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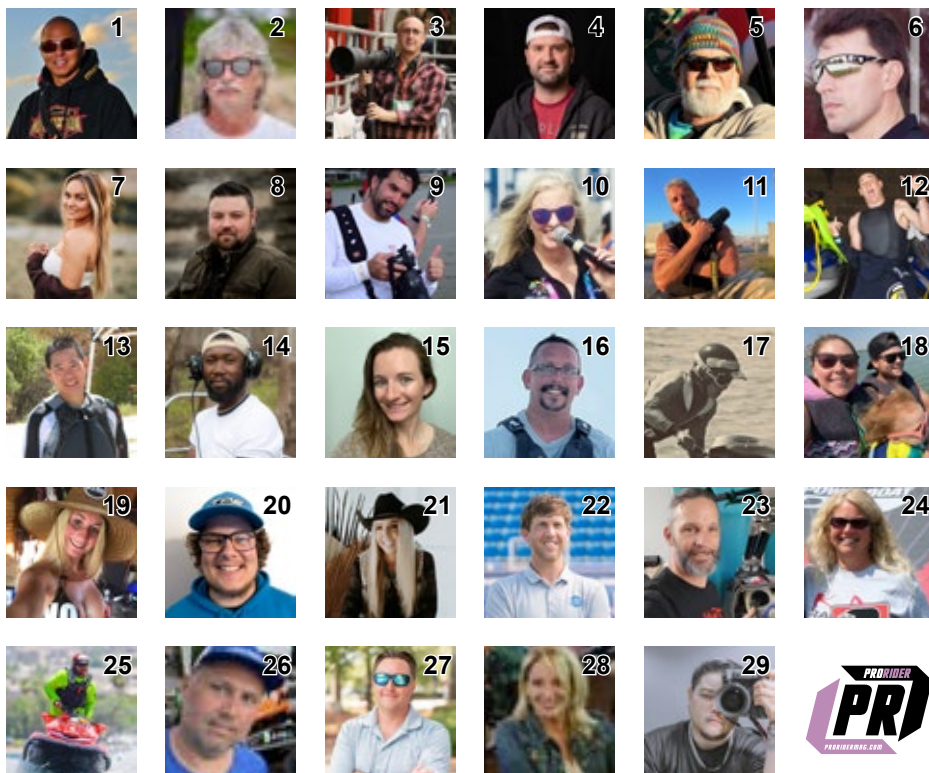
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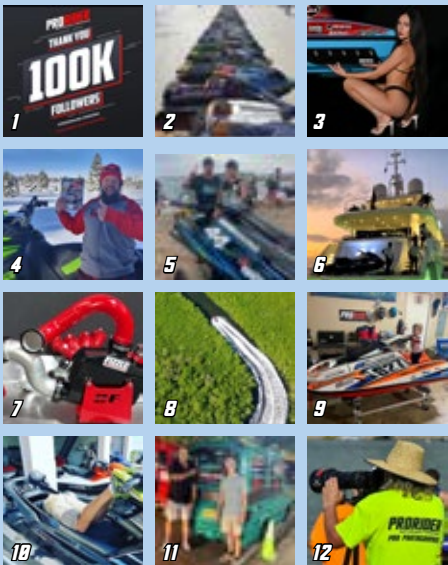


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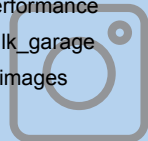
The 2023 March-April Swimsuit Issue cover shot goes to Amelia Nicholls. Amelia partnered with Andrew Lang at MotoPro Graphics to kick off her modeling career. The talented Lang captured the cover image in Lake Ontario, New York. In addition to running several successful social media accounts, Amelia is an avid snowboarder and enjoys snow mobile riding and recreational PWC riding in her spare time.

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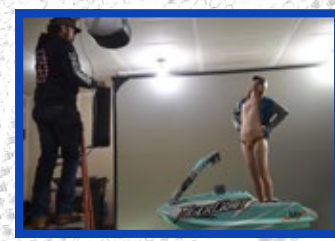
We are thrilled with the release of the annual swimsuit issue, a publication that has become a long-standing tradition and a highlight of the year. This issue is filled with stunning photographs of both amateur and professional models who brought their unique personalities and beauty to every shot. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to all photographers who contributed their incredible talent and creativity.

The cover shot of Amelia Nicholls from Western NY was captured by the lens of Andrew Lang at Lake Ontario, New York. Be on the lookout for lots more shoots with @AllYoursAmelia

this summer. Features in this issue include a candid interview with Pro Racer Sophie Francis, Mississippi Ski Riders, Daytona Freeride, Big Wave Tow Surfing, the role of Course Marshals, Jet Ski Triple Crown, Great Lakes Watercross, Business Profiles with Ignite Racing Fuel and new startup Ridenvibez, cool build features and a jet ski history lesson.

Finally, we want to give a big shout-out to all advertisers who participated in the issue. Your contributions made this year's issue special and exciting! We are grateful for all advertisers' ongoing support and encourage readers to shop these businesses.

There are some fun surprises this year we can't wait for you to discover. We hope this year's swimsuit issue brings you as much joy and inspiration as it did for us during its creation. **PR**



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**PRO RIDER:** Please share the history of Ignite Racing Fuel.

**MATT STOVER:** Ignite is the original high-performance ethanol. Before E85 was widely available at the pump, Ignite was paving the way for ethanol in the performance world. We have a unique view of the market due to this. Unlike other companies that just blend chemicals without knowledge of the fuel, we are involved from the very beginning. Ignite is proud to be farmer owned and operated. We plant and harvest corn every year, which is then taken to the local ethanol plant (started by the owner of Ignite) to be converted to fuel grade ethanol, and finally brought to our shop where we blend the fuel with high quality denaturants to create the fuel you know and love!

**PR:** What is your relationship with the jet ski industry and jet ski riders?

**MS:** We got started in the industry with a couple of local father/son riders that were looking to get a little more out of their skis. From there it branched out to their friends and competitors within the industry as they started to see massive improvements in performance. Now we are working

with teams all over the country as they continue to push the limit and chase championships.

**PR:** What is your focus and what keeps you going?

**MS:** Our focus and the thing we are most proud of go hand-in-hand-- the personal touch we offer that most companies do not. Nothing gets us more excited than working with small teams and helping them get new personal bests, all while watching them grow and develop as racers. Since we are a smaller company, we have the opportunity to build true relationships with these individuals and teams that we truly value. In the end, the relationships are what keep us going.

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## THE ADVENTURE STATE

**Submitted by:** Christopher Stone

I grew up on dirtbikes, snowmobiles, 3 wheelers, boats, and rented my first jet ski at 15 in Gulf Shores,



Alabama, it captivated me. Following a motorcycle accident at 17, over the next 20 years I gained weight. I used to weigh 525lbs and lost 200lbs by realizing to experience adventure I would have to lose weight. In addition, I helped raise my niece and nephew for years and tried to give them experiences as gifts over "stuff" hoping to find ways to motivate children to put the devices down, get away from the screens and see what nature has to offer. In addition to hiking and kayaking, we are currently primarily PWC focused traveling quite a bit with the 2020 Kawasaki Ultra 310X and 2022 Ultra 310LX. Florida is our go to ride spot. This summer I am planning a jetski trip to Alaska, next year heading west to Lake Powell, Lake Mead, California and hit Shasta and Flathead Lake. 2025 my goal is to be the fastest person to ever complete The Great Loop on a PWC. Please visit @TheAdventureState on YouTube. I want people to know if they put their mind to it, they can change their situation (for me, being wildly overweight) to get healthy and enjoy the outdoors. We are interested in others joining our team with the same vision of encouraging people of all ages to get outdoors and get healthy!



## PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Isabel Fernandes, Hudson, Florida. This picture of son RJ at age 2 was taken at Honeymoon Island during a Jet Rider Nation Ladies and Jet Rider Nation FL fun ride in Clearwater. Shared Bella, "RJ is known for his face reactions and love of riding. He's been riding with us since he was 8 months old. Every weekend is ride time!"





## MISSISSIPPI SKI RIDERS ANNUAL WINTER RIDE DEDICATED TO MEMBER

Submitted by: Neil Scott

Twenty five jet skis gathered on a cool calm day for the Annual Mississippi Ski Riders Winter Ride along the Biloxi River. The 22-mile round trip launched in D'Iberville, Mississippi, through the Back Bay of Biloxi. Waters were mostly empty compared to summer months, as riders filled the river with action. The midpoint destination Orangutang's Prop Stop, is a popular spot on the river for social time and daiquiris in Biloxi. This ride was dedicated to Doug Heller, an early and active member of the Mississippi Ski Riders who recently passed. Doug enjoyed the camaraderie of the group and was known for making Orangutang's a stopping point on his jetski outings. The Mississippi Ski Riders is a public Facebook group of jetski enthusiasts based in Mississippi and surrounding areas with an annual winter ride and multiple summer rides and events every year. Visit our Facebook page to keep up with future Mississippi Ski Rider endeavors!



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I want to start by thanking Pro Rider Magazine for their unwavering dedication to the industry the last 12 years! Jet skis literally saved my life. I found myself in a place with no purpose-driven passions; jet skis reignited the fire in my heart for power sports. One of my lifelong mentors, Kris "Frosty" Frost told me, "Once you get into this sport, you're going to become a complete freak about everything in it." My buddies Luke and Kiersin helped me scope out and buy my first Superjet, a year later I found myself with a collection of four Superjets, a 650sx, a js550, a GP760, a WaveRaider 701, and a Zodiac ProJet. I was hooked.

My favorite thing about this sport is the community and its unsurpassed camaraderie. No matter where I went, Racine with Pro Watercross, Daytona Beach Torrent Pumps Freeride, the Nashville Slalom Drags with Pro Watercross, the Southern Fried Freeride, and everything in between I connected with familiar faces and was constantly met with support and pushed to go that much harder.

Having familiarized myself with so many people in the community, flipping through the magazine feels like a yearbook to me. I get reminded of the places I've been, the people I rode with, and all the stuff we got into.

**Noah Stewart** Gainesville, Georgia



## DEAR PRO RIDER MAGAZINE,

I'm 44 and have lived in Brisbane, Australia my whole life. I was lucky enough to grow up going out on my dad's game fishing boats when I was younger and was introduced to fishing, water skiing, wake boarding. In the 80s my dad bought the first ever Yamaha Wave Runner 650. My passion for jet skiing grew over the years, I ride on the beautiful Moreton Bay and Gold Coast. I recently got back into jet skiing after a little break and was inspired by seeing Australian YouTuber Brodie Moss from YBS. He had a jetski dog and my mind was set. I got little Scuba a Border Collie and trained him to jetski with me! The best thing I love about Pro Rider Magazine is the community and fun articles and information about new watercraft hitting the market and the reviews on them.



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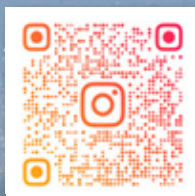
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By: Dawn Dawson

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If the 2023 Daytona Freeride can be described as music, it would be a holy hybrid of Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen and everything by Metallica. Fun, rowdy, raw, it brings spectator and rider to the roots of jet ski racing like a rip tide. This much-anticipated event is brought by passionate Freeride supporters, Brian Sizemore and Nick Foederer; gentlemen with hearts of gold and boundless energy. This year's chilly temps proved challenging for even the hardest riders willing to brave the wind and cold waves.

Daytona as a location never fails to bring the electricity. Rolling waves and a myriad of jetski riders bobbing, defying gravity, challenging the waves. What makes the Daytona Freeride especially beloved is that it combines the magic of freeriding with bored jet ski racers: if that's not fun, not sure what is.

At the heart of this event are its sponsors and a tremendous spirit of generosity. A massive thank you to Hydro-Turf, SBT, Watercraft Superstore, West Herr Group, Torrent Pumps and TPE Engines. And of course, the charity in the spotlight, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, America's first ever cancer research and treatment center dedicated to eliminating cancer across the globe since 1898.

If ever there was a reason to jump for a cause, Daytona Freeride offers a very worthy one. We cannot wait for next year! **PR**



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"Daytona 2023 was a really fun experience. I've flown down the past two years and wanted to make it down with my skis this year. My girlfriend Stacy Wells from Austin flew into Nashville to help me with the drive from SD to Daytona. Being on the beach and riding with some amazing people was a blast!"

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# Sophie Francis

As she reflects on the tragedy of losing her beloved husband Champion Racer Eric Francis, Champion Jet Ski Racer Sophie Francis, originally from the UK, shares her emotional journey and fierce determination.

Photo:  
David Rosenfield



**PRO RIDER:** Please share how you became involved with jet skis and racing.

**SOPHIE FRANCIS:** I started riding at 7. My parents bought an SXR 800 for the family for fun. Within a week they bought another because I kept riding laps, never stopping which meant no one else could ride. By 8 my parents approached a race team asking if they would take me on, train me to the next level. Garry Smith, APS Racing offered to pay my entry fees and gas for the first race of the JSRA British Championships. But first I had to show him I was worthy. You had to be 9 to race, just shy of my 9<sup>th</sup> birthday, they allowed me to enter. I won my first ever race in the Junior Class and later that year became the British Champion. Shortly after I won European and World titles, travelled around England, Europe and America winning many titles and championships. Since then, I've never looked back.

**PR:** How do you balance being a mother and competing at a high level in racing?

**SF:** I'm extremely grateful to have so much support and help. My parents, mother and father-in-law have been there from day one. They look after the girls so I can continue doing what I love. Competing at a high level is very demanding. When not traveling I'm training. Fortunately, I can work, train, race and spend quality time with my family. It's crazy at times but I wouldn't have it any other way.

**PR:** Please speak to the physical demands of racing and how you maintain peak fitness.

**SF:** Jet ski racing is very physical. Without a good training regimen, it's hard to compete at the top level. I CrossFit six times a week, on the other day I ride. Nutrition plays a huge part. Your body is like a ski. If you don't fuel it properly, you can't perform. I have the best nutrition coach, Reggie Biegler. He pushes me and keeps me on the path to achieving my goals.

**PR:** How have you coped with the loss of Eric and how has it affected your approach to racing? Can you share with readers anything about the accident?

**SF:** Losing Eric crushed us as a family, mentally and physically. Eric was our whole world. He was the rock to our family. The day we lost him, we lost ourselves. June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 was the worst day of our lives. It was and will be the hardest thing we will ever go through. I was 8 months pregnant at the time and had our 1-year-old with us. We were on a small island, Marie-Galante next to Guadeloupe. Eric would still be here today if proper safety measures were put in place. His death could have been prevented. Eric pressed his emergency GPS at 2:28pm asking for help. The organization decided to wait until 6pm to send someone out to look for him, even after other racers notified the race director he had not come back to shore. Eric was found 1 mile away from the finish line after an 80-mile offshore endurance race. The day before Eric's tragic incident another racer nearly lost his life after being left in the water. He was fortunate to have been seen by a racer and was picked up on the way to the finish line. Results later showed Eric suffered severe heat exhaustion after being left in the water for so long which then resulted to drowning. I told myself I never wanted to ride or race again. It was hard to even look at a jet ski. Within a few weeks I had this crazy feeling. I wanted to ride again. I gave birth to our beautiful baby girl, Bimini. Two weeks later I raced the last round of P1 Aqua X. I loved it! But even more so when I felt Eric riding beside me.

**PR:** What is your advice for parents and athletes who may be facing similar challenges?

**SF:** Don't stop doing what you love. Find a good routine and stick to it. It makes things less stressful and easier. When you want something badly enough, you make it work. The biggest thing for

me after everything is caring what people thought, especially with my decision to continue racing. It's what keeps me focused, keeps me going. The amazing thing is we have received nothing but love and support from so many which has helped push us through the hardest time of our lives.

**PR:** What motivates you to continue racing?

**SF:** Eric and our beautiful baby girls motivate me. Even though Eric is not here in person he's forever in my heart. Both girls will forever be looking to me as a role model. For them to see their mom continue doing what their dad loved will mean the world to me. Maybe one day my girls will be little racers themselves and follow in their mommy and daddy's footsteps. Jet ski racing has always been in mine and Eric's blood so no doubt it will be in our girls too. Willow is already riding standups at the age of 2.

**PR:** Please share safety measures you take while competing, and what you think should be done to make the sport safe for all.

**SF:** The biggest safety measure I believe is safety crew-having enough qualified safety marshals at all times to keep a close eye on every individual. Also, for offshore racing it is extremely important to make sure all emergency transponders are working, to know where everyone is at all times. Organizations need to do what's best for the riders and not for themselves. Throughout the years I've also seen things being done to make it "more exciting for the audience." To me safety is more important than putting on a show.

**PR:** What are your plans for 2023?

**SF:** I'll be racing both sitdown and standup. I plan to race P1 Aqua X, Pro Watercross, World Finals and if all goes well, we will throw another few races into the mix. It's going to be a busy year racing and traveling, but we're all about winning races and making memories.



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## CUSTOM K TOP PROVIDES SHADE FROM TEXAS HEAT

Story and photos: Chris Hemphill

**H**i, my name is Chris and I'm addicted to PWC fishing! Glad that's off my chest. My love for PWC fishing goes back before people really started getting into it. I remember going to the lake on holidays spending time with friends, family, and my love for fishing. If you've ever tried to launch a large boat by yourself, you know how difficult it is. I thought why can't I fish off a jet ski? So began my journey.

I started my PWC fishing adventures in small lakes knowing I would be fishing offshore soon. I grew up fishing the Gulf of Mexico from Freeport, Texas to Corpus Christi, Texas at an early age with my parents. The Gulf has always been home and will always be in my blood and my heart.

My PWC is an attention getter. However, it has also been criticized. Have you ever tried fishing in Texas mid-summer on a PWC and wished you had shade? I had a custom k-top made for those hot summer days. Custom fit

fishing rack to hold extra gas and all my rods with a large cooler was a must. We travel 30-50 miles out and you never want to run out of gas.

Let's not forget the music aspect for long rides. I preferred to take care of this one versus the dealer option, more bang for my buck.

Weather can be very limiting in the Gulf of Mexico, so targeting fish is weather specific some days. I can count on a large variety like KingFish, Shark, Cobia, Mahi Mahi, Snapper, Grouper and more. I wish I could say I always catch but we've all had the dreaded Skunk Day. Summer months are great for many species in Texas. However, I really look forward to winter Snapper fishing.

Facebook group Texas Jet Ski Fishing introduced me to many great people who share a passion for PWC fishing. One thing I never thought of was the dangers of fishing

alone on a PWC. Members Wesley Stillman, Hung So Lo, and my wife all talk about the danger. We preach it to the newer PWC fishing men and women who join us on these trips — Buddy system, you never know what can happen.

For those new to PWC fishing my best advice is take all the safety precautions you can. Get a VHF radio, an EPIRB, and other safety items. Never go offshore alone and always tell someone your plans. Ask questions, learn, and pass on your knowledge. Be safe out there and keep those LINES TIGHT! **PR**



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# PATH TO ADDICTION: BIG WAVE TOW SURFING IN NAZARÉ PORTUGAL

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In 1998 I went to a friend's house near Jaws, a surf break recently explored and ridden by chosen few, using jet skis to tow the surfers into massive waves, on the northeast shore of Maui. The rumbling of construction at 7am seemed odd. The noise reverberated up the canyon from rumbling waves at Jaws. Tank size boulders were being tossed around under the water like marbles, sounding like exactly that. The waves were 100 feet that day, Derek Doerner surfing and driving Laird Hamilton that day as we watched in awe told me years later. This sparked my interest yet wouldn't make me jump too quick. That same year I hurt myself downhill mountain biking, ending my career as a professional racer, and changing the way I approached surfing forever.

My shoulder had been paralyzed. The nerve damage suffered when I hit a rock face not only ended the way I approached bike riding, but it also made me a horrible paddle surfer. This made me love jet skis that much more! Getting into a wave early is a surfer's dream, we paddle as hard as we can to make that happen on every wave. I'm tow surfing in California in 1999, move back to Oahu in 2001, and met up with Garrett who towed me into Sunset in massive conditions blowing my mind. After another 4 years on the north shore of Oahu, and epic tow surf sessions at Backyards and Phantoms, my family moved to Maui. Before moving to Nazaré, I was towed for years by the best tow partner ever, Bobo Pahukoa, introduced by Dane Kealoha who is the reason we all surf Nazaré, but that's another story. Helping Garrett McNamara get waves here and receiving the same from him, is how it all started for me in 2013.

Ever since buying my first jet ski in 1998 and finding it much like my mountain bike yet on the water it was love at first ride, yet ever since that first day surfing here in Nazaré it's been an addiction!



After getting a lucky wave at Jaws in 2004 on my first wave there ever, I put my business mixed with passion hat on and started to tow surf professionally. The move to Nazaré was a natural step.

I use a Yamaha FXHO, my favorite machine as of right now. The role of the PWC, fixed with a special sled off the back for rescue and pickups, straps to keep the seats and front hood on in case of an accident, and a tow rope like that used for wakeboarding, is to tow surfers into waves or allow them to step off the ski onto a wave, then rescue them afterwards. We use flotation sewn into our wetsuits. Besides that, people use air canisters to inflate vests fixed with pull cords, and I have a "spare air" canister I've used once or twice in the sketchiest situations.

Training for what we do is provided by B.W.R.A.G., an organization dedicated to teaching big wave rescue techniques. I've taken their course twice, half a dozen CPR classes over the years, a tow surfing course, and boating classes.

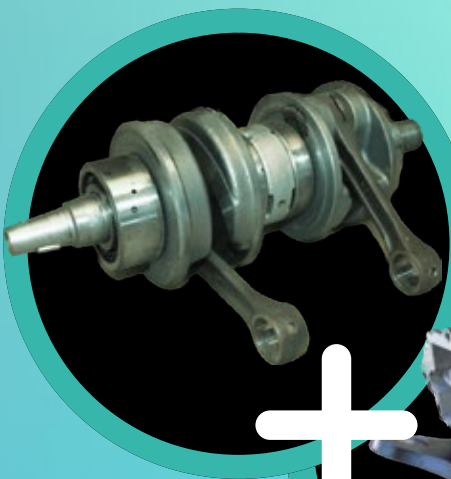
We tow the surfer out to the swells and bring them back in with the wave as it develops, so they can let go of the rope and start surfing before or while it breaks. We dodge incoming waves by turning towards shore and pinning it. Then, going to the right or left and finding a place to go over the wave, or jumping the whitewater is the way to get back out past the waves. **PR**



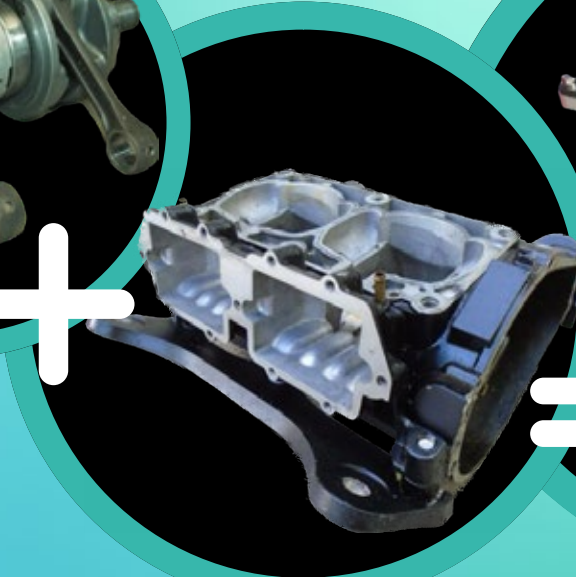
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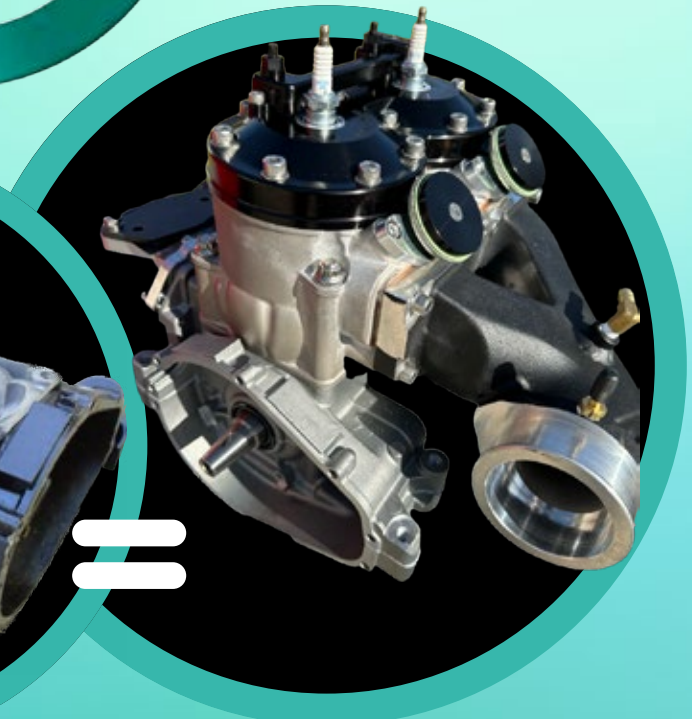
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# COURSE MARSHALS

## PLAY CRITICAL SAFETY ROLE



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With the adrenaline-fueled thrills of racing comes a responsibility to prioritize safety. Course Marshal Craig Johnson shares his insights and experience in this interview.

From Northern California, Craig has worked in pre-hospital medicine/rescue for over a decade as an EMT, paramedic, firefighter and holds 4 degrees within the Fire and Emergency Medical Services field. His motto is: SKI — safety, kindness, integrity.

**PRO RIDER:** Please share how you became involved with course marshaling.

**CRAIG JOHNSON:** As a kid I lacked interest during family boat trips until a friend came out with 2 standup jet skis and this wild looking thing called an X2. PWC became very interesting after that. Watching our friend do tricks on skis and his abundance of racing trophies was interesting, but something I never thought I'd be involved with 20 years later.

As an EMT and looking for new experiences, I responded to a Jet Jam Racing ad looking for help. I watched course marshal John Bonkowski and told Kary Austin I wanted that job. With his decades of experience, John taught me more than I can describe in words.

**PR:** Please describe the duties of the course marshal.

**CJ:** Above all, riders are our top priority. Our goal is to ensure riders grow, build confidence, and enjoy what the sport has to offer in a safe manner.

A course marshal ensures the safety of all while enforcing rules and regulations set forth by race and tech directors. Our job begins before we get to the race site with track preparations. Understanding the race location and planning for track layout, hazards, egress points, pits, practice areas, environmental preservation and ambulance placement is crucial.

There's no job we won't do.

Setting up, rigging, track layout and setup, helps us understand our surroundings. Prior to racing, we ensure our gear and boats are prepped and ready beginning with a boat inspection. I created laminated cards and kept them in boats to ensure anyone can follow the same safety checks regardless of the operator. Must have tools on my boat include pliers, knife, extra band, extra rope, duct tape, zip ties and water bottles empty and full; on my person, life jacket, helmet, high visible cover, rash guards, lace up shoes, glasses, sealed radio, and rescue knife.

A successful course marshal exhibits preparedness, thoroughness, situational awareness, forward thinking, strong communication, kindness and understanding and never breaks safety standards like always having safety gear on and a finger on the throttle. Trust is a major component. We put ourselves in risky situations and must trust riders and their abilities to work around us knowing our teammates will be watching our backs.

**PR:** What recommendations do you have to improve safety in the sport?

**CJ:** Keys to improving sport safety, in my opinion, include the following:

1. A beginner rider training course all leagues use as a baseline for new riders prior to ever entering a racetrack.
2. Provide riders practice time on the track to apply what they've learned prior to entering a race.
3. Course Marshals need to maintain a set of safety checks for themselves and their boats while working for the race director and tech directors' expectations. Track design can make or break an injury free race day. For example, we never create a figure 8 or make splits too close together.
4. Personally, I think riders should be required to maintain high visibility colors on their helmets or person as being seen is the best way to avoid a major disaster. This also goes for buoys. No cutting corners with faded buoys or different colors.

5. A course marshal training course that is a standard nationwide. When watching course marshals in Thailand and how they work together it proves a solid foundation of knowledge across the board can support overall safety.

**PR:** Please share advice for racers, riders, and parents.

**CJ:** Racers, the sport would be nothing without you. Come ready to learn, make mistakes and have fun. Promoters, race directors, tech directors, staff and course marshals are there for you. We want you to be safe and gain confidence.

Parents, support your rider in gaining as much knowledge as possible prior to race day. Support them, encourage them, and give the sport an honest try. With confidence, I assure you all staff want a successful day.





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The trip began during a polar vortex, bringing record low temperatures to Florida. Luckily the Great Lakes Ski Riders are built differently. After leaving home with bone chilling wind chills of -20 degrees the group considered temperatures in the 50's and 60's downright toasty warm! Many Florida natives opted out of the first few rides due to the temperatures, but that didn't stop the Great Lakes Ski Riders, or their local river guide Bassil Alrubaie of Jet Rider Nation Florida. Bassil, known as the River King, guided the group in full wetsuits/winter gear through rivers and natural springs.

The group traveled to the Tampa, Clearwater St. Pete area under sunny skies, to the Hillsborough River through downtown Tampa up to Ditty Springs guided by Dr. Lorie Tuma (Lucy). Fort DeSoto to Egmont Key became a memorable adventure as fog descended on the water. We rode south to the keys for three days in Key Largo, guided by local resident, Steve Levine on incredible fast-paced rides. Weather was perfect and the riding was amazing including jumping huge surf on the way to Alligator Reef! Alligator

## GREAT LAKES SKI RIDERS – ADVENTURE RIDING AT ITS BEST!

By: Gabrielle Taube | Photos: Leah Cornett, Gabrielle Taube, Joe Cornett



miles on jet skis, from Northern Florida rivers to the Gulf of Mexico in the Tampa, St. Petersburg area then across the state to the Atlantic Ocean as far south as Key West.

Starting point for the trip is Ellie Rays Campground & Resort, a quiet rural Florida gem with rustic cabins and RV campsites set alongside a beautiful, flowing river and forest of swaying trees that would inspire a modern day Van Gough.

Moving southward the group drove their skis to the Ocklawaha River to the Silver Springs. Led by Rich Dickson of Jet Rider Nation Ohio and Manny Arroyo of Jet Rider Nation Florida, this memorable ride included traveling through locks and winding river trails of enchanted forests with undisturbed wildlife habitats. The team saw massive alligators, manatees, and hundreds of monkeys. "It's like taking a ride through Jurassic Park!" said young rider, Holden Taube, 14, of Michigan.

Reef south of Key Largo is a site of unbelievable beauty, crystal clear water and snorkeling opportunities.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Invasion is in the works. To learn more and follow the group's adventures join on Facebook 'Great Lakes Ski Riders' or visit [www.greatlakeskieriders.com](http://www.greatlakeskieriders.com). Joe's parting invitation to anyone wanting to join, "If you enjoy laughing so hard you can't breathe, love adventure and meeting new people, you found your family!" **PR**





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MATTHEW

**MATTHEW MAI***Photos: Kirsten Hasty***AGE:** 15**HOMETOWN:** Oswego, Illinois**SKI:** Yamaha EX**RACE #:** 716**RIDING:** Racer**LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS:** My first year racing (2022) I podiumed every single race. I deadlifted 295 lbs.**MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER:** It was pouring rain while we were racing at the Lure last summer, no one could see anything, it was scary and fun.**FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION:** Michigan City because of the waves!**SPONSORS:** Jasiek Racing Engines, Jettrim, Dean's Team, PWC Doctor, Nielsen Enterprises, Breedon Motorsports**TEAM:** Matthew Mai, Travis Breedon (stepdad), Trevor Breedon (stepbrother), Team Manager Christina Breedon

TAYLOR

**TAYLOR SMITH***Photos: Rain Porter 121 Photo***AGE:** 15**HOMETOWN:** Lake Havasu City, Arizona**SKI:** 2015 Yamaha Superjet**RACE #:** 26 (my birthday)**RIDING:** Race and recreational**LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS:** I won my first race last summer in Chattanooga, TN and raced in World Finals and had so much fun! I run Cross Country and made Varsity!**MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER:** I enjoy practicing and racing with friends and traveling to other states to race.**FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION:** Body Beach, Lake Havasu City**SPONSORS:** GoFastUS, Chuck's Speed Shop, Worx Racing Components, ODI Grips, SPY+, Jettribe, GoFastGirls, Ryno Power

COLT

**COLT MYER***Photos: Rebecca Myer***AGE:** 12**HOMETOWN:** Richmond, Virginia**SKI:** Wave Blaster**RACE #:** Pending**RIDING:** Recreational/prepping to race**LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS:** Assembling/restoring the blaster; honor roll; learning to carve on the blaster ("shredding the gnar")**MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER:** First ride on a standup was mom's Nitro at Body Beach. After that I was hooked.**FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION:** Havasu and P&P test pond**SPONSORS:** P&P Performance, Phil and Rebecca. Special thanks to Kyle and Tanya at Worx

# PR RIDER PROFILE

"We are very proud of Seb! He's an amazing student on Principal Honor Roll since Kindergarten, and a 2020 Gold Medal Holder in President's Education Award Program. As an athlete he works his best to excel; he is USA swimmer since 4 with the Havasu Stingrays, and of course he is a talented Jet Ski rider. The week of the 2022 WF he was Student of the Week, first quarter straight A student, and World Champion! He made us unbelievably very proud!"

— CHRISTOPHE GIRELLO



# SÉBASTIEN GIRELLO

Photos: @121 Photo;  
@flvisual;  
Christophe Girello

**HOMETOWN:**  
LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ

**AGE:** 15

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### SWIMMING:

- ▶ 2019 5k open water best personal time 1h 31min
- ▶ 2021 6k open water best personal time 1hr 35min
- ▶ 2022 Highschool State Qualifiers 500yd Freestyle Division 3 Provisional Time

### MOTOCROSS:

- ▶ 2016 participation in KTM Jr Supercross Challenge in Las Vegas
- ▶ 2022 NGPC Lake Havasu round finished P16 out of 36 riders in 250cc C, 50-minute moto, a very fun motocross race!

### JETSKI:

- ▶ 2018 & 2019 IJSBA West Coast Champion 10-12 Ski Lites
- ▶ 2020 1x IJSBA National Champion 10-12 Ski Lites
- ▶ 2021 IJSBA West Coast Champion 13-15 Ski Lites
- ▶ 2021 AWSA Champion Amateur Ski Lites (biggest class of 2021)
- ▶ 2018 IJSBA World Champion 10-12 Ski Stock
- ▶ 2020 IJSBA World Champion 10-12 Ski Lites & Amateur Ski Lites
- ▶ 2022 IJSBA World Champion Amateur Ski GP

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**PRO RIDER:** When did you start jet skiing and racing?

**SEBASTIEN GIRELLO:** I started jet skiing in 2015 on a Kawasaki SX300. I rode for an hour before I had the opportunity to ride my mom's Superjet. I fell in love with the Superjet and never rode the 300 again. I competed in my first race in 2016 at Rotary Beach Jr 10-12 Ski Lites and finished 5<sup>th</sup>.

**PR:** What do you like most about jet skiing?

**SG:** I love the feeling of speed and being out in the front fighting for the win.

**PR:** Who taught you how to ride?

**SG:** I mostly taught myself with trial and error, but I got lots of tips from my dad. When I started riding almost everyone around me was a beginner too.

**PR:** Who is your role model?

**SG:** Quinten Bossche is my role model because he is a young, fast, and smart rider and has a smooth riding style. He takes good lines behind people which allows him to make passes and makes him place 1<sup>st</sup> in almost every race he competes in. And of course, the Motz brothers with whom I practice a lot at Body Beach, both pushed me very hard last season and gave me a lot and precious advice!

**PR:** In what other sports do you participate?

**SG:** I swim, ride mountain bikes and dirt bikes.

**PR:** Please share your plans for 2023.

**SG:** My plans for 2023 are to go do the WGP1 World Series ( Triple Crown ) in Pro Ski GP class and some races back east in Pro Ski GP.

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**REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIVE OEM YAMAHA MESH ELEMENT**

## INTAKE MANIFOLD UPGRADES – 101

Intake manifolds are an integral engine component located between the throttle body and cylinder head. They regulate the flow and distribution of air to the engine. Today's 4-stroke watercraft are equipped with intake manifolds that are uniquely designed for each engine. The most common intake upgrade is an aftermarket air intake system designed to deliver more air to the engine to produce more power. Unfortunately, the volume of air that can reach the engine's combustion chambers is restricted by a mesh element the manufacturers install in the inlet of the intake manifold.

The solution is removal of the restrictive mesh element to allow additional air flow to the engine. These mesh elements are encapsulated in the intake manifold on newer Yamaha & Sea-Doo watercraft making them difficult to remove if you don't have the proper parts and guidance. That's where aftermarket companies like RIVA Racing come in. They offer Intake Manifold Upgrade Kits for both brands that make the removal process easier and the intake manifold more efficient. The kits include special tools and fixtures that

allow precision removal of the mesh element from inside the intake manifold. Yamaha Kits include a tapered, billet aluminum sleeve that you install to create a smooth transition from the throttle body to the intake manifold chamber for undisturbed air flow. The Sea-Doo kits include a billet aluminum block-off that fills the opening created to remove the mesh element. Viton o-rings and a billet clamp seal the block-off into the manifold and there are integrated ports that can be used for vacuum and boost operated accessories such as a MAP sensor or Blow-Off Valve.

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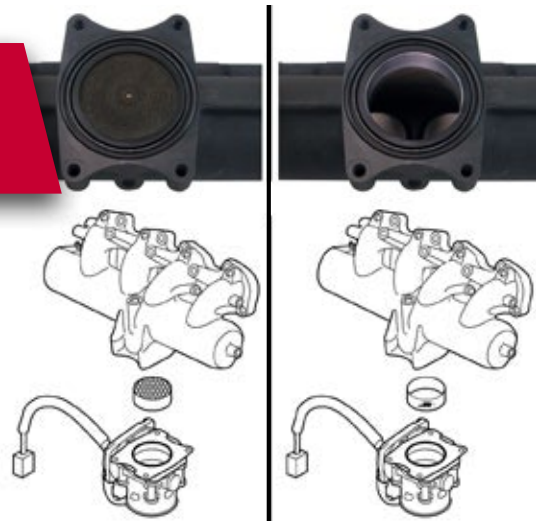
**RIVA SEA-DOO INTAKE MANIFOLD UPGRADE KIT INSTALLED**



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**ORIENTATION OF YAMAHA OEM INTAKE MANIFOLD MESH ELEMENT & RIVA INTAKE MANIFOLD UPGRADE KIT.**



**BEFORE & AFTER COMPARISON OF YAMAHA INTAKE MANIFOLD UPGRADE KIT**



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Story and photos: Brian (B-Saw) Sawyer

When local powersports technician and custom fabricator, Chance Jones, pitched me and the Virginia Beach Wavejunkies his latest idea, we were skeptical at best. "You're going to do what!?"

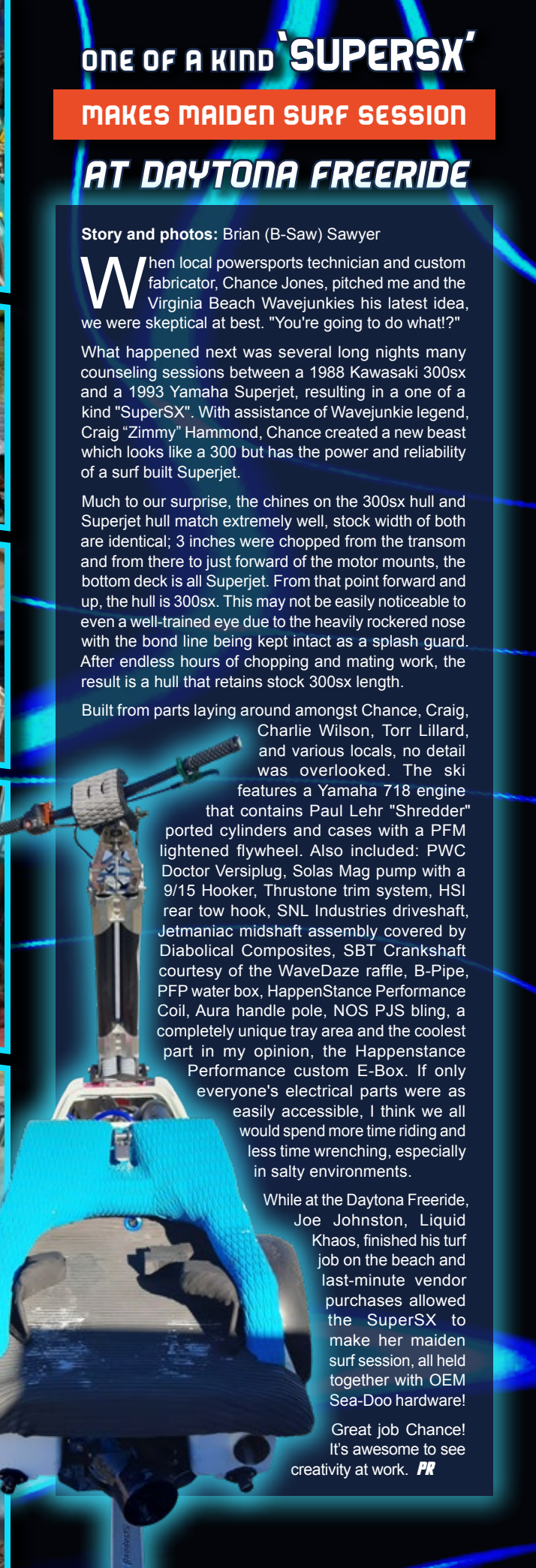
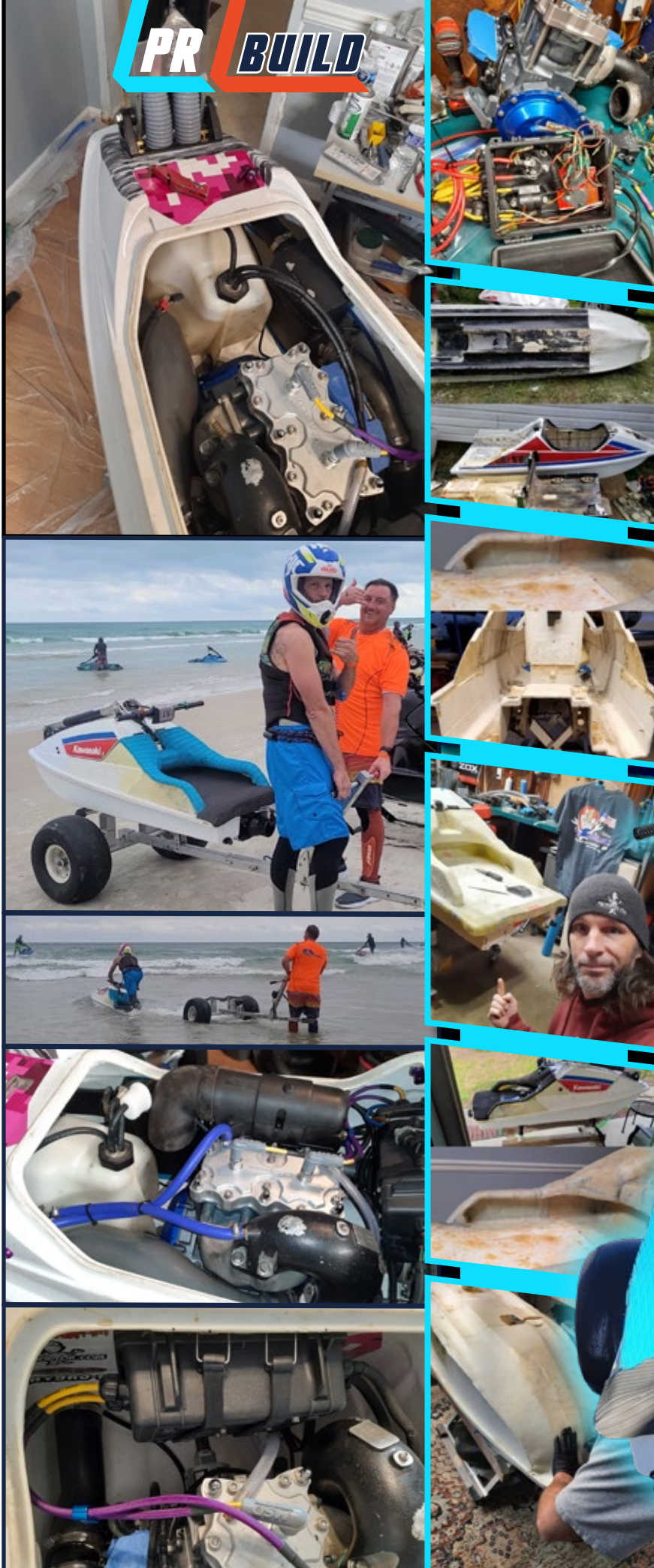
What happened next was several long nights many counseling sessions between a 1988 Kawasaki 300sx and a 1993 Yamaha Superjet, resulting in a one of a kind "SuperSX". With assistance of Wavejunkie legend, Craig "Jimmy" Hammond, Chance created a new beast which looks like a 300 but has the power and reliability of a surf built Superjet.

Much to our surprise, the chines on the 300sx hull and Superjet hull match extremely well, stock width of both are identical; 3 inches were chopped from the transom and from there to just forward of the motor mounts, the bottom deck is all Superjet. From that point forward and up, the hull is 300sx. This may not be easily noticeable to even a well-trained eye due to the heavily rockered nose with the bond line being kept intact as a splash guard. After endless hours of chopping and mating work, the result is a hull that retains stock 300sx length.

Built from parts laying around amongst Chance, Craig, Charlie Wilson, Torr Lillard, and various locals, no detail was overlooked. The ski features a Yamaha 718 engine that contains Paul Lehr "Shredder" ported cylinders and cases with a PFM lightened flywheel. Also included: PWC Doctor Versiplug, Solas Mag pump with a 9/15 Hooker, Thrustone trim system, HSI rear tow hook, SNL Industries driveshaft, Jetmaniac midshaft assembly covered by Diabolical Composites, SBT Crankshaft courtesy of the WaveDaze raffle, B-Pipe, PFP water box, HappenStance Performance Coil, Aura handle pole, NOS PJS bling, a completely unique tray area and the coolest part in my opinion, the Happenstance Performance custom E-Box. If only everyone's electrical parts were as easily accessible, I think we all would spend more time riding and less time wrenching, especially in salty environments.

While at the Daytona Freeride, Joe Johnston, Liquid Khaos, finished his turf job on the beach and last-minute vendor purchases allowed the SuperSX to make her maiden surf session, all held together with OEM Sea-Doo hardware!

Great job Chance! It's awesome to see creativity at work. **PR**



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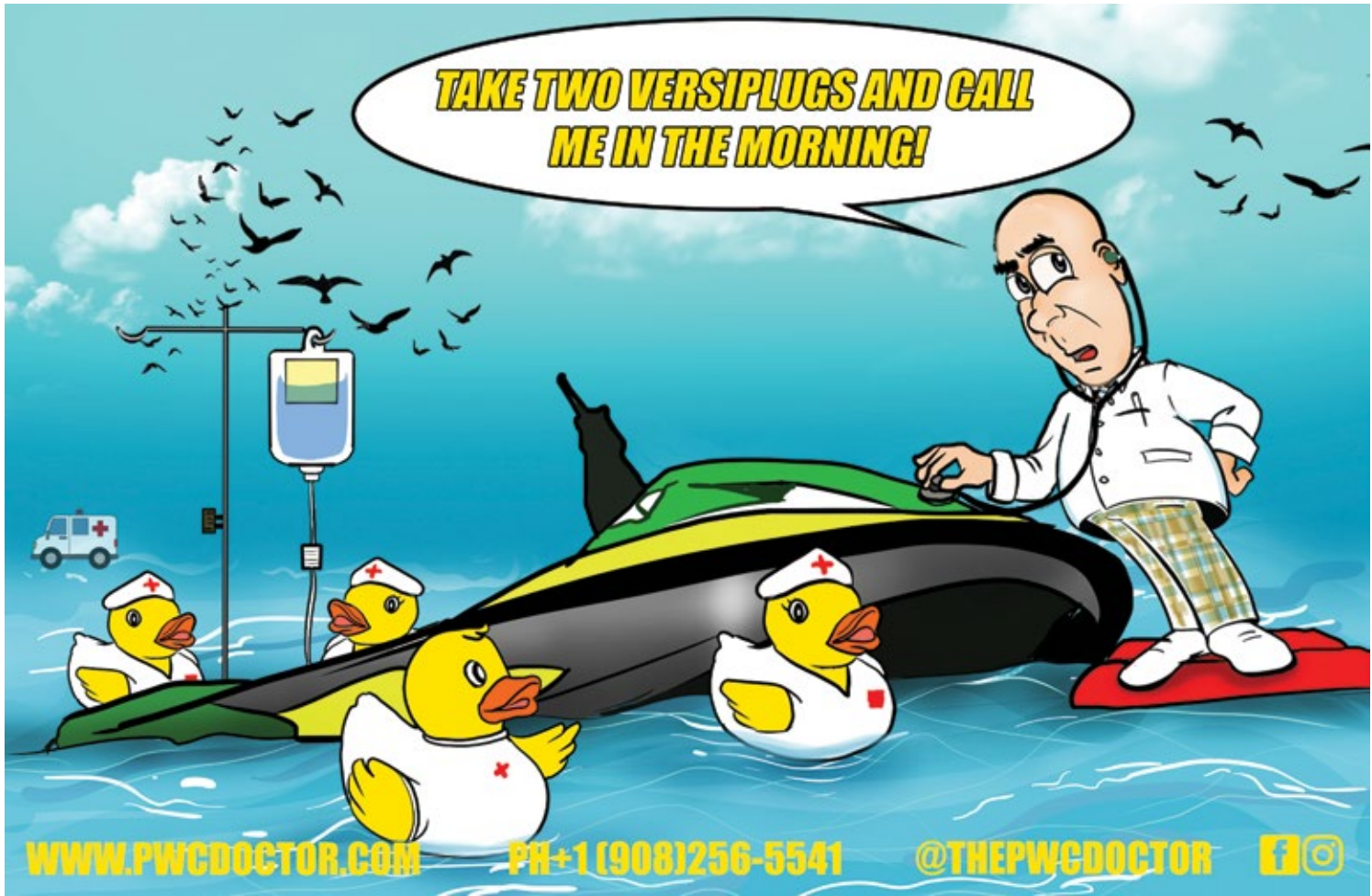


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Photo By: David Rosenfield

# Good Vibes Only: MEET THE H2Hoes Carolina Surf Squad



Story and photos: Mel Jensen Group Coordinator/  
Photographer/Ambulance Driver

Original members of the H2Hoes Carolina Surf Squad started riding together in 2016, mostly riders in Wilmington and Charlotte riding on weekends. In the past three years Stephen Lundy of SNL Industries has taken initiative and two of our small group rides have grown into freerides Stephen hosts: Topsail Freeride on Topsail Island and Lundyfest on Lake Lookout. Generally, it's standups only just because it can be dangerous to mix standups and sitdowns when riding together, especially in surf.

The H2Hoes consists of members from North and South Carolina. Some members of the WaveJunkies in Virginia Beach are considered "honorary H2Hoes." Our main riding spot is the north end of Topsail Island. There's a four-wheel drive beach, which makes it super easy to access with the jetskis. Located on the New River Inlet, the waves are always poppin'!

Everyone in the H2Hoes is here to have fun. There's no pressure to do crazy tricks, but there's always a hype squad when someone does their first backflip or throws a huge barrel roll. The best part of our group is the support, everyone willing to help each other. We're here for the love of the sport and good vibes.

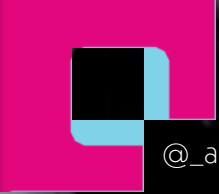
Since our group rides in the surf, there aren't lots of options when it comes to good waves and accessibility. We needed a spot that wasn't too far from waves since standups are notorious for breaking down. At Topsail Beach we can drive onto the beach with the skis on the truck.

We're lucky to have Lundy in our group with the Topsail Freeride and Lundyfest. Topsail takes place on Topsail Island at the Seaview Fishing Pier and Motel in May. Lundyfest takes place on Lake Lookout, north of Lake Norman with a buoy course to race, wakeboard boats to provide waves and plenty of space for flatwater riding. Recently we organized a "Flip 'n Rip" a combination of flip cup and buoy race.

Our mission is to have fun and enjoy the sport! The standup jetski community is a small one, so it's important to make sure everyone feels welcome. We are always looking forward to the next freeride! **PR**







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*Craig Melne*

Brisbane Holiday Village Australia

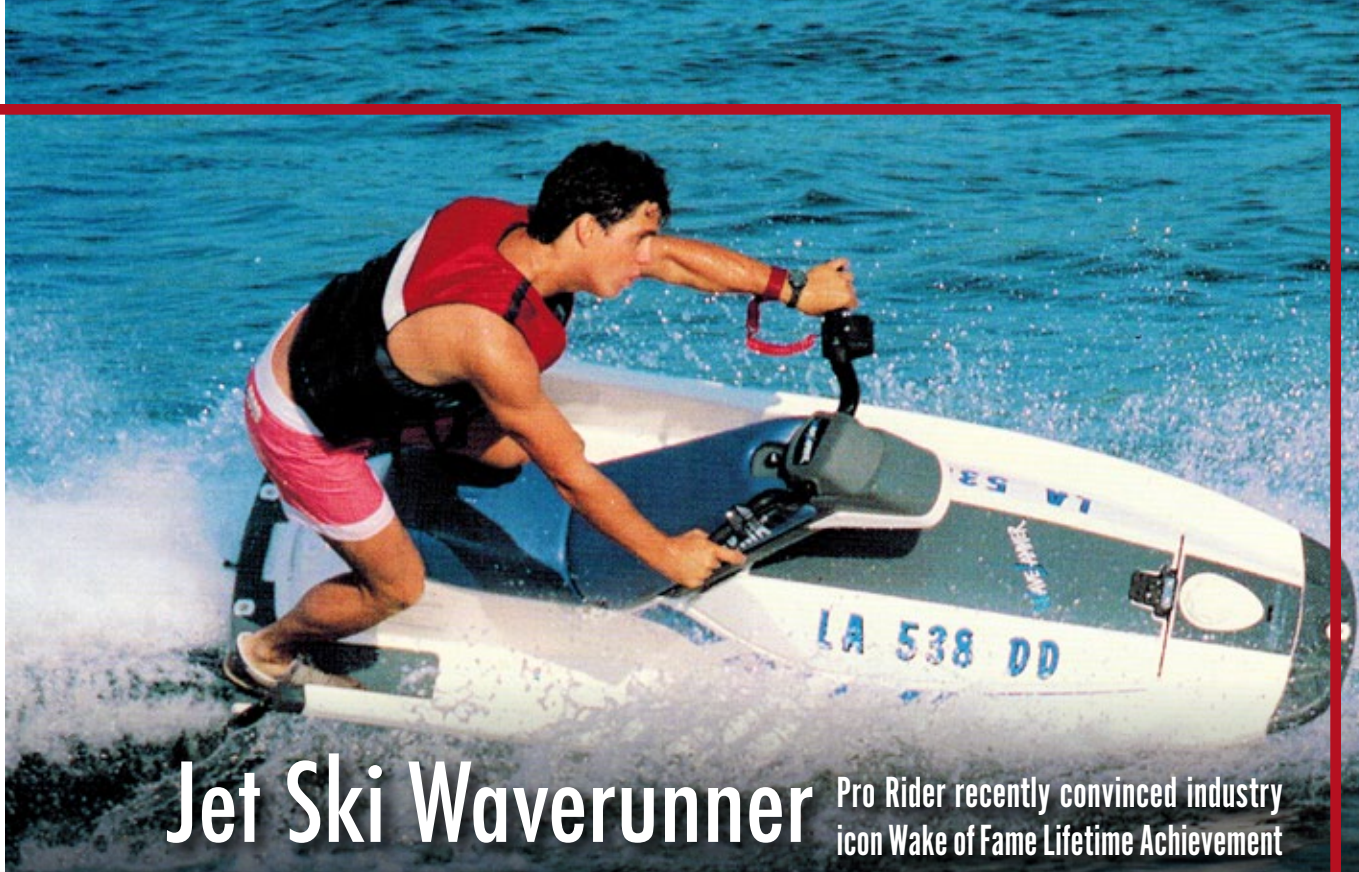


**ZOOMED IMAGES**

*Gold Coast, Australia*

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# Jet Ski Waverunner wavejammer pioneer

Pro Rider recently convinced industry icon Wake of Fame Lifetime Achievement Inductee Rolf Sammons to share his exciting history making jet ski story! Read on and prepare to be surprised!

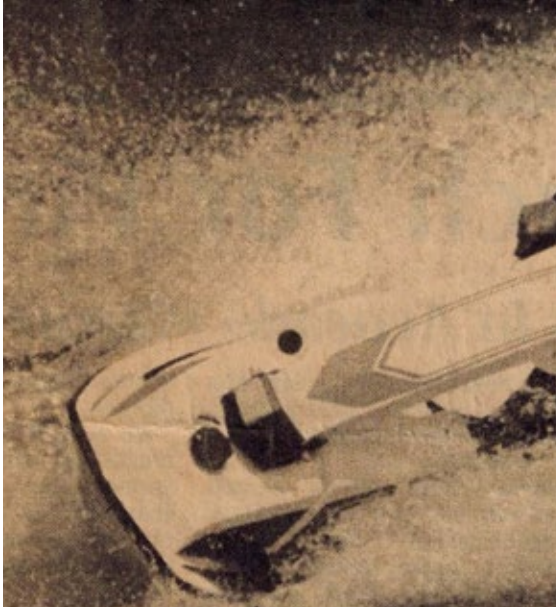
Story and photos: Rolf Sammons

It all started for me when I was 11, in 1972. We were at the right place growing up when Kawasaki Motor Corporation rolled down the hill at the Carlsbad Lagoon looking for test riders for their prototype Jet Ski. Along with brother David, Rusty Sharman, and a few others, we got paid "lunch" to ride.

Riding all the while, a few years later I competed in my first race in 1977 on a yellow 400cc Jet Ski and raced professionally until 1983. (Did you know? In the beginning, we raced on our knees, not standing up.) I was a team member with 3-time National Champions

Doug Silverstein and my brother, "Tuner Dave". We participated in IJSBA's first World Final event in 1982 at Lake Havasu, competing in Pro-Modified and Slalom event finals. In 1979 John Vaughan-Chalidy and I started one of the first Jet Ski Rental businesses.

In 1985, I happened again to be at the Carlsbad Lagoon when another major manufacturer rolled down that same hill looking for a qualified test rider for their prototypes. After learning basic Japanese, I traveled to Okinawa and Hamamatsu, Japan, where I was contracted by Yamaha to help develop the WaveRunner and WaveJammer. Side note: During a test session I gashed my leg on a jagged launch ramp. Yamaha wanted to immediately end testing to get me medical attention but in a very tactful way, I said; "I didn't travel all this way to not test". So, they bandaged me up as best they could, and I went back out. Imagine the scene: It's pouring rain, you're injured, pushing the limits of a prototype with the Yamaha Development team staring out at you under their umbrellas from the shoreline. It was quite a moment. I felt very honored to spend time with the development team, and early on was even compensated for teaching a few of them how to ride. At the end of my development contract, Yamaha presented me with an incredible one-off Yamaha Race Team jacket — sadly, stolen shortly after returning to the US.



In 1986, I was hired as Yamaha's first Marketing Coordinator in the newly formed Water Vehicle Department in the Marine Division and had the pleasure of working directly with mentor Lee Werner, Product Manager, and key personnel instrumental in Yamaha's first-generation personal watercraft product lines and US sales success. We suggested to Yamaha they would "need to win on Sunday to sell more on Monday" and at the time, they said they would never be involved in racing!

We first introduced Yamaha products to SeaWorld for their shows and helped develop the safety description for the Visibility Spout. I was featured on Yamaha's first apparel line for both the WaveRunner and WaveJammer. In 1987, I stepped down from R&D to concentrate on my full-time job at Yamaha, and recommended Larry Rippenkroeger to develop the "Superjet".



To me, the most gratifying and important part of the evolution of the WaveRunner and similar PWCs is its versatility, in large part due to what Shawn Alladio, founder of K38, has done by revolutionizing lifesaving around the world, training public and federal safety agencies worldwide.

In 2016 I was honored to be inducted into the Wake of Fame for Lifetime Achievement. Now 62, I'm back on the water thanks to John, David, Sam, Rusty, the GOAT, and others. I'm still heavily involved in this industry along with my business partner, legend and founder of Baron Custom Accessories, John "Baron" Vaughan-Chaldy, with our digital marketing and advertising company, MaxOpp Marketing. **PR**



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Date	Activity	Remarks
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12:00-17:00	• Fun Run by Mr. Sammons	
08/05/87 Sun		
08:00-10:00	• Accreditation & Welcome Test by Mr. Sammons	Yamaha Watercraft Division
10:00-17:00	• General Evaluation Test by YMC (K38)	
08/06/87 Mon		
08:00-10:00	• General Evaluation by Mr. Sammons & YMC Staff	
10:00-12:00	• Meet to Reassemble	Reassemble
08/07/87 Tue		
08:00-10:00	• Test Results Discussion & Confirmation of Test 1 (General Performance)	Reassemble PWCs
10:00-17:00	• Product Marketing	
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08:00-10:00	• Product Planning Meeting	Reassemble PWCs





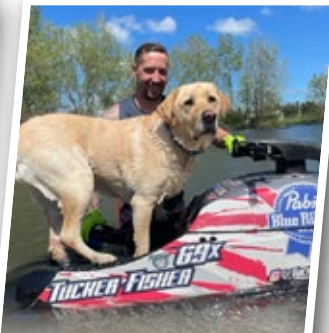
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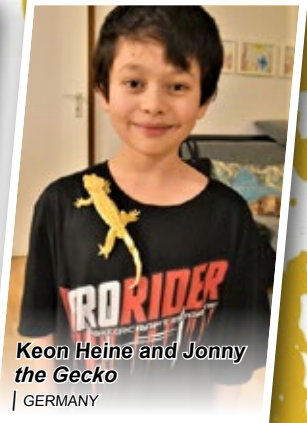
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| FLAGLER BEACH, FLORIDA



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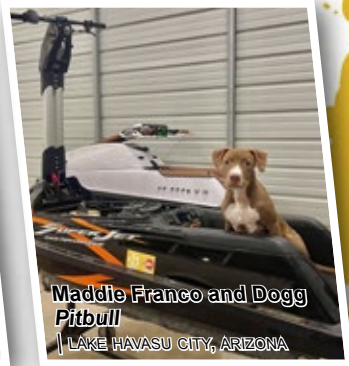
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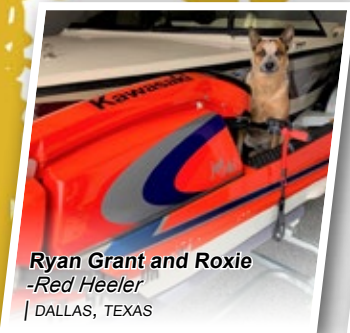
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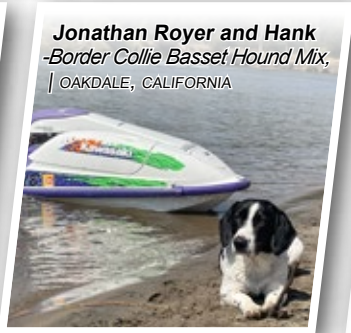
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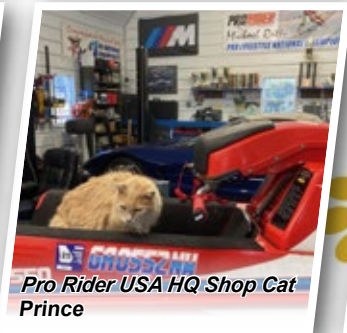
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## FROM CONCEPT TO REALITY: TRD PRO SEQUOIA ADVENTURE CONCEPT DEBUTS AT SEMA

Photos: Westcott Designs

Jeff Westcott, Westcott Designs, Phoenix, Arizona was chosen by Toyota to build a 2023 TRD Pro Sequoia Concept vehicle for their booth at the 2022 Special Equipment Market Association (SEMA) Show in Las Vegas.

Pro Rider recently caught up with Westcott who shared the deets of this special rig, featuring his old school Kawasaki 440 with original 1984 factory colors, and the very first 2023 Toyota Sequoia sold in the USA.

Westcott himself designed, manufactured, and installed many custom modifications including:

- ▶ Roof Racks
- ▶ Slider Side Rails
- ▶ Rack Ladder
- ▶ Mounting Brackets For Lighting
- ▶ Front Tow Hooks
- ▶ Exhaust
- ▶ Fold Out Rear Step
- ▶ Lift Kit

### ADDITIONAL CUSTOM FEATURES/ MODIFICATIONS:

**WHEELS:** Innov8 Racing

**EXTERIOR LIGHTING:** Rigid Industries

**CONTROL ARMS:** Camburg Racing

**CAMPER POP UP:** Go Fast Campers

**ROOF BIKE RACK:** One Up USA

**TRAY AND TRIM:** Jettrim

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### FAVORITE RIDING DESTINATIONS:

Lake Pleasant, Peoria, Arizona

**SPONSORS:** Go Fast Campers, Rigid Industries, Camburg Racing, Nitto Tires

**SUPPORT CREW:** Jessica 'the boss' Westcott

Be on the lookout for future rigs featuring Westcott's 2023 1600 Kawasaki and Super Air Nautique. **PR**





*Jenny Carvajal*  
Markham Park Florida

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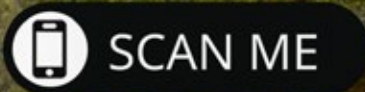
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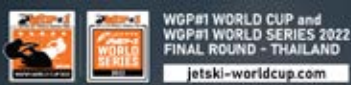


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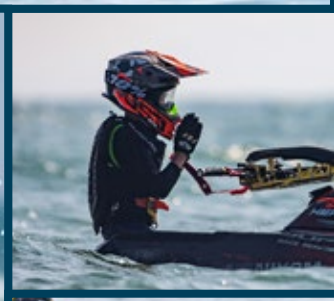
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The final stop for the Jet Ski World Series, the Jet Ski World Cup, Jomtien Beach, Pattaya, Thailand, was the crowning glory in the Triple Crown series. The WGP#1 series united racers from Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, and the USA. Thanks to the organizers, the races were estimated to be seen by 1 billion people across the globe! Riders displayed tenacity and sportsmanship at a very high level in some of the most sensational racing we've seen all season.

contender, UK's Simon Belcher came in second after consistent performances. Thailand nabbed a clean sweep in Pro Runabout 1100 Open, and Suphatat Footrakul took the World Cup and World Series titles.

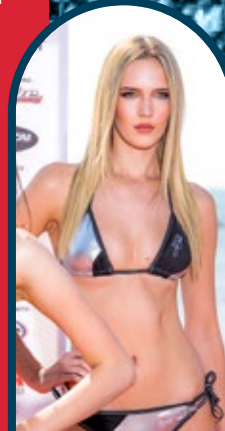
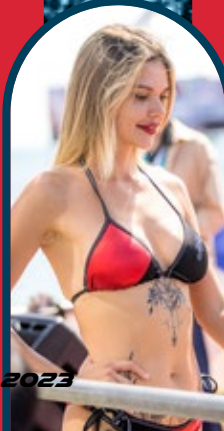
Pro Runabout GP Kuwaiti powerhouse, Mohammed Albaz, wowed with a 2-2-1. Albaz, a wildcard placing in the LCQ to qualify, thrives under intense pressure, converting it into victory for the World Cup and a close second for the World Series. Teammate, Muhammad 'Skinny Mo' Burbayea, tasted redemption with second for Thailand, rocketing him to an overall fourth in World Series points.

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Frenchman Jean-Bruno Pastorello took another win in Pro Endurance, for the World Cup and World Series, winning all three stops after a difficult ride in 2021. In Pro Freestyle, Bun Freestyle's Taiji Yamamoto came out on top with energetic routines (featuring the tricky double backflip), winning the World Cup and World Series for Japan. Thailand's hometown son, Supak Settura, won another Pro Sport GP title for Freedom Racing. Main

The rider to highlight is France's Jeremy Perez. Perez has proven his mettle over the years, no denying this gentleman is a champion. There's something to be said about a rider who gets the most of his boat while managing his resources throughout the race. In the final moto, there were questions as to whether Perez's boat could survive the laps. He took an overall third giving him points to take the World Series





title, the only rider in this category to have top three finishes at all 2022 World Series stops.

Pro Ski GP was electric with Kevin Reiterer and Raphael Maurin. Reiterer was looking to repeat his 2021 victory. Maurin was chasing something he has been denied for years — a World Series win. Maurin, driven, consistent, and formidable was focused this year across the three stops for this French racer riding for XBJ Racing. His win in Poland offered Maurin confidence that translated across Havasu and Pattaya.

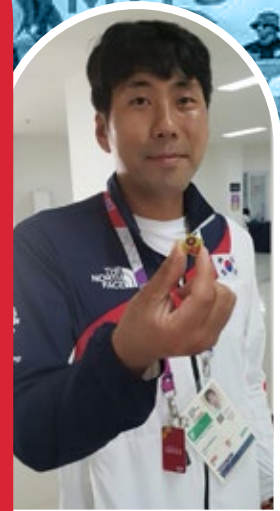
His win in Moto 4 was the clincher. While Quinten Bossche earned a redemptive win for the World Cup, Maurin's celebration in Moto 4 was one of the most beautiful moments in Pattaya. Reiterer was very much in mix until the end. Ultimately, a fifth place in Moto 3 held him back just enough. But the Austrian Flamingo Team rider came in a close second in points, hardly a loss.

For the first time ever, twins took podium wins in the World Series, Tanawid and Tanawin Molee

first and second respectively in Pro-Am Ski Stock. Sweden's Emma-Nellie Ortendahl added to her world titles, taking the overall Pro-Am Women Ski victory. Abdullah Al-Fadhel took the Pro Runabout Stock win for Deans Team and Kuwait while UAE's Khalid Almazmi beamed on the podium with his win in Pro Runabout Superstock.

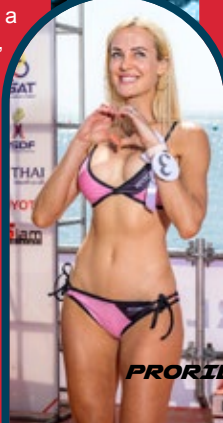
This stop marked a key loss for our community, too. Korean rider, Sung Won Kim, passed away on the way to the hospital after a collision on the course. Sung Won was a new father and a treasured teammate not just to his Korean friends, but to most of the Asian riders and longtime acquaintances from overseas. We will never see another like him, and we pay tribute to his legacy as a kind and passionate racer.

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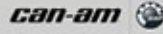
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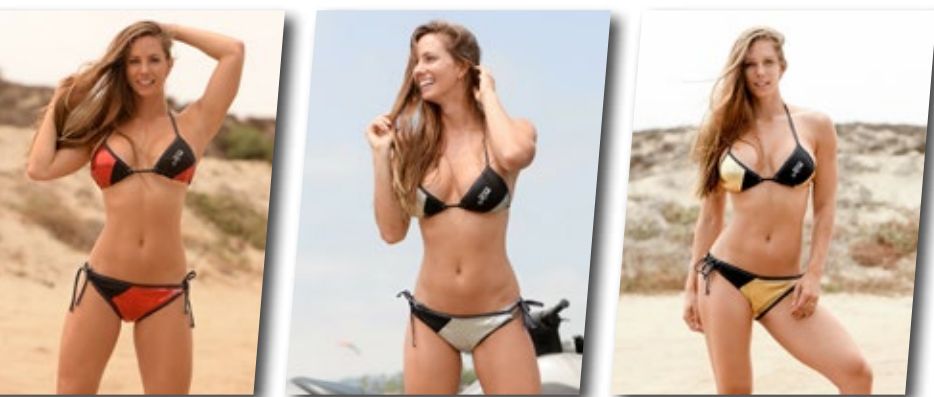
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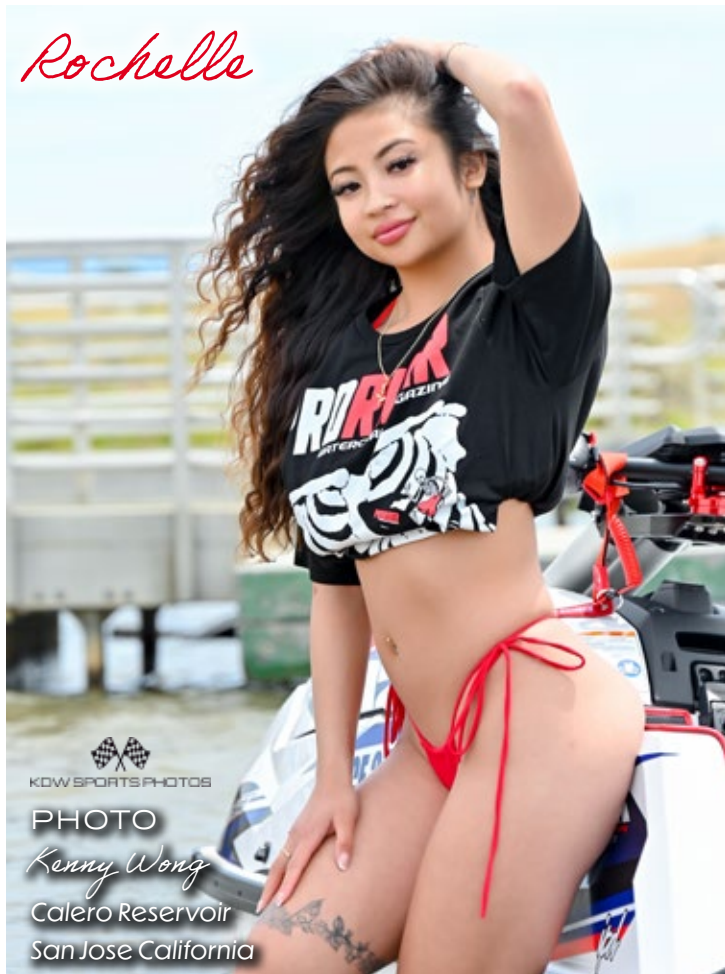
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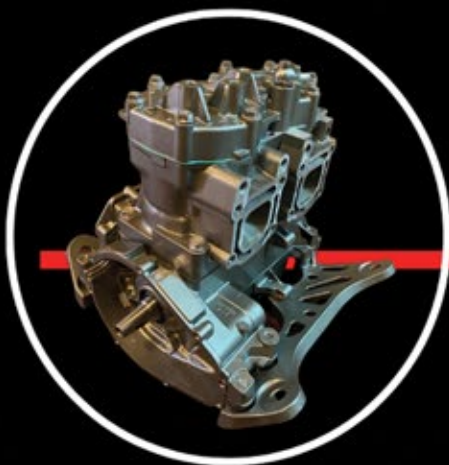
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