currently have 400 members, growing daily. Ski rookies and ski veterans enjoy this sport so much, they want to be around others that feel the same way, our group is the right spot for that!

PRO RIDER: Please tell us about your group rides.

NEIL SCOTT: Recent group rides were on the Mississippi Coast. One was 48 miles roundtrip, launched in Pascagoula, MS, then north for a visit at a sandbar, following northeast up the narrow and winding Escatawpa River, with beautiful scenery and fun curvy turns. Another ride was a bit longer at 70 miles, from Fort Bayou in Ocean Springs, MS traveling west, one of the best ski ride areas on the coast, then through Back Bay Biloxi, to the Tchoutacabouffa River. Abundant wildlife is seen on these rides. Dolphins are rare in the rivers and bayous but they're around. Gators love the late evening, and you'll see plenty of sunbathing turtles. Massive waterside houses and a sandbar around every other turn are great viewpoints. Immense ships at Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula are always a good draw.

PR: What do you ride?

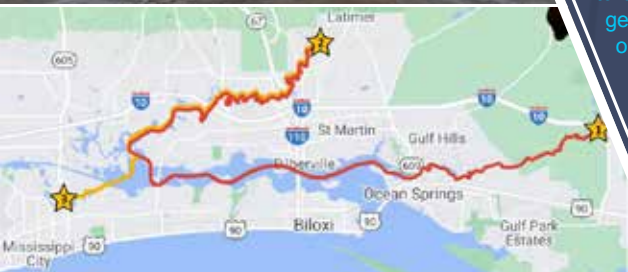
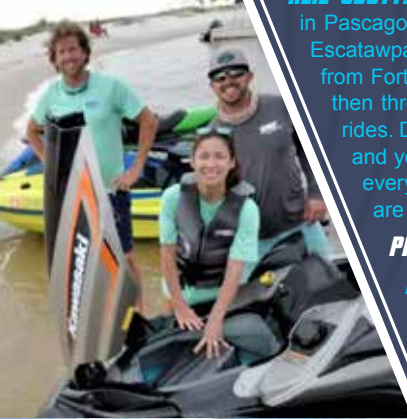
NS: I grew up having fun on a Sea-Doo and Polaris in the 90's. Now I'm a big Yamaha fan. I just sold my '21 EX Deluxe, which is an awesome little ski, and now it's all about my '21 VX Limited HO. I'm thinking about getting a Sea-Doo Spark Trix to play around on. That's the 90's kid in me coming out.

PR: Can anyone join in with your group?

NS: Not only can anyone join our group, but we want everyone to join our group! We promote it with giveaways, free decals, and cool Mississippi Ski Riders t-shirts. We want the group to continue to grow!

PR: What advice do you have for those who would like to get involved with group riding and what plans do you have for the remainder of 2021?

NS: If anyone is a new rider or new to an area, I'd suggest joining our Facebook group or one like it. It's a great way to make friends and get answers to questions from people that know. We plan to do at least one winter ride. It doesn't get way too cold here, but 50 degrees on the water with a breeze and high humidity will be noticed. We'll soon see how many will put on wetsuits or windbreakers and join us!



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WILLOW BAY BUOY BASH

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This was our second year hosting the Buoy Bash. Last year's was the Idaho Buoy Bash at Wilson Lake, Hazelton, Idaho. For 2021 we teamed up with the Willow Bay Resort in American Falls, Idaho, motivating us to change the event name to Willow Bay Buoy Bash. Idaho Watercross is owned and operated by myself and my husband, Erik Boschulte, heavily supported by family and friends. The Buoy Bash was established due to COVID-19 lockdowns which restricted races in nearly all states throughout the West. Fortunately, certain regions in Idaho remained open providing opportunity to organize and host the race and bring the jet ski community together.

I race a Kawasaki SXR 800 built for me in 2018 by close friend, Kevin Redinger of RM Racing. I love riding our local spot Wilson Lake, the lake I grew up on and first learned how to jet ski. Black Canyon Reservoir is a favorite to practice with local riders.

PRO RIDER: What were the most challenging and rewarding aspects of organizing the Buoy Bash?

MORGAN JONES: Most challenging was time restriction with only six weeks to plan the race. The most rewarding was hearing how much fun riders had and how much they enjoyed it. Having family involved is very special to us - my father, Ron Jones, brothers Jordyn, Kyle, and Ronnie, and my sister-in-law Emily Jones are a huge help, none of this would be possible without them.

PR: What are you most proud of regarding PWC riding/racing?

MJ: We are proud to bring this racing community together and grow the sport and excited to host events focused on riders of all skill levels. Riders spend countless hours practicing, improving their skills; we strive to ensure our event celebrates them while providing the opportunity to race in a fun, competitive atmosphere.

PR: Please share advice for those considering getting involved in the sport.

MJ: Just jump right in! Don't be afraid to reach out to others - people in the jet ski community are always helpful and friendly.

This race would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors, especially FLY Racing, Adventure Motorsports, Jettrim, Action Cycles N' Sleds, Idaho Central Credit Union, High Speed Industries, KZBQ and KORR radio stations, and Affinity. **PR**



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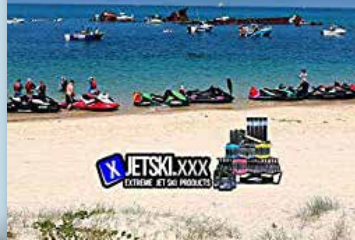
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Part 1 of 3-part series

GROUP LEADERS

Story and photos: Mandy Brown, Author Jet Ski Best Practices

Riding with a group of friends is awesome fun. It certainly has safety advantages, but risks are there if unprepared. Always remember no matter what, "You're the skipper and you're responsible," always do your own homework. Part 1 of this 3-part safety series focuses on the group leader.

THE ROLE OF GROUP LEADERS

Navigation needs to be well planned for group rides; leaders should be capable of decision making, navigation of water knowledge and demonstrate safety leadership abilities. Group leaders plan the event route and know the navigational hazards and laws of the waters your trip is covering and should address issues such as:

- Pre-ride checks of oil, battery, extra fuel secure, safety equipment required
- Sea conditions, swell, wind & weather forecast and tides
- Emergency services contacts
- All group ride leaders need to have reliable communication devices such as intercoms, VHF/UHF radios and mobile phones to communicate during the ride. They should wear a work safe fluorescent colored vest over life jacket to be easily identified within the group. **PR**



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HAIG'S SKI *SINKS* AT

KANSAS TOUR STOP JETTRIBE MIDAMERICA WATERCROSS

HOSTED BY NAUTIWATER

Story and photos: Brandy Fraley

Jettribe Mid-America Watercross Series hosted by Nautiwater Racing took place at Clinton Lake in Kansas. Racers took to the water to see who the best in the Midwest was. Juniors to seniors joined together for a family-oriented race weekend.

Racer Lilly Wright, 11 had her first race experience in Junior Ski and had a blast. Lily shared "The water is very rough out there". Her advice to other kids racing is, "Try your best. In the practice rounds when they are showing you what to do and it gets rough, don't give up, you'll get better." Her father Jeff Wright also races.

Carrie Turner and husband Callaway Turner, and sister-in-law Niki Turner came with their racing team all the way from North Carolina. Carrie raced Vet Ski GP just to race side by side with her husband. Niki and Carrie also race women's ski allowing this family to enjoy the weekend on and off the start line. Callaway thanks Bill Haig for

getting him into racing. Nikki loved being in Kansas and complimented the efficiency and professionalism of the event, the big course, and the double split which "makes for a fair race with more potential for passing points," shared Nikki. Teammate Jeb "CarSquirrel" Zarzour, #702 started as a freestyler, this was his first Nautiwater race.

First time racers to the series included: Joe Shost; Jaxon Loyd; Brandt Teske; Micah Davis; Scott Allen; Lucas Ebling; Chris Mitef and Anthony Holueu.

Tragedy struck when Richard Haig's exhaust manifold broke causing his ski to sink 30 feet. This unfortunate event had a happy ending with the help of Clinton Marina staff, and divers Scott Chamberlain and Tim Meyer, and others who assisted. The ski was located, hooked, and drug across the lake to the boat ramp, and removed from the water. Surprisingly the ski started a few hours later! **PR**



BIGGEST RACE IN TEXAS IN OVER A DECADE: JETTRIBE NAUTIWATER SULPHUR SPRINGS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

By: Justin Smith & Jettribe Staff | Photos: Brandy Fraley

After months of anticipation, Jettribe Texas WaterX State Championship took place at Lake Coleman, Sulphur Springs, Texas with 118 racers to crown Champions of the new Texas series. Seasoned promoter NautiWater Racing pulled together with Jettribe to provide the biggest race in Texas in over a decade! The venue was epic with a stage and manicured landscaping provided by the City of Sulphur Springs. Tents lined the shores; spectators came out in the hundreds to witness race action at the Texas Championship showdown.

Junior Stars of Florida provided tutorial sessions for junior racers, and Jettribe hosted the first annual "Corporate Challenge" for local businesses to get a taste of action on the course. The track layout provided a challenging left side split. With full lake space utilization spectators enjoyed a 360° viewpoint.

Pros traveled from coast to coast laying down horsepower on the water. Jules Hopkins, Jeremy Poper, Tim Miller, Haigen Smith, Bret Underhill, Chris Cowan and McKale Seivley were top spots in heated battles. Hopkins won for the weekend and Miller took the Championship. Juniors made great progress throughout the season with Javier Falcon, Tristen Heibert, Andrew Vo, and Hendrix Smith taking home Championships. Jettribe Team Rider Rippin' Ryan Poper missed one round of the series but won everything he touched at the final, putting on a clinic himself demonstrating his talents, setting himself on deck for another top spot at IJSBA World Finals.

Vintage 550 was stacked with talent. Ralph Henning maintained points lead for the overall Championship. In Sport Spec Tim Miller and

Kenny Compton went hard, but it was Bibi Barylski taking the championship after 3 solid rounds. All the 2021 Superjets in Texas showed up for the 4 Stroke Lites classes! Pro Watercraft Racing sponsored Haigen Smith in ProAm, Joe Barylski in Amateur, and Mike Mihills in Vet, all took podium championship spots in this new class for IJSBA. Jettribe Rider Bridget Poper cleaned up in Women's Pro Ski; Jettribe Travel Team Racer Wyland Reden flew in from Cali to scramble some championship points as he laid down hot laps taking hardware home on the plane.

Runabout racing was on fire under the Texas sun! Michael Bernhardt edged out Tyler White for the ProAm Championship, Pablo Pagan took the win in Amateur; Jordan Hunner took the Championship in Beginner. Local Brian Snyder aboard his Kawi 1500 was successful in each round for the overall Championship. Impressive young racer Cooper "C Note" Caldwell dominated Rec Lites improving on every moto grabbing the checkered flag and overall championship. Great racing kept announcer/racer Jeremy Styno-mite on his toes with updates at every turn and straight away.

Special thanks to Course Marshalls led by Robert Crowe for an injury-free safe series. The race could not be done without the support of sponsors. Extreme gratitude to Jettribe USA, NautiWater Racing, Pro Watercraft Racing, Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine, VP Racing Fuels, 321 Kawasaki and Austin Jetskier. Jettribe extends huge thanks for local support from KSST Radio, Jennifer Littlefield, Deanne Dial, Joey Baker, Jerry Maynard, Marc Maxwell, and the City of Sulphur Springs. The race will be back next year, bigger and better with more in store! **PR**



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By: Jordan Gallegos | Photos: Jordan Gallegos, Dax Oberson, Kazimierz Jannic Frackiewicz, Jan Zibritovsky, Chad King, Erik Berglund, Joel Redmon, Andrew Hansen, Tyler Jacob Fulton

When thinking of watersports many envision Florida or California, not necessarily the Pacific Northwest, a region in northwestern USA with awesome riding locations from crystal clear lakes at a volcano base to tropical blue lakes in valleys. With a limited riding season it's important to make each day count. Unable to find groups for the PNW I decided to create one thus, PNW JETSKI was born, a place to make friends, share ideas, buy and sell parts, have adventures and most importantly help each other. All ages, riding levels and styles are welcome! We have all types of riders, standups, WaveRunners, families, explorers, trick riders, retired couples finding a new sport and seasoned riders who have been shredding the PNW since before I was born!

PRO RIDER: What do you ride? Any favorite riding spots?

JORDAN GALLEGOS: I ride a 2019 Yamaha EX. Favorite riding spots include Merwin, Yale, and Swift at the base of Mt. St Helens, Rife, and Mayfield Lakes in Mossyrock, Washington.

PR: Please describe your most memorable ride with the group.

JG: Zane Ruby and I rode from Portco in Vancouver, WA to Multnomah Falls in Oregon and back, a fun lengthy ride up the Columbia River. The last few miles we were treated to an insane red orange sunset, reflected on glassy water.

PR: What are you most proud of regarding PWC riding?

JG: The diversity in the sport; there are many different reasons people get involved. Some have a rich history in motorsports and need that adrenaline rush; some want to try something new; others are exploring new places. You can do a backflip and shred one minute and have a relaxing cruise the next.

PR: What motivated you to participate as a volunteer in the water rescue aspect of the Ironman in Salem?

JG: I've had First Aid training for trauma, CPR, AED and have taken quite a few courses over the years. Helping people is a passion of mine, and this provided an opportunity to combine 2 things I love to do.

PR: Please share your advice to those considering getting involved in the sport.

JG: Get out and ride! A great way to develop confidence and skill is seat time. Secondly, join a group. You can learn a lot and share knowledge with others to grow a strong PWC community.





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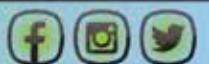
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RUNABOUT STOCK

A mix of Novice and Expert this class puts on a great race. Expert Simon Belcher, on his way for 3 clean moto wins was topped by novice rider Joe Dickens putting in his first win of the season.

JUNIOR SKI LITES

JSRA takes great pride in their Junior class which has produced numerous World Champions and looks like a few future World Champions coming through again! Sam Wilson took the overall battling with Harley Ritchie who puts in 110% but unfortunately missed buoys. Harley Gill made his mark with 2nd place and young Kian Ellerington made a great start to the season.

SKI GRAND PRIX & VETS

Richard Gilbert on top form on his GP1 took 3 wins. Lucy Gadsby hot on his tail took 2nd overall on a Stock Ski not letting front runners gain much ground. Danny Mace put in a strong performance, his winter training paying off, earning a respectable 3rd. It's great to see Anthony Dean making a comeback. Having last raced 550s in the 90's he's back with a Kommander GP1.

RUNABOUT N/A OPEN

After a year out of racing, Wayne Bedford is back and on top form! Two wins left Wayne on the hunt for the final, but it wasn't to be, with Darren Leeper on his newly built ski taking the win. Great effort from Sam Merrel on his Kawasaki, tough ski to handle but he certainly made it work. Father and son duo Richard & Elliott Cable battled with son beating dad by just 3 points!

HARD CHARGING RACING AT

JSRA BRITISH JETSPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS



By: Jason Young

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SPORT GP

Great to see World Champion James Bushell having a go with not much time on his Sea-Doo HX, he still took all 3 wins. Hot on his tail young rider, Jack Wells closely followed by Simon Belcher, put in a strong performance with lots of position swapping among Tim Atkinson, Graham Leech and Steve Davis, a tough class, all matched closely on skill.

RUNABOUT 1100 STOCK

One of the biggest fields, with close racing, Rohan Malin was on a charge with a 1st, 2nd, and 1st after putting in the training hours and making his Yamaha work well. Lewis Simms, Dominique Casey, Bobby Fisher and Alex Parker took 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th respectively.

SKI STOCK

With the demise of the Ski Lites it's great to see Ski Stock gaining momentum. Richard Gilbert took 3 wins closely followed by Novice - Harvey Ward who in his first championship took 2nd overall against a field of expert racers. Lucy Gadsby was on fire, but an unfortunate incident left her out of action for the last race.

VINTAGE 550

Highly anticipated for 2021 is Vintage 550 with a field of Expert Racers, Ex Racers from the 80's & 90's, young and old, the biggest range in competitors. In true style it was the returning racers taking top spots. Lee Ward was the man to watch taking the overall win, followed closely by Stuart Hatfield the most consistent rider of the round. Determined not to miss out on the action Race Director, Jason Young kept his feet in the water bringing back 3rd place overall.

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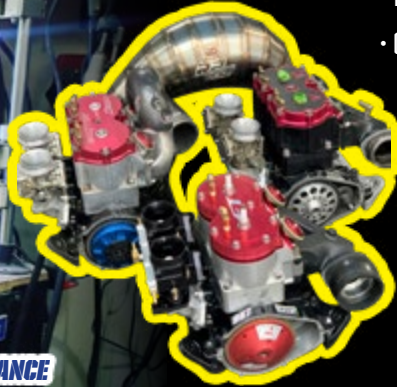


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By: Craig Witt | Photos: WNY Shots

WNY PWC Owners held their 2021 charity fundraiser event on the shores of Lake Erie at Turtle Joe's Sandbar. The highly anticipated Ruff Water Rally had been building momentum following the announcement that WNY PWC was able to generate enough donations early in the year to purchase a brand new 2021 Sea-Doo Spark to raffle off and bolster additional funds for charity. The day's excitement started early as participants began getting launched by tractor right on the beach. As the Sandbar filled up, the DJ arrived and provided a fun atmosphere for the day.

The poker run consisted of a 20-mile round trip ride to Sunset Bay Beach Club, back just in time for the Torrent Pumps Stunt show. Buffet dinner, event shirts, challenge coins were all part of the entry cost, so no one left

empty handed or hungry. Between the 50 / 50 raffle, Poker Run prizes, basket raffles and the raffle ski, it was truly a day to be remembered.

The bar had been set the year before and everyone was hopeful we could break our own record of \$16k donated to charity from a jetski event, and we did just that! \$20,000 was generated and donated to Diamonds in the Ruff Animal Rescue, \$2,000 of which they then donated to Roswell Park Cancer Institute in honor of Brian Sizemore of Torrent Pumps who has attended and supported our events the past 3 years.

Thank you to everyone who made the day possible, from donations, sponsors, venues, members, and volunteers you are the reason we keep this going year after year. Planning for the 2022 event is in the works, hope to see you there! **PR**





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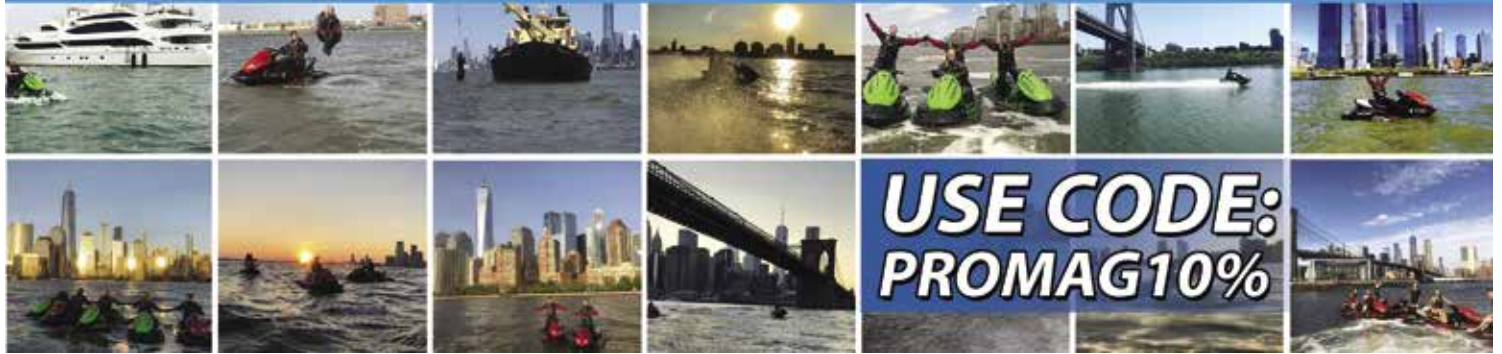
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Biggest "Little" Freeride Not on A Coast: WELCOME TO WAVE RAVE 2021 Michigan's Ultimate Freeride

By: Jim Kwiatkowski | Photos: Chad Rankin, Adam Herrema, Jim Kwiatkowski

RAVE – An enthusiastic expression, a semi-spontaneous lively gathering, an extravagantly enthusiastic weekend party. Translate this to the water, add in over a hundred jet skiers from across Michigan and surrounding states, sprinkle in a couple WaveJunkies and what you have is the biggest "little" freeride not on a coast!

Welcome to WaveRave 2021, Michigan's ultimate Freeride held annually every August. This year's event continued to grow with 130+ skis on the beach at the peak of the weekend. Lake Michigan offers one of the best backdrops for freeride with gorgeous sunsets instigating sunset rides as Lake Michigan extinguishes the bright sun. Warm water and sunny skies persisted but unfortunately didn't translate into big waves. Lack of waves didn't dampen spirits however as the event saw a steady flow of riders. The casual approach to this ride allows you to claim and set-up your beach spot early and enjoy everything beachside.

Beyond the long-time regular participants, WaveRave continues to attract new riders getting into the sport. As someone who has attended a lot of freerides nationwide, I can say the WaveRave Michigan Freeride provides one of the best opportunities for the "average guy or gal" to walk the beach and try riding a full range of pole and fix-steer skis to help decide and fuel your next ski purchase!

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AWARENESS

By: Greg Gaddis Aka "Hulk Junior"

While PWC performance is our specialty, safety is our top priority. A recent trip to the beach, countless riders were enjoying their PWCs, however, there were a few not too keen on the safety of themselves or others. Riding PWCs is fun; don't let ill safety practices ruin the experience.

For 2021, over 60 percent of PWC sales were first time buyers. The increase of new riders is terrific for the growth of the industry. New riders need to be informed on proper safety, boating laws, and general practices to ensure excellent experiences. Some may feel like wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) is common sense, but sometimes common sense isn't so common. Unfortunately, I witnessed a small group of younger riders operating their PWCs without a PFD; not only is it required by law, but wearing a PFD is designed to save your life. In the event of an accident, collision, or being thrown off, the PFD keeps you afloat; you don't look any cooler sporting around on your PWC shirtless with no personal floatation device. Another safe practice is to securely fasten the safety lanyard; the most common is a lanyard that fits snugly around your wrist or a clip fastened to your PFD. Using the safety lanyard properly will shut off the engine and allow for retrieval of your PWC if you fall off; try to swim back to a running PWC, it's nearly impossible!

Personal watercraft are low-draft machines, requiring only a few inches of water to float,

but they are not shallow water friendly. PWCs are equipped with jet drives for propulsion; these jet drives act as a vacuum sucking in anything in its way and forcing it out the back of the jet nozzle. Sand, weeds, gravel, any form of debris passing through the jet pump can cause premature wear or severe damage. It's best to operate in a minimum of three feet of water; running your PWC up on a beach is not advised.

If you witness poor safety practices or someone struggling to operate their PWC, please lend a helping hand. A surplus of newer, less-experienced riders will undoubtedly cause an increase in mistakes made, individuals turned away from the sport, and unfortunately, accidents. We want nothing more than for the PWC industry to thrive. Offering advice to less experienced riders could make the difference between them deciding to list their PWC for sale or loving the sport for years to come.

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"I HAVE FAILED OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN MY LIFE AND THAT IS WHY I SUCCEEDED."

— MICHAEL JORDAN

Most of us only see that one great individual performance in competition that wins the event without giving thought to the thousands of hours of preparation, endless mistakes, and failures it took to reach that moment. As one of the greatest athletes in basketball history, Michael Jordan summarizes his legendary success so well. Most of us fail more than we succeed, but it's those who use failure as a motivator to keep fighting, who ultimately win. In the words of Olympic Gold Medalist Women's Soccer Goalkeeper Hope Solo, "True heroes are made of hard work and integrity." Winning comes from turning failure into success through years of hard work while learning from our mistakes.

MAINTAINING CONTROL OF PWC REQUIRES UPPER BODY STRENGTH

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

TRICEPS PRESS-DOWNS-WORKING THE BACK OF THE ARMS

OVERVIEW: The primary purpose of the Triceps Press-Down is to strengthen the back of the arm. This exercise requires a machine with a cable and weight-stack. It can be performed using different devices providing endless variety. For example, the straight bar, V-bar, wave bar, and ropes, allow you to change the angle of your grip and in turn provide different resistant pressure on the triceps muscle group.

BASICS: Triceps Press-Downs are a simple exercise. For this example, the demonstrator is using a rope which keeps the hands in a neutral (handshake) position. The basics described apply regardless of apparatus. Begin by maintaining a solid base with feet shoulder width. Keeping your back straight, place both hands on the ropes (Photo 1) with the arms bent (flexed) and elbows to sides. Move the rope downward keeping elbows at your side while straightening (extending) the arms (Photo 2). Once the arms are straight (Photo 3), return arms to a flexed position and begin the next repetition (Photo 1).

EXERCISE RELEVANCE TO PWC: Maintaining control of the handlebars requires upper body muscle strength and pushing on the bars during a turn requires triceps strength. Triceps are used extensively, especially in rough waters.

PRESCRIPTION: Triceps Press-Downs are typically one exercise that is completed in conjunction with other triceps exercises

DAYS OF THE WEEK: 2x a week

BEGINNERS: 2 – 3 sets of 8 – 12 repetitions

INTERMEDIATE: 3 – 4 sets of 8 – 10 repetitions (growth);
6 – 8 repetitions for added strength

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

Exercise Demonstrator: Neza Kocijan, Ljubljana, Slovenia



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Elk (pronounced 'lyck'), Poland is not one of the country's major towns. It is best known as a popular central European escape fantasy, where people come to get lost in its rural and laid-back atmosphere.

This quiet town was transformed into a hub of activity as 132 riders from 22 countries, their families, their holders, friends, and mechanics set up tents by Lake Elkie. With a chance to race together after more than a year, Aquabike's European season opener was exciting. The event was sponsored by exceptional Polish racing team, Team Black Shadows, Adriatica Swiss-Made watches, the sporting authority of Poland and the charming city of Elk.

The weather was dicey with winds at 10 to 25 mph, providing semi-rough conditions with the added challenge of strong winds, rain, thunder, and lightning.

In Runabout GP 4, the battle between Spaniard Cristina Lazarraga and Hungarian Marcell Major will be spoken about in jet ski taverns for years to come. In motos 1 and 2, Cristina led the pack chased by a determined Major only 1 second behind her. Despite falling back to 5th in moto 3, Cristina emerged as the GP of Poland champ. The podium for Runabout GP 4: Cristina Lazarraga, Marcell Major and Valeri Trujevtsev.

Ski GP 1 was a battle fiercely fought. Estonian Marten Manni snagged the holeshot and victory followed closely by Kevin Reiterer, who despite a fall in lap 5, made it all the way to second place in the first moto. As redemption, Reiterer took the win in consequent motos, chiseling out a gap of almost 15 seconds between himself and Marten Manni. Nacho Armillas powered his way to third doing battle with Alec Enderli, Morgan Poret and Kerto Kase in motos 1, 2 and 3. The podium for Ski GP 1: Kevin Reiterer, Marten Manni and Nacho Armillas.

Runabout GP 1 saw the thundering talents of Jeremy Perez, Andrzej Wisniewski and Rasmus Koch Hansen pitched together in an epic overall race, but not without complication. Andrzej encountered boat problems but made up for it despite Jeremy Perez putting the heat on with a less than 2 second gap. Jeremy Perez started strong but was narrowly beaten by Andrzej's tenacity. Rasmus Koch Hansen was a force holding his own against the top two titans and holding off defending champ, Marcus Jorgensen, and the likes of Teddy Pons and Samuel Johannson. The podium for Runabout GP 1: Jeremy Perez, Andrzej Wisniewski, and Rasmus Koch Hansen.

SKI GP 2: 1. Mattias Reinaas 2. Andrea Guidi
3. Goncalo Rodrigues

SKI GP 3: 1. Barnabas Szabo 2. Felix Helgeson
3. Martin Sumegi

SKI GP 3.2: 1. Ander-Hubert Lauri 2. Lajos Komonyi
3. Martim Brito

SKI GP 3.3: 1. Csongor Jaszai 2. Csaba Suli
3. Manuel Leite

RUNABOUT GP 2: 1. Mattias Siimann 2. Gergely Harsfalvi
3. Valeri Trujevtsev.

RUNABOUT WOMEN'S GP 4: 1. Cristina Lazarraga
2. Anna Jachimek
3. Katriin Nilbe

RUNABOUT VETERANS GP 1: 1. Erki Laiakask
2. Margus Keskula
3. Priit Kamus

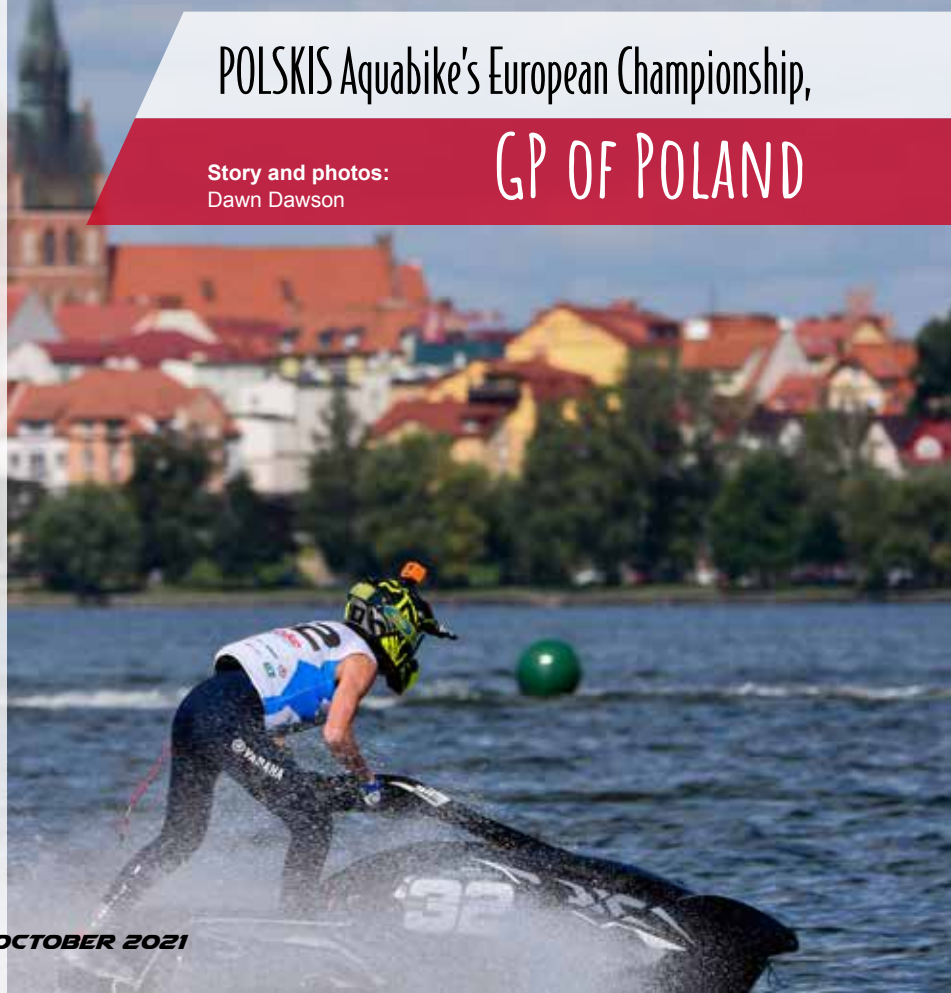
The Polish people are warm, generous, and friendly. On the water, they show their spirit, tenacity, and drive. They were great hosts for the Aquabike European tour. **PR**



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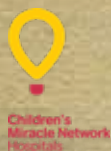
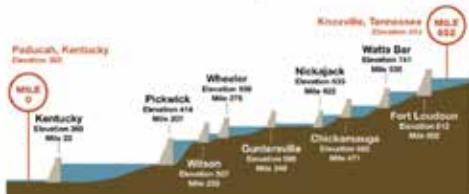
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A view of all of the dam elevations, courtesy of the Tennessee Valley Authority.



Longest running organized PWC event in US:

25th Annual TENNESSEE RIVER 600

Raises Funds, Promotes Safety, Portrays PWCs in Positive Light

By: Dennis Beckley, Jason Noble | Photos: Kendra Beckley

The Tennessee River 600, which began in 1997 as a pleasure event for personal watercraft enthusiasts, has evolved into an annual event with participants representing as many as 20 states and Canada. Funds raised from participants and sponsors are divided equally among The Children's Hospital, Birmingham, AL; and Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. The Children's Hospital, Birmingham, AL is a member of the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, an alliance of premier hospitals for children and one of the world's leading children's charities working to save and improve the lives of millions

of children. The TWRA is an organization dedicated to the preservation, conservation, and enhancement of Tennessee's outdoors, including fostering the safe use of the state's waters. The event is designed to promote Tennessee tourism and water safety, as well as to portray PWCs in a positive light. This event is the longest running organized event in the United States for personal watercraft.

Families and support crew travel by land and meet riders at overnight stops. Events are planned for participants at each stop, and sightseeing is a priority. In the past, the

event has been fortunate to have doctors, emergency medical technicians, mechanics, and other professionals riding the river to assist with any health issues or watercraft failures. Past participants have included a dog riding with his master, an 82-year-old man from Alabama, and a 4-year-old boy accompanied by his dad.

Participants locked through eight TVA dams during the week-long journey. Support services were provided by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Tennessee Valley Authority, Tennessee State Parks, Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. All these agencies help make this a safe and fun trip for everyone.

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RACE #: 41 - Using my brother's number because I decided last minute to race. When I have my own number, it will be #62 in remembrance of my father, Trevor Cornette.

RACE #: 27, the day I was born.

RACE #: 41

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: When I finally decided to race, it truly has been one of my greatest achievements. I was introduced to jet ski racing a year ago. Standing up the whole race in Pomona, KS my third race was a great achievement. I am proud and very thankful to my stepdad for this new opportunity; being a big brother.

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: Doing my best on the water every time and playing a sport I've never known anything about until I met my stepdad Terry Hiebert. I am very thankful for him. When I started playing football this year for the Bad News Bears. Thank you to all my coaches and my teammates.

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: Winning my 1st race of the weekend at Pomona, KS; playing football, getting to the sixth grade, and going to a new school.

CRAZIEST OR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER:

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I enjoy racing, but I really enjoy just playing with my new jet ski friends: Andrew Vo, Hendrix Smith, Ryan Poper, Kason Woolverton, and of course my brothers Trent and Tristen.

Winning 1st place in Lincoln, Nebraska, on Branch Oak lake.

October 2020 – Havasu World Finals placing 10th and being there with dad was most memorable for me; thank you dad for all you do.

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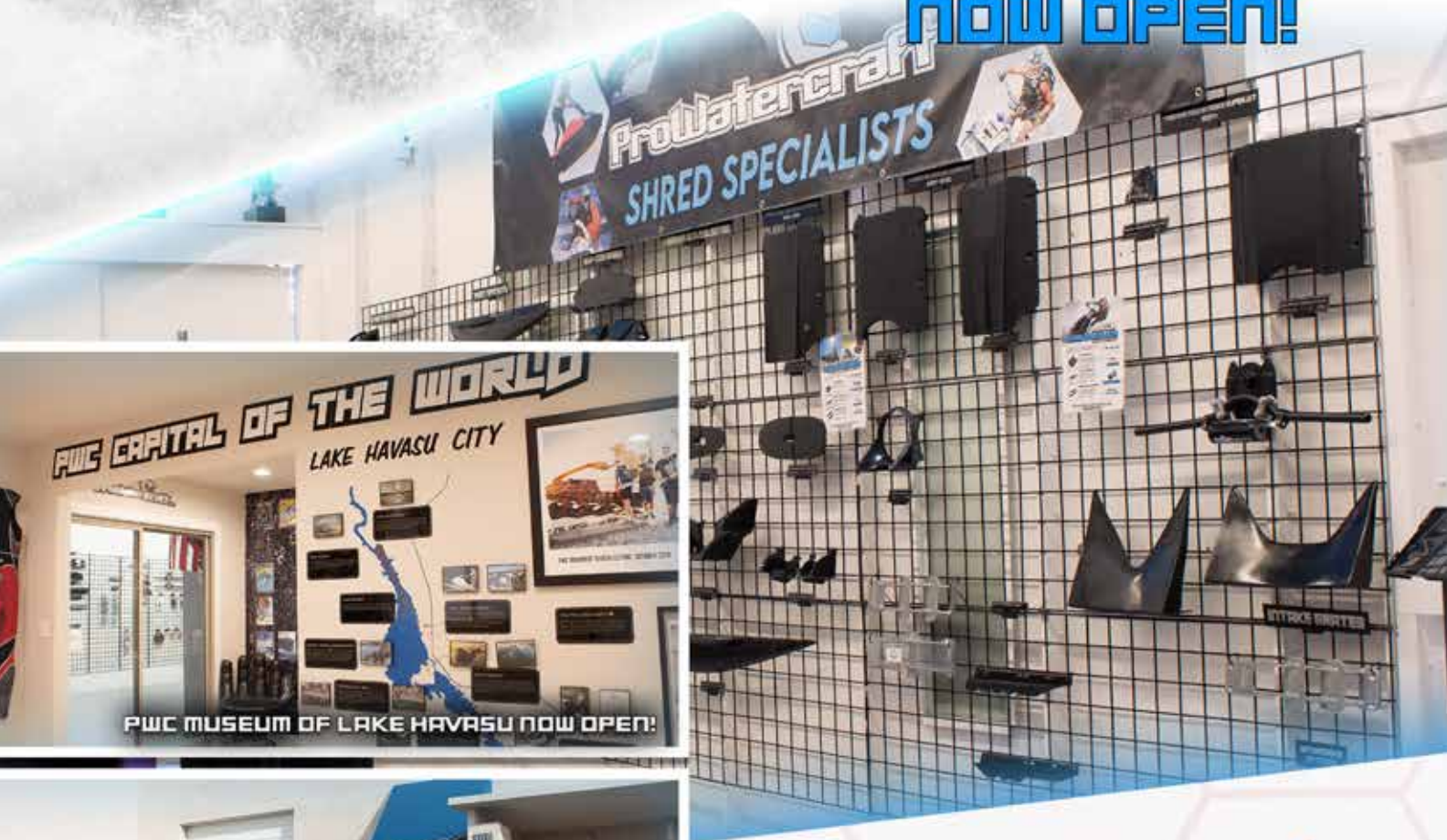
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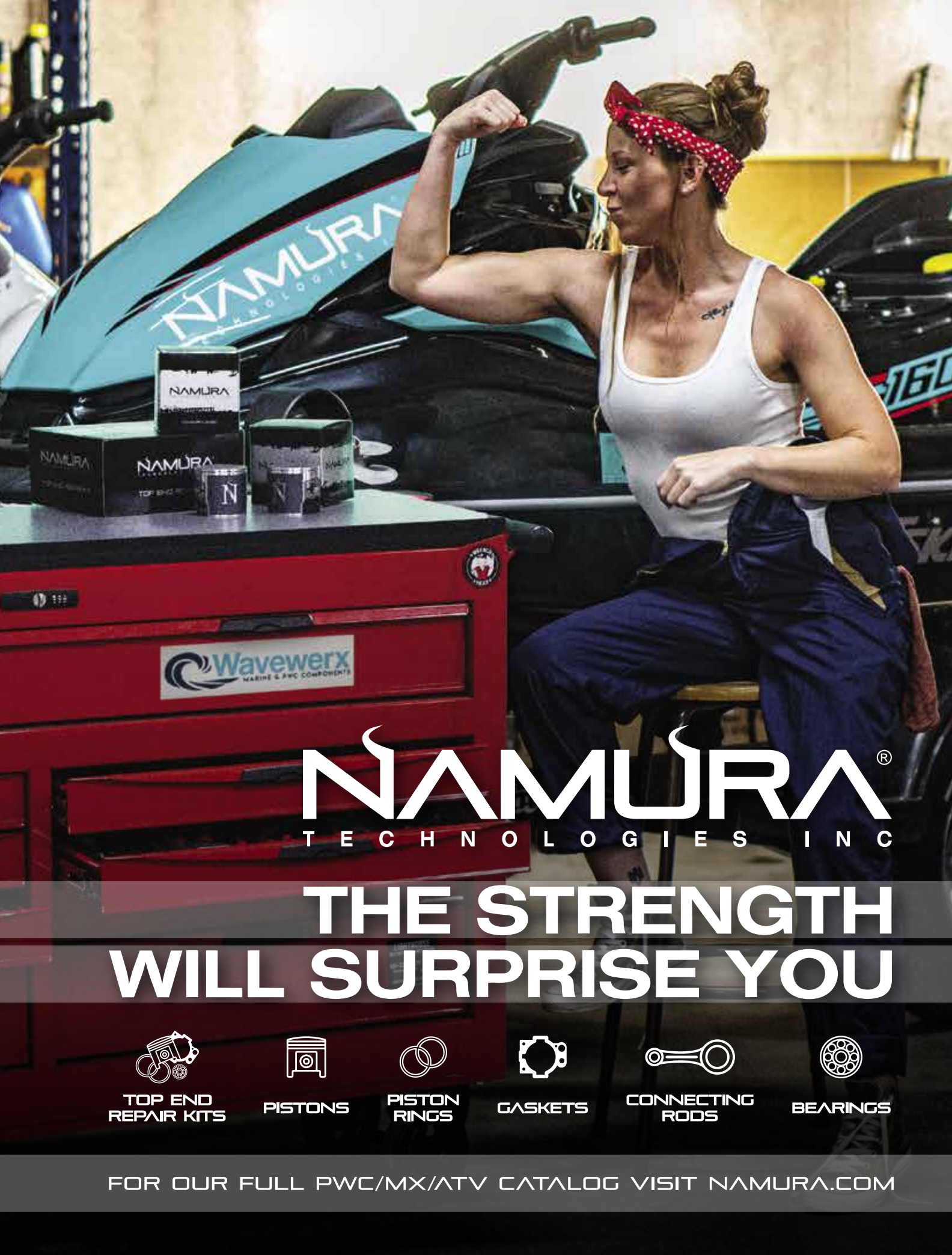
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