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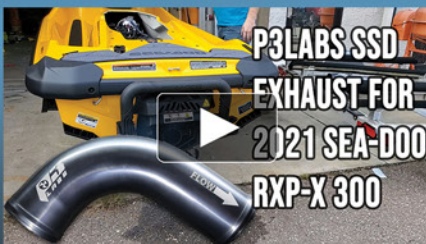


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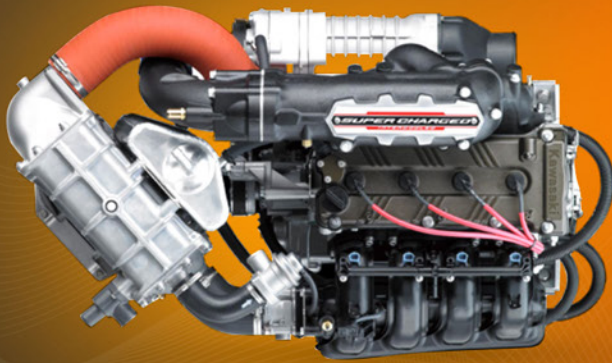
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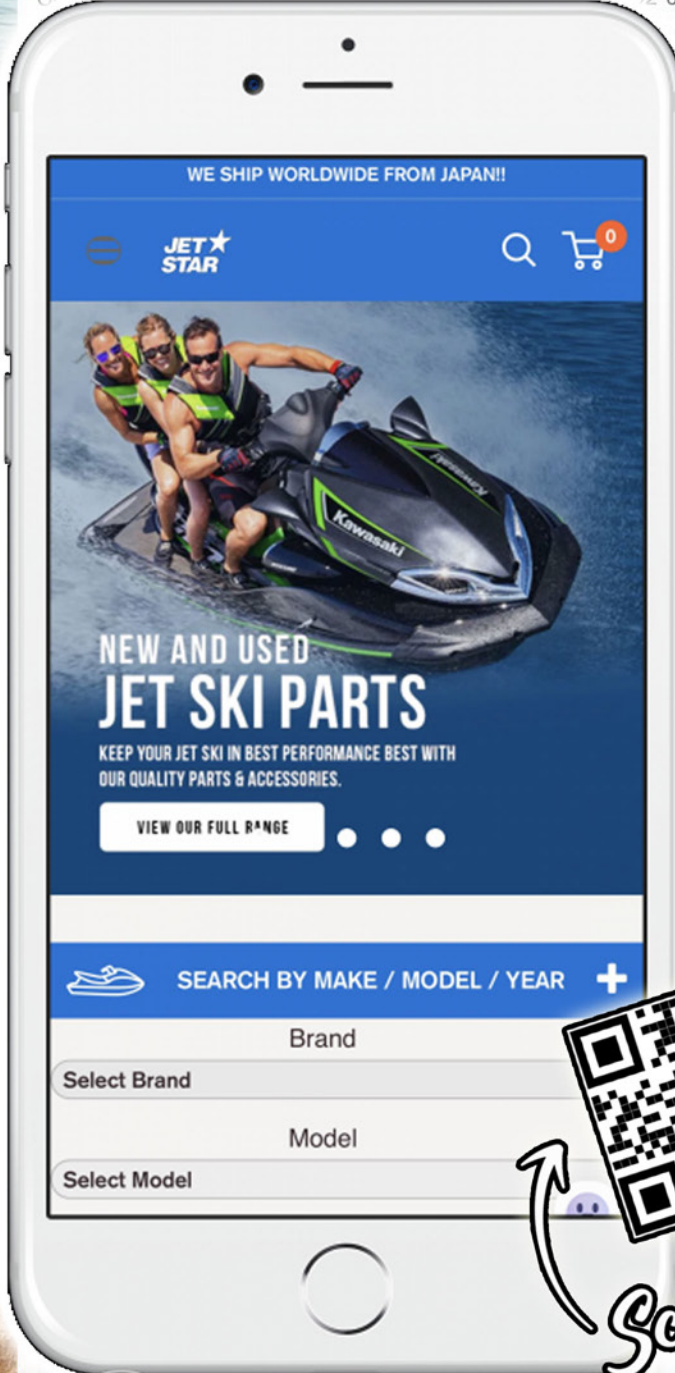
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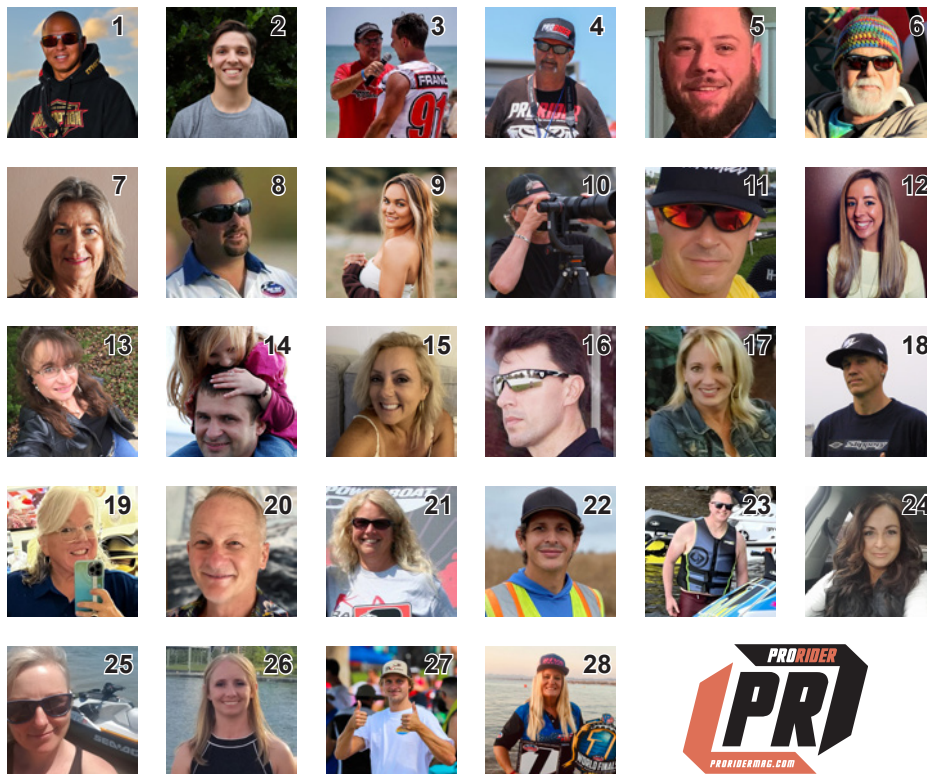
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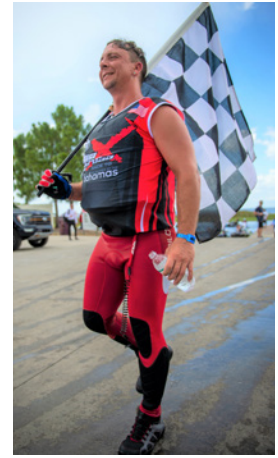
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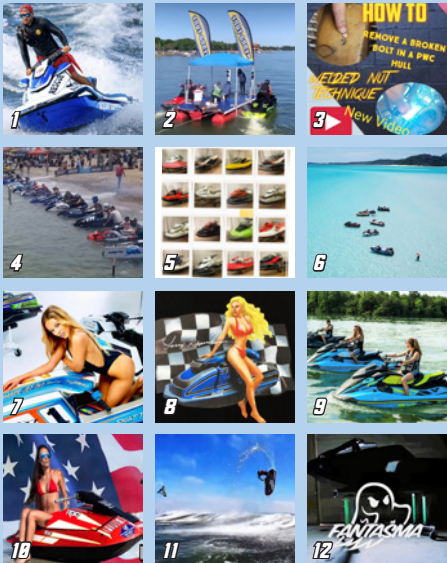
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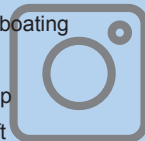
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Welcome to the 2022 July/August 67th print and digital issue of Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine.

We join the PWC community in remembering our friend and racer Eric Francis. It is an honor to have known and shared many special experiences with Eric. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends. I will always value and appreciate the great times we had together and his contributions to the jet ski industry.

Working and collaborating with industry leaders, racing and rec ride promoters, brilliant photographers, and talented authors, this issue brings an action-packed lineup from across the country and around the world. We thank our amazing advertisers, many of whom have been with the magazine since its inception in 2011; we encourage everyone to shop, like, tag, share and support all advertisers!

Features include season openers for numerous race tours, stunning scenery from recreational rides, build projects, safety and PWC rental tips, PWC fishing, Tech, Future Threats, Photo Contest Gear Giveaway and more. Don't miss this issue's Fitness Feature as we welcome Typhoon Tommy Nuttall to the writing staff and be sure to check out the new Pets -n- PWCs page.

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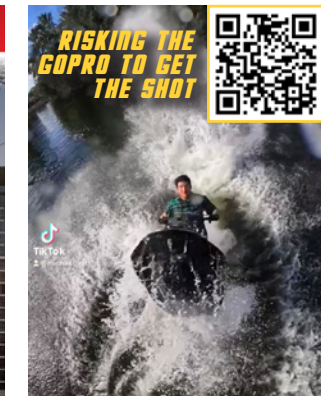
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Michael Ratti and the Pro Rider Team

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1: Chillin' on the Rickter at Thunder Lake | 2: Just your friendly neighborhood Spider-Rat! **Photo:** Ryan Graham | 3: One of my favorite memories with Eric, shooting photos & partying in Orlando with DG Exposure | 4: Ben Cherry & Michael Ratti filming for new Salty Captain "Treasure Chest" catch bag, available in 3 sizes in US use code **PRORIDER15** to order sallycaptain.co **Photo:** Rome Coates | 5: Pro Rider Toddler Division Aaliyah Rain Ratti @photos_byrhi | 6: Cast of Thunder Lake Stunt Show | 7: On set at Blokesworld TV Show | 8: Tech Advisor Peter Ratti



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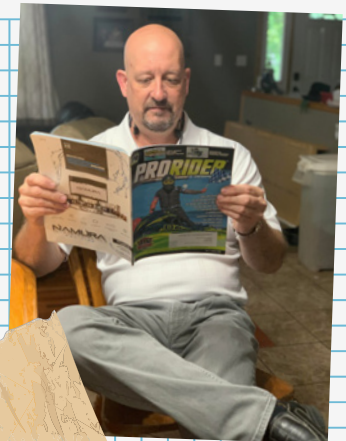
Our family is new to the sport, we just started racing with Great Lakes Watercross in 2020. My husband Brian raced in the 90's so he introduced me and my kids to jet skis when we met in 2010. One of the fun things for our family has been your magazine. Being able to see the other region racers and hear their stories has been something to look forward to as well as follow racers that are well known.

In 2019 Brian took my youngest son and his older brother to an event in Wisconsin sponsored by Great Lakes Watercross. Both boys fell in love with the idea of racing, and we purchased two Kawasaki 1500 SXR's. We decided to make this a family event and came up with a name for our team. Since we are based out of Iowa and the lakes here are predominantly muddy water, we named our race team 'DirtWater Racing'. In 2020 Brian and my boys participated in the last 3 races of the season, I was only able to join them for the last one, I was hooked! We planned our 2021 work schedules around the Great Lakes Watercross tour and attended every race that year. What a great season, both boys were very competitive with other racers as well as each other. They finished the season in the number one and 2 spots for Expert Ski Stock. My third son and I also decided to jump into racing mid-season. I finished in the number 2 spot for women's open.

Our highlight of the year was attending World Finals in Lake Havasu Arizona. My youngest son was the only one to participate as my older boys could not get the time off work, he placed 7th and 13th in Junior (13-15) and Novice Ski Stock.

The one constant throughout our racing experience has been the fun of having Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine! We love seeing fellow racers featured and all the excitement with sponsors and events.

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TYLER WARD: YOUNG GUN EXCELLING QUICKLY

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Tyler Ward, Lake Havasu City, received a jet ski for his 14th birthday. Prior to that he'd only ridden friends' skis a couple times. Two weeks later, #38 competed in his first race. Mom Tricia shared, "Tyler is a born competitor. He raced BMX at 6 and quickly graduated to racing motocross. It wasn't a difficult decision to race once he received his first ski. He has natural ability and willingness to learn. Christophe Girello GoFast US is a wonderful mentor for Tyler as well as his dad and fellow racers." Now 15, Tyler had great success this year making the top of several podiums. He hopes to continue to grow as a rider and break into different classes. Sponsors: GoFast US, Blowsion, Jettrim, Arma Sport, and ODI Grips. Look for Tyler at the 2022 World Finals!



WELCOME 'TYPHOON' TOMMY NUTTALL NEW PRO RIDER FITNESS FEATURE AUTHOR

Pro Rider is proud to announce the addition of 'Typhoon' Tommy Nuttall as Fitness Feature writer! Tommy is a well-known jet ski stunt performer and long-time athletic coach who spent 34 years as a wrestling, track and field, soccer, and cross-country coach. He worked at Sea World Florida for 7 years and competed Pro Freestyle at World Finals 3 times on a stand-up, X-2, and Sea-Doo XP - ski, sport, and runabout. He's raced all types of watercraft and performed and produced hundreds of shows. Shared Tommy, "I became involved in jet skiing in 1989 because I was into water skiing. Jet skiing gave me the freedom to ride without needing a boat and driver. I attended my first freestyle competition in 1991 on a 650 SX and did terribly bad. I tried again a month later and was flawless to a 1st place. I started full-time as a yoga teacher/fitness coach six years ago. Fitness is my passion and has always been in my life."



THRUSTONE BIKINI CUP CONTEST WINNER

Thrustone

Brian Vergin of Thrustone making space in his shop for the 2022 Pro Rider Bikini Cup plaque, congratulations!



PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Chelsea-Lynn Wright, Oroville, California on winning the May-June 2022 photo contest! These pictures of 5-year-old Karter Wright with his dad Matt Wright were taken at Camp Far West, Wheatland, CA. Shared Chelsea-Lynn,



"We were practicing for the races. Karter loves anything that has a motor and makes big noise. He got on the ski a bit scared but came back smiling after he stood up with dad on the ski." Chelsea will receive a Jettribe Lanyard Gift Pack.

CHEW THE FAT WITH JET SKI REPUBLIC

Bruce Foster, from Scotland, emigrated to Brisbane, Australia in 2008. Jetskis didn't cross his mind until 2012, when a friend introduced him to the sport. He purchased his first ski in 2013, which he still rides, a Kawasaki 300LX Ultra Supercharged. Shared Bruce, "I enjoy the freedom a jetski gives you to ride waterways and go to locations I otherwise would never have gone to."



Bruce hosts a show on YouTube and Facebook, Jetski Republic, to promote the ski community in a positive light and bring people together across the world. "It was something I enjoyed doing in my spare time and has grown to where we are today. I recently put out our first livestream event of the Queensland PWC Championship. While

livestreams require significant hardware investment, it's an area I'd like to see Jetski Republic heading towards while continuing our weekly Facebook podcast, positively promoting the sport across social media platforms, and growing our merchandise side of things. Each guest brings a unique point of view demonstrating how diverse the community is and that there's something for everyone. Podcasts enable guests to share experience and knowledge to a wide audience."



JET RIDER NATION LADIES

By: Lorie Tuma, Assoc. Professor Grand Valley State University

Many women riders are members of riding communities predominantly populated by men. Jet Rider Nation recognized this and created a place for women where they can ask detailed questions, gain clarification on equipment and modifications, and make new friends. Goals for JRN Ladies are to connect, learn, and ride. JRN wants to bring women together nationwide, encourage meaningful relationships, learn more about the PWC industry, and gain confidence by providing opportunities to correspond with each other in an online forum and gain experience riding while exploring rivers, lakes, and oceans. Turnout on summer rides has been optimistic and we anticipate fall rides will be equally exciting and successful!



ESKI TO BE TESTED AT 2023 MIAMI BOAT SHOW

Submitted by: eSki

Jack Duffy-Protentis, founder and CEO of eSki, grew up in New England close to the water where he fostered a love of recreational watersports. From a young age, he had a fascination with engineering and combined these passions to create eSki. Jack was diagnosed with Stargardt disease in 2006, a rare genetic condition affecting the eyes, causing a buildup of fatty material on the macula, resulting in majority blindness in the center of the eye. Despite the immense challenges caused by Jack's disability, he never let it get in the way of achieving his goals. In 2021, he received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute.



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The 2022 P1 AquaX CIWA National tour kicked off at South Sound Grand Cayman Island. CIWA, in its 12th year as an IJSBA affiliate, will serve as a feeder series for the P1 AquaX "Race to the Bahamas" World Endurance Championships. AquaX will invite racers from Amateur and Pro Classes to compete in the prestigious event.

Mother Nature greeted with overcast skies, which didn't dampen spirits of 20 racers eagerly anticipating the season. The race featured 4 classes, 3 motos each: Beginner, Novice, Amateur, and Pro on a much larger course than usual. It was refreshing to see many new CIWA officials, racers, and fans as far as the eye could see!

James "Bond" Munroe, who began racing in 2021, led every lap of the Beginner Class. He has a great future in racing with his natural flow riding style, netting him the top podium spot. Novice Class was tight. Josh Watler, on a Yamaha, emerged the victor past Kawasaki pilot, Aaron Miller, who led most of the race and was passed the last lap, while Leroy Whittaker watched from the beach repairing a clutch. Whittaker returned and won the last 2 motos, but Miller was consistent placing 2-2-2 giving him the overall ahead of Whittaker; Brandon Elliot ended in 3rd. Amateur Class boasted lots of talent including Chris Bodden, sponsored by Wes-Tec, he grabbed the holeshot and never looked back, going wire to wire for the win. Cline Glidden, who injured his ankle earlier, raced through pain and continued his dominance to get the top spot for his



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sponsor, Tony's Toys. Dylan McLaughlin took 3 consecutive 2nd places, taking 2nd overall and Chris Bodden aka "the hardest working man in show business" filled the podium.

Pro Class was fast and furious! Former Amateur Champion, Mathew Panton grabbed the holeshot, followed by JJ McLean and a heated battle between teammates Gary GJ Whittaker and Seth Watler from the Nuttin' to Lose Racing Team. On the third lap, Whittaker and Watler got together and unfortunately, both went for an unscheduled swim. They were fine, but Whittaker couldn't continue due to a broken seat latch, Panton won and rode flawlessly taking home the largest cash prize and bragging rights. JJ McLean, former IJSBA Expert World Champion took 2nd and Pro Rookie, Thase Watler, found himself on the podium in his first race after moving up the ranks!

The total cash purse was nearly \$5K USD!

Special thanks to P1 AquaX, DJ Fross and his new minion DJ Denziel for creating awesome vibes! Thanks to Cayman Islands Fire and Police Depts., the Locale, and all vendors, co-sponsors, families, race fans, and my island guides, Vaine and Glen (next time catch me before I fall) and sponsors Car City, Health City, Pepsi, Burger Shack, Paragon Builders, The Bird, Verdant Isle Farms, Automotive Art, Fast Signs, JNM Equipment, and National Logistics.

For those that have never raced in the Cayman Islands, you don't know what you are missing! **PR**

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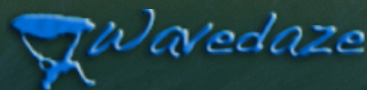
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RIDERS FILL DUNEDIN CAUSEWAY at Annual Dunedin Excursion

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Florida Ski Riders 2022 Dunedin Excursion was much anticipated as we made it through the pandemic and riders from all over the U.S and beyond looked forward to the Annual Summer Dunedin Excursion! We started with a grill and chill day at Dunedin Causeway where riders connected with each other, relaxed, ate and rode the area at their own pace. We then moved into the Saturday night meet and greet at Eddie's where 50 riders attended and shared stories.

Early Sunday as the sun rose over 400 riders filled up Dunedin Causeway (aka Florida Ski Riders HQ) with riders launching from Seminole Boat Ramp, Belleair Boat Ramp, and several other local and private boat ramps. The morning filled with positive vibes and riders meeting each other from as far away as PA, GA, TX, AL, NY, NC, SC and of course all over Florida. After launching we rode out to the Gulf of Mexico up to the beautiful Anclote North Sandbar for relaxation and snorkeling. Next, on to Three Rooker Island and a final stop at Caladesi Island. Many riders made an optional fourth stop to Shepherds Beach Resort for great food and music. Big thank you to KnowWake, Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine, Aziz Cycle, Riva Racing, Fizzle, Sea-Doo, Boosting Performance and GoPro for always supporting our events and the rec rider community. Watch the awesome Dunedin Excursion recap video produced by Ricci Ocampos on our YouTube channel @FLSkiRiders. **PR**





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4,530 miles of coastline border the Great Lakes and there are 35,000 islands in the Great Lakes, so much to see and explore! To do this you need positive, fun people who love the water and are willing to take on the challenge of exploring the beauty of these fresh waters.

Members of the Great Lakes Ski Riders community have been exploring these lakes and rivers for decades, their enthusiasm for sharing experiences with others is clear. Organized group rides take place throughout Michigan and Ohio. "Our back yard is the Great Lakes," says Joe Cornett one of the founders, "but we have connected with groups all over the US." This year they ride in North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Florida. "When you go with us and do what we do, it'll change you," says Al Pacheco co-founder of the group.

Group Admin, Robert Chad Gilling known on Instagram as @Sea_dog_Adventures rides all over the Great Lakes and the US with his Goldendoodle Max. "We have all walks of life riding with us, all ages, shapes, and sizes. Our oldest rider is 88," shared Cornett. "30% of our members are women, and two key admins are women, Kristin Trumble and my rock, Gabrielle Taube. The Great Lakes Ski Riders is what it is today because of her help."

The group has scheduled rides once a month, and members are encouraged to post pop-up rides for their own areas anytime.

"If you ever want to come to Michigan and ride the Great Lakes, connect with us on Facebook," said Pacheco. "You'll be welcomed with open arms." Members are scattered around the Great Lakes region, throughout the US and in 70 countries. "You'll never need to ride alone." says Cornett. "It's not about jetskis, it's about people. We've made friends all over the world, doing what we love, and they're like family now."

If you like 82° and sunny, and like positive people, love to laugh and have the best time ever, join us! We get one round on this planet, let's do it on jetskis and live life like someone left the gate wide open. Come ride with us! **PR**

Connect with the Great Lakes Ski Riders at www.GreatLakesSkiRiders.com and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/greatlakesskiriders> and Instagram @greatlakesskiriders.



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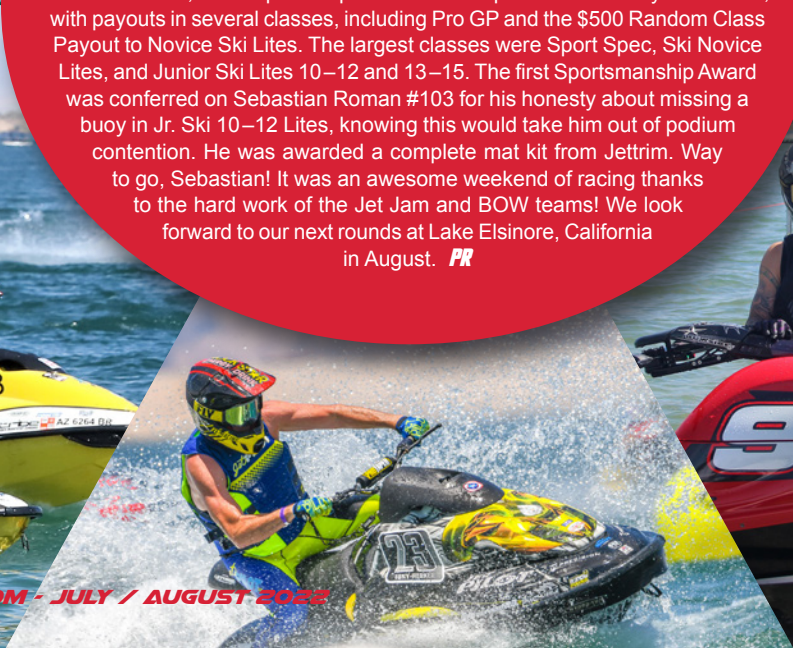
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Over 120 racers converged on Lake Havasu "Where World Champions Are Made" to 'Race for a Cure.' Temperatures over 100° didn't keep west coast racers from battling each other on the shores of Crazy Horse Campground for the Jet Jam Hot Products & Anderson Powersports Best of the West Series 2022 Race for a Cure. Jet Jam Racing donated \$1,200 to the Cancer Association of Havasu, thrilling racers, their families, resident photographer Rick Powell, and an employee at Crazy Horse who are cancer survivors or still battling cancer. With 40 motos, racers put on quite a show despite the hot windy conditions, with payouts in several classes, including Pro GP and the \$500 Random Class Payout to Novice Ski Lites. The largest classes were Sport Spec, Ski Novice Lites, and Junior Ski Lites 10-12 and 13-15. The first Sportsmanship Award was conferred on Sebastian Roman #103 for his honesty about missing a buoy in Jr. Ski 10-12 Lites, knowing this would take him out of podium contention. He was awarded a complete mat kit from Jettrim. Way to go, Sebastian! It was an awesome weekend of racing thanks to the hard work of the Jet Jam and BOW teams! We look forward to our next rounds at Lake Elsinore, California in August. **PR**



BEST OF THE WEST RACE FOR A CURE

By: Renee Hill-Pro Racer #22 | Photos: Ken Gallagher; Rain Porter; Geneva Gallagher





FROM IDENTICAL TO FRATERNAL

— 1995 YAMAHA WAVERUNNER TWINS —

Chris Cope, 41 from Minneapolis has been a mechanic for 21 years. Starting as an automotive mechanic he transitioned into a heavy diesel bus mechanic. In his spare time, he enjoys customizing cars and motorcycles. He never touched a jet ski until 2020 when relatives purchased a lake home. Shared Chris, "I noticed jet skis on the lake, it looked like a blast. I quickly found I was drawn to, 1990's 2 stroke machines vs the giant modern machines we see today. Not only are they easier to work on and less expensive to repair but they are a lot of fun. I was lucky to find two for sale."

The skis, identical 1995 Yamaha WaveRunner III's with 650cc engines, were bought as one-owner skis, low hours, well cared for, stored indoors in winter. Chris wasn't going to restore them. He planned to ride and enjoy them for what they were and used them completely stock that first season.

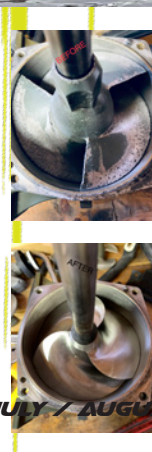
"I became a regular in Facebook groups focused on 1990's skis and was in awe of cosmetic and performance modifications I saw. I caught the 'project bug' with a goal to have the nicest 27-year-old machines on the lake."



PROJECT #1: Black and white ski. All purple bumpers and trim pieces changed to black. Decals stripped off, parts of the hull repainted; the entire ski was wrapped in a vinyl decal kit from Wholesale Decals; traction mats and seat cover Blacktip Jetsports. The drivetrain was upgraded with an extremely rare Coffman's sizzler exhaust with water bypass and an Impros Hooker 9/15 impeller. The carburetor was re-jetted to maximize performance with the upgraded exhaust. Installed a Yamaha extended ride plate originally offered in their accessory catalog when the machines were new.



PROJECT #2: Retro inspired. Purple bumpers and trim changed to black. Minor hull damage repaired with body filler. Upper half of hull sanded down and painted gloss white before installation of vinyl decal kit from AMR Racing Graphics. Vinyl decal kits look like a paint job to the untrained eye, but if anything gets scuffed up it's easy to repair. The same can't be said for expensive custom paint jobs. Traction mats and seat upholstery are from Hydro-Turf. Ski is fitted with a Solas 14/17 impeller and the same Yamaha extended ride plate as the other ski; upgraded handlebar grips and throttle levers.



When asked what the most challenging part of the projects was, Chris said, "Finding parts. I spent a lot of time searching eBay and jet ski salvage websites. Each project took 3 months. It was a process waiting for Minnesota's weather to cooperate for things like painting taking temperature and humidity into account. My fiancé, Liz helped. She enjoyed using the eraser wheel on the drill to remove decals and was a big help placing the new vinyl and helping with upholstery. She has an eye for detail like painting the gas caps. It was a fun thing to work on together. It was incredibly satisfying to see it all come together in the end." PR



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Story and photos: Kasey Perella

Coastal North Carolina, near the Intracoastal Waterway, with hundreds of miles of great open waterways is perfect for PWC adventure riding, offshore/inshore fishing, sandbar hopping and exploring! I started Sneads Ferry NC PWC Friends 2 years ago to generate networking and social interaction with fellow PWC riders. My 2019 Sea-Doo FishPro is a great comfort in its stability; the GPS and depth gauge ensure I don't get lost or stranded. Riding an average of 100 to 140 miles in a day, I make overnight trips from Sneads Ferry to Myrtle Beach or Ocracoke Island and day trips to Shackleford Island. Marinas for fuel and dock-n-dine restaurants dot the ICW. I frequently trailer to South Carolina to ride black water rivers around Myrtle Beach. I've trailered my ski to Arkansas to ride Lake Ouachita, Lake Eufaula in Oklahoma, and the Florida Keys.

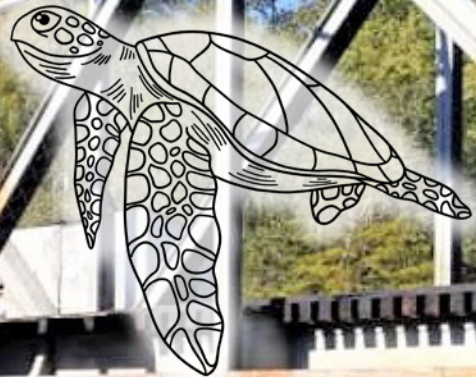
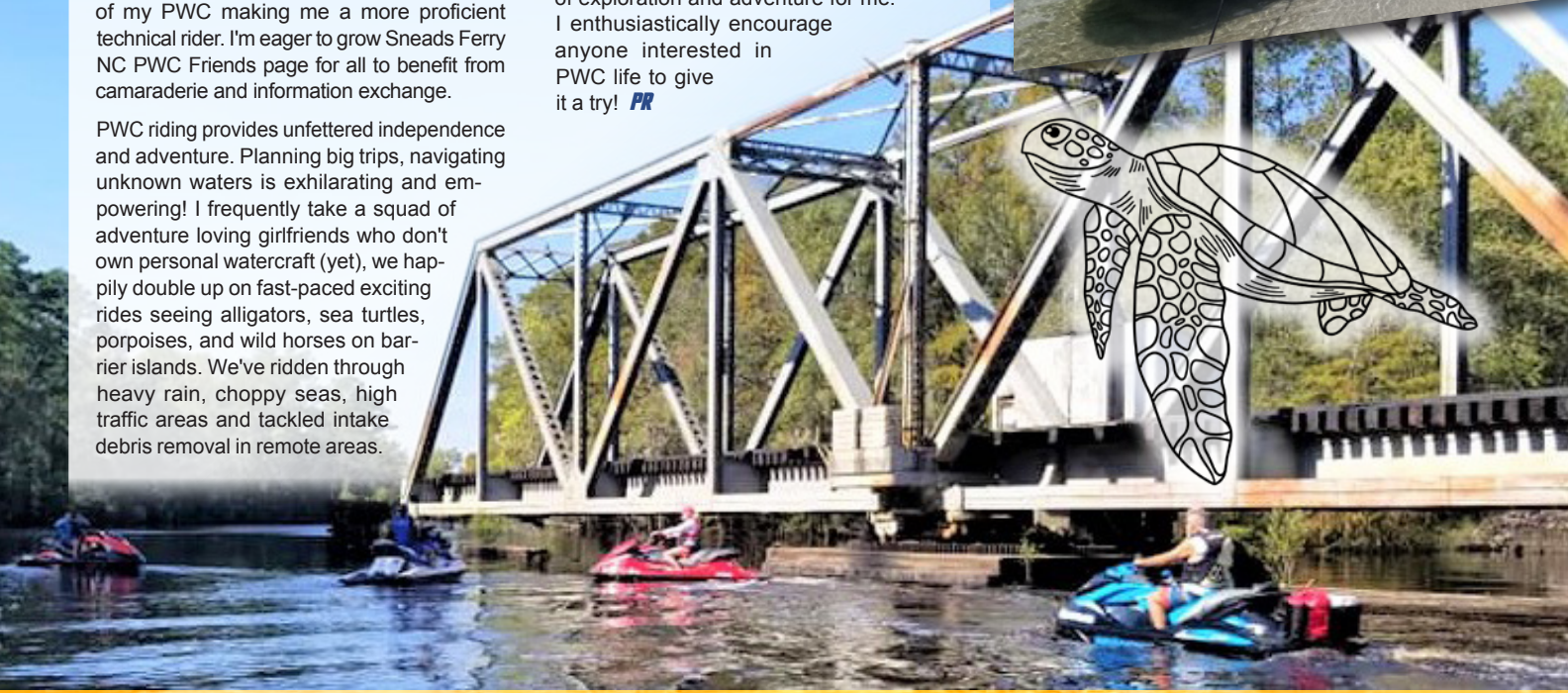
Meeting people, coordinating group rides is fun and rewarding. Wonderful people have taught me a great deal about the mechanical workings of my PWC making me a more proficient technical rider. I'm eager to grow Sneads Ferry NC PWC Friends page for all to benefit from camaraderie and information exchange.

PWC riding provides unfettered independence and adventure. Planning big trips, navigating unknown waters is exhilarating and empowering! I frequently take a squad of adventure loving girlfriends who don't own personal watercraft (yet), we happily double up on fast-paced exciting rides seeing alligators, sea turtles, porpoises, and wild horses on barrier islands. We've ridden through heavy rain, choppy seas, high traffic areas and tackled intake debris removal in remote areas.

Safety is of utmost concern. From experienced mechanically inclined PWC friends I've learned basic care and maintenance and how to remove debris from the impeller. It's in every rider's best interest to understand how their machine functions. I keep a tool and first aid kit on my ski and wear SPF long sleeves/leggings and neoprene rubber sole booties. Oyster beds are abundant in shallow waters as is deep silty mud. Good water shoes, sun protection and a 30-foot tow rope are a must. Fortune favors the prepared!

For 2022 I hope to join a group crossing from Miami to Bimini; 2023 I'd like to complete the 600-mile Tennessee River Ride and am curious if anyone's ridden the Colorado River from Hoover Dam to where the navigable river ends? In 2024 I'd like to ride America's Great Loop via PWC. I'm following PWC enthusiast Mike Straub's experience closely in preparation for my own epic journey.

PWC adventure riding has opened a world of exploration and adventure for me. I enthusiastically encourage anyone interested in PWC life to give it a try! **PR**





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FROM THE HOT MESS EXPRESS

Story and photos: Traci Brownlee

For some reason, girls on a PWC seem to draw attention. Then add a whole different kind of fishing/diving set up on afore mentioned PWC, everybody has questions!

My name is Traci, President of the "Pier Pressure Boatercycle Club" a group of tight knit federal law enforcement officers in South Florida, that got together and purchased PWCs within a month of each other, hence, the twist on 'peer' pressure name. If one of us does something that seems like a great idea, the rest follow suit. We stick together through thick n' thin and knew there were bound to be some good stories from this adventure. Having the biggest attitude and the only girl, the boys named me president of our little club.

Born and raised in Florida, around water and fishing my entire life, I've owned a boat but never a PWC. I was extremely hesitant when this idea came into fruition. I had very limited PWC experience and the little I had was riding with a friend, being flung through the air, jumping waves, trying desperately to hold on and attempting to drag myself up on a very unstable ski. None of this was done gracefully and I was a lot younger, how could I possibly manage one of these contraptions at this age? I couldn't have been more wrong!

I didn't set out to buy the Sea-Doo Fish Pro but when I saw the size, stability and that it came with a Garmin fish finder and a cooler, I knew the Fish Pro was it for me and have not regretted that decision.

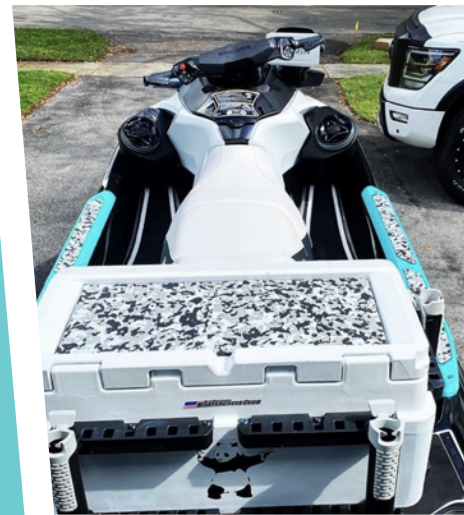
We travel with our PWCs quite a bit exploring areas like Marco Island, Tampa Bay Area, all over Florida but some of the best areas are right here in our backyard in the Ft. Lauderdale/ Miami area.

While I like traditional pole fishing, I love getting in the water, finding fish, lobstering, and crabbing a lot more which required a different set up with my ski. I figured out a way to set up a SNUBA (Surface Nexus Breathing Apparatus) a cross between diving and snorkeling on my Fish Pro. My set up includes a dive tank, 1st stage regulator, one splitter and 2 regulators. This supports up to 2 divers at once. Air goes directly from tank, no need for an air compressor.

With southern inspired engineering, I took a foam dive tank rack, cut it down to fit, strapped it to the back of the cooler on the fishing pole holders and bungee'd the SNUBA bag between the cooler and seat and voilà, a dive ready vessel!

My first trip out, we had 3-5 ft. seas, and everything stayed put exactly how it was intended, other than my nerves. I was a hot mess thinking I might lose this brand-new contraption. That's how my PWC got her name, "The Hot Mess Express."

I encourage everyone to get out of your comfort zone and go play! You might just have the time of your life like I am! **PR**



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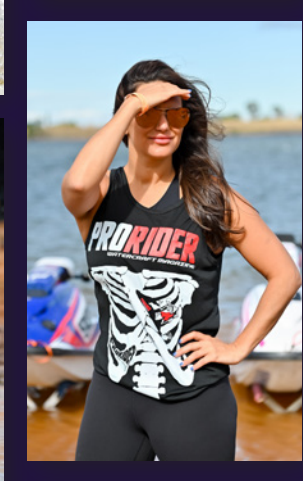
FULL THROTTLE WATERX WELCOMES VETERAN AND NEW RACERS
By: Deegan Newton | Photos: Kenny Wong

Rounds 2 and 3 of the Full Throttle WaterX Series at the Camp Far West Reservoir in Wheatland, California included 110 entries, a long sweeping track, and windy rough conditions for an awesome event. We had 4 payout classes, consisting of classes with more than 10 racers on the line: Sport Spec 14 racers, 550 Mod 12 racers, 550 Limited 10 racers, and Pro/Am Ski GP 7 racers (Ski GP automatically receives a payout). The course included the new light starting system, a sweeping right hand start, a smaller split section at the end of the lap, and a log jump option for certain classes which made for something new and challenging. This is the first race region 2 in NorCal has had since early 2019 and they came in full force with stacked lineups and good vibes, plus 18 new first-time racers which is amazing for the sport as a whole! **PR**



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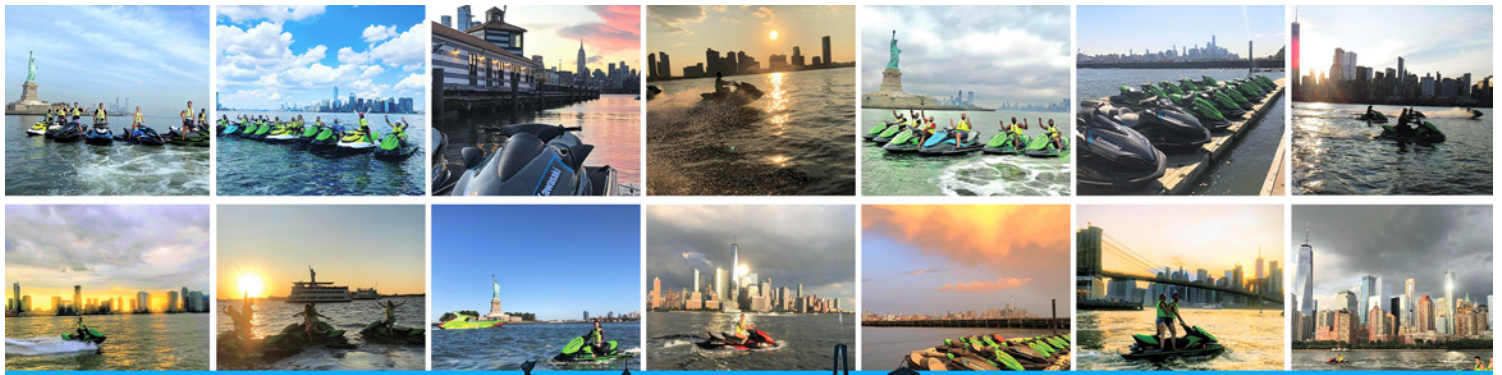
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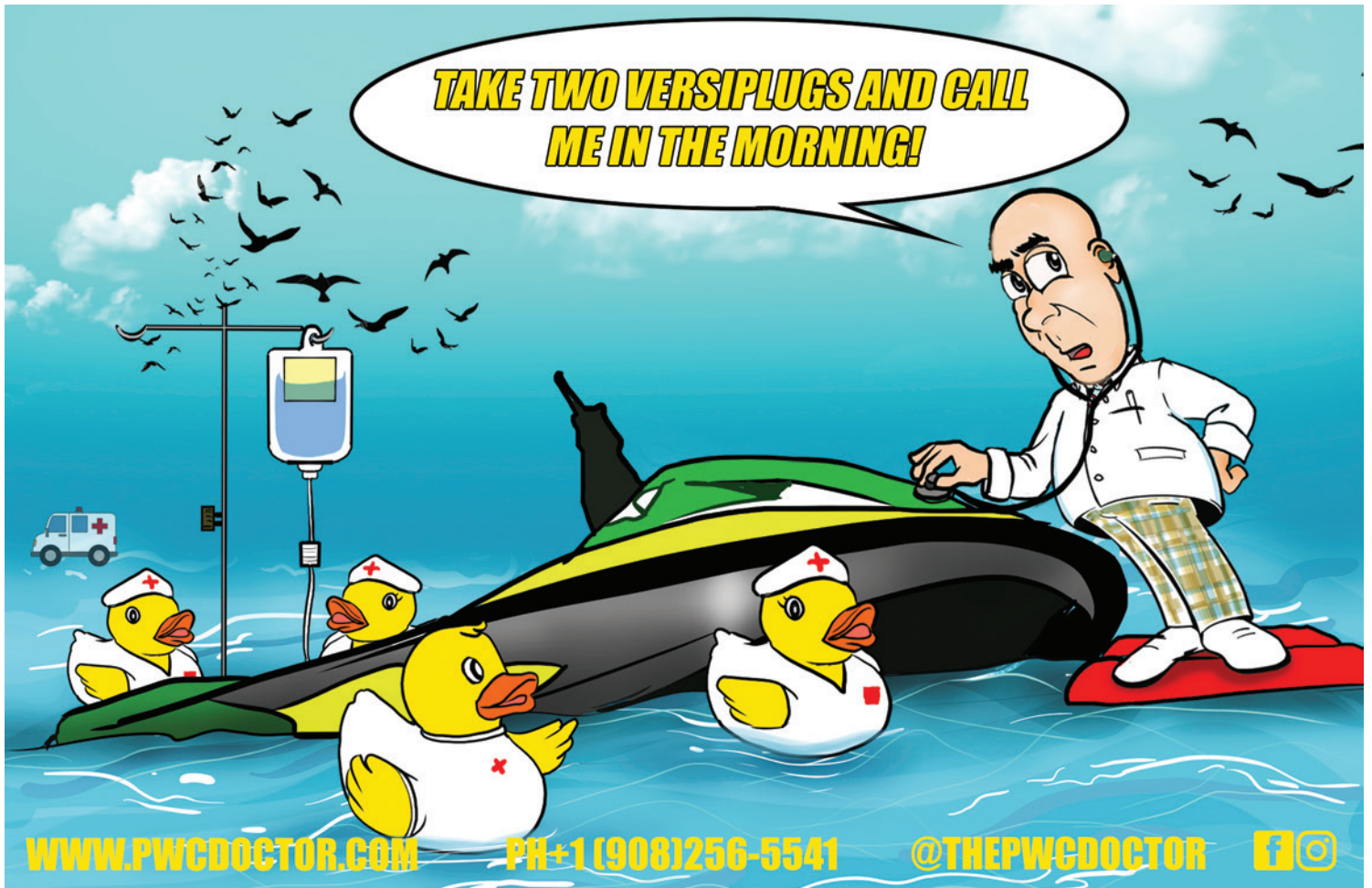


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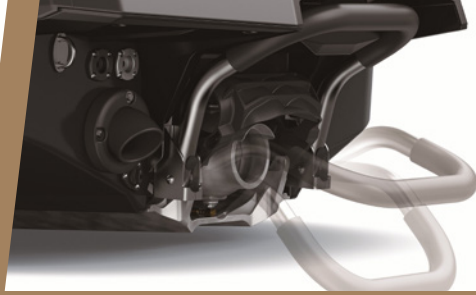



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By: Dan Lindgren

Photos: Kawasaki; Wayne Smith



For the past couple years, Kawasaki has been working on upgrades to their flagship 310 series top of the line watercraft. Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine was invited to Las Vegas to see these new for 2022 upgrades. It's been a long time since I've seen any watercraft from Kawasaki with so many upgrades, many of which have never been done on any factory-built watercraft.

Kawasaki always brings a knowledgeable team that genuinely loves riding jetskis and are all about good times. Test riders included multiple media outlets, Kawasaki R&D legend, racer, and designer of this new ski Minoru Kanamori, multi world champion jet ski legend Mark Gomez, Jon Rall and Bobbi Kerns from Kawasaki, photographer Wayne Smith and me.

We launched on Lake Meade and headed to the iconic Hoover Dam. The lake is surrounded by huge, jagged granite, schist and gneiss rocks which makes for a picturesque ride. Hot and sunny I got a much-needed dose of vitamin D in the desert sun.

NEW UPGRADES AND FEATURES:

Ultra 310LX Ebony / Gold Edition: this package has the most bells and whistles in the 310 lineup. The 310 series already had a winning motor and pump package (still the most horsepower of any factory watercraft). The drive train was left the same for good reason. All upgrades can be seen above the bond line, except for the new KSRD (Kawasaki Smart Reverse with Deceleration) which works incredibly well and is very user

friendly. Even novice riders should have no problem docking or trailering with the KSRD system, a welcome upgrade compared to the previous lever style manual reverse system.

As a music lover, the first thing I did was Bluetooth my phone to the Jetsound 4 Speaker Audio System which sounds great! The top speakers make it easy to hear even at 65 mph, not the case for other competing watercraft sound systems. The system is integrated with a new 7-inch full color LCD dash screen with multiple options, I'll highlight what I liked best. It has a back-up camera, great for backing off a trailer or leaving on while towing, a great safety upgrade. I love the overall look of the screen which you can see in any weather conditions including direct sunlight. The screen provides oodles of data and information you can scroll through and monitor.

It now has GPS speedometer and the ability to set way points as you travel to help with navigation, and you can mirror your phone to the screen. I believe other manufacturers will follow suit as they should. The new LX has





KSRD (Kawasaki Smart Reverse with Deceleration)



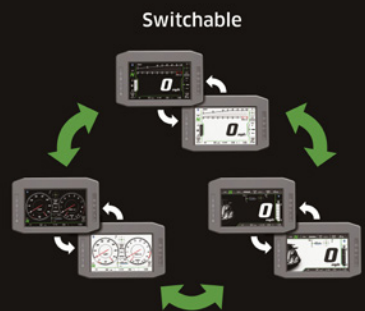
cruise control. The top deck of the ski has been completely redesigned, restyled, looks great and has water deflection functionality. Two new side compartments are easily accessible from the rider position, one has a waterproof case with USB charging port. The rear of the ski features a new track style rack mounting system on a 7.9 inch longer rear deck with available accessories. The seats have been redesigned to be narrower with a high back, ultra-plush comfort seat, deeper foot wells, a fully adjustable seat system with 3 settings for an ergonomically correct ride experience. Kawasaki added cool headlight style LED marker lights. I asked Kanamori what the lights were for, and he said, "because they look cool," I fully agree.

Upgrades to the Jet ski were well thought out, innovative, highly functional and a design that looks amazing, everything I hoped it would be and more. The all-new Kawasaki Ultra 310LX Jet ski screams high end luxury, comfort, good times, and functionality with a bit of Supercar sprinkled in. **PR**

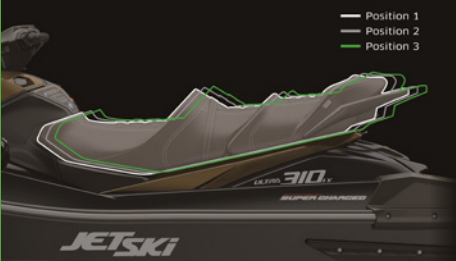
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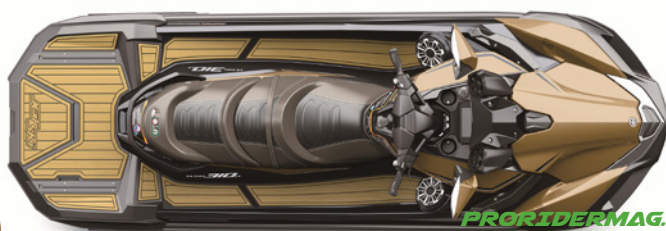
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MEET **KIM MCKAY**

MOTHER, RACER, PROMOTER, WATER-SAFETY INSTRUCTOR, CONSULTANT, ENTHUSIAST OF ALL THINGS WATER!

Photos: Ronny Mac



Photo by: Jim Flynn



Kim McKay has been racing jet skis since 1996. Her first year to World Finals was 1999. She continued to race with short breaks to have children, Ty, and Katie, and has been in the industry many years. Shared Kim, "My best was 4th in the world in 2017 on a Northwest JetSports sponsored Sea-Doo; I also race a Kawasaki 1500, (on which my son took 6th in the World and Rookie of the Year). While racing will always be a passion of mine, I found a new passion mentoring kids, and partnered with the Oregon State Marine Board to teach water safety in schools (K-5) focusing on the importance of wearing a life-vest. I saw many kids without vests, and even saved a few kids. I went on

a mission to teach everyone I could about water safety and was recognized by FOX 12 news. With their help I give life vests to kids. Blake Corning taught

me about safety. It started with racing, then promoting, trickling into working for IJSBA, it's part of all we do with racing." Kim has worked for the IJSBA for 22 years, works with Pro Watercross and plans to put on race clinics. From gear, rec-riding, racing, planning and promoting, Kim can get you dialed in for safety.

When asked what one piece of advice she'd like to convey Kim said, "Always wear a helmet whether racing or riding recreationally. Once you get used to it you feel naked without it, and you won't ride as hard without it. I work in dentistry and have ridden the surf. I hit a huge wave and put my head into the bars. My helmet saved my face, teeth, and brain."

Kim has support from and thanks: Jettrim, IPD Graphics, Motosport Hillsboro, Kawasaki, Bomber Eyewear, Break the Chain, Northwest JetSports, & Corningwear.

Watch this space for more safety tips from Kim. **PR**



RENTING A PWC?

CONSIDER THIS CHECKLIST FOR PWC RENTALS*

- Rent from a well-established rental company. Typically, these companies have a designated rental location, and multiple staff members experienced in providing safety training for renters. They have life jackets of all sizes, and a staffed motorboat available for emergency situations.
- If you plan to bring your cell phone keep it in a waterproof bag. It can be difficult to operate a phone while on a jetski, and even worse if you're in the water with a capsized ski. If you're not careful, the phone may end up at the bottom of the sea. Some rentals use GPS trackers on their skis which provides an additional layer of safety to indicate your whereabouts in an emergency.
- Reserve ahead of time. Due to a worldwide shortage of PWCs, some rentals don't have enough equipment to meet demand. If you arrive to a rental place without a reservation, be prepared to wait. Availability is better early in the morning.
- Fill out rental forms online, ahead of time. During the peak of Covid, jet skiing exploded in popularity as a fun and social activity -- the perfect cure for cabin fever. To avoid the crowds around the rental office, fill out all paperwork online before you arrive.
- Wear sunscreen. Few activities provide more sun exposure than jet skiing. This might be great if you're looking for the perfect tan but can also be very dangerous if you don't take care.



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HOSTED BY NAUTIWATER RACING

Story and photos: Brandy Fraley

Racers took over Welch Park, Somerville, Texas for the first round of the IJSBA Jettribe Mid-America Watercross Championship Tour 2022 hosted by Nautiwater Racing. With 150 entries action was packed as racers battled it out. Rylan, Kaden, and Caris Webster from Kommander Industries came out as well as racers from California, New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri. The largest classes were Runabout Beginner, X2, Ski Beginner, Ski Vintage, and Sport Spec.

Junior Stars, a free race clinic for juniors and beginners, was held allowing youth additional time on the water learning how to run a set course, how to signal slowing down or stopping, water safety and course rules. At the rider's meeting it is well-known safety is not just the director's responsibility, it's everyone's responsibility!

This event was top notch complete with a food truck, live music, and wonderful hardware for 1st-3rd places.

Next stop, Pomona Lake, Kansas started off wet but racing action continued and fun was had by all! Dinner was provided by Jeremy Styno, Connie Wright, Nautiwater, National Assoc. for Health Professionals, Jack Stack BBQ, and Hillsdale Jackals. The sky cleared and sprits climbed. A single jet ski injury led to a midrace delay for safety. That rider is doing much better and sends his thanks to the staff and everyone who helped him.

Ski Beginner Mark Hunter, Overland Park, Kansas, took a first place, fighting for every inch of water. Said Mark, "Its hard work, challenging and feels awesome. The people are great!" He just started racing last year after rec riding off and on, and thanks his brother Rick and his dog Cola for the racing practice and getting started in the sport. **PR**



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Story and photos: Lamar Waldo Weldon

I got into jetskis in 2016 after my daughter Abby had a bad MX wreck. Once I bought our first ski, we encountered some of the greatest people in the sport that made riding so much more fun. They became family. Then in 2018 my wife and I had twin girls, Avery, and Brilee. Due to issues during pregnancy, they were born with Rett Syndrome. In November 2019, Brilee couldn't fight any longer and lost the battle against Rett Syndrome. It was a hard time, I was sad, angry, lost and about to lose it mentally. I locked myself in the garage and started the build that's dedicated to my late daughter, Brilee Joy Weldon.

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MOTOR

Small pin 750 with dual Sudco carbs, dried out SXR 800 exhaust, and a Paul Lehr, Jr. ADA head to top it off.

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CAPTURE THE MOMENT WITH A BITE MOUNT CAMERA

By: Greg Gaddis Aka "Hulk Junior"

Riding personal watercraft is one of the most enjoyable experiences on the planet. Exploring lakes, rivers, oceans, and uncharted waterways on a PWC is an experience like no other; the only issue is it is literally "personal." A PWC can carry an extra passenger comfortably, maybe two, so sharing this passion with friends and family is challenging. How do we share the love for riding and exploring new areas with people around the world?

With technology, it's easy to take others along even if not physically present. The best way to accomplish this is taking an action camera on rides. I use four GoPro cameras to capture every angle, moment, and fun-filled memory possible. My setup may be a bit overkill; one camera would work fine, but filming my rides is part of my job and every angle matters!

I don't have enough hands to hold four GoPro action cameras and safely operate my PWC. Mounting cameras to watercraft or your body is almost necessary! Hand filming is possible but remember you still must safely operate a vessel that requires your full attention. My preferred mounting system is the GoPro suction cup mount. I've filmed countless hours on my PWC at over 90 mph and these mounts have not failed

once; to ensure you still have your camera at the end of the day, stick the suction cup mount to a clean, flat surface - do not stick over decals or textured surfaces.

The mount that gets my absolute favorite camera angle is, without a doubt, a "bite" mount. A bite mount literally allows your camera to be held with your mouth; it may look silly and fatigue your jaw over long periods of filming, but this angle captures the moment and allows the watcher to feel like they are right there with you!

There's no right or wrong way to make videos on your PWC. It's important to find a camera and mount you like to capture experiences to share with the world. We don't sell camera gear, but we have plenty of parts to make your ride, and videos, great! Visit the GreenHulk Store to purchase the best aftermarket parts and OEM parts. Use coupon code **'greenhulk'** at checkout to save 10% on most RIVA Racing products, WORX racing products, and all FIZZLE intercoolers. **PR**



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**LIQUI MOLY PRO WATERCROSS
NATIONAL TOUR KICK OFF**

By: Gary Burtka Team Twangled
Photos: Mike Fender Photography;
Jessica Burtka



The Liqui Moly Pro Watercross National Tour kicked off with back-to-back rounds in sunny Florida, the perfect excuse for this northerner to take an extended road trip with our new Team Twangled race hauler packed with salty and freshwater skis for the adventure.

Avon Park, Florida hosted round 1 at Lake Verona. Only 41-acres in size, 30,000 years old and 80 feet deep, this natural sinkhole is the deepest and one of the oldest lakes in Florida. The small flat supercross inspired course spanned the lake where spectators had great views of the action! The fun track with fast lap times included a joker buoy.

The biggest class was Sport Spec where Blasters and HXs thrived on the tight curvy course. The entire field remained within half a lap of each other showing how competitive the Stock classes are. Sea-Doos dominated the podium with Tom Keller going 2-1-1 for the overall over Team Ruthless teammate Matt Johnson. Dustin Bury finished a close third.

Pro-Am Ski GP had friends and teammates competing with Callaway Turner and Jeb Zarzour battling. Callaway swept all motos claiming his first PWX National Pro win. Zarzour finished second, Luis Velay third.

Other notable classes included AM Ski Stock where Joe Surette took the win over Kiersin Frost through a tiebreaker. Jax Hayden took third. In Novice Sport Stock Nick Gebhardt emerged with the overall while Jessica Burtka used the tiebreaker to edge Jeovanni Tejada for second overall.

After enjoying golf and beaches, we headed west to Sharky's Bar Panama City Beach. Having competed in Freestyle in PCB in 2005 and 2010, I thought I knew what to expect. A stormfront blew through leaving high winds and huge waves meaning the entire "Pro Show" would be under proper surf conditions with a double red-flag riptide warning.

This beachside track was more than twice the size of the previous track. Sport Stock saw much drama, nearly every rider contended with a crash or bobble. Matt Johnson claimed the overall as teammate Tom Keller finished 2nd. Talan Farthing rounded out the top 3 with consistent rides.

Pro-Am Ski GP was a show on its own with a full line of K1s ready to rail in the surf. Jimmy Wilson grabbed a win and battled with Matthew Richuk who took the overall. Wilson finished second, Deven Farthing 3rd.

Am Ski Stock showed up in force as the largest class of the weekend. Kevin Rowe dominated taking the overall; Kiersin Frost finished second and Jax Hayden third, both on the box for the second week in a row.

The 2022 Pro Watercross Tour will award more than \$150,000 in prize money and awards throughout the tour! [FR](#)

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FITNESS TIP

THE POWER OF PROPERLY WARMING UP QUICK 5 MINUTE ROUTINE

By: Tommy Nuttall, E-RYT Yoga Teacher / Fitness Coach

Elite athletes understand the power of a good warm-up routine, and you should too. A quick warm-up before you ride makes a big difference in how you ride. You'll be more focused, comfortable, and relaxed reducing risk of injury. This swift, time-effective program is a way to prepare for your ride at all levels.

We will focus on dynamic movement-based stretching using fluid movement to warm up the muscle and surrounding tissue. Dynamic stretching is a moving stretch. Perform each exercise with an appropriate level of comfort. During each movement, breathe deeply. After this 3–5-minute warm-up, you'll be fully charged ready to hit the water.

HIGH KNEE MARCHING:

To get the heart rate up and open hips and glutes, lift right knee with flexed foot while lifting opposite arm with a 90-degree elbow bend; march for 30 seconds.

LEG SWINGS:

With hands on your ski, car, or wall for balance, swing your leg forward and back 4-6 times and side to side 4-6 times each leg in a fluid, controlled motion.

LUNGE AND TWISTS:

Step forward in a lunging motion, twist the upper body, repeating 4-6 times. Go slow, don't push too deeply; remember you are warming up.

FRANKENSTEIN LEG KICKS:

Kick your leg in front of you, using opposite hand or elbow to reach toward your toe or knee, 4-6 times, repeating side to side.

HIPS TWISTS:

Hands on hips slowly move hips in a 360° circle. Perform 4-6 rotations clockwise; switch directions, do 4-6 cycles.

ARM SWINGS & CIRCLES:

This stretch warms the shoulders, arms, chest, and upper back preparing muscles, tendons, and joints for your ride. Move arms in small or big circular motion, 4-6 repetitions both directions. Next, do a few arm swings by crossing the arms in a front and back motion.

NECK ROLLS:

Slowly roll the neck clockwise then counterclockwise. Combine arm swings and neck rolls to save time.

WRIST AND ANKLE STRETCHES:

Open and close fingers, roll wrists in clockwise then counterclockwise ten times. Do same with ankles.

Now, take a deep breath and ride!



HIGH KNEE MARCHING



LEG SWINGS



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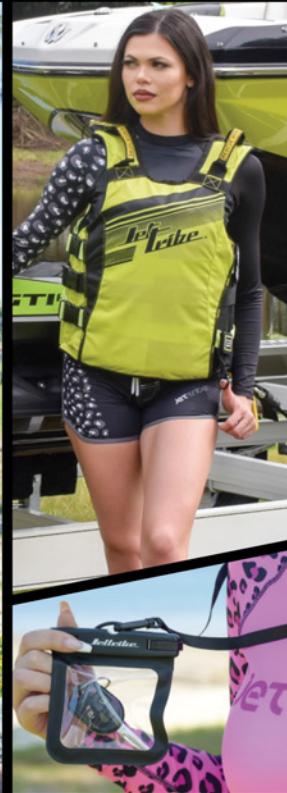


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MEET JOHN ZIGLER ROCK COUNTY JET SKI/WATCON



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PR: Please tell us about yourself and what motivated you to establish Watcon.

JOHN ZIGLER: I've had many jobs over my working lifetime. As a teen, I worked at our local Schwinn bike shop repairing and racing bikes. Then, an auto parts store I managed for 8 years. I've worked at a large truck modification shop responsible for 11 employees and worked at General Motors until it closed in 2008, and I retired. Riding watercraft since the 80's, starting on a 1982 550, I was immediately hooked. We rode dirt bikes, 3-wheelers, and jet skiing fit right in. Back in the day, nothing was fast enough for me; we were always tinkering, tuning, and trying to improve. I friended the guys at a little shop in Michigan, Butch's, and worked on watercraft on the side for buddies, it snowballed from there. In 1995 I opened my own business "Rad Racing" and in the early 2000's changed the name to "Rock County Jet Ski." Our Watcon website business was acquired from longtime friend Randy Jungwirth. Randy, in our industry since the 80's, had his own shop, "Watercraft Connection" shortened to Watcon. I'm fortunate and honored to continue with the Watcon name and parts line. I'm still Rock County Jet Ski to locals but due to the website people all over the country know us as "Watcon."

PR: Please describe what is offered.

JZ: I used to say "All things for all watercraft" but that has become difficult. I no longer have parts, or service for Polaris Watercraft, and some older 2-strokes we no longer service due to costs and parts availability. We try to keep everyone on the water as best we can, supplying parts, tech help, and servicing / building machines, from Sea-Doo Sparks, to Dasa Rickters, and everything in between. We offer machine shop services and our own line of parts, under RCJS and Watcon.

PR: You started a YouTube channel 'Watercraft Talk' a year ago. How do you determine topics and how has the channel been received?

JZ: I hear from customers daily about our YouTube channel. I didn't want to do another "how to" channel. We show what's going on in the shop; testing, product showcasing, answering emails and taking viewers along on adventures picking up skis. Feedback has been excellent! I love hearing from viewers and will continue the channel as long as everyone likes it. Please keep the ideas coming! Look us up Watercraft Talk on YouTube.



SCAN ME!

PR: What is most satisfying regarding your business?

JZ: I feel very fortunate to be able to do what I'm passionate about every day. I've made so many great friends over the years in this sport; amazing people I interact with daily.

PR: What is your best advice to jet ski owners/riders/racers?

JZ: It's simple, take care of your craft, and it will take care of you. A little preventative maintenance goes a long way. If you are new to the sport welcome! Look to veterans in your region for advice. Be safe and have fun.

PR: Are you currently sponsoring racers?

JZ: We have quite a long list of sponsored riders, local and all over the country.

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

JZ: We live, and ride on our local river in southern Wisconsin. I have quite a collection of vintage skis, but the main 2 I ride are a 2003 SXR 800 our old lites class ski and a 2021 Gen 4 Superjet. My 2 sons ride Superjets, my wife and daughter ride a Sea-Doo 4-tech GTX. I enjoy spending time with family and cherish every moment whether riding or hanging out in our back yard.



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“This was a fun event with good vibes from everyone that attended, and awesome being able to ride down by the London Bridge! Hopefully in the future more females come out and enter. Thanks to ‘Iceman’ for his efforts to put this freestyle event on!”

— DEMI MORGAN Pro Freestyler



Photo: Michael Johnson

By: Vaclav ‘Iceman’ Zacek

Photos: Rick Powell; Ken Gallagher; Geneva Gallagher

Fans watched freestylers in the Bridgewater Channel of Lake Havasu City, Arizona compete under the world-famous London Bridge where the Freestyle Personal Watercraft Association returned with the spring round of 2022 P1 Racing Fuels US Freestyle Championship.

Onlookers were in awe of competitors from California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, and Florida who took part in the reborn event with 4 classes and crowd favorite Best Trick! The event is also a qualifier for IJSBA World Finals.

We hope to see everyone under the London Bridge for the Fall round September 24. **PR**

RESULTS

FREESTYLE 1200

1. BRAD TURNBLOOM - Martinez, CA
Phantom by California Freestyle powered by Engine Tech
2. NEALS MITH - Pittsburg, CA
Eclipse by Hurricane Industries powered by Engine Tech
3. DEMI MORGAN - Lake Havasu City, AZ
Ricker powered by Dasa

FREESTYLE 900

1. JASON WRIGHT - Covina, CA
Ricker powered by Dasa
2. BRODY SHAKELY - Lake Havasu City, AZ
Ricker powered by Dasa
3. DEMI MORGAN - Lake Havasu City, AZ
Ricker powered by Dasa

FREESTYLE 800 'OLD SCHOOL'

1. MICHAEL DEMAURO - Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Yamaha Superjet
2. VANESSA JONES - Reno, NV
Square nose Yamaha Superjet

FREESTYLE BEGINNER

1. ANTHONY VITNELL - West Palm Beach, FL
Ricker powered by Dasa
2. GENO BATES - Bullhead City, AZ
TPE powered DVX by Team Xscream
3. ERIC SNOW - Washington, UT
Tigercraft powered by Dasa

JETTRIM BEST TRICK

FREESTYLE 1200 - BRAD TURNBLOOM - Martinez, CA

FREESTYLE 900 - JASON WRIGHT - Covina, CA

FREESTYLE 800 - MICHAEL DEMAURO - Rancho Cucamonga, CA

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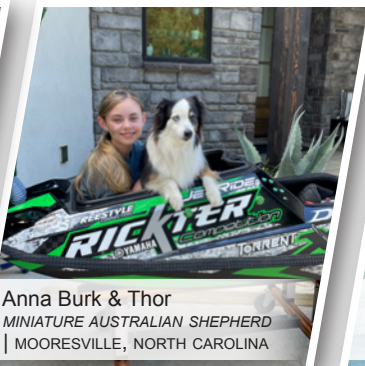
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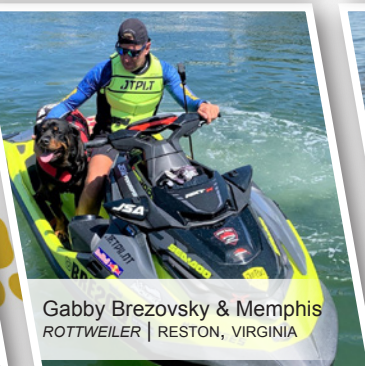
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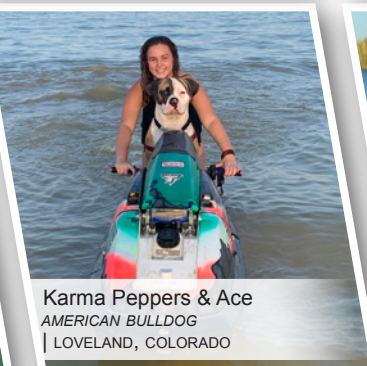
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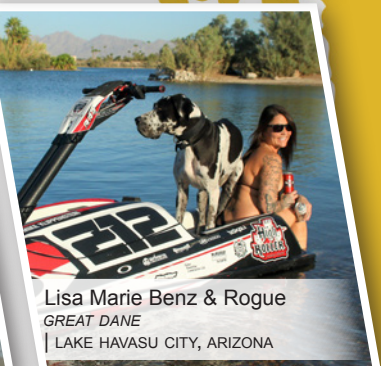
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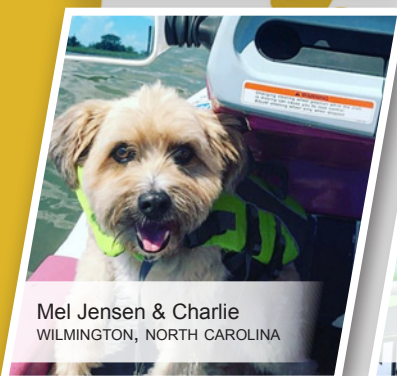
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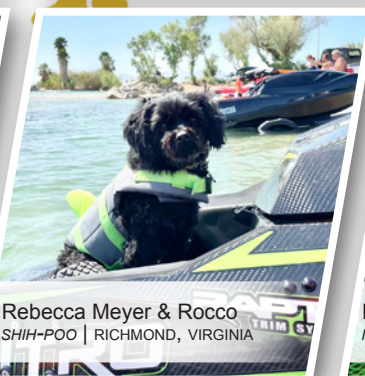
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By: Jaymi Bohat | Photos: Kirsten Hasty

Great Lakes Watercross kicked off the Prairie Motorsports New American Home Improvement sponsored 2022 racing season on Lake Petenwell in Nekoosa, Wisconsin at the Lure Bar & Grill. Racing in the Midwest brings questionable weather conditions. Despite forecasted rain, wind, and cold we had 78 entries! Following the weather closely Race Director Brad Bohat with racer input adjusted the schedule. The crew took the shifted plans as a challenge and proved to be the best PWC racing crew ever, completing a full round in one day with no issues!

Amateur Ski Lites, the premier class with 13 participants, had a \$500 cash purse sponsored by PWC Doctor. Leading by consistency and accuracy, Patrick "Tricky" Sarenich took the overall win and \$250 prize. Ten-year-old Dylan Genrich had two wins, and although he lapped half the field, a missed buoy landed him in second overall winning \$150. Third place finisher, Tyler Conant, continuously improving, finished higher in the field with each moto taking third overall and \$100.

Thirteen new competitors joined our region, several racing for the first time ever! Novice Rec Lites and Novice Runabout Stock were stacked classes with steep competition for new racers. Erik Gruenwald won Novice Rec Lites. Traditionally a standup racer, Erik decided to take his chances on a rec lites boat and took home an overall win! Novice Runabout Stock participants from P1AquaX experienced closed course racing and the challenges and racing techniques compared to endurance racing.

With new course marshal boats, new colored buoy splits, new podium backdrop, and many other enhancements, racers were excited about racing and seeing new life and increased participant numbers coming back to our Midwest region!

Great Lakes Watercross will host two rounds of the Freestyle Triple Crown series with cash purse payouts and will showcase a different premier class at each tour stop with a \$500 cash purse to the top three finishers. **PR**

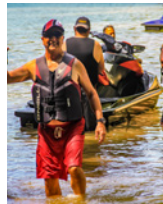




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VIEWS STRAIGHT OUT OF JURASSIC PARK: KENTUCKY PWC RIDERS ANNUAL TENNESSEE WATERFALLS RIDE

Story and photos: Cory Eads

Kentucky PWC Riders hosted our Annual Waterfall Ride this year with a twist, by adding multiple groups. We wanted to showcase our hidden gems by inviting FL Ski Riders which brought groups including the Agitando and El Corillo jetski clubs and others. Our journey started at Dale Hollow Lake for an 80-mile tour stopping at the swinging bridge then Sunset Marina for lunch. Big shout out to Sunset Marina for accommodations and flying in chefs to feed 115 people! We topped the day off at a waterfall and visited Trooper Island. Day 2 the finale at Center Hill Lake, Tennessee, we shoved off at Edgar Evins State Park over to Rock Island and Twin Falls with views straight out of Jurassic Park! We made our way to Burgess Falls to completely blow everyone's mind. Flancher Falls completed the day providing memories to last a lifetime. Hats off to everyone that attended and to those who host big rides regularly. We are accustomed to 10-15 riders and my crew stepped up to host 70 riders. Great times, great people, lasting memories! **PR**



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A RISING TIDE

SURF RIDING RETURNS TO SURF CITY - WITH A VENGEANCE!



RPM RACING ENTERPRISES BEST OF THE WEST

By: Ross Wallach
Photos: Ken Gallagher; Geneva Gallagher



NEDRA ATWOOD & GARY HART Memorial Races

The 2022 RPM Racing Enterprises Hot Products & Anderson Powersports Best of the West Nedra Atwood & Gary Hart Memorial Races presented by Hydro-Turf, Jettrim, Impros, Cometic & Klotz were held at La Paz County Park, Parker, AZ. Known as 'the strip' from bygone days when the Colorado River filled with flatbottom boats drag racing this narrow stretch of water, 'the strip' of today filled with 160 PWC entries from the US and Canada looking to grab glory and points in the Championship chase.

The event kicked off with a taco feed by RPM and Jason Rivera; sharing a meal fostered comradery and set the stage for great racing.

Near perfect water conditions allowed racers to display their talent on the Todd "Sarge" Young designed technical course. From Juniors to Pros, raw talent and determination brought action on the water! It was overheard that Nedra and Gary were smiling from above. **PR**



By: Ross Wallach

Photos: Kenny Wong KDW Sports Photos;
Rain Porter 121 Photo

Background Photo: Pilots and Drones

For the past 2 years the only IJSBA sanctioned surf race in the Western U.S. was silenced. This year, the area known as "surf city" finally hosted the Third Hot Products & Anderson Powersports Huntington Beach Moto-Surf & Rickter Freeride Exhibition presented by Hydro-Turf Jettrim, Impros, Cometic, Klotz, Bomber Eyewear, RB Components, Riva, ADA Racing, SD Adventures, Sheraton Hotels & Resorts, H2O Industries, Worx Racing Components, K River Investments, Jettribe, Yamaha, Go Fast, TC Freeride, Jet World Powersports, Sharq Skinz, Go Lake Havasu, M&M Powersports, Blowsion, Mohave Mortgage, Pro Watercraft, Kommander Industries, Moto-Option, 321 Kawasaki, Works H2O Designs, Kawasaki, Oakley, JC Racing, 3D Design Concepts, Ultimate Watercraft, Throttle Junkie, The Watercraft Journal, West Coast Watercraft Club, Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine and the IJSBA.

150 participants and seasoned freeriders led by IJSBA/IFWA World Champion Mark Gomez, got a quick lesson how Mother Nature shows she's in charge. Nothing prepared riders for the 5'- 8' fast swells with heavy rip/cross currents. During practice 3 riders were sent to hospital with broken or bruised bones. Nasty waves gave even experienced surf riders pause. Race action underway, the carnage continued as riders struggled to safely navigate the buoys of the simple yet difficult racecourse. For many it proved too much, for others, just surviving their moto became the main objective.

Adjustments in scheduling and location were made for safety. Fans on the pier gasped and cheered through every moto and freeride exhibition! It's true, 'the ocean is a great equalizer.' Congratulations to all that participated and survived the most memorable Huntington Beach Moto-Surf & Freeride yet! **PR**



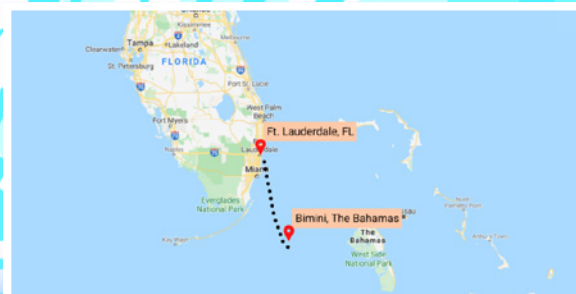
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FROM FT. LAUDERDALE TO BIMINI MEET CAPTAIN FRANK TAYLOR



Captain Taylor has boated all his life. He bought his first PWC in 2006, a 1999 Kawasaki ZX 1100 and took delivery of his current ski 18 months ago, a '21 Yamaha FX Cruiser SVHO. We recently caught up with Frank to chat about his ride from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to Bimini, Bahamas.

PRO RIDER: What motivated you to embark on this particular adventure?

FRANK TAYLOR: This is a trip I originally wanted to do 20 years ago with my boat. I never got around to it. When I bought my Yamaha, I started thinking about it again and ultimately decided to do it.

PR: How many miles did you cover?

FT: It was about 60 miles from Ft. Lauderdale and took a little over 3 hours. It took less time coming back a week later as the water was a bit smoother. I went with a great group of people, 27 skis in all.

PR: Any special preparations beforehand?

FT: Definitely! Making sure the skis were all in good working order; proper equipment including marine radios, personal locator beacons, ability to carry extra fuel, GPS with routes programmed in, anchors, proper attire, etc.

"THERE'S NO PLACE I'D RATHER BE THAN ON THE WATER."

— FRANK TAYLOR, ATLANTA, GA

PR: What was the most amazing aspect of the ride?

FT: Being in the middle of the ocean out of sight of land while on a jet ski was different, and the color of the water out there was amazing! We saw dolphins on the way over. The funny thing is we had to change course to go around a huge container ship that was crossing our path! All that ocean and we still managed to be on a course to occupy the same patch of water at the same time.

PR: Would you do it again?

FT: Absolutely!! It is one of the best adventures I have had so far!



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Be sure to check out Frank's adventure and tips to care for your boat and PWC on his YouTube Channel

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QUEENSLAND PERSONAL WATERCRAFT CLUB 2022 STATE TITLES

By: QPWC Committee | Photos: Zoomed Images



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Gold Coast, Australia



QPWC State Titles was held at picturesque Somerset Dam outside of Brisbane where riders were treated to mixed conditions which brought out spectacular racing! The 70 strong field of riders, men, women, and juniors, travelled from as far as NSW and New Zealand for one of the largest events in many years. Racing was fierce and very close with great battles witnessed by all in attendance. The points table at the end of racing showed just how close the racing had been in the 6 motos for closed course and 3 enduros.

The enduros were part of the CJ Martin Memorial Cup, a perpetual award in memory of Cameron who was known by many racers and competed internationally. The Martin family was on hand to present the awards and helped throughout the day. QPWC thanks all riders, volunteers, sponsors, and spectators that made this such a great weekend of racing! **PR**

MORE INFORMATION AT WWW.QPWC.ORG.AU.





AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE STARS JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Story and photos: Craig Milne Zoomed Images



Australia's first Junior Development Day was held in conjunction with the QPWC Queensland State Titles at Somerset Dam. There were 13 juniors in attendance with a mixture of experience and ability, some were 2nd and 3rd generation racers. The event took place in perfect conditions, sunshine, low wind and a dam at maximum capacity.

Coaches Jake Beekman and Tom Aitken assessed riders on several criteria prior to water activities on a course specifically designed for the programme which concluded with a relay time trial as the group was split into 2 teams. The result was very close, a testament to the coaches and progression of the riders!

AWARDS:

- Best Onboarding Advice** – Jesse Stenner
- Encouragement Award** – Jack Grey
- Most Improved** – Paige Goodwin
- Best Allrounder** – Jake Wilson

Dustin Motzouris donated a signed helmet presented to the Best Allrounder judged on performance on track, passion for the sport, personality and helping throughout the day. This was awarded to Jake Wilson of New Zealand.

The day could not have happened without the efforts of the Richardson family and sponsors. **PR**



JULY / AUGUST 2022

PRESENTED BY:



TY SMITH

Photos: Rain Porter 121 Photo

AGE: 10

HOMETOWN: Lake Havasu City, Arizona

SKI: 2017 Yamaha 2-Stroke Superjet & 2021 Yamaha 4-Stroke Superjet

RACE #: 515

RIDING: Race & Recreational

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: 2021 IJSBA World Champion Junior Ski 10-12 Stock

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER: Most memorable moment, so far, winning a World Championship in 2021!

FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION: Body Beach in Lake Havasu City.

SPONSORS: Go Fast US, Chuck's Speed Shop, Worx Racing Components

WESTON BARRE

Photos: Rain Porter 121 Photo

AGE: 12

HOMETOWN: Long Beach, California

SKI: Yamaha Superjet

RACE #: 105

RIDING: Race and freeride in the surf

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: Taking first place in both the 10-15 and 10-12 classes at Parker, AZ in Best of the West Series; racing Huntington Beach Moto Surf Event with friends.

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER: Getting hit in the chest by a bird at Fiesta Island in San Diego going down the back straight.

FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION: Granada Street, Long Beach CA, Oceanside CA, and Fiesta Island, San Diego, CA

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TANNER HAIG

Photos: Daren Van RYTE OCphotographics; Mom

AGE: 11

HOMETOWN: Redlands, California

SKI: Yamaha Superjet

RACE #: 12

RIDING: Race and recreational

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: 4th place Junior World Finals 2021 first year racing; numerous 2nd and 3rd place podiums; straight A's; top of class in Math; played piano for 4 years; center defender competitive club soccer; learned to operate an excavator at age 6. I love water & snow skiing, mountain biking, baseball and most of all, Jesus.

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER: Winning my first moto in Parker, AZ.

FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION: Body Beach in Lake Havasu, AZ

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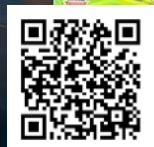
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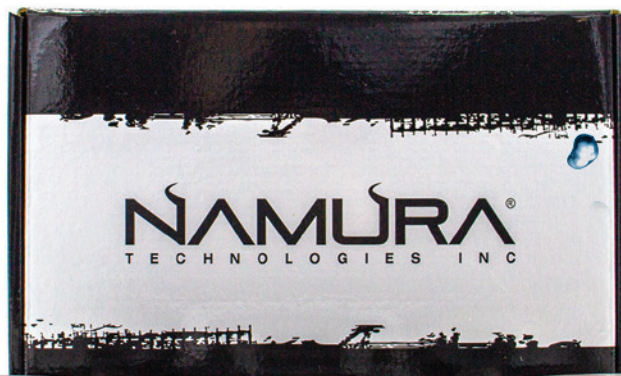


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