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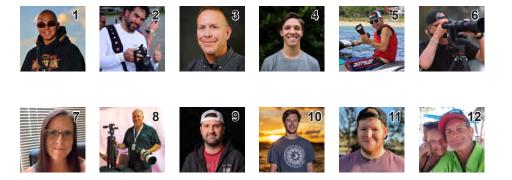
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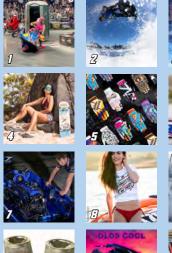
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The 2022 March-April Swimsuit Edition cover shot was taken by Kenny Wong, KDW Photos, KDW Sports Photos at Redwall Studio, San Jose, California. Crystal Mendoza is pictured with Wong's #921 Yamaha Superjet which he plans to race in the Liqui Moly Pro Watercross Full Throttle Water X Series. Looks like the season is heating up.









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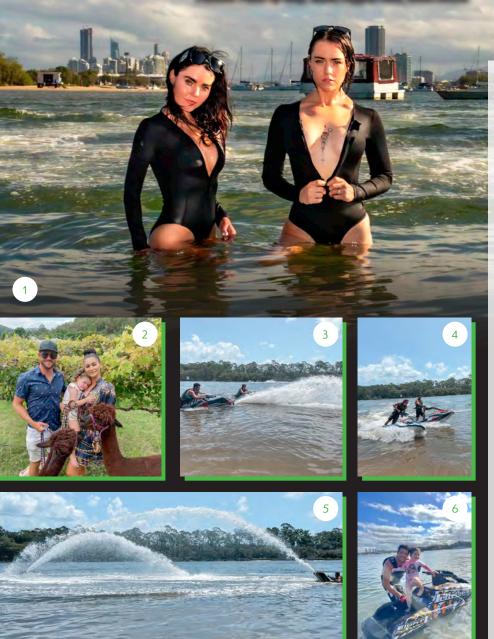




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## PRO RIDER MARCH/APRIL

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We lecome to the 2022 March/April Swimsuit and 65th print and digital issue of Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine! We are honored to work and collaborate with industry leaders, racing and rec event promoters, amazing photographers, talented authors, and stunning models in the creation of this year's March/April Swimsuit issue. Following the release of this issue, readers vote on their favorite bikini themed ad at proridermag.com. Winners will be announced in the May/June issue, be sure to cast your vote!

The 2022 March/April Pro Rider Swimsuit Issue cover shot of Crystal Mendoza goes to Kenny Wong KDW Photos KDW Sports Photos. Images of Crystal with Kenny's 2021 Yamaha Superjet #921 Race Ski and Brandon Wong's 1996 Yamaha Wave Blaster Sport Spec #921 were shot at Redwall Studio in San Jose, California.

In addition to our collection of striking swimsuit photos, this issue features coverage from the 2022 Torrent Daytona Freeride, QPWC all Women's Class Racing in Australia, Pacific Northwest PWC Riders, Buoy Riding with the Chattanooga Jet Ski Club, Drag Racing, Jet Ski World Cup Triple Crown Thailand, Wave smashing with the Westcoast Surf Riders, the history of Versiplug, and PowerNuts Business Profile. Don't miss this issue's Tech Tips, Future Threats, social media top spots, Rig of the Month, Fitness, Gear Review, PWC Fishing and more!

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Sincerely,

Michael Ratti and the Pro Rider Team

1: Fiona Heller and Natasha Lay; Michael Ratti one handed barrel roll/2: Family Outing Mountainview Alpaca Farm with Alpaca Squad Diesel and Tim Tam | 3-5: Old School Fountains with Beau Arscott | 6-9: Start 'em Young Pro Rider Toddler Division Aaliyah Rain Ratti









#### DEAR PRO RIDER,

In 1998 I had my first daughter and bought a 1998 GP 800 two-seater for family lake stuff and wondered how fun it would be to race this thing! Three years later I sold my ski, and opened my first retail store, the Compound BMX Shop, a bicycle shop dedicated to BMX. From race, ramp, street, dirt, I carried it all in multiple locations until 2018. We still have a riding facility, but no retail.

In 2017 I heard of a Kawasaki four stoke 1500 standup. I never rode a stand up. And it's a beast? I tried it and fell headfirst in love with water again. Last year I had the opportunity to ride with @ prowatercraftracing and am happy to have just signed on with them for 2022!

My local big wake lake is Millerton Lake, Friant, California. It's big, windy, and close. A hidden gem in the mountains, Kerckhoff Reservoir, is the local 'official jet ski lake' where vintage riders hide, and cool rapids exist. Good times, beautiful views, and rad people.

Instagram is my go-to for everything, but I am truly stoked on Pro Rider Magazine! Having a magazine like Pro Rider show up in the mail is so refreshing! It reminds me of the bmx days. Some say print is dead. I say go get a subscription to Pro Rider, you won't regret it!

These issues have been my link into the jet ski industry, lifestyle, and cool people who make this sport awesome! It's great seeing a sport that's been around for so long with so many friendly faces, I'm excited to be a part of it! Thank you to all my supporters and Pro Rider Magazine for this opportunity. I cannot wait to meet more of you in person. Two words to live by: Shred Life!

Waylon Burrough aka @native\_shred Friant, California

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#### REC RIDING WOMAN TO WATCH: Meet Renee Hill Jet Ski Journeys

Submitted by: Dr. Lorie A. Tuma, Assoc. Professor, Grand Valley State University

Relocating from California to Florida 5 years ago, Renee lives in Citrus County where she can be in several Florida rivers in under 15 minutes. Good or bad weather you'll find Renee geared up and on the water. Last year, she put 160 hours on her 2017 Yamaha VX Deluxe, riding twisty rivers, zooming around downed logs and trees. Renee's goal is to connect with more women riders by planning rides and attending group events throughout the state. She recently started taking her daughter out on the water, passing on the love of the sport to the next generation of women riders. Renee launched a YouTube channel: Jet Ski Journeys with beautiful ride footage and a place for women (and men) to learn about jet skiing, care of their ski, safety, and other topics. See more on IG @jet\_ski\_journeys



\*Keep an eye on this space for more Rec Riding Women to Watch.

#### ABBY WELDON FLEXING HER JET SKI MUSCLES ON THE SILVER BULLET #139

#### Photos: Vicki Baker

Seeing her dad and friends involved in the jet ski community, Abby was motivated to start riding in 2018. Three years later at the age of 12, the youth from Atlanta, Georgia snagged 3rd place in the Junior Class at the 2021 Pro Watercross National and World Championship on her Kawasaki SXR 800 despite a dead start at the band snap that Abby described as "very embarrassing." At the same event, Abby's biggest fan and dad Lamar Waldo Weldon placed third in Vintage 650-750. Abby admires young freestyler Coy Curtis and racer Deven Farthing. Her favorite riding spot is Allatoona Lake, Georgia but she loves to surf ride Florida as well. When asked about plans for 2022, Abby shared, " Me and my dad both plan to race for gold in 2022, obtain as many sponsors as possible, grow the sport and get as many racers on the line as possible." Sponsors: Sid Allen, PWC Doctor, Paul Lehr, Jr.



#### PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Juan Mallen, Hialeah, Florida on winning the Jan-Feb 2022 photo contest! Juan snapped this picture of South Florida Riders Club members Lino, Jorge, Jose, and Cody during an offshore reef ride in Key Largo, Florida. Juan will receive a pair of Wave Runner Aqua Sneakers.



#### COURSE MARSHALL ANDREW SCHAFFER Introduces beginner Racer Series

Course Marshall Drew has developed a Beginner Racer Series on YouTube designed as an orientation that provides new racers with information needed for closed course racing. The series will cover topics such as what kind of craft to operate, required safety equipment, course mechanics, and awareness. Drew shared, "The goal and dream with the production of this series is to create content suitable for all closed course promoters to utilize for their beginner racers. In a world

where recreational PWC riding has seen a drastic boom, many have little to no knowledge of PWC safety and awareness on the water. The purpose of the channel is to spread worldwide knowledge about proper etiquette in regard to safety and awareness."



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#### Young Rider Sadie Mir Taking Race Scene By Storm

#### Photos: Kenny Wong

From Lake Mills, Wisconsin, Sadie Mir, 15, races a Kawasaki SXR 1500. Her first ever race was last year through Great Lakes Watercross, where she ended up taking home a first for the overall season in Women's Ski Open. Great Lakes Tour Promoter Jaymi Bohat shared "Sadie's such a great kid and is so deserving. We awarded her the most improved award." Sadie also raced the Pro Watercross National tour and took home a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. "I was very lucky to attend World Finals in Lake Havasu in 2021. You can check my jet ski highlights on my Instagram (@sadie\_72) to see my progress in other races. I'm a straight A student and take pride in my work. My stepdad, Rob Brummond, has been racing for 10+ years and

has won numerous championships! I've been practicing with big-name jet skiers that have helped me become the best I can be." Rob shared, "I came out of retirement 2 years ago. Sadie fell in love with the sport while watching me race. She picked up on it so fast she ended up on an SXR1500 her first year racing. Every race she got faster and faster. We can't wait to watch her race this year, her mom and I are so proud of her." Sponsors: Blowsion, Pro Watercraft, Elusive Eyewear, Pro Rider, Saints of Speed, Impros, Jettrim, Freestyle Factory, Oktane Visual.



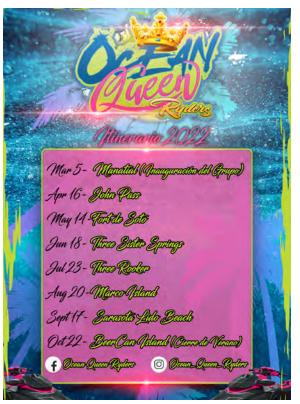


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#### OCEAN QUEEN RYDERS ANNOUNCE 2022 SCHEDULE

Originally from Puerto Rico, and riding since 2010, Ericka Ellin of Tampa, Florida created Ocean Queen Ryders "to motivate females to show the world we have it in us to be in a unique jet ski group. I want to show the world there are no barriers that can deter us women."



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Pictures of the motors apart:

This race is the final round for the Triple Crown Championship. Racers start in Europe for round one; round two is World Finals in Lake Havasu, third stop is Thailand. Winning their classes from the United States were Tory Snyder in Pro-Am Runabout Stock, Valentina Lezcano in 1100 Runabout Stock, and Troy Snyder Veteran Expert Runabout. Other Triple Crown winners included Mohammed Burbayea from Kuwait, GP Runabout, Quinten Bossche from Belgium, Pro Ski GP, and Johichiroh Katano from Japan, Pro Sport GP. **PR** 

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By: Keith McAfee | Photos: Chattanooga Jet Ski Club

any given Wednesday at 5:30 pm during summer, on a little back bay off the main channel of the Tennessee River, one hears small engines and splashing water. It's the Chattanooga Jet Ski club doing what they love —chasing down buoys as fast as they can, sometimes eloquently but occasionally, not so much. What brings these riders out? Stories vary--a few to blow off steam from work, some for race practice, and others to spend time with their kids.

A long-time racer and club member describes jet skiing as "all about fun," and he lives it every week with his son. There are several parent and child teams. Almost 25% of the club is made up of young riders, many eager to become racers.

#### SATURDAY RIDE DATES

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What makes the club so incredible is there are many veteran racers in the group, and all of them feel it is their duty and privilege to share what they've learned with the young guns. Youngsters get the benefit from others' years of experience, newbies (no matter how old!) also get to learn. There are no egos on ride days.

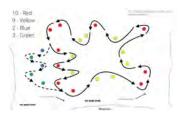
That's the beauty of ride days: the club specifically states NO racing during ride events. The purpose of ride days is to tune skis, practice rounding buoys, but most of all, have fun, hang out and enjoy each other, allowing everyone from novice to grandmaster to ride, compare tips and strategies and lend a hand helping tune skis. The range of skis, from Kawasaki 300 to Sea-Doo XP to new Yamaha SuperJets and SXR 1500s, ensures someone can help you with whatever you need.

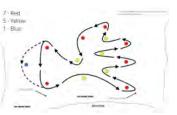
How did this come about? In 2019, club founders, Dustin Higdon and myself applied for and received a permit from the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency to set up a PWC course throughout the summer. The first season was more impromptu; folks would call and ask to ride. The club has come far since then: now there is a set ride every Wednesday and select Saturdays.

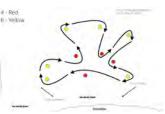
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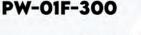


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Story and photos: Manuel Valdes

lorida riders welcomed the new year doing what they do best. Performance shops from Orlando to Miami gathered to share the excitement we all crave - Drag Racing! The event was organized by aka EL MINI a K-Performance Racing Team Member along with O Performance, CP Racing, Pupo Racing, CRT Racing, Micha Performance, JL Performance, JV Performance, Orange Boost Performance, Cuco Performance, Brian Built, AAA Jetski Racing, SCRC-Tech, Jetski Palm Beach, Laguna Negra Racing Team, JetLife Graphics, and Fizzle Intercoolers along with friends and families. Osmel on his GP1800 Supercharger owned by Powder Stop quickly called out El Mini, a rematch many were

anxious to see., They waited for the water to flatten to get the most out of these machines. Osmel on the inside lane, Kelvin (El MINI's driver) on the outside lane they began to roll at 30 mph. Osmel took the lead by a ski, winning once again. To keep people motivated Magdiel, Jorgito, Carlos, Alexis, YoYo, David, got on their PWCs and raced among them, winning, or losing, all about having fun and bragging rights. Speeds ranged from 80-115mph. If you crave the need for speed, come and hang with us, it's all about having fun with people who share the love for the PWC community. Huge thanks to the guys at K-Performance for keeping El Mini Jetski running great and Kelvin for the awesome driving skills. Hope to see all the performance teams come together for future events like this one.

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**PRO RIDER:** Please tell us about yourself and what motivated you to establish PowerNuts.

**CHARLES CRARE:** My name is Charles Crane; friends call me "Luke". Born and raised in Dahlonega, Georgia, a very country Appalachian family, my relatives are farmers and ex-moonshiners. I was into motorcycles, heavy equipment, anything with an engine. First time seeing a jetski in person was my high school freshman year . I didn't even know standups existed. I was introduced to the jetski world by a very memorable man/ ex-racer, the late Kris Frost. I had no idea how big an impact these machines would have on my life down the road.

My first experience was on a Kawasaki JS550. I remember how sore I was the following day. The lake life was never something my family had the opportunity to get into, but I was dead set on getting a ski! \$295 and a 45-minute drive I became the proud owner of a 1990 550SX with sweet performance goodies. It needed life breathed back into it, I undertook the task myself. I became addicted. After working a CNC job, I was no stranger to jetski mechanics and decided to make my own custom hardware from titanium and anodize it. In 2021 I made a small company and patented the head nut/bolt design.

#### **PR:** What are you most proud of regarding your business?

**CC:** I'm proud to offer the highest quality hardware in the world for prices average persons can afford, a product that lasts a lifetime, something people are proud to own, something 100 years from now whoever owns the machine will still be able to appreciate.

#### PR: What do you ride?

*LC:* I sold my Superjets but still own a 1990 JS550, SXR800, 1994 Fx-1, SXR1100, and 2018 SXR1500.

#### PR: Any special plans for 2022?

C: Yes, lots in store, more color options, new titanium studs, couplers, and more!





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DESTINATION SENSATION

16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL 2022 TORRENT PUMPS

Freeriders and jet ski teams from near and far arrived for the spectacle that is the Daytona Freeride. They found themselves in a tropical paradise surrounded by surf, sunshine, sand, and the smell of highly tuned success! A sport reputedly battling to stay alive revealed itself as a flourishing market and social scene in Daytona Beach, Florida. Now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year the Daytona Freeride is a world class event. REERID 2022

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Participants were greeted with generous seasonal swell, waves suitable for the most daring. Consistent surf brought out loose limbs, serious sends, and occasional calm moments for less experienced riders. The 2022 Freeride featured the infamous "cherry buster" competition. Winner, Colin Luckenbill, had mechanical issues but undeterred jumped on a different ski and went back at it compoleting his first ever backflip.

Long time attendee and ardent braap enthusiast Joshua Clay Lovejoy took racing to another level when the freerider in him took over. He and his modified Kawasaki X2 found their moment of glory when they launched into a successful backflip during the final lap of the Pro Watercross race. Freeride and jet ski history were made!

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Joined by big names from all over the world attendees found themselves in an international celebration of the freeride scene and culture, the sensational destination, the Daytona Freeride! PR CALEDORR: 2023 DASTONA FREERIDE JANUARY 12-15 COMPARED TO A STREERIDE JANUARY 12-15 COMPARED TO A STREERID TO A STRE





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xhibition closed course racing by Pro Watercross returned to the Daytona Freeride allowing freeriders the thrill of running buoys. Brian Sizemore asked Junior Stars of Florida to put on a short race, JSOF co-owner Doug Underhill didn't skip a beat. "Our mission is to get new people started in racing. This is right in our wheelhouse."

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13 Ski riders and 7 Sport riders lined up for the 2-moto format. Experienced racers and first timers left with smiles and smack talking material. Seasoned racer and host of Cardone's Race Corner Bobby Cardone said, "It's the most fun exhibition race I've ever had. No stress, no drama, just fun!" Long-time freerider and first-time racer Bruce Fisher added, "What a rush. I pegged my fun meter with the race and couple backflips. Definitely one of the best days ever on a ski."

Racers gave the huge crowd a show worth cheering for, busting occasional stunts off waves. JSOF's Bret Underhill shared, "We are honored to be part of bringing racing back PRO WATERCROSS DAYTONA BUOY BASH RACE RESULTS:

4. Brad Adams

5. Torin Gleeson

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1. Ralph McGregor

- 2. Shawn Mayo 3. Bruce Fisher

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- 4. Charlie McGuinn 5. Joshua Lovejoy



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PWC RIDERS

### Story and photos: Marvin Hogan

arvin Hogan, a 52-year-old engineer with 20-year-old daughters from Tacoma, Washington, established the Pacific Northwest (PNW) PWC Riders last year after posting photos jumping ship wake in Puget Sound.

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**MARUM HOGAN:** Local riders started showing interest in riding in the Sound. I had my Sea-Doo Spark Trixx for 2 months, didn't know anyone who rides and was PNW just learning. After a few rides a fire of ambition was ignited. I wanted to ride everything in the PNW, problem was I didn't know anyone with a PWC. I have experience sailing and kayaking in cold water conditions, so I know the risks and importance of riding with skilled properly equipped people. Nine months after starting the group we have 250 members and growing.

**M**: Not surprisingly with the types of rides we do and because of the common interest, we have become good friends that depend on each other for safety and ultimately ride the most exciting waters on the west coast:

- Pacific Ocean (+20' ocean swells jumping)
- · Deception Pass (20 mph rip tips combined with 10' North swells)
- · Ship wake jumping in Elliot Bay Seattle
- Columbia River

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Pacific Northwest lakes

We ride any day in almost any conditions. We prepare, practice, and have the proper gear to maintain safety. Last summer it was 120°F on the Columbia and December 15°F on Puget Sound. We are planning four Pacific Ocean rides and an inside passage ride from Alaska to Seattle.

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**In H**: Best ride was the Pacific Ocean ride out of Westport, WA with 15 riders and family members. This was a bucket-list ride and one that tested skills and nerves. My wife and I went to the coast early to evaluate ocean conditions, wave patterns and safe zones for beaching. It was 38°F north wind 15 mph and 20-30' ocean swells. We got the machines in the water in full gear, communication, rescue lines and safety coordinators on land. Riding out, the elevation gain and descent over the giant winter swells was intimidating but easy to ride for the most part. Waves became steeper further out. A mile off the coast ended up being the sweet spot for riding big Pacific swells. Wave after wave we jumped until our arms were shot. It was a successful ride that most of us can't wait to do again!

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### WESTCOAST SURF RIDERS: BRAVING THE COLD - WORTH IT!

By: Dakota Olson | Photos: Kelli Olson | Aerial photos: Brook Gronemeyer @brook\_rules

he first weekend of the new year started out with sunshine to rival the Oregon coast's best summer days. Though the temperature didn't follow suit, the Westcoast Surf Riding group headed out into the Pacific Ocean with grins and goals to get some good riding in.

Had there been a competition for biggest smile, Brooke Gronemeyer would have been a lead contender for first place. Brooke hadn't been able to ride surf in over two years due to the Canadian borders being closed. He showcased his excitement by flipping and barrel rolling off any and everything until he was too numb to hang on to the ski. Though the full group couldn't be with us because of weather, we still had a good turnout with 15 riders Friday, and 25 riders Saturday from all over Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and even Canada who came down and shared the beach in Pacific City. Our group has a firm commitment to the sport and an even bigger commitment to cultivating a culture that encourages our fellow riders - helping the sport we love continue to grow!



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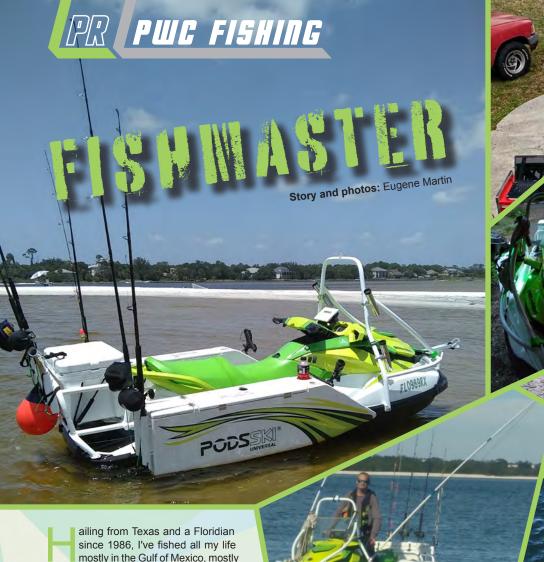
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since 1986, I've fished all my life mostly in the Gulf of Mexico, mostly from land. In 2000 I bought a kayak and fished from it for 15 years. Getting older through those years I wished I had a PWC to do 20-mile runs. In 2019 I bought my first new ski a Sea-Doo GTI130, not fast but dependable and started building it out for fishing. I wanted the Fish Pro, but it was out of my price range.

Wanting something unique, I spent 2 years putting my "Fishmaster" together while fishing for pelagic fish about 2 to 40 miles into the Gulf of Mexico out of Pensacola, Florida, my dream come true. Many asked "why don't you buy a boat?" My response, "I don't want a boat and all the expenses; my ride is cheaper and gas efficient and can outrun most boats." With the PWC I can fish in the spur of the moment.

I started with the 130 for numerous reasons mostly money and features. I've added front and rear racks with rod holders, 7 extra gallons of fuel, 7" Simrad GPS/ fish finder, Yeti 65 cooler, Pod Skis attachments from Australia for storage and live wells; LED navigation lights just in case dark catches me or a possible delay; anchor and rope for bottom fishing, and just added two 15' outriggers to spread baits for trolling.

My advice, if you dream of something you're passionate about don't fear chasing your dreams, they will come true if you're determined.

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I have always had a love for the water and special connection with the ocean. I grew up living at a marina in SW Florida where my family owned and operated a boat and jet ski rental business. As a kid. I watched videos of Herbie Fletcher and Gerry Lopez charging Pipeline and Waimea Bay, Hawaii on 550s in the 80's. At 13 I mowed lawns and helped my dad to earn money. In 1993, I bought a 1987 Kawasaki 550. Videos like Jet Waves and All My Crazy Friends fueled my desire for free riding and surf riding. After graduating college in 2002 I purchased a oneway ticket to Hawaii then shipped my Yamaha SuperJet to Honolulu. Inspired by Fletcher, Lopez, Randy Laine, Scott Watkins, Victor Sheldon, Rick Roy, and Chris MacClugage, I rode surf and big waves in Hawaii for two years and rode and raced over the years. I've always happily worked in the industry and do my best to give back to a sport that has so freely given to me. Today, I'm happily married with a beautiful wife and seven amazing kids.

I wasn't looking for this truck but feel like the truck found me. As a Toyota fan, when I saw the crane system and learned it was originally intended for a standup ski, I had to have it. Being able to own and preserve a rare piece of PWC history is an honor and privilege and the opportunity of a lifetime.

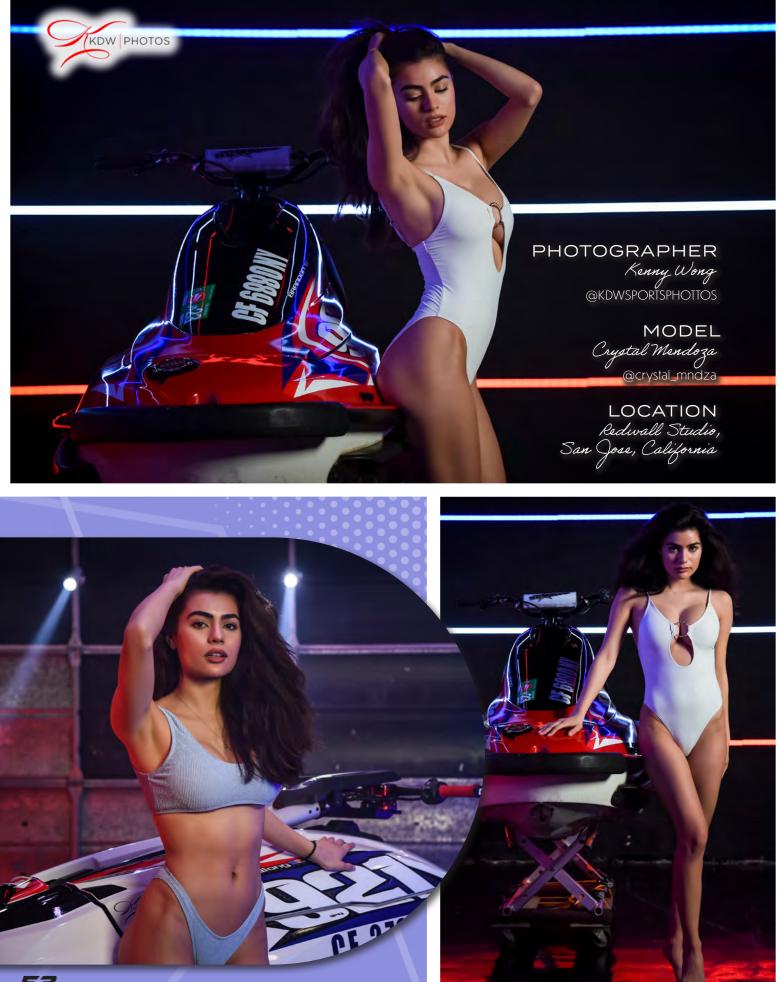
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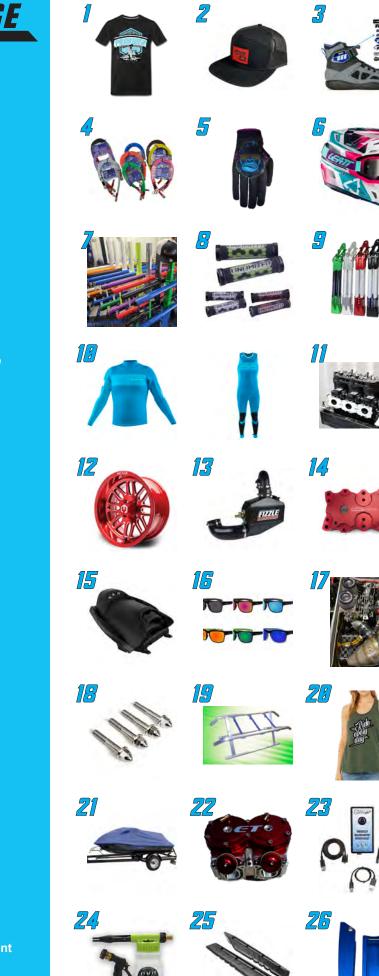


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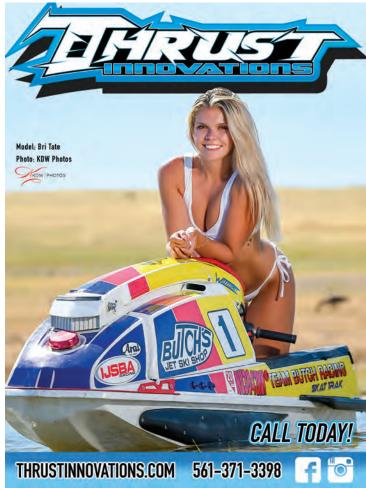


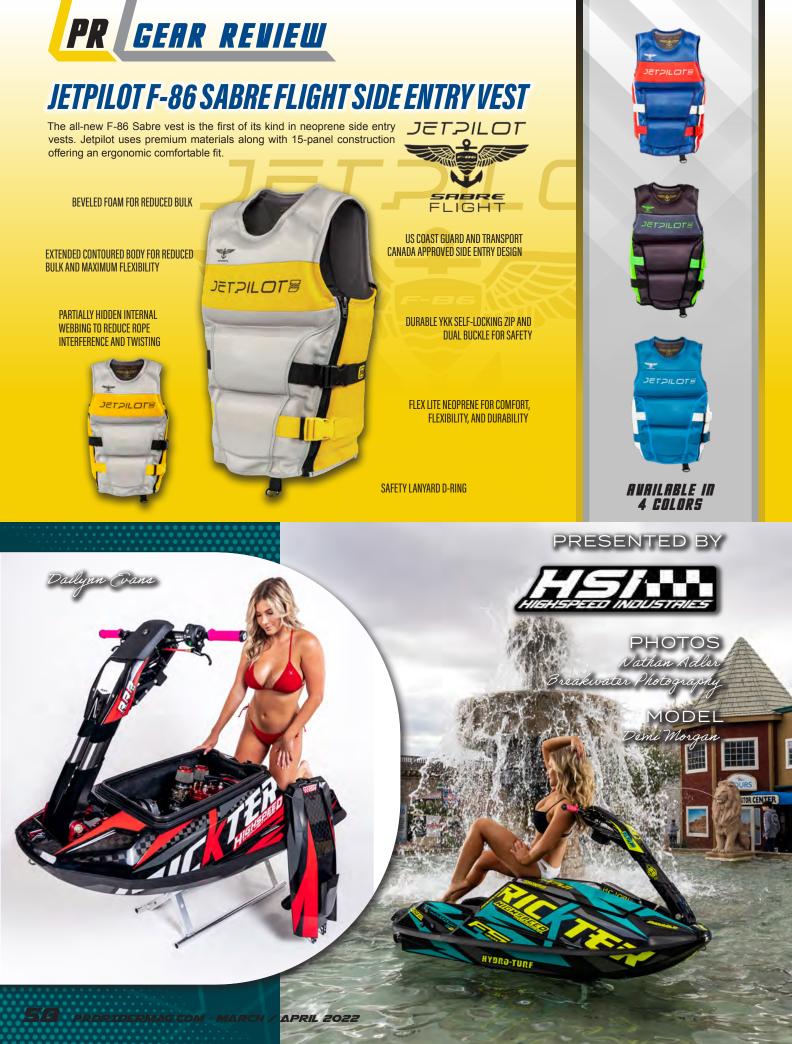




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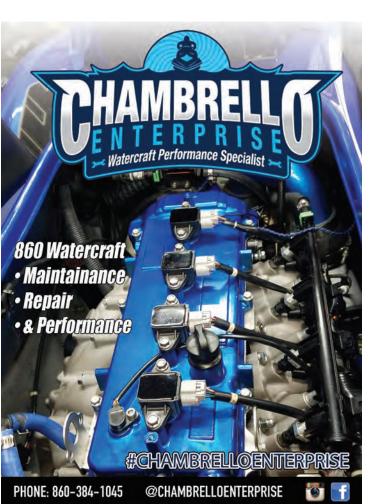
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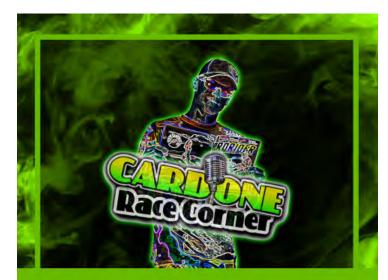












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hen asked by his dad what he wanted to do when he grew up, a young Chris Cialdella replied, "I want to be an inventor and help people." His dad often let him break things on purpose and fix them laying the foundation for Chris to ultimately become an inventor, the inventor of Versiplug. Although he passed before Chris realized his dream, his dad was a strong creative force in his life.

### PRO RIDER: Please tell us a little bit about yourself and your background.

CHRIS CIALDELLA: I started working when I was 14 and wound up working for 5 years in an engine shop doing cool stuff meeting cool people. I bought my first jet ski at age 18, a 1997 Yamaha GP 1200. Once I found the water that was my freedom, that's when I started making friends. Jet ski people are different, and the water is a very accepting place. At 19 I went to work with my dad as a helper in one of his businesses making dryers for printing presses. I got to travel around installing dryers and even helped design some - I made one for the Hershey Chocolate Co.

I rode like a maniac on the Delaware River. After going to the beach riding surf, I never rode anything else, it was heaven. In 2006, I consciously started doing something that brings me joy, the Daytona Freeride. I kept riding waves, the bigger the better. I worked on skis that broke, that's when PWC Doctor started. I couldn't find someone to fix my ski so had to fix it myself. People started bringing their skis for me to work on and started calling me "Doc."

### PR: What motivated you to invent Versiplug?

E: It was 2006. The waves were huge. I kept trying different bilge pumps-jump and sink, jump and sink. I was getting shocked while riding resulting in the creation of the Versiplug. I made the first one out of plastic - it worked! A friend recommended I take it to Havasu where I met with Hot Products. They added it in their catalog in 2007 and have been distributing worldwide ever since.

I met Dave Bamdas at Riva and they started selling my plugs.

### PR: What are you most proud of regarding vour business?

**EE:** I am most proud I have chased what has been calling me and it has led me to be able to help people in ways I never dreamed of.

### **PR:** When did Ty become a part of your family?

**CC:** Ty was 10 weeks old when I got him in 2005. He has been around jet skis all his life.

### PR: Any special plans for 2022?

**CC:** We have new plugs coming out and variations of new products; more travel-l've made myself mobile. Ty and I will be hitting the road soon to travel and visit people who have supported me on this journey. I would like to share more than just a product; I want people to know happiness.

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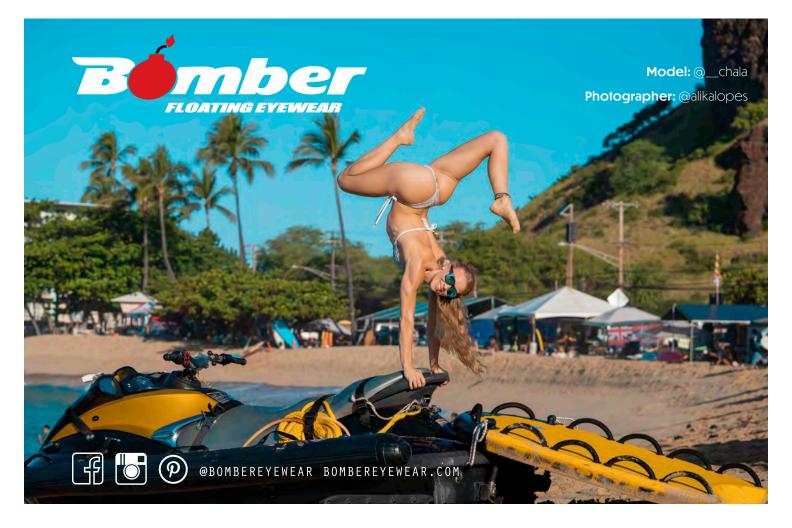
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Q ueensland, Australia saw a strong start to a fresh new, all women's, stock runabout class! 11 racers took to the line in what can only be described as a baptism of fire, with winds whipping up the track, all their training was put to the test!

Through a full enduro and 3 motos, each and every woman's ability shone through the cloudy weather to make a dismal day action packed.

From all walks of life, this group came together, over the same love of jet skis to show the sport is not just for guys - anyone can mix it on the track and have a ton of fun along the way.

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am a 46-year-old Army Veteran and have always loved PWCs and boating . When my wife and I met in 2019 her family owned a PWC which in turn inspired me to purchase my own. While riding on Lake Norman in North Carolina I saw PWC riders riding solo which motivated me to start a riding group for LKN to get people together, the LKN Jet Ski Club. Nicknamed North Carolina's "Inland Sea," Lake Norman has 520 miles of shoreline and a surface area of more than 32 thousand acres. As of now we have 540 members. We have group rides almost every weekend on Lake Norman, some ride through the week. Everyone always has somebody to ride with and never has to ride alone which was my goal. We have in my eyes a legend in the PWC world, Brian Baldwin, who owns Champion Powersports in our group and up and coming P1 star Graham Hunt in our group. In 2020 we had a local teen from Mooresville, NC scammed online trying to purchase skis and he unfortunately lost his money on the deal. Our group got together and had a ski donated, worked on it, got it running and gifted it to him. My advice for new PWC owners is never ride alone. Look for groups in your area. Everyone is always welcome to join us! For 2022 we are planning some mountain lake rides, a Cape Fear River ride and will be following the Pro Watercross Tour at some of their race venues. We will also be conducting a cancer fundraiser and a ski raffle. PR



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**2022** watercraft have begun to hit showroom floors and consumers. New watercraft come with new questions and procedures to follow; most answers can be found in your owner's manual. The most controversial topic pertaining to new watercraft is undoubtedly the break-in period. Engine builders, long time enthusiasts, new buyers, and everyone in between has an opinion on proper engine break in with no clear answer as to what is right. The best way to break in a new PWC is to follow the procedure specified in your owner's manual.

> During the break in process, countless numbers of parts are moving for the first time and meshing. Some watercraft are computer limited for an 'x' number of hours to ensure engines are broken-in properly. You can override the computer limitation through aftermarket tuning, but that's not recommended. Computer limitations were purposely set by engineers that designed these engines and know what they're doing. For example, Sea-Doo has plasma coated

cylinder bores and require a longer break in time than Yamaha and Kawasaki.

The plasma coated cylinder bores on Sea-Doo watercraft is an extremely hard surface equating for a longer time for the piston rings to seat properly to the cylinders. This plasma coating is far different from iron sleeved engines that are more commonly found on other engines therefore requiring a different break-in process. Completely bypassing engine break in or improper care of your Sea-Doo can damage the coating or not allow for properly seated rings causing excess blow-by (air and fuel slipping past the piston rings on the compression stroke). When blow-by occurs, a significant decrease in engine performance and fuel economy is expected. While immediate damage is highly unlikely, long-term durability is sacrificed when the break-in period is bypassed. In short, to avoid blow-by, or any other damage, take time to properly break in your Sea-Doo engine.

Sea-Doo recommends a 10-hour breakin period while varying engine RPM and never hold the RPM at a steady range for an extended period. It is 10 hours, you want to get out and ride your new watercraft anyways, so please take the time and follow the recommended procedure. After that break-in period, head on over to greenhulk. net. We've got most RIVA Racing, all FIZZLE Intercoolers, and all WORX products available at a 10% discount when you use coupon code 'greenhulk'.











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# MORE TRIED AND TRUE IN 2022: CHINUPS!

FITNESS TIP

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Physiologically, muscle cannot grow until you damage it first, hence, the pain you feel 24-48 hours after workouts. Dissipating of pain in subsequent days is from the body healing and growing. Growing is in response to the stress from exercise and preparation for future stress (workouts). This is how we get bigger, faster, stronger, and able to endure longer under stress. For those who like exercise, pain is always welcome. Regardless, pain will subside with continued exercise, and you will grow!

Keeping with the 2022 theme we'll focus on an age-old exercise we all grew up with like the last issue where we covered push-ups.

# WIDE GRIP OVERHAND PULL-UPS

BASICS: The Wide Grip Overhand Pull-Up (chin up) is one of the most basic exercises. It's strengthening characteristics are applicable to most activities and especially to PWC riding/racing. You don't need any special equipment; just a bar, found on any playground, fitness center or at your home.

Simply grip a bar with your hands facing away from the body. Beginners start with hands wider than shoulder width; advanced individuals can vary width. The exercise has three parts. First, start by hanging from the bar with arms straight (Photo 1). Second, begin by pulling yourself upward (Photo 2). Third, continue to pull yourself up until your chin reaches and crosses the bar (Photo 3). If unable to pull yourself up completely, pull up as far as you can and repeat. Another option is to bend the knees to 90 degrees and have a partner cup their hands under your ankles. The exerciser can use their legs to push while they pull with their arms (Photo 4). Individuals of most any strength are typically able to perform pull-ups with an assistant. With time, less assistance is needed. This isn't just an exercise for men, women are just as capable of performing pull-ups.

LOOKING FOR MOTIVATION OR GREATER CHALLENGES? TAKE A MINUTE AND WATCH JAN KARES PERFORM WORLD REGORD OVERHAND PULL-UPS OR TWO US MARINES Demonstrate Pull-up Workouts.

> https://www.youtube.com/watch?w=rdaazbikeku HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?N=K5085J-1LAI

EXERCISE RELEVANCE TO PWC: Mimics holding the handlebars for both standup and sitdown riding. All pulling actions require the back, rear shoulders (delts), biceps and grip.

PRESCRIPTION: Exceptional back, rear shoulders, biceps and grip exercise

DAYS OF THE WEEK:	2 – 3 days of the week
BEGINNERS:	2 – 3 sets of 5 – 10 repetitions (you may need assistance when starting)
INTERMEDIATE:	3 – 4 sets of 8 – 10 repetitions (assistance as needed)
ADVANCED:	4 – 6 sets of 6 – 8 repetitions (weighted and/or spotter for assistance)

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# WARREN BURKE

Photos: 10 MM Photo

AGE: 9

HOMETOWN: Hilton, New York SKI: 1992 Super Chicken, X-2

**RIDING:** Race, recreation, hope to do freestyle someday

RACE #: 11

- **LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS:** First race with East Coast Watercross Biggie Smalls Class in 2021; completed 8k Turkey Trot in Buffalo; advanced to next class gymnastics.
- **MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER:** Racing in huge waves at Sylvan Beach made me feel like I was flying on the chicken.

FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION: Sandy Pond, New York SPONSORS: 10mmphoto, Jetskiobsession, MSH Custom Fabrications, Mom and Dad

# **BRANDON WONG**

Photos: KDW Photos

AGE: 11

HOMETOWN: San Jose, California

SKI: 2021 Yamaha Super Jet

**RIDING:** Race and Recreation

RACE #: 921

**LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS:** Moved from a sitdown to a standup. I have a hobby involving trains and started a YouTube channel BDW Trains.

**MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER:** Going 60 mph on a sitdown; riding my Superjet late in the day into the sunset.

FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION: Camp Far West, Northern California closed course racing buoys.

**SPONSORS:** My dad is my encouragement. He makes sure I have the right equipment and am safe. I hope to obtain sponsorships to reach my racing goals.

# **MADISON ELDERS**

Photos: Vicki Baker

**AGE:** 14

HOMETOWN: Spring Grove, Illinois

SKI: 2014 Sea-Doo Spark

**RIDING:** Race

**RACE #:** 106

**LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS:** I won a world Championship for Pro Watercross in Naples and at Great Lakes Watercross. I won the championships for the last round and won a tournament in volleyball for Wisconsin Juniors.

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER: When I was racing my cousins and we collided on the water my ski was totaled, and I was unable to finish my race.

FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION: My lake house on the Fox Lake Chain.

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