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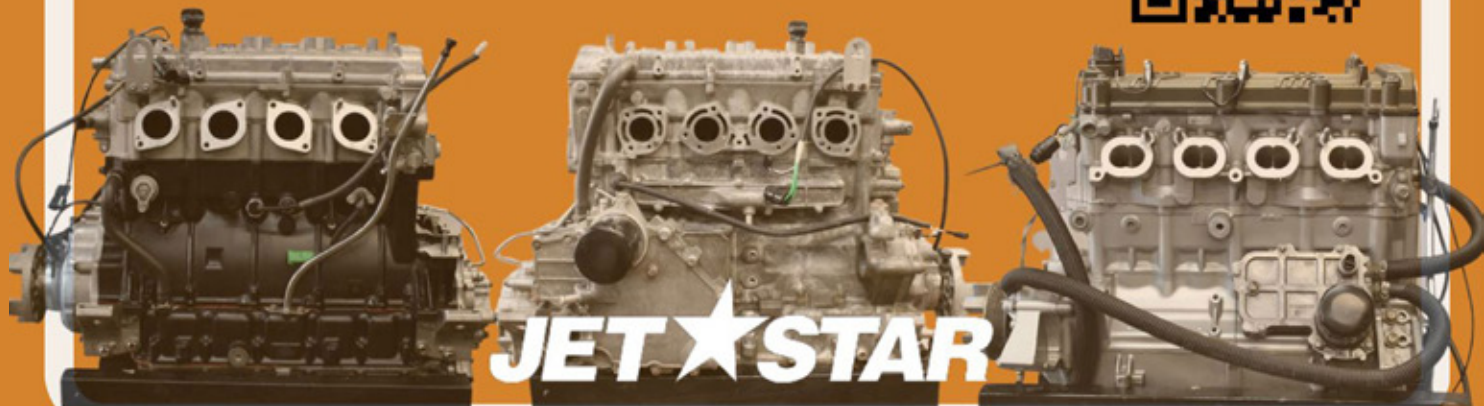


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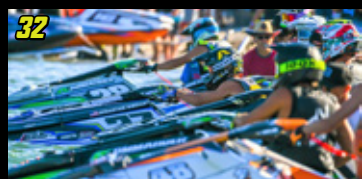
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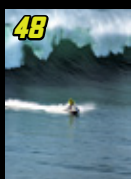
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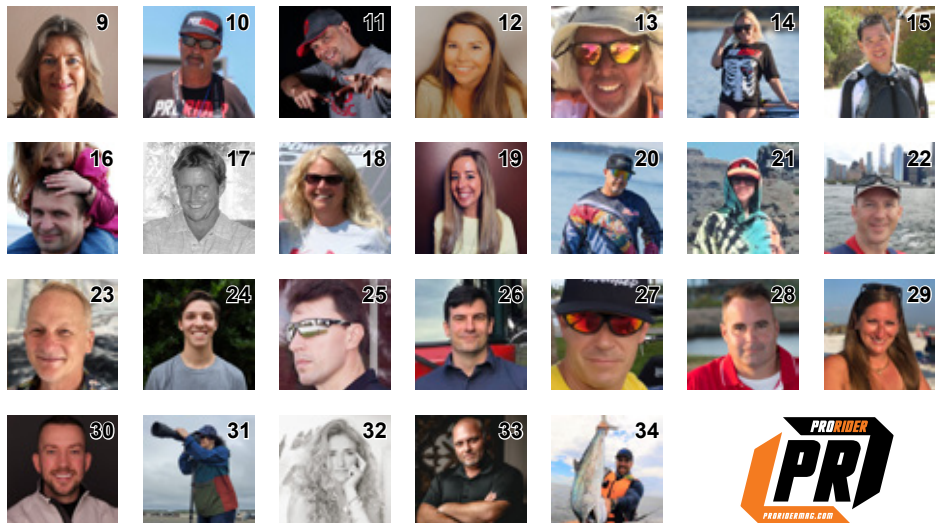
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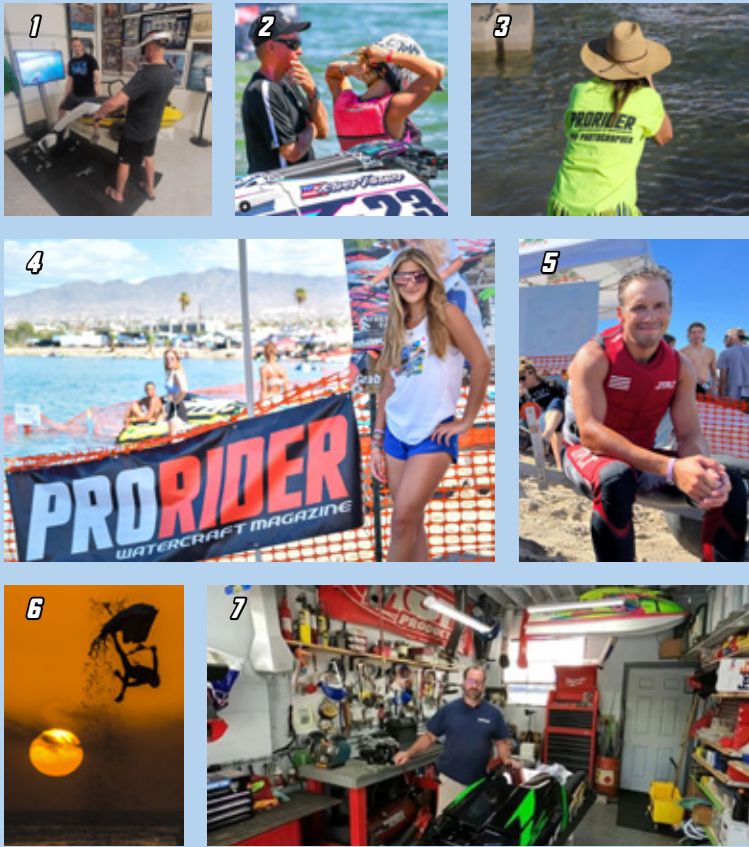
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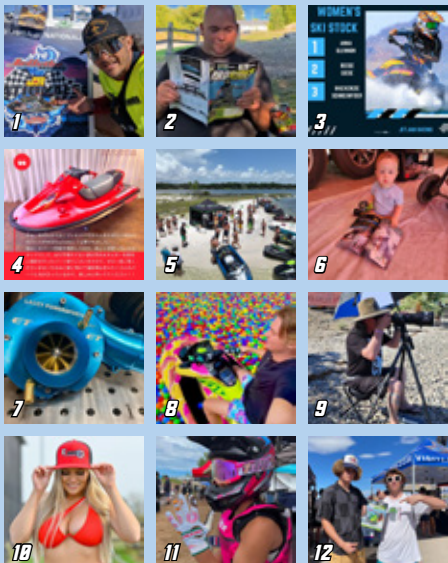
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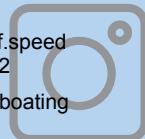
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It has been a pleasure and honor producing this issue with a wide variety of industry news, adventure rides, and thrilling race coverage from around the globe including the IJSBA 41st Anniversary Jettrim World Finals.

The 2022 November/December cover shot goes to AOMC and Broward Motorsports Racing sponsored rider Jimmy Wilson who took 2022 by storm racking up win after win in both the standing and seated positions.

Features include the high-speed Annual Royal Rumble, Jet Jam, Best of the West, Full Throttle, Pro Watercross and Great Lakes Watercross season finales, Mike Straub's 6,000+ mile adventure, Southern Fried Freeride, HydroGames, Texas King of Summer Fishing Tournament, Annual Loop the Lakes ride and more.


We join the jet ski community in sending thoughts and prayers for recovery to Tyron Motzouris and his family.

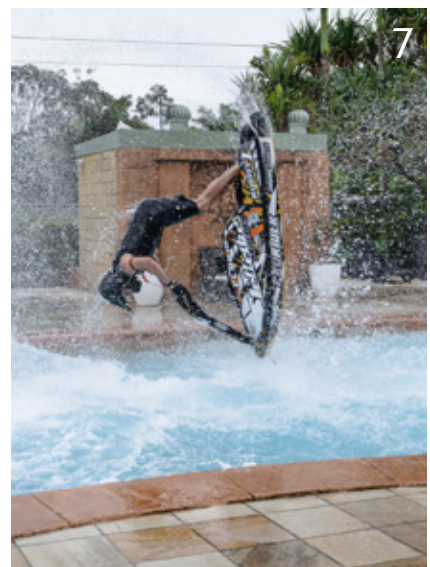
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PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Kennie McKenzie, Columbia, South Carolina on winning the Sep-Oct 2022 photo contest! Kennie will receive a prize package from our good friends at GPO Jetski. At Lake Murray, SC, Kennie is introducing daughter Liv, 10, to the world of jet skis. McKenzie is no stranger to the sport with numerous podium finishes under his belt in Pro-Am Ski Stock and 4-Stroke Stock. Look for him on the track in 2023.



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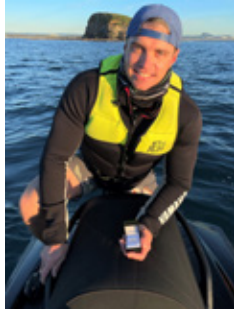
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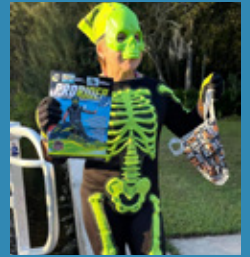
Luke Gillespie and Joanna Kristoffersen met through their love for jet-skiing. Their first date was a sunrise jetski ride off Mudjimba Island on the Sunshine Coast, Australia. They share the same passion for the ocean, the outdoors and adventuring. Luke proposed on the back of a jetski at the same spot they shared their first date. The jeweler that made the engagement ring was quite worried, and extremely relieved when the couple were back on land, with the ring safely at last on Joanna's finger. Luke and Joanna surprised guests at their wedding with a grand jetski entrance to their wedding reception. The event, complete with a jetski cake topper, was perfect for the couple!



NAUTI GIRL CREW HOSTS FIRST ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PUC RUN

Photos: Zee Khan, Gia Goetschel

A new group making waves in the rec ride community is Nauti Girl Crew. Their first Annual Halloween Fun Run, organized by Nauti Girl Crew founder Renee Hill, was a great success! Riders dressed in their Halloween best rode through downtown Tampa. What a surprise for passersby to see costumed jet ski riders as they went down the river walk. A great day on the water with music, giveaways, and a chance to ride a jet car was had by all. Check them out on Facebook at Nauti Girl Crew to join future rides.





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I've been fascinated with jet skis and Havasu a long time. I remember being a teenager working at a motorcycle shop, seeing images of Fischetti, Rippenkroeger, Carlson, and others on posters, in magazines, reading articles and seeing grandstands filled watching the best battle at World Finals. The colors, sights, sounds, I imagined I was there.

I bought my first ski at 20, a 2000 Superjet and imagined ripping around buoys, chasing wins and world titles. Great memories, days spent riding, nights hanging with friends talking about the next ride. Life, kiddos, reality took hold and time flew by. Fifteen years later I found my way back with the help of an X2 and immersed myself into jet skis. I found Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine, read everything I could about skis, races, riders and results, tuned into Cardone Corner, watched old YouTube races, joined Facebook groups. It was jet skis 24/7.

Three months until our family spring break trip, I built my X2 to race, just to try it out,

9 weeks from bare hull to race ready. Testing in 56-degree water at my home lake, I felt confident to go.

Havasu: I found my town. We get settled at Crazy Horse. I'm more anxious than a kid at Christmas to practice at the famed Body Beach. Skis ripping, buoys being ran, it's intoxicating. I was eager for race day.

Race morning I'm a mix of emotions and nerves. My friend and his daughter hold for me. Band snaps and off I go! First lap — first fall. Second lap, third, fourth, checkered. That was an eye opener. Sponsons on the shopping list, knowledge gained, ready for second moto. More spills and fun, the weekend ends with two 3rd overalls.

We raced the rest of the season. Some say it's a lot of effort for a piece of plastic, but I gained experience, drove many miles, had great times, and the memories made — that's the good stuff. First holeshot, meeting my

heroes and fellow racers, making friends, those are what makes racing and the jet ski community so great.

Special thanks to my wife for all the support, my parents for encouragement, my son for inspiration to try something new at 42, showing him it's never too late to chase a dream, Saints of Speed for cool gear that kept me protected and people smiling, Jet Jam/Best of the West for a great series and Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine and other jet ski outlets that keep us connected and a community.

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Jimmy Wilson #300
Matthews, North Carolina



VERSATILE CHAMPION DUAL-THREAT: JIMMY WILSON

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Many of you are familiar with racers Trey and Cameron Frame. Their company Hidden Trails Motorsports has been a major supporter of PWC racing for over a decade. There is a saying in business if you're not growing, you're dying. Well, the Frame family has been busy! They are excited to announce as of October 1st, Hidden Trails Motorsports and AOMC (Appalachian Offroad Motorsport Company) merged into one of West Virginia's largest powersports dealerships! AOMC will expand its unit sales and online parts presence to include top OEM brands like Can-Am, Sea-Doo, Yamaha, Suzuki, KTM, Husqvarna, GasGas, Beta and Sherco. AOMC built out a 70,000 sq ft warehouse to house the online parts and customer service divisions and are in the middle of expanding the showrooms of the current dealership location.

In the past, AOMC primarily focused on offroad motocross and enduro racing. However, under the Frame ownership it has been slowly expanding its business model into the PWC racing scene. They began with National Tour and Regional racing series sponsorships and in 2021 AOMC rider Cameron Frame won National and World Titles. AOMC provided additional racer support to standouts Jimmy Wilson and Tory Snyder. Both Jimmy and Tory had solid 2021 seasons and in 2022 they've continued to impress and bring awareness to the AOMC brand.

The Frames have been working on this merger for over a year and are currently developing a new website that is much easier for customers to navigate. The new website will have all your favorite OEM and aftermarket parts across the complete powersports spectrum including ATV, UTV, PWC, street bike, dirt bike and E-mountain bikes. Launch of the new website is scheduled for early 2023. Be sure to check it out at www.aomcdealership.com for unit sales and www.aomc.mx for parts. **PR**





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Lake Charles, Louisiana Welcomes Pro Watercross NATIONAL TOUR

By: Gary Burtka | Photos: Dennis Duval

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Lake Charles, Louisiana was host to the fourth and final race of the 2022 Pro Watercross National Tour.*

The city of Lake Charles pulled out all the stops to make riders feel welcome. From a rider hospitality tent and grandstands to an array of local food vendors and a flush out area, local officials made us feel warm and welcome.

The racecourse was a right hander with a right-side split and an advantage joker buoy. CBS was on hand to capture all the action and emotions.

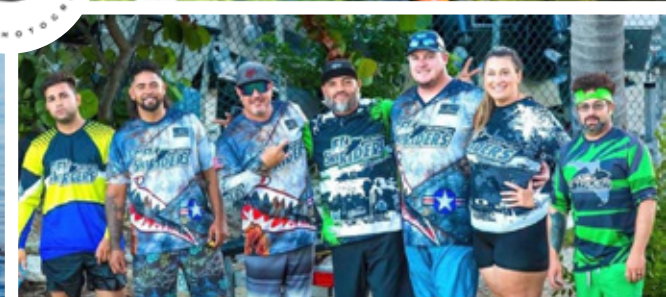
With double points on the line, the Pro Sport Championship was down to literally a one position difference (a nine-point spread) between Billy Dearman and me. While I was able to slide past Billy in the first two rounds of the series, he got me for the win in Racine and closed the gap to an uncomfortable distance. We battled all day and after three grueling motos totaling 43 laps, Dearman emerged the Pro Sport Spec National Tour Champion finishing with a second overall. I finished one point behind Billy for the Tour Championship while celebrating consecutive podiums in this class. Wyatt Hayes on his Polaris Hurricane swept all motos en route to the win and third overall for the Tour Championship.

In Pro-Am Ski GP Jimmy Wilson won his second National in a row sweeping all motos winning the National Tour Championship over top rival, Jules Hopkins. Jules finished second overall on the National Tour. Rounding out the top 3 Tour Champions in Ski GP was Taylor Stewart who also won the Tour Championship in Pro-Am Ski Stock.

Intense battles, amazing sportsmanship and camaraderie abounded. Special thanks to the Pro Watercross crew for an amazing year. I'm proud to say we are on tour with some of the best course marshals, announcers, video streamers and officials jet ski life has to offer. Rip hard, be safe and see you at the next race!

**Due to the impact of Hurricane Ian in the Naples, Florida area, the 2022 Pro watercraft World Championships have been postponed until 2023.*





MEET THE NORTH FLORIDA SKI RIDERS

By: Michael Salom | Photos: Zee Khan

The North Florida Ski Riders was established in 2020. I've loved jetskis since I was a child and started out in close circuit racing which I did through my teens. Now, I enjoy meeting people and riding and working on my 2022 Kawasaki 310 with other jetski enthusiasts.

The focus of the North Florida Ski Riders is to meet people, explore and ride together, and just have fun! We have ridden to the Keys, Tampa, the springs, the Matanzas River and most recently joined a ride to Cumberland Island.

Our favorite ride this year was to Key Largo. We joined the Florida Ski Riders to Alligator Reef and Christ of the Abyss. It was incredible! We also enjoy Silver Glen Springs in Ocala where the water is incredibly clear.

For new riders it's always a good idea to take a boater's course to learn the rules of the waterways and reach out to experienced PWC riders. 2023 we have many rides in the works. Dates are posted a month in advance. Stay tuned and welcome to the family! **PR**





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FIFTH ANNUAL KING OF SUMMER JET SKI FISHING TOURNAMENT

Story and photos: Hung So Lo

Texas Jet Ski Fishing was established in 2014 by Steve Mullins and me. The group came about as a sport for the more adventurous since most of us came from kayak fishing. After slow riding for years, we wanted a more exciting platform to get offshore faster and cover distances outside the range of kayaks. Our group is based mostly out of Texas although we have members across the globe and growing at a steady pace.

Tournament Director, Nam "Namasteak" Nguyen determined we needed an event to build the sport and get more people interested in this new and extreme style of offshore fishing, thus, in 2018 the Texas Jet Ski Fishing "King of Summer" Tournament was born. Rules are basic. Fish must be caught from a PWC while using a rod and reel, contestants can launch from any boat ramp in

the state of Texas and fish within state or federal water. Contestants must make a video stating date of the catch while on their PWC. Once back on land they must video their catch with measurements and post to the official King of Summer Tournament page on the TJSF Facebook Group. Everything else is based on the honor system and it's a winner takes all tournament with entry at \$20 per person.

During the first couple of years, we had very few contestants, but the community grew and so have the winnings! TJSF has over 4,600 members and gaining more interest daily. In 2022 we had our largest winnings to date and hopefully can continue to see

more interest in the sport and the tournament. King Mackerel, aka "Kingfish" is the target species as they are abundant during summer months within the Gulf of Mexico, hence the name, "King of Summer." Fish are measured in length only; weight is not considered. This year, I was fortunate to recapture the title of "King of Summer" since winning the first tournament in 2018.

We look forward to the sport and tournament growing each year! **PR**



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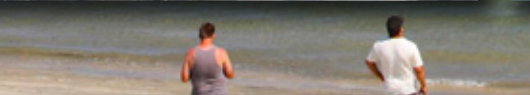
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HYDROGAMES 2022 TEAMS UP WITH SAN DIEGO SALTY CREW

By: Kurt Binter
 Photos: Ally Giles,
 AllyJPhoto; Tod Olvis



Now in its third year, HydroGames 2022, was a huge success! Thanks to San Diego Bayfair for allowing us to build such a great platform in Mission Bay Park, San Diego. HydroGames aims to create an exciting and entertaining watersports mecca encompassing everything from open HydroFlight competition to watercraft racing, hopefully becoming a sanctioned point stop for racing in the future.

Special shout out to our biggest fan, Bud Stephens, a huge part of our sport!

Thank you to Kent Matthews Lasting Impressions Print Shop, Grey Sky Entertainment, Jamul Casino, and San Diego Salty Crew's talented watercraft athletes.

For the first time since 2018, jetski racing and exhibition returned to Bayfair! San Diego Salty Crew member Ally Giles needed no persuasion to come back. "2018 was the last year we put a race together alongside Bayfair," she said. "After getting a call from Kurt Binter, Promotor of HydroGames, asking if the crew wanted to come back, I couldn't say no!"

The unstructured race format came as a bit of a shock to some riders, but they quickly came to appreciate the laid-back environment. Shared Ally, "My goal was to let riders escape the typical hectic race weekend. This format allowed riders to enjoy all Bayfair had to offer including a flyboard night show and music festival. Overall, it was a great success." "Big shoutout to race directors Nick Giles and Jon Phan, Kurt Binter, Kent Matthews, and the Bayfair committee for allowing us to put on the only jetski event in San Diego!" **PR**

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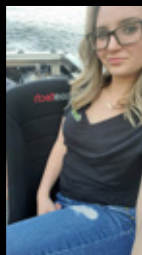
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MEET JET TEK PERFORMANCE: YOUR GO-TO SHOP ON FLORIDA'S EMERALD COAST

Brandon Anderson grew up racing motorcycles, ATVs, you name it he raced it. When he was younger, he couldn't afford to have his bike in the shop, so he learned how to rebuild engines and fix problems on his own. Shared Brandon, "I started an online used motorcycle parts business where I learned to understand Japanese motorsports. At 24, I was peer pressured into buying a 2015 Yamaha FZR SVHO. It reminded me of racing motorcycles, but with the freedom of being on the water. Once I figured out how to make it faster, I was hooked. I soon realized our Northwest Florida area lacked a quality performance shop specific to jet skis. I knew I could provide this service to people that shared the same passion for going fast on the water." Brandon's wife Taylor aka Tay came up with the 'Jet Tek Performance' name. Continued Brandon, "We're making a positive impact in our jet ski community, establishing relationships with customers, race teams, and other performance shops."

PRO RIDER: Please describe the focus of Jet Tek.

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

BR: We are proud of how fast we've grown in a short amount of time. Seems like yesterday we had our first customer wanting to go faster. We're also proud of helping our sponsored P1AquaX racer Matt Smith with his racing career. We owe it all to our loyal customers and hardworking employees.

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

BR: Do your research and listen to reviews when choosing which mechanic or shop to work on your PWC. Some of our most time consuming and costly jobs have been correcting mistakes of other mechanics and fly-by-night shops.

PR: Please share what you and your family members ride and favorite riding location.


BR: I ride a 2016 Yamaha FX SVHO fully built 1.8L strapped with a 6466 Boostlabs Turbo 100-mph. Mike (lead tech) rides a 2015 FX SVHO with a custom Stage 3+ setup 95mph. Shop skis include a 2020 Sea-Doo RXTX full JP Racing stage three 90mph, and 2014 Sea-Doo Spark for the heck of it. Our favorite place to ride is Jet Tek Performance Point, a shallow water area great for hitting high speeds and hanging out on the island.

PR: Any special plans for the remainder of 2022 and 2023?

BR: We are working on fulfilling a few amazing contract builds, introducing new products, and participating more in P1AquaX.





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The 41st anniversary of the IJSBA was a success. Lake Havasu City, a pilgrimage place of sorts for many racers, was home to 32 countries, 700 entrants and their crews. After the isolation of Covid-19, energy, and excitement permeated Body Beach from the first race until the last. Like every momentous occasion, this second stop of the Jet Ski World Series was filled with mixed emotions.

Early on, tremendous, surprising firsts were achieved. Cambodia's seasoned Ou Mouet Saly took the Novice Ski Stock title, restoring much needed confidence. Havasu's Sebastian Girello was the spoiler in the coveted Amateur (aka Expert) Ski GP class, trumping Europe Round 1 champion, Lucy Gadsby, and runner up, Phil Segers for the title. Corban Farnley, New Zealand, secured a two-moto win in the 20-rider strong Pro-Am Ski Lites; no small feat considering the lineup consisted of great young upcomers. Paul Del Rosario of the Philippines had a world title on his bucket list and got one in Ski Modified Lites. Tory Snyder not only took the world title in Amateur Runabout 1100 Limited, but the Sport Spec class, a class he entered on the day of the competition. That gamble paid off!

The Thai Six and Sense twins, Tanawin and Tanawid Molee, made Havasu their stop, sharing the podium in Amateur Ski GP behind Girello, the first-time twins have been on the podium together in Havasu. Tanawid won Pro Am Ski Stock. Speaking of siblings, we can't discount the breakout performances of Thai duo, Keeratikor and Sasina Phiwngam. They popped up on our radars in Poland with dominant performances in Runabout 1100. Sasina won Amateur Women's Runabout 1100 Stock. Keeratikor took Amateur Runabout 1100 Stock win, his sister 3rd. He also won Novice Runabout 1100 Stock.

Not to be outdone, the Juniors put on an excellent show. Most sensational was a three moto win by Thai celebrity, Nakara 'Orca' Silachai in the Junior 10-12 Stock category. Teammate, Natannan 'Otto' Keenapan took the title in Junior 13-15 Stock. Tanner Wright from Havasu is one to watch, taking the 13-15 4 Stroke Lites title, with another hometown product, Ty Smith, becoming world champion in 10-12 4 Stroke Lites.

For the Pros, it was a case of clouds with silver linings. Endurance ran one moto overall with multiple world champion, Jean Bruno Pastorello, adding another world title to his belt. Lee Stone came out of his short hiatus to claim a 10th Freestyle world title, a stupendous achievement against fellow competitors who all put on a great show. Emma-Nellie Ortendahl pipped Lucy Gadsby and Jasmiin Ypraus in Pro Am Women's Ski stock proving her racing pedigree. Suphathat Footrakul nabbed three moto wins in RA 1100 Open despite injury. Veteran racer, Tammy Rarick, took Pro Women's Runabout in a strong, growing class.

HOME COMING: *Second Stop of Jet Ski World Series*

JETTRIM WGP#1 IJSBA WORLD FINALS WELCOMES THE WORLD BACK TO HAVASU

By: Dawn Dawson, President Reflections Advertising | **Photos:** Kenny Wong, Craig Milne, Charles Guinchard, Ken & Geneva Gallagher, Rick Powell, Chris Liu, Rain Porter



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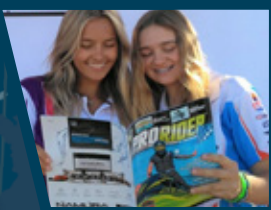
By: Doug Underhill | Photos: Ken and Geneva Gallagher; Rick Powell

After nearly being cancelled, Junior Stars Day with the Pros 2022 set records for attendance, sponsorship, new features, volunteers, and support. As Nedra Atwood said, 'Junior Stars doesn't belong to anyone. It belongs to all of us.'

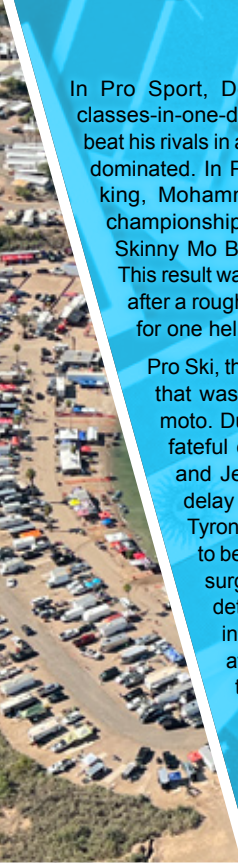
Volunteers from five US regions Nautiwater, Great Lakes Watercross, Jet Jam, and Can Am Watercross, and Surf N Turf delivered the program. Fifty "Future Threats" from 5 nations learned starting tips and skills from pro racers from 4 countries. The PWC industry supported the young athletes with products and donations to cover costs. T.C Freeride added a first ever freestyle element and MotoOption pit shirts were a distinct "level up."

The game-changer was the interview studio. Bill Dearman's Judge Motorsports Trailer was transformed into a recording studio where each Junior sat for an interview with international jetski announcer Dawn Dawson. Reflections Advertising transformed the interviews into professionally edited videos for racers to use in local and social media, and prospecting for sponsors. Dawson explained her passion for this new element saying, "Interviews are overlooked opportunities to add value to yourself as an athlete."

Planning for 2023 is underway, contact doug@juniorstarsofflorida.com to be part of the future! **PR**



In Pro Sport, Deven 'I-can-do-multiple-classes-in-one-day-and-still-win' Farthing beat his rivals in a class his father previously dominated. In Pro Runabout GP, holeshot king, Mohammad Albaz took the world championship title, fending off teammate, Skinny Mo Burbayea by a narrow margin. This result was still a redemptive effort for Mo after a rough start in Poland. We are hoping for one hell of a showdown in Thailand.



Pro Ski, the ultimate crowd drawer, was one that was tainted by tragedy from the first moto. During the very first lap of moto 1, a fateful collision between Tyron Motzouris and Jeremy Poret forced race officials to delay the race to ensure the safety of riders. Tyron suffered a serious head injury and had to be rushed to hospital where he underwent surgery and is fighting on with his trademark determination and will. Since so many riders in the class had their boats touched by Tyron at some point in their careers, it was a miracle these Pros were able to keep their heads for the rest of the motos. Pro Ski ran three motos, Marten Manni and Kevin Reiterer tying for points, Manni taking a much-deserved world title. Poland winner, Raphael Maurin joined Reiterer on the podium with Quinten Bossche 4th and Jimmy Wilson 5th.



Tyron's exit cast a cloud in the mind of every racer that weekend. It is something rarely acknowledged in our sport, the speed, the risk, and the consequences on the water. It was the right call for the race organizers to end racing before sunset. We might not have seen a second moto for Endurance or a fourth for Ski, but there was a lot more at risk if races continued. We send light and strength to the Motzouris clan and rally our positive thoughts for them during this trying time.



The third and final stop of the Jet Ski World Series continues in Pattaya, Thailand in December. For all of us, it's going to be the bombastic closure to a full year of incredible racing in 2022. **PR**



"IJSBA had our first World Finals following restrictions placed by the pandemic. The 2022 Jettrim WGP#1 World Finals had great racing, solid vendor participation, and the highest number of competitors and spectators since 2016. IJSBA made deep sacrifices when we produced the 2020 and 2021 World Finals to keep the continuity of the event ensuring World Finals could be produced in difficult circumstances. While we are proud of the accomplishments, there is clearly a need to do more to have the appearance of the World Finals match the hard work that goes into the production of the event. Meeting this challenge will be our development priority for 2023. IJSBA thanks all sponsors, industry professionals, racers, and public for the support; we will continue to deliver for you. Finally, we send our thoughts and prayers to Tyron Motzouris who suffered a serious injury in Pro Ski GP, the only serious injury of the event. We hope all racers will keep him and his family in their thoughts."



— Scott Frazier, IJSBA Managing Director





Australia's ROAD TO HAVASU

Story and photos: **Zoomed Images**
Craig Milne

Australia was represented by Bailey Cunningham, Tom Aiken, Jayden Richardson, Kylie Ellmers, and Tim O'Neill. Bailey was joined by John Hollet from Sunshine Coast Power Sport. Considerable testing and improvements to suit Lake Havasu were made in the lead up on the number 81 runabout with Bailey placing a respectable 6th in Pro Am Enduro. Kylie #553 on a new ski from BRP finished 10th in Pro Am Endurance. Tom on the 85 Bullett had a great run in Amateur Ski GP, winning a qualifier and finishing 9th overall with his new ski performing faultlessly. Tim #85 got comfortable on the number 26 SXR he hired for Grand Master Ski and came away happy with 10th. A 2nd generation racer, Jayden, under dad's watchful eye, rode the number 111 Superjet to 2 world titles coming 1st in Junior Ski 13-15 Lites and Amateur Ski Lites whilst finishing a creditable 3rd in Pro Am Ski Lites.

With a larger contingency of Australians already planning for 2023, next year should see the Aussie flag in several more places around the pits. **PR**



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MEET MIKE STRAUB: SEA-DOO LOOPER

Story and photos: Mike Straub

America's Great Loop is a 5,500-mile water trail around the eastern third of the U.S. Mike Straub started in Omaha, Nebraska (not on the Loop), and added 1,250 miles to the trip. Typically, it's travelled in one year in 25-50 foot live-on boats/yachts. It's common for people to ride it in segments over many years. Straub chose to do it on a 2022 Sea-Doo Fish Pro Trophy in the span of 3 months. "This was my Mount Everest," shared Straub.

The hero of the trip was Brett Zelenak, Service Manager, Distinctive Cycles, Freeport, Florida.

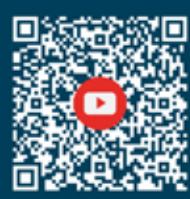
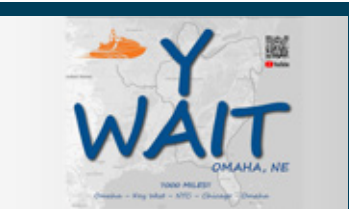
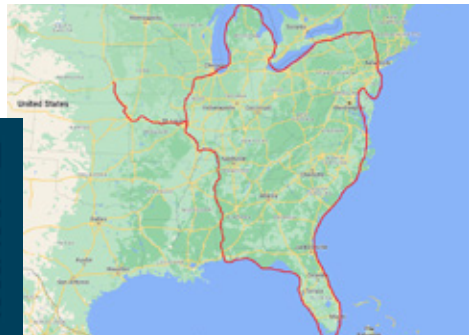
From Omaha to Florida, my machine developed an issue requiring several minutes of off-and-on cranking to fire on cold starts. At Brett's shop, we ruled out numerous things. The starting issues continued as I rounded Key West, but Brett stuck with me and was always a text message away. Through Brett's troubleshooting, we discovered leaving too much weight on the back of the machine overnight caused an exhaust back-pressure issue where water vapors entered the cylinders and fouled the spark plugs. The solution was simple, fill fuel jugs in the AM, instead of PM. From then on, the machine started every time, without incident. That was the only major, unexpected mechanical issue. And all I had to do was replace the spark plugs between scheduled service stops to fix it. I replaced the carbon seal at 300-engine-hours. Those seals are generally good for 150-250 hours, so I felt great getting 300 hours out of mine.

I'm thrilled how well my aluminum fuel rack held up. We built it to hold four 6-gallon jugs, with a range of 180-280 miles, depending on water conditions. I had a 3/4" jiggler siphon hose and could drain one 6-gallon jug into the main tank in 100 seconds and could refuel in rough waters with relative ease.

On shorter days, I filled two jugs, leaving the outside two empty. This still provided plenty of fuel reserve, and I didn't have to worry about finding a marina midday. The longest stretch without fuel, besides the Missouri River, was from Hoppie's Marina on the Mississippi River to Paducah, Kentucky, 205 miles; made that stretch with 12 gallons to spare.

Every day, I edited and published a YouTube video. While they didn't go viral, a couple thousand people followed along. At night stops, there was usually someone waiting at the dock for me, or who would recognize me. "Hey - you're that Sea-Doo Looper guy, aren't you?" Or "We've been waiting for you to arrive!"

With this trip, I endeavored to inspire others through my personal message of 'Y WAIT' to live your passions, stop waiting for that perfect moment. If I could get just a few people to do that, mission accomplished. Based on messages in social media I think that happened. **PR**



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- 4,124** Likes / Reactions to my Great Loop post on Facebook that I finished the Loop
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- 4** Times used a larger boat as a "plow" in rough water
- 3** Pounds gained; times a wave came over the bow full body-smack; times asked if I was running from my wife
- 2** Times used battery booster to start the machine; times missed a turn; # of sharks seen; # of boat/ raft parties attended; # of people I know who completed the Loop on a jet ski in one shot
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GRAYLAND OPEN ALTERNATIVE FREERIDE 2022



By: Dan Lindgren,
West Coast Surf Riders

Photos: Tanner Veillette;
Dana Letendre

This year the official Grayland Open contest wasn't to be, so we got together for an informal big ride and camp weekend in Grayland, Washington. West Coast Surf Riders turned out in full force with 60 skis and over 100 people.

Sunny weather and good waves gave way to fog with smaller waves but still good beach vibes and comfortable temperatures throughout the event. World Champion Pro Freestyler Mark Gomez was in the area and made an appearance surprising us all! It was great to see Mark and ride with him again. The event finale saw sun and big waves ending with a bang playing games, eating good food, and mobbing our one wheels and EUCs playing 'capture the cone' a new game Collin McLaughlin invented similar to capture the flag but played on one wheels. Picture a bunch of dudes on electric one wheels crashing into each other in the dark fighting over a cone.

It was a blast catching up and riding with everyone! **PR**



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Great Lakes Watercross hosted the Indiana Insurance Solutions Midwest National Jetski Racing Competition at Morse Park & Beach, Indiana.

The event, which included a spectacular fly over with 5 aerial show planes, was successful and well received by participants and spectators on land and water!

82 entrants participated in 13 classes. Competitors came from 11 states, as far away as Pennsylvania and Florida. 20 local Indiana riders made a good showing, many trying personal watercraft racing for the first time. Local racers took the No. 1 spot in four classes, as well as six second-place finishes and five third-place finishes. Prizes were donated by MotoOption, Jettribe, and Blowson. Indiana Insurance Solutions provided free hot dogs and chips.

The event had spectators looking skyward with the five biplane flyover and a freestyle exhibition. A highlight of the weekend was watching Junior Racers, aged 9 to 15. It was the first race for some, and they put on a great show in Junior Rec Lites and Junior Ski Lites.

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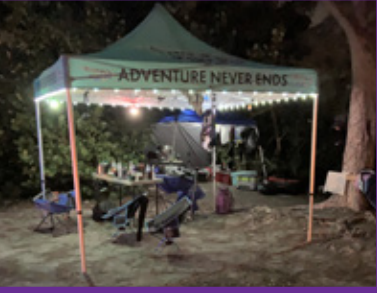
The Annual Women's Ride was established to encourage women to ride, give women bonding time and develop friendships with other female riders. We hope to be able to answer questions for women to gain confidence in jet skiing as well as teach them things along the way. For example, some women don't feel comfortable backing a trailer down a ramp. A goal is to set up time to meet at a ramp and teach them how.

Last year, our first Annual Ladies Ride was from Deland, Florida to Silver Glen, down the St. John's River across Lake George to Silver Glen Spring enjoying crystal clear water, good food, great company, and lots of laughs.

This year we launched from Dunedin Causeway, stopped at Horseshoe Island to set up our camp sites and proceeded to Three Rooker Island where we enjoyed music with DJ Vic and an island party. There's something about music, dancing, and sun that brings ladies together, you can't help but have a great time! Back at Horseshoe Island, lunch was provided by Ride Now in Gainesville, Florida. Our jerseys were sponsored by Riva Racing.

In addition to camping, we enjoyed fishing, watching movies under the stars and sitting around a campfire enjoying each other's company sharing endless laughter! Primitive camping was a new experience we will do again! **PR**

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By: Rain Porter; Nic Verdone | Photos: Ken Gallagher; Rain Porter



Jet Jam Racing's last band snap of the 2022 season before the IJSBA World Finals was nothing shy of epic! With World Finals just weeks away, pilots from all over the world participated. Competition was at an all-time high for local west coast racers at the final Jet Jam round in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. The double points competition saw those battling in points racing even harder to clench or retain their lead. Excellent water conditions and a fast-paced diverted left turn start kept fans on their toes. The event concluded with a joyous ceremony and a few stunning upsets for overall points! **PR**





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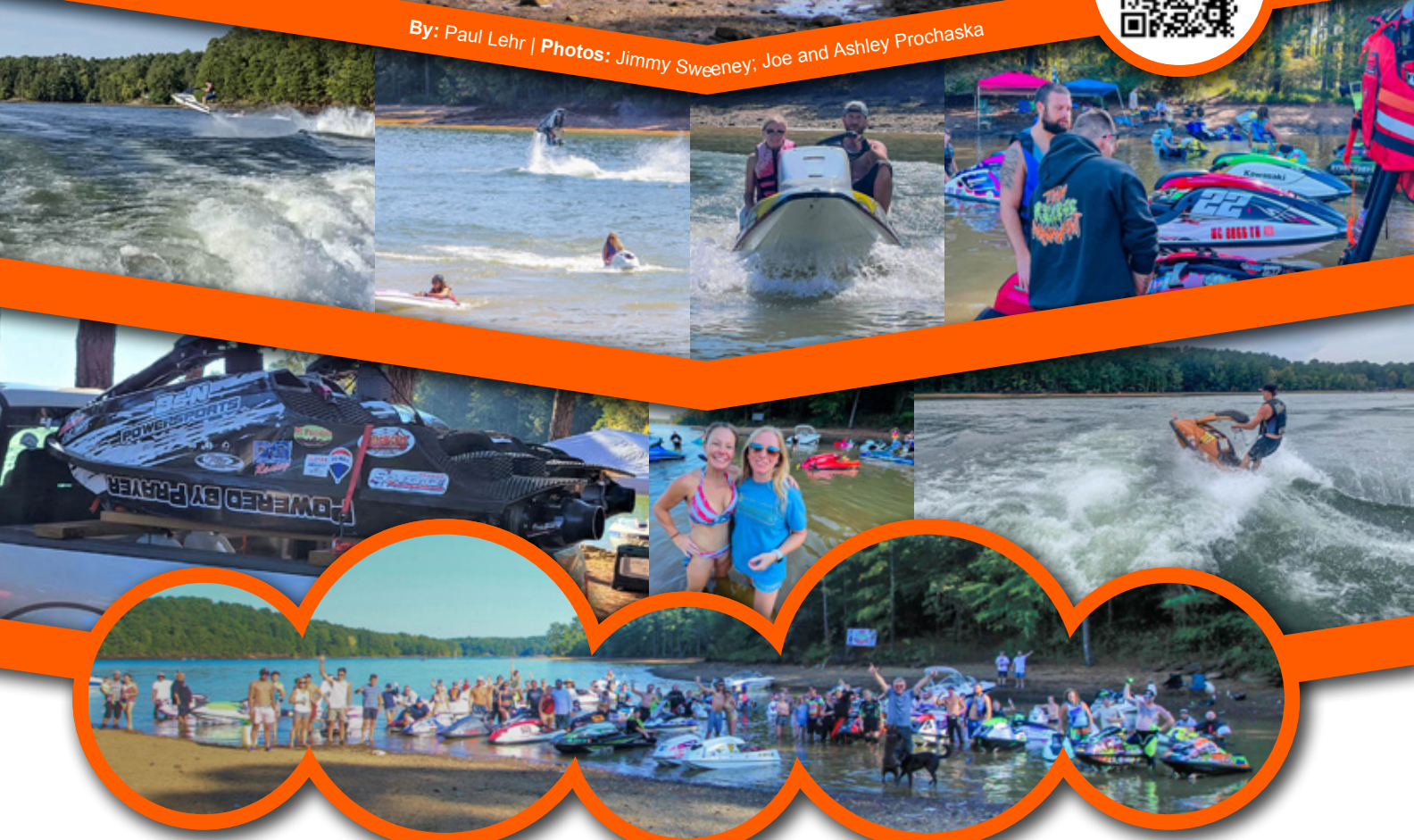
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11TH ANNUAL

Southern Fried Freeride



By: Paul Lehr | Photos: Jimmy Sweeney; Joe and Ashley Prochaska



Late September mild Georgia temps, lowered lake levels, BK's southern fried catfish, Kathy's mac-n-cheese, bon fires, and the lovely scent of two-strokes-it's Southern Fried Freeride season! Allatoona Landing Campground, in conjunction with X-H2O, hosted the SFF for its 11th run. While many of the core group from the early days still hold strong, local vintage Kawasaki shredder, Lamar Weldon has been pushing the ride to his Kawi buddies, so much so, they took over the inner part of the peninsula now known as "Kawi Cove." The Vintage

standup scene is strong. Enthusiasm for riding and growing the grass roots segment of standup PWC is alive and well. SFF remains constant in the philosophy of "show up and ride" low-key, laid-back riding fun, no entry fees, no sponsors, or raffles, just pure freeride in its simplest form.

80 riders from all over Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Ohio made their way to Georgia's Lake Allatoona for the 3-day event. Boat traffic on the lake offered ample wake jumping opportunities. Freestyle riding is also a big part of freerides. It was fun to watch young shredders trying to throw their first backflips.

Plenty of 'back flops' kept the cheering section well entertained.

SFF is a spin off from the original "Riot Ride" held each spring on Lake Lanier. When the Lanier DNR made it impossible for the ride to continue, SFF was born. Allatoona Landing Campground became its home and has supported it ever since. If you would like to attend SFF or be part of the freeride community, become a member of www.x-h2o.com. There's a Freeride Tour section to keep you up to date on everything Freeride nationwide! Ski ya! **PR**



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5TH ANNUAL LOOP THE LAKES

By: Mike Missak, Chain Gang Co-founder | Photos: J. Rish Photography

The PWC Chain Gang based on "The Chain O' Lakes" in northern Illinois was created to coordinate rides and events, provide a forum to ask questions and connect with other riders.

The PWC Chain Gang hosted its 5th annual "Loop the Lakes", a two-hour ride through seven lakes with riders of all ages all levels of experience, racers, families, and everything in between. There's no cost to participate, it's just a way to enjoy the sport with other PWC enthusiasts.

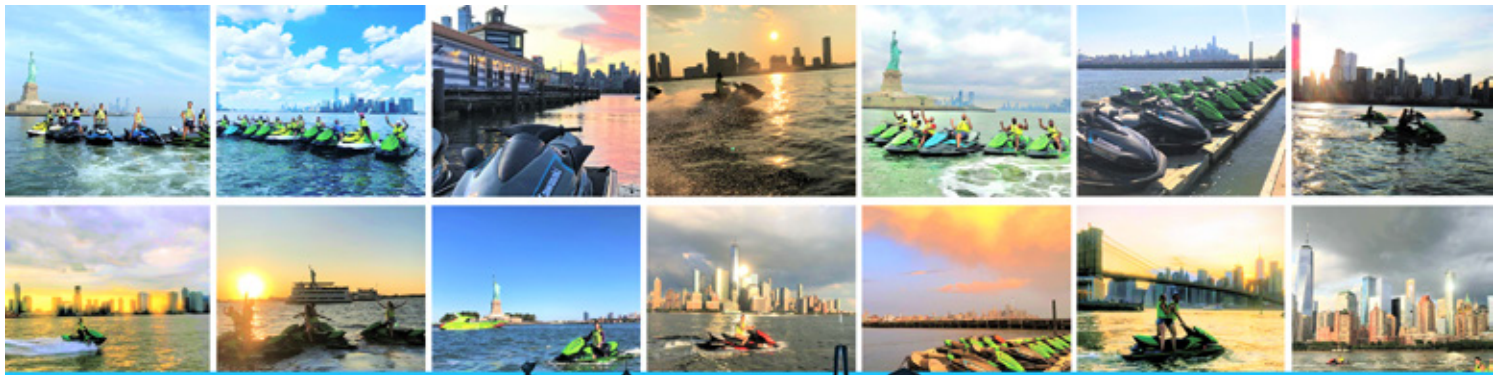
One of the busiest inland recreational waterways per acre in the US, the Chain of Lakes is a waterway system comprised of 15 lakes and multiple channels covering 7,100 acres of water and 500 miles of shoreline. Nielsen Enterprises and Yamaha provided the Fox Waterway Agency with a \$5,000 donation to help maintain the waterway system.

We kicked off at the Lake House restaurant on Pistakee Lake with raffles, donuts, and free t-shirts for all riders, compliments of Nielsen Enterprises. From there, I drove the Yamaha pace boat while co-founder Steve Nielsen rode his Sea-Doo up front guiding the nearly 200 PWCs safely behind the boats.

Over the past five years we've grown exponentially gaining the attention of several local businesses. The last three years, Nielsen Enterprises, one of the Midwest's largest powersport dealerships has sponsored us. Through their sponsorship, we've gained support from Yamaha. This year's event was led by a 2022 Yamaha 255X E-Series provided from Nielsen Enterprises.

Loop the Lakes has become a yearly tradition for many riders and spectators. We encourage you to join our Facebook group for details on this event and other rides throughout the season. **PR**





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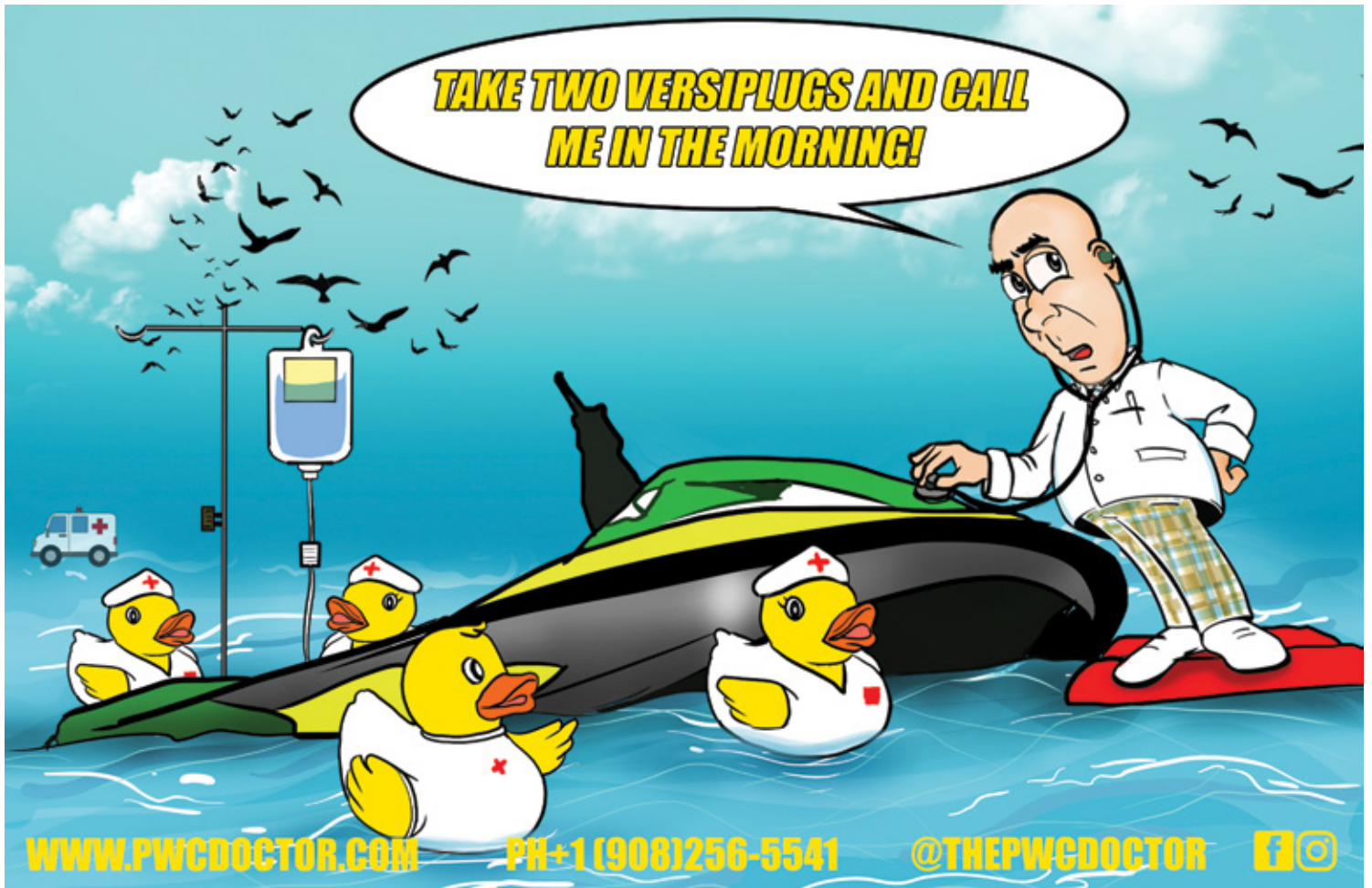


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ADVENTURE OF EPIC PROPORTIONS: BIG WAVE RIDING NAZARÉ

On January 8, 2022, the largest swell of the season hit Praia do Norte in Nazaré, Portugal, producing 60–80-foot waves.

Sky high energy buzzed wildly through town as spectators crowded the cliffs while jet skis zipped through the lineup. Focused tension charged the air as surfers, rescue teams and videographers geared-up. Like warriors preparing for battle they launched towards the massive waves rising on the horizon.

The waves build power traveling through the Atlantic. Just before they reach shore, the swell sinks 16,000 feet deep into the undersea Nazaré Canyon. When waves hit the canyon's wall, they get funneled towards the massive sandbar and shoot back up wedging with the waves still coming from the northwest generating record breaking wave heights. On big days, waves crest over 100 feet tall. Most days, Nazare can only be surfed with the aid of a PWC.

The PWC tows surfers into waves and pulls them from the surf after the ride or wipe out. None of this could be done without the best jet-ski pilots. The pilot and PWC are like a horse and cowboy, and for this rodeo, gear must be in top shape. The PWC is adapted with a sled and special tow ropes so the surfer can hold on and get retrieved swiftly.

It was part of the plan to ride the PWC on the big waves, but not while the swell was raging. I felt confident and safe going with Dave Langer, a big wave surfer and one of Nazaré's top rescue drivers with a board shrine at the "Faro" museum.

We waited three days until the waves went down. It was nothing short of an epic adventure. The team consisted of Dave Langer, Crusty Demons of Dirt motocross alumni Rusty Setser, pioneer adaptive sports big wave pilot Kyle Richardson and me.

Geared up in a 5mm wetsuit, I rode the back of the PWC driven by Rusty, who was charging Nazaré for the first time. His motocross driving skills kicked in and it was as close as I'd gotten to a freestyle jump.

Dave rode with Kyle Richardson who drove his PWC on the Nazaré waves for his first time. Kyle suffered a spinal cord injury a decade ago and lost all movement beneath his arms. He is a pioneer in his field and thanks to Langer is now the first adaptive sports pilot to test the mecca of the big wave tow-in scene.

Riding back to the marina, we cheered like pirates catching air when Kyle and Rusty sped full throttle. In the end, towing into a giant wave is an experience beyond life and death, it's a slice of eternity requiring mind-blowing devotion. **PR**

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AIR: MORE IS BETTER!

By: Greg Gaddis Aka "Hulk Junior"

An engine is essentially an air pump. The more air an engine can process the more power the engine has the potential to make. Starving an engine for air is only hurting performance and efficiency. Air circulation is a big issue for personal watercraft; the engine compartment is tightly sealed with minimal air ducts to keep as much water out as possible. The lack of air circulation results in the engine breathing hot, oxygen-deficient air preventing it from operating at peak performance.

There's a reason many individuals and performance shops do top speed runs with the seat off: air circulation. Getting fresh air to the engine keeps the engine compartment temps low, engine temps low, and intake air temps low. The combination of the three results in a 2-3 mph gain just from getting more air flow and better air quality. Unfortunately, 99 percent of people ride with their seats on and are missing out on higher speeds. The answer to this problem is simple: add as many air ducts as you feel comfortable!

I recently did a little experiment to see just how much speed I'd gain from adding a few vents. I didn't go overboard with a hole saw resulting in a chopped up Sea-Doo RXP-X! Most people would never even notice the vents. I added simply because I transformed the fake air ducts on the front of the ski into full functioning ones. Utilizing the factory cosmetic design keeps the look clean, keeps water out, and adds plenty of airflow. Just from removing the factory cowl pieces, drilling two 2.5 inch holes, and reinstalling the cowls I gained a sustained 200 RPM and 2 MPH. I certainly can't complain about gaining 2 MPH for free!

Obviously, not everyone is thrilled with the idea of drilling holes in their PWC, but if peak performance is your top priority, then it is necessary. I've never had a single issue caused from modified air ducts on the many skis I've added them to. If done right there will be no water intrusion, look factory, and significantly increase engine performance.

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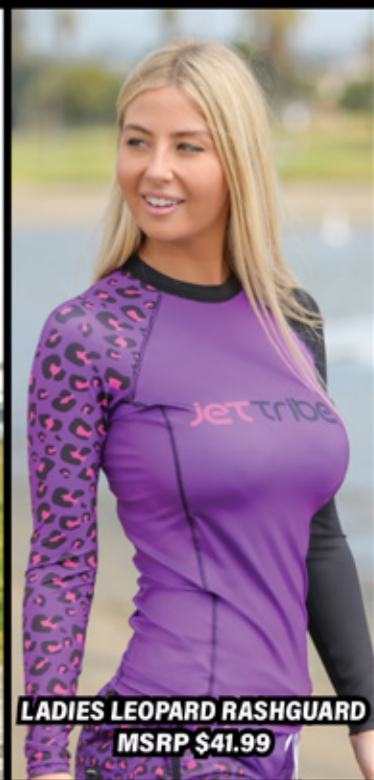
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By: Tommy Nuttall, E-RYT Yoga Teacher / Fitness Coach

High level athletes LeBron James and Tom Brady added yoga to extend their careers. Yoga strengthens the tiny stabilizing muscles often missed by conventional workouts. These stabilizer muscles add strength and flexibility and prevent injury by supporting larger muscle groups. Yoga stretches the entire body. Yoga combines breath with movement to build 'prana' or life force energy.

The sun salutations sequence is at the heart of any yoga practice. Sun salutations or 'Surya

Namaskar' honors the sun. In traditional yoga, the sun is considered the source of all life. As watersports athletes, the sun is crucial to us, so let's dive into this process that positively affects body, mind, and spirit.

It starts with the excellent posture of the mountain or prayer pose and ends in the same position while going through a series of postures linking breathing with movement. This article focuses on the low lunge, cobra, and downward-facing dog poses.



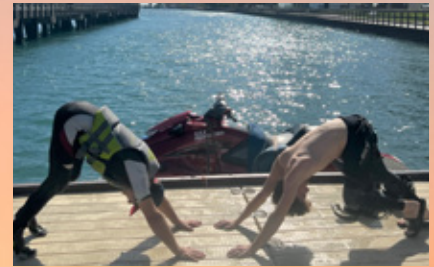
1. LUNGE – From standing, bring hands to the ground, step right leg back lowering knee to floor. Keep the front (left) knee over the front (left) foot. Allow back leg to slide back as far as comfortable. Bring both hands to front knee to create length in the spine; take three deep breaths. Notice how the hip flexor starts to release. Add dragon pose by dropping one hand to the ground and lifting the other toward to sky.



2. COBRA – Begin lying on your stomach; bring hands underneath shoulders. Pull elbows in toward body. Keep elbows bent, press feet, legs, and hips into floor, lift chest upward to the sky on an inhale. Open the chest, relax shoulders, breathe deeply.



3. DOWNWARD DOG – Begin on hands and knees, feet hip distance apart, tuck toes under, slowly lift your knees and straighten your legs. Reach upward with your hips as you simultaneously shift your weight back, sharing the effort between upper and lower body. Breathe deeply, keep knees bent



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4th Annual ROYAL RUMBLE 2022

By: Raymond Rodriguez | Photos: Manuel Valdes





A sunny Sunday morning on a small island of the Connecticut River, premier racing teams of the east coast and Florida arrive. Some come for fun, some to support friends or family, most came for the glory and yearlong bragging rights as the fastest racer of the year. The 4th Annual CTR Royal Rumble hosted by the CT Racing Team is about to kick off.

Skis are dropped into the river, canopies from all different teams are erected, smokey grills are giving off the sweet scent of steak and burgers as 400 people gather to compete and cheer on loved ones in the hydro drag event.

Lenny from Empire Racing Team representing Pito Racing started the event off in style placing first in the Sea-Doo vs FX war. Not to be outdone, Damian from Cuco Performance sped away from the competition and secured the trophy as the Pro Stock winner. As the day went on skis got faster and the races got tighter. Devito defeated his opponent on his fast grey GP1800 to take top prize in the Super Stock class. Carlito Del Valle crowned himself the winner in the Unlimited class.

Once competitions were finished good vibes continued on the beach to partake and hand out trophies and praise. CTR Jet Ski team members worked extremely hard to organize this event. They succeeded in creating an event that highlights the competitiveness and promotes friendships among teams that share a common love for the sport.

CTR thanks the teams and sponsors in this year's event and hope they all return next year: Matatanes RT, Empire JetSki Club, Skivillians, RR Racing Team, Los Titanes, Persia Soluciones, Team La Para, Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine, SC-RC Flaco Tuning, Pito Racing, D'S Westside Automotive, Chambrello Enterprise, Hudson River Squad, DVT Performance, Boosting Performance, Cuco Performance, K&R Performance, BK Built and of course CRT Racing. **PR**



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“DID YOU REALLY CATCH THAT FROM A JET SKI?!”

Story and photos: Scott Williamson, Queensland, Australia

Weaving through queued boats in the shallows waiting for Mother Nature to play nice, I squeeze the trigger and clinically slice between the set waves heading for my favourite mark, lures in fishing before most have made it out of the surf zone. I love fishing off a WaveRunner!

Since 15 years old I've owned a jet ski, my first being a Yamaha GP1200r, which I'd have to throttle the heck out of to turn over. Eventually, she'd come to life with a chainsaw-like growl waking half the neighbourhood. That little 2-stroke served me well a couple-hundred hours, but finally, I saved enough money for the Holy Grail – a Yamaha FX HO.

The new-found reliability in the silky smooth 4-stroke engine allowed me to explore what I could never before. I could venture further offshore on a more stable vessel, use less fuel, all while trusting Yamaha's MR1 engine. Fast forward, I've clocked over 1,000 hours on the same Yamaha FX HO.

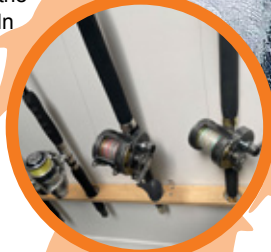
There's something special about landing a big fish off a PWC. Marlin, Wahoo, and big King Mackerel rank at the top of my hit list.

In a session earlier this year, I perfectly lined up my troll run to hit my favourite mark. As I closed in the distance lessened, anticipation building. Ten meters, five meters, two meters, over the mark, nothing. As I accept my losses and loop around to repeat the run, both rods fold over, reels begin screaming and line is disappearing fast! Reels make a unique sound when attached to one of the quickest fish in the sea, and this noise was textbook – a Wahoo double! Both fish dumped a heap of line, the one about 80m and the other about 160m. Fighting the fish closer to me, I noticed a sudden jerk on the stowed rod (the much bigger fish). In typical Wahoo fashion, another Wahoo thug set his mate free by snipping the swivel connection. Refocussing my attention toward the fish I was fighting, I looked down and saw a long silver fish on it's flank with iridescent blue stripes. No matter how many times you see it, it never gets any less impressive. I sink the gaff into what becomes my personal best Wahoo and head back to the ramp.

At the ramp I feel eyes burning the back of my head. One guy is nice enough to come over for a chat. "Mate, that is ridiculous! Did you really catch that from a jet ski?!" I love hearing the disbelief, it pushes me to keep doing what I do - targeting big fish off a PWC. It's nearly as motivating as the thought "if the Wahoo I landed was my biggest yet, how big was the other one?"

I documented this session (and plenty others) on my YouTube Channel — Scott Williamson Fishing. If you are new to the sport or just have general questions, I am happy to chat so please get in touch!

Tight lines! **PR**






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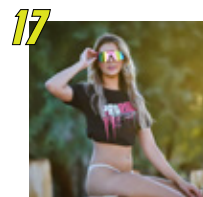
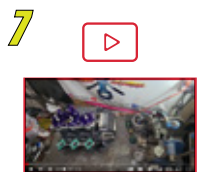
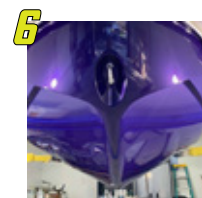
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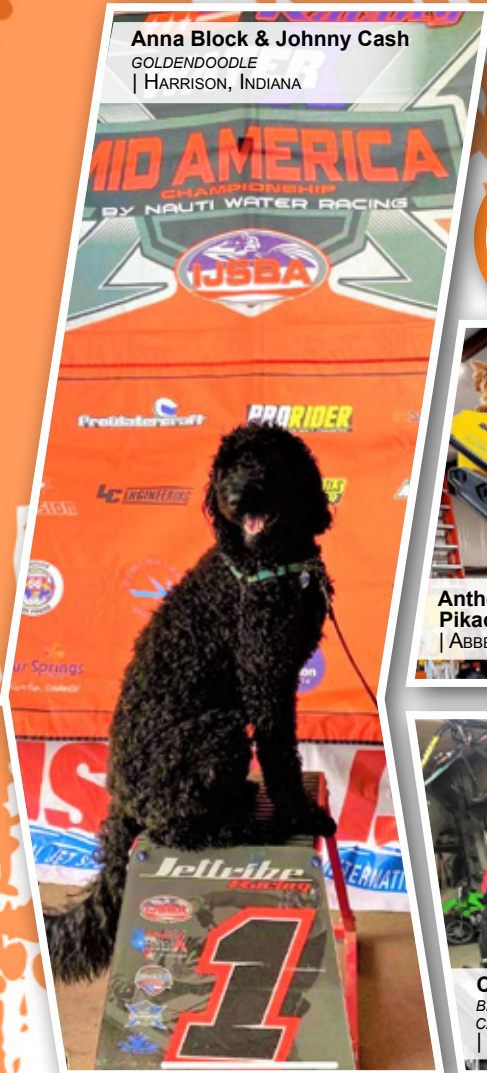




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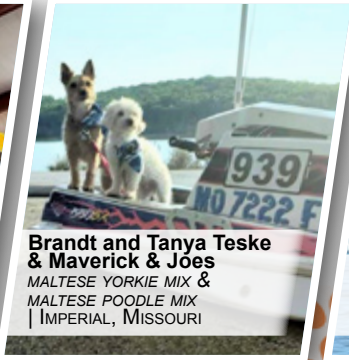
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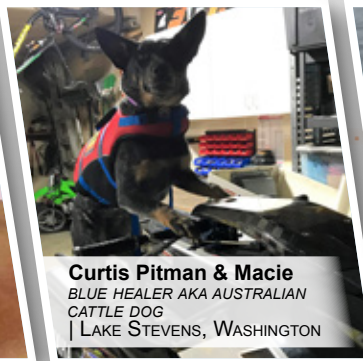
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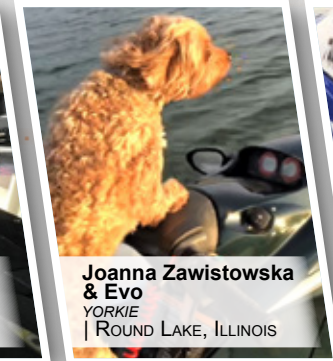
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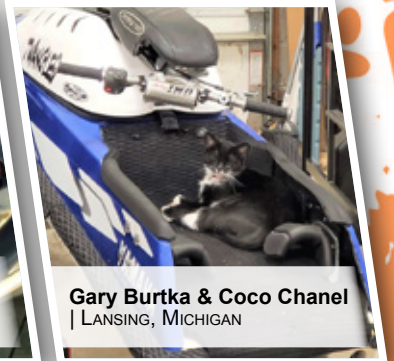
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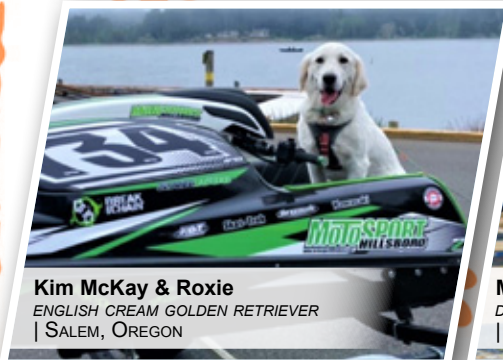
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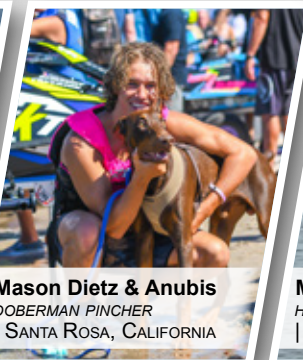
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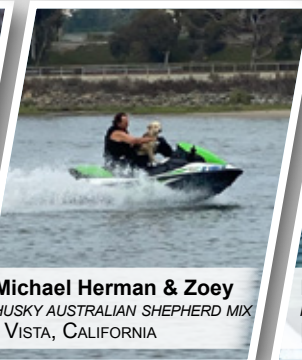
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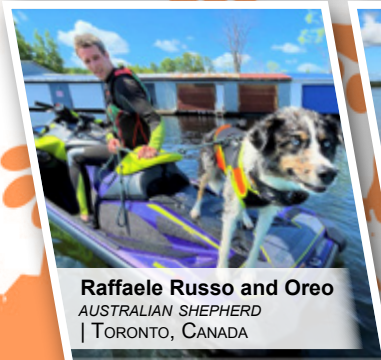
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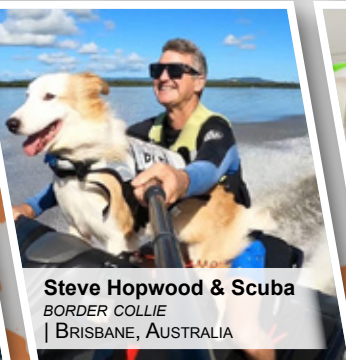
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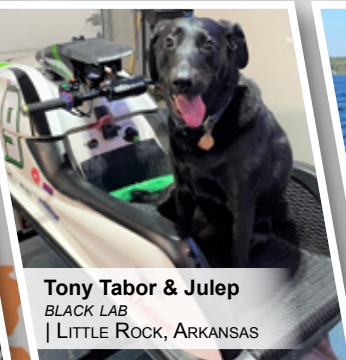
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SOUTH AMERICAN JET SKI CHAMPIONSHIP



By: Miguel Manghesi | Photos: Marcos Tobares

The 2022 South American Championship was held at the Cadillal Dam in the province of Tucumán, Argentina with 70 professional riders from Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, Colombia, and Peru. Argentina is designated by the South American Motorboating Confederation as a member country with the endorsement

of IJSBA. The best exponents at the South American level attended with great participation from the local public. We are grateful for the presence of Amy Green, who brought her experience from USA as General Director of the event and to all representatives of the member countries. This event was organized by the AJC, Association of Jet

Ski and Jet Skis Cordoba Argentina which regulates sports in Argentina. **PR**

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FIRST YEAR SUCCESS FOR FULL THROTTLE WATER X

By: Nicole Pettit,
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Racers and fans arrived at Havasu Landing in Needles, CA for the season finale of the 2022 Full Throttle Water X Racing Series.

Racing started off with our up-and-coming Juniors. Vintage 550 Mod was the largest class. Coy Curtis, Lake Havasu City, AZ took the win Saturday and Caleb Kile of Bishop, CA took the win Sunday which was a showdown as it was a double points action day. This really shook things up for the points leaders.

Special shout out to racers that made every round this season: David Zipperian who took the overall in both his classes, Colin Richards, Annie Donovan, Cliff Cassel, Caden Carpinella, Courtney Mitchell, Jason Hannegan, Jacob Leu, Paul Cota, Sean Lung, Matt Wright, and Chelsea Wright. Said Chelsea, "What a blast it was to race a solid season at Full Throttle Water X. It was an amazing first season for them and me. Gave me a good taste for the jet ski life and I'll be back for more!"

This first season saw growing pains, but we made it a great season and met lots of new racers. **PR**





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— EVENT PROMOTER **DEEGAN NEWTON**





Great Lakes Watercross and USA Freestyle teamed up to host the first-ever IJSBA USA Slalom Nationals and USA Freestyle Championship Show at Portsmouth River Days in Ohio. This Annual festival has been around since 1963. Portsmouth is well-known as "The place where southern hospitality begins." 2022 was the first time Portsmouth River Days included jet ski dual slalom racing and USA Freestyle, completed in its entirety without delay despite the forecast of thundershowers.

Highlights included: Gary Burtka competing and winning in slalom and freestyle, Brad Bohat prevailing in Runabout, Dustin Voss sweeping the Ski class, Evan Krefski's double-win in 1500 & 800 Freestyle, Bobby Clouse taking top honors in 900 Freestyle, and Justin Sylvain's creativity to sweep Ducky Derby Freestyle.

Everyone who attended went above and beyond to make this event a success. Special thanks to Marty Voss for announcing, Jeremy Buurma for solving mechanical issues for riders, Andrew Scheffer for keeping everyone safe, Brad and Jaymi Bohat for efficiently running the slalom event, and Dakota and Zane Nuttall for HydroFlight entertainment and staging area set-up/clean-up. **PR**

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SKI LITES

1. Dustin Voss
2. Brandon Kornelson
3. Marty Voss

SKI OPEN

1. Dustin Voss
2. Jeremy Buurma
3. Marty Voss

SPORT SPEC

1. Gary Burtka
2. Brent Hahn
3. Jessica Burtka

RUNABOUT

1. Brad Bohat
2. Jeremy Buurma
3. David Golder

REG LITES

1. Brad Bohat
2. Jeremy Buurma

FREESTYLE 900

1. Bobby Clouse
2. Bobby Diabolical
3. Robert Walston

FREESTYLE 1500

1. Evan Krefski
2. Justin Sylvain
3. Gary Burtka

FREESTYLE 800

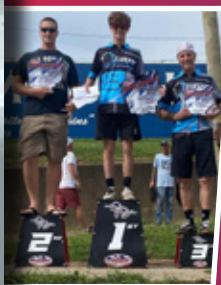
1. Evan Krefski
2. Gary Burtka
3. Justin Sylvain

NETS OPEN

1. Gary Burtka
2. Tommy Nuttall

DUCKY DERBY FREESTYLE

1. Justin Sylvain
2. Bobby Clouse
3. Evan Krefski



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IFWA Portugal: FREERIDE SPIRIT ALIVE AND WELL!

Submitted by: CarolAnne Giustina | Photos: Ricardo Fuchs Jetski N World; Luciano Cruz; Fernandes Francisco

The IFWA held its 2022 event in Lourinha, Portugal. We asked the **TOP 4 RIDERS** to give their unique impression of the event.



After two years freeride events are back and what better place than Lourinha! It's a special place and magnificent host with promoter Luis Fragoso, made it a success for athletes and spectators by producing a world class event attended by pilots from England, France, Brazil, Mexico. Although the waves were not big, the response of the public was superb. Special mention to the government of Lourinha for supporting the sport, Luis, the IFWA, and judges.



ABRAHAM HOCHSTRASSER – MEXICO
1st Place 2022 IFWA Freeride World Championship



Portugal 2022 was a very good event! The location is a crazy and beautiful place. Luis made a big event and a good welcome for everybody. The freeride spirit was present! I was proud to finish 2nd and have a great battle with Abraham. I hope next year more pilots from around the world will come. Thanks to my sponsors Krash Industries / Blowsion / JetpilotEurope / Formula Jet.



FRANCOIS LAVERGNE – FRANCE
2nd Place 2022 IFWA Freeride World Championship
3rd place IFWA European Championship



ANTHONY BURGESS – UNITED KINGDOM
3rd place 2022 IFWA Freeride World Championship
3rd place IFWA European Championship



As the first freeride competition for a while, 5 of us from the UK competed. Our Freeride family made the trip and had a good catch up. Competition was a very high standard, waves were small, but every guy pushed to the limit. IFWA did a fantastic job. I had the best time competing with the world's greatest freeriders and managed a podium, coming from freestyle to freeride is a great achievement for me! Thank you to everyone that made the event happen!



BRUNO JACOB – BRAZIL
4th place 2022 IFWA Freeride World Championship

The tour in Portugal was amazing and a country I love! I trained like never before with a new system including tow in surf with board that made a big difference. My waves feel improved, not just improving my tricks but doing something new. This contest makes a big mark on our lives. With help of friends and Krash teammates Pierre Merkes, Francois Lavergne and new rider from Brazil, Augusto Ribas, was one of the best situations to make the win happen.



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TYLER KENNEDY

Photos: Ally Giles

AGE: 16

HOMETOWN: Lake Havasu City, Arizona

SKI: 2008 Yamaha Super Jet & 2021 Yamaha Super Jet (4 stroke)

RACE #: 418

RIDING: Racer

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: Jr 13-15 4-Stroke Lights 3rd overall WFs

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER: Jet Jam Race Huntington Beach, CA

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KAYLEE



KAYLEE KENNEDY

Photos: Rain Porter

AGE: 13

HOMETOWN: Lake Havasu City, Arizona

SKI: 2015 Yamaha Superjet

RACE #: 31

RIDING: Rec, as of now

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: Softball Allstars

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER: Getting my own ski.

FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION: Body Beach, Lake Havasu City

SPONSORS: Worx Racing, TC Freeride, Hot Products, Jetttrim



KENDRA



KENDRA KENNEDY

Photos: Rain Porter

AGE: 13

HOMETOWN: Lake Havasu City, Arizona

SKI: 2013 Yamaha Superjet

RACE #: 48

RIDING: Rec, as of now

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS: Softball Allstars

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER: Getting my own ski.

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FUN RIDE FOR A GREAT CAUSE



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Photos: Lee Heard

The Georgia Ski Riders, Jet Rider Nation Georgia and JP Racing, Inc. recently teamed up for a ride on Georgia's Lake Lanier. Riders were able to get tuned and boosted on site by JP Racing. Proceeds from the event benefitted a local cancer patient. PR



WATER RESCUE CRAFT VITAL PART OF KIRKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT



Doug Tomczak is a 12-year firefighter for the City of Kirkland in Washington state. Kirkland is nestled on the east side of Lake Washington, a 22-mile-long lake, which offers a plethora of water recreation opportunities for residents. Shared Doug, "In 2015, our fire department purchased two PWCs to be used to improve rescue capabilities. As a member of our water rescue team, I began training, responding, and eventually teaching others, on our water rescue craft (WRC)." Doug continued, "Our original WRC were Sea-Doo SARs, a specialized Sea-Doo made by BRP to address search and rescue needs. First and foremost, it created a platform to provide immense safety to our rescue swimmers during training and rescue operations. It allowed us to expand our rescue efforts further offshore, and greatly improved communication among everyone involved throughout an incident.

We recently acquired new WRC, but since BRP no longer offered the SAR variant, we upfitted some Sea-Doo GTI 170 SEs with inflatable sponsons, heavy duty bumpers, GPS, lights, rescue sleds, helmets with built in communication and more. While these handle like any PWC, additional training is given to ensure competency in maneuvering safely around rescue swimmers and victims, using the rescue sled, searches at night, and preparing for operations in any challenging environment."

When asked about challenges, Doug said, "The biggest challenge is trying to hide your smile while training. Next would be issues such as maintaining positive communication with all resources involved during a rescue, adapting to the wide variety of calls, and dealing with elemental factors such as nighttime operations, high winds, and freezing temperatures. A rescue operation begins when the alert tones go off at the station, followed by qualified drivers responding to the dock to deploy the WRC. The most common response usually involves victims overwhelmed while recreating on the lake, such as a kiteboarder being overcome by conditions. Rescue crews have also responded to boat collisions, seaplane crashes, derelict vessels, motorcycles off bridges, boat fires, and much more."

In closing Doug shared this advice: Please be safe out there, wear a lifejacket, know the weather before heading out, and always be attentive — if you see someone in distress, help them out! **PR**





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