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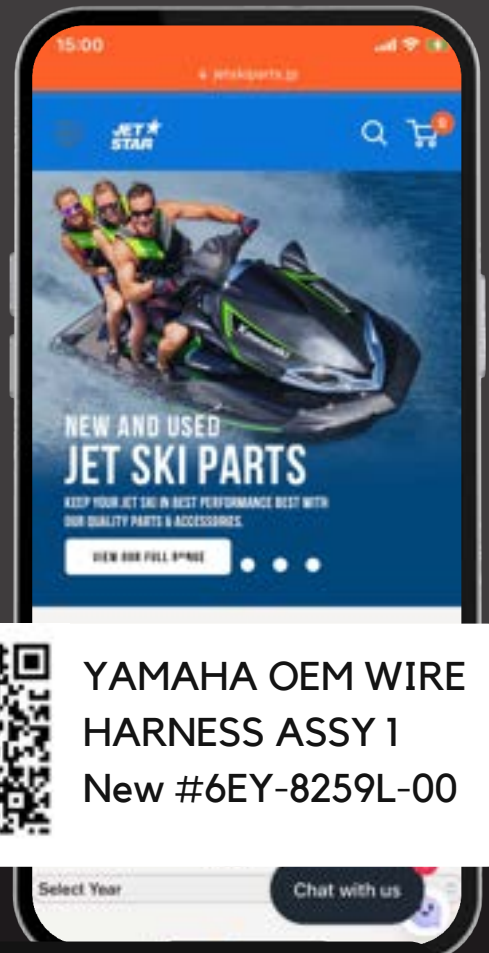
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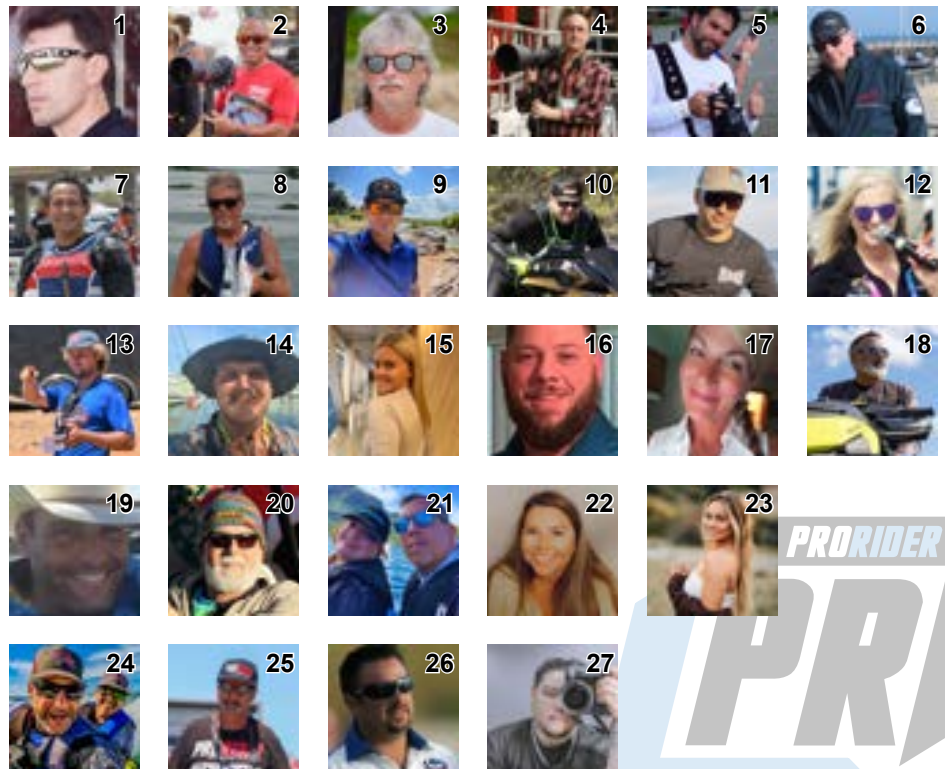
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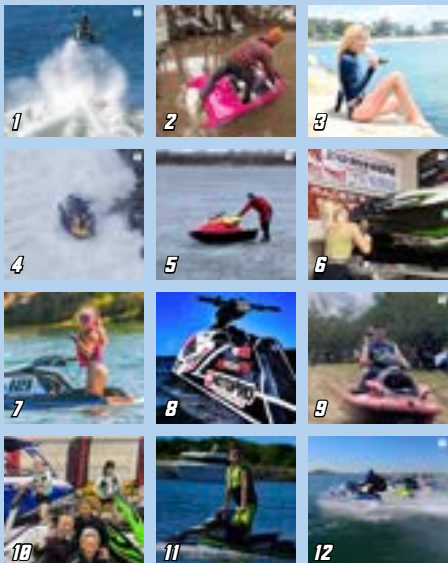
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The May June 2023 cover shot was captured by the talented Zee Khan, of Zee Picture Perfect, who teamed up with Florida Ski Riders Randy and Becky Cabrera and daughter Ariah at Salt Springs in the Ocala National Forest, Florida. Zee's lens perfectly encapsulates the adventurous spirit of recreational PWC riding!



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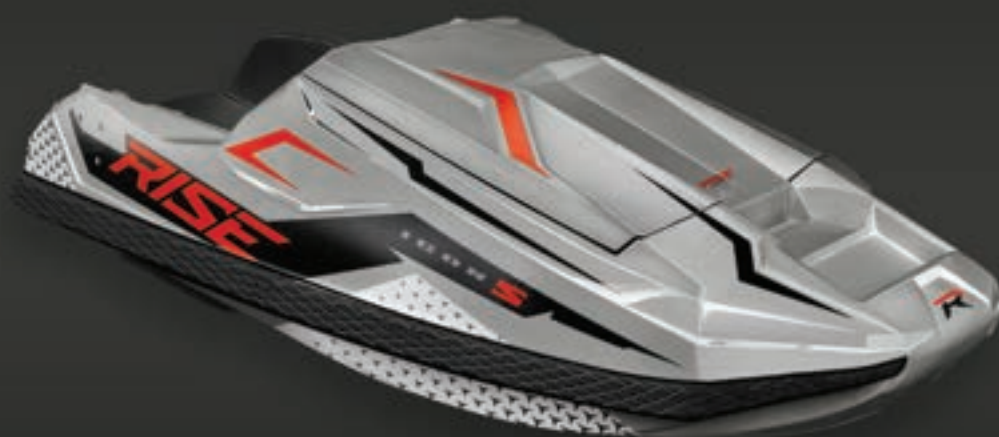


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Pro Rider toddler editor Aaliyah Ratti first ride

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## Spring ISSUE

Welcome to the 2023 May/June Spring 72nd print and digital issue of Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine as we celebrate reuniting with family and loved ones from around the world! The 2023 May/June cover shot, taken by Zee Khan of Zee Picture Perfect exemplifies the community spirit of PWC riding.

This issue features global coverage including the 2023 Yamaha Mark Hahn Memorial 300, UK Freeride, WGP Endurance Racing Thailand, Grupo Chinchorro Puerto Rico, Jun's World Peanut Island Takeover, 2023 Pro Rider Bikini Cup Winners, Jet Jam Racing, Florida and Texas Group Ride, Arrowhead Engineered Products, Stiffie Decals, WaveDaze, Beer Can Island Rec Ride, Best of the West Racing, Full Throttle Racing, and Australia Watercross and more!

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We hope this issue inspires you to get out on the water, have incredible adventures, push yourself to the limits, and make unforgettable memories with your nearest and dearest. Get out there and soak up all that the PWC world has to offer! **PR**

Sincerely,

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Home Water Reunion Ride Peter and Michael Ratti Jackson Lake Georgia



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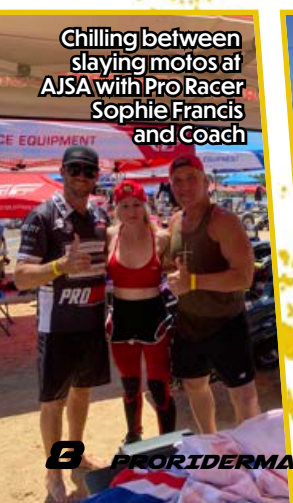
Pro Freestyle Teammate Liam Mellott from UK returns to Gold Coast



Judging AJSA Amateur Freestyle with Shane McDonald and Michael Petro



Catching up with AOMC's Cameron Frame at AJSA Southern Summer Series



Chilling between slaying motos at AJSA with Pro Racer Sophie Francis and Coach



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## 15-YEAR-OLD RACER'S DIVERSE FLEET AND FUTURE GOALS

Photos: Charles Guinchard; John Caldwell

Cooper Caldwell, a 15-year-old ski racer from Ft. Worth, Texas entering his third season in the Jettribe Mid America Series, started in Rec Lites on a Sea-Doo Spark, and has expanded to racing in various classes with a fleet of skis including three Sea-Doo Sparks, a Yamaha EX, two Yamaha FXs, a Yamaha GP 1800, and a Sea-Doo HX under construction. A background in powerboating, Cooper's family has been bitten by the jet ski bug.

Cooper races in Rec Lite #193 on a Yamaha EX and in Amateur Runabout on a 2023 Yamaha FX with a Yamaha GP 1800 as a backup ski. He raced Beginner Ski on a 2022 Yamaha Superjet last year, although not his favorite. The family is expanding their classes to include Sport Spec with a Sea-Doo HX being built by Drew with Vision Watercraft.



*J. Caldwell*  
RACING



Tim Miller, Deplorable Racing took a special interest in Cooper. Tim has been a father figure and helped Cooper understand the competition and goals. Cooper raced three classes in 2022, winning the overall in all three. He attended his first World Finals in Rec Lite and Amateur Runabout, finishing 13<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> overall, respectively. Despite feeling intimidated racing against riders from all over the world, some of whom were twice his age, Cooper gained experience and friendships he will never forget.

Cooper's goals for this season are to win his classes and qualify for World Finals.



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**PHOTO CONTEST WINNER**

Congratulations to Ryan Camozzi, Nampa, Idaho! Ryan snapped this picture of his adorable one year old daughter Lainie during a family outing at Lake Lowell in Nampa while testing this sparkly Super Chicken for a customer.



**SORRY FOR THE MIX UP**

**Photos:** David Rosenfield

Oops! We goofed and got the name of this stunning model wrong in the previous issue. We're sorry for the confusion and promise to double-check our notes next time. In the meantime, let's all appreciate Broward model Ryli's beauty and David's talent!



**RACING TO THE TOP: RACHEL  
CUMMINGS SHINES IN VINTAGE  
OPEN CLASS**

**Photos:** Kenny Wong

Rachel Cummings ranked top 10 in the world in Vintage Open at the 2022 IJSBA World Finals, the only female competitor of 18 riders in the class. Rachel rides a fully modded Kawasaki 550sx built by Andrew Cecere of ACE x Performance. You'll see Rachel competing in California and Arizona Vintage Class race series. The iconic purple #95 ski is the perfect example of show and go, and so is Rachel as she puts in the time and practice. Shared Rachel, "I will be racing my 550 as much as possible in Jet Jam, Hot Products, and Full Throttle Water X, to prepare for World Finals 2023. I hope to make it to a regional race in Texas or Florida." When asked who motivates her, she replied, "I'm inspired by Tera Laho because she was the OG chick beating all the guys. She put in the work and her results showed. That's how I want to present myself as well. I am also inspired by people in the industry who turned their passion and hobby into a brand and business such as TC Freeride, Mark Gomez, Jet Girl, High Speed Industries, and many more."





## DEAR PRO RIDER MAGAZINE TEAM,

One summer day my brother Corey took my 3 sons and I to Camp Far West Lake, Wheatland, California to ride a Kawasaki 550 for the first time. I was immediately hooked and built a 550 for the kids and I to learn on. We've been riding for 5 years now and made a new family at CFW. At first, I stayed clear of the buoy course as I was intimidated and wanted to be safe since we were just learning. We met Benz Nendolf of Top End Unlimited who later became my son Ronin's first sponsor racing the Full Throttle WaterX series. Benz loaned me his helmet to ride the buoy course and again I was hooked and found a new passion. Everyone was so friendly, helpful, and instantly became family.

Full Throttle WaterX started in 2022. Benz recommended Ronin race his 800sxr. With no experience racing or any tray time on an 800sxr Ronin led in points in the 13-15 Lites class, winning 1<sup>st</sup> place championship for the series.

We love the community involved in racing and all the sponsorships we have received. Pro Rider Magazine being one. We get so excited to receive every new issue of the magazine and read all the rad articles! It allows us to stay up to date on the racing world and check out all the hottest equipment and newest merch.

We live in Auburn, CA and the area code is 530 so we decided to use it as our boat race #. Dirty5ThirtyRacing was formed from the 530.

We look forward to many more years of racing, building our brand, creating more memories, meeting people along the journey and reading Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine! See you on the line!

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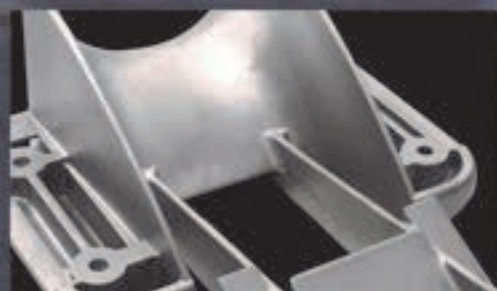
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# EXCURSION TOUR KICKOFF

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## FLORIDA SKI RIDERS

The renowned 'Beer Can Island' in the Tampa Bay area became the new destination for the Florida Ski Riders 2023 Excursion Tour kickoff due to the presence of red tide, resulting in last-minute changes from the previously planned Egmont Key location. It might have been one of the best changes yet as riders had a blast at Pine Key Island, aka Beer Can Island. Hundreds of riders came out and enjoyed a crazy day on the island with music, food, huge waterslides and more!



Our good friends from Sand Shark Anchor also participated. Riding around the bay making our way to Beer Can Island participants were excited to see all the entertainment the island had to offer.

Official Florida Ski Riders photographer Zee Picture Perfect snapped away capturing the moments as he always does. Riders from many diverse groups joined in. We even had a semi-truck pontoon boat carrying precious cargo to and from Davis Island. The day was epic to say the least! **PR**



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# **BEST OF THE WEST JET JAM SERIES KICKOFF UNLEASHES WAVE OF EXCITEMENT AT LAKE HAVASU STATE PARK:**

## **JET SKI RACING RETURNS IN STYLE!**

By: Rachel Hankins | Photos: Rain Porter, Rachel Hankins, Ken Gallagher

**A**fter the long winter break, jet ski racing was back for the Jet Jam series opener at Lake Havasu State Park. The slightly brisk weather with highs in the 60's and a cool wind blowing couldn't keep racers or crowds away! With over 100 riders on the line, this two-day event with an impressive 38 motos displayed the well-oiled machine that is the Jet Jam racing series. There was an excellent turnout of racers, staff, volunteers, course marshals, pit crews, photographers, and spectators with palpable excitement in the air.

None of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of tour promoter Monte Hughes and the support of Ross Wallach, President RPM Racing Enterprises. Monte's tireless efforts to ensure the success of the Jet Jam series were evident in every aspect of the event, from the organization and logistics to the smooth execution of each race. Monte's attention to detail and passion for jet ski racing were reflected in the high level of professionalism and excitement felt throughout the weekend. His leadership and commitment to the sport have truly made a difference in the jet ski racing community.

This event set the stage for what is sure to be an incredible year for the Jet Jam series, and for all involved! **PR**

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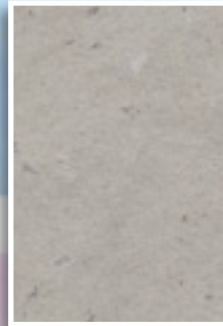
TO PRACTICE

Story and photos: Anthony Hadaway

**A**beravon Beach in Port Talbot southern Wales is an ideal place to practice freeride with its sand beach 3 miles long and great predictable surf. Freeride title holders from England converged to practice for upcoming events around Europe including France and Portugal.

The day started off extremely challenging with heavy sea fog which cleared to a nice bright winter's day. Everyone traveled at least 3 hours to get to Wales. It's a tiring but worthwhile day.

The boys will be very competitive this year so watch out for them at 2023 Freeride exhibitions and contests! **PR**



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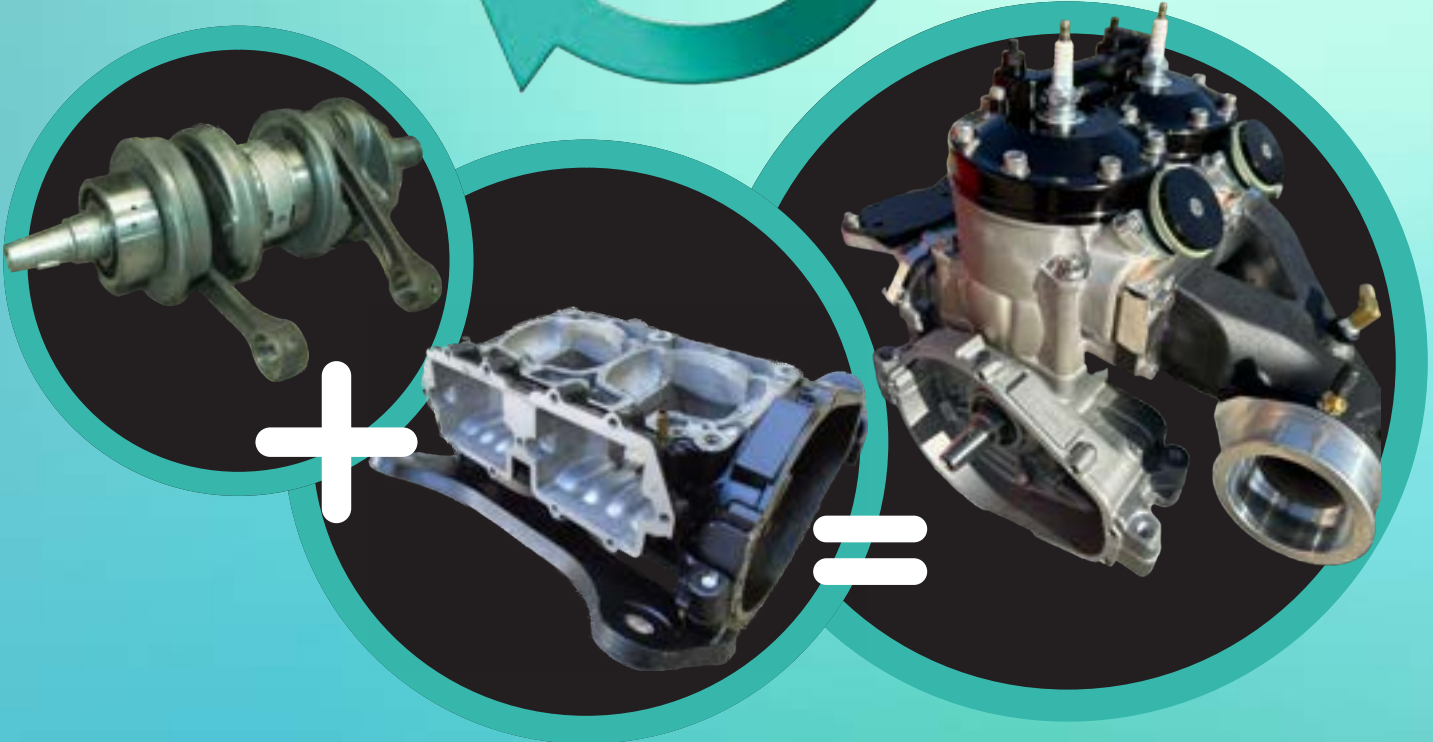




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By: Justin Smith, Race Director  
Photos: Charles Guinchard

**JETTRIBE MID-AMERICA  
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**B**and snaps, lead rider pulls the pack straight out across from Texas to Louisiana, the start of the 2023 Jettribe Mid-America Watercross Championship is underway! Spring Break in Orange, Texas, and the kickoff to the 2023 series will go down in history for all that attended. Jettribe tents and banners set the stage along the Sabine River as racers earned badges of honor, braving frigid elements to race for top spots in the IJSBA World Championship qualifier.

weather. 17 Junior Star athletes started with safety training and practice followed by a welcome party. The season was back in action, and it was fantastic to see such an awesome turnout for the first race!

Mayor Larry Spears welcomed racers and families as water warriors stacked the lines and battled on the course. We kept races flowing with 152 entries. Cold weather meant less alligators in the river, but the tradeoff was still questionable. Racers peeled off the course back to the party tents to warm up with heaters and friends. This race proved to many what they are capable of, especially coming off winter solstice.

Racers from 14 states traveled the distance anticipating warmer







**KOMMANDER VS. PRO FORCE VS GPIR:**

Spectators saw these incredible machines and pilots going hard and getting busy livin'. In the end, Tim Miller on his Kommander GP1 took the top spot with Mason Kotara on the Pro Force following close behind. Large class payout went to Sport Spec with 8 racers going for the money. Kenny Compton and "Skinny" Casey Moore hit the top spots. On the podium they donated their earnings back to the Junior Stars Program.

Junior racers came to win and demonstrate their talents. Trading top spots and moving up to Amateur classes, the youth of our sport are

bringing a density of riders performing at top level. Girl power Kylie Meier of Florida, took the win in Junior Ski Lites and Junior Stock, and young guns Cooper Caldwell, Hendrix Smith and Javier Falcon took top spots in Am and Pro Am classes.

Jeff Wright provided a clinic for the 7 Vintage racers showing strong performance aboard his Dales Jet Sports 550.

As we wrapped up with an awards banquet and Spring Break came to an end, it was all smiles and cheers, thankful for a safe start to the series and great reunion of racers.

Special thank you to series sponsors: Jettribe, NautiWater Racing, IJSBA, Charles Guinchard Photography, Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine, 321 Kawasaki, Pro Watercraft Racing, Kommander Industries, John Caldwell Pools, Lee Sure Pools, Dales Jet Sports, Vision Watercraft, Deplorable Racing and Austin Jetskier.

Orange, Texas will continue to be on our schedule. We are extremely grateful for the hospitality and support to commence the 2023 race season.

See you on the NautiWater! **PR**



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# PR PWC FISHING

Story and photos: Brian M. Lockwood

I'm an avid jet ski angler who's been fishing from personal watercraft over 22 years. Although I've owned several boats up to 34 feet, I quickly realized fishing from a jet ski was my preferred route. I'm 58 years old and hope to continue jet skiing well into my 80s.

It all started with a simple setup: a net under one foot and a rod under the other. I'd venture out close to home to catch bait for my next "boating" trip, gradually going further out spending more time fishing from my jet ski than from my 25-foot Grady White. Eventually, I bought a larger Yamaha SUV 1200 and customized it for fishing with the help of a talented fabricator, Albert and Chad Martin of Martin's Custom Structures in Gloucester, VA.

Over the years, I've owned four Yamaha SUVs, three Yamaha FXHOs, a small Polaris, and a Sea-Doo LRV, all rigged for fishing or diving. I prefer the SUV for its stability and spaciousness. The most essential items for making a jet ski fishable are a cooler, rod holders, and a decent GPS/fish finder. Some of my rigged skis also have running lights, a VHF radio, an extra battery, underwater lights, a windshield, and a fusion stereo and speakers. I carry safety equipment including a Spot GPS tracker, an EPIRB, a handheld VHF, flares, basic tools, a signal mirror, and extra water and snacks.

I've fished as far as 50 miles offshore of Hatteras, NC, and 70 miles offshore of Virginia Beach. My wife and I even took our Yamaha FXHOs from Fort Lauderdale to Bimini for a week of diving and fishing, and I've crossed to Freeport Bahamas and made the long 230-mile trip to Abaco Bahamas three times. We lived in Abaco for 5 years and survived Hurricane Dorian, the strongest category 5 on record. Now in Poquoson, Virginia, I enjoy fishing in the Chesapeake Bay and offshore of Virginia and North Carolina.

99% of my fishing is in saltwater, and I'm religious about flushing and cleaning my PWC after each use. My favorite fish to catch is whatever is biting that day, but I'm usually prepared to go after a couple of species. I've caught croaker, spot, trout, flounder, sheepshead, tautog, red and black drum, sea bass, tilefish, amberjack, striped bass, triggerfish, sailfish, blackfin and yellowfin tuna, grouper, margate, mahi, and cobia, to name a few. Someday, I hope to focus on and catch a bluefin tuna!



I plan to rig another ski with a Spot Lock trolling motor and a set of Pods, which are popular in New Zealand and Australia. For those just getting into jet ski fishing, I advise having some type of towing insurance like Sea Tow or Boat US because things can and do break. It's also important to watch the weather and wind forecast and invest in a camera to capture not just your catch, but the amazing wildlife like whales, dolphins, seabirds, and sunrises you're sure to encounter.

Most importantly, get out there, have a good time, and stay safe! **PR**









## SPRINT RACING RETURNS!

### INNOVATIVE TRACK LAYOUT at AUSTRALIAN WATERCRAFT RACING ASSOCIATION INAUGURAL RACE

Story and photos: Craig Milne, Zoomed Images

The Australian Watercraft Racing Association, the newest racing organization in Queensland, Australia held its inaugural race in March. The AUSWCR is administered by a group of racing stalwarts with many years of experience in Australia and internationally.

Race day looming I set about arranging a ski for Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine Editor in Chief, my good friend Michael Ratti to ride. Michael would be standing in the tray of a Superjet for Ski Lites thanks to the Beekman family.

Racing was held at picturesque Marshalls Lake on the Sunshine Coast and was restricted to Rec Lites and standup skis. Whilst entry was by invite only there was a good field of racers with the closest racing I've seen in a long time due to not only a smaller venue, but also the innovative track layout.

The track was two-lanes with the ability to cross from the inside to outside and vice versa in one spot. Sprint races, one lap in each lane, made for very close racing.

A flatwater freestyle exhibition was provided by Bailey Cunningham and Michael Ratti on their Rickters.

Racing included 10 lap pursuit races that made for interesting tactics from riders. Young guns were flat out from the beginning whilst seasoned riders set a fast but steady pace which by the end paid off with the younger riders often faltering allowing others to gain placings.

The highlight of the day was the final standup combined 1500 and GP Ski race. This was a handicapped rolling start race with the field staggered all the way back to one of the GP skis starting off the back 3/4 of a lap in deficit to the front ski. Riding was great with the hardest chargers coming from the rear. The 3 riders closest to the back of the field, Tony Grey (1500SXR), Cooper Beekman (Kommander GP1) and Jake Beekman (Kommander GP1) made steady progress. Two laps from home, Jake passed Cooper and Tony for the lead having passed the entire field.

It was a great event with smiles all round and we can only look for greater things to come from this organization and their fresh, fun outlook on racing! **PR**



### RESULTS

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**TACKLING**

# “THE GREAT LOOP” ON A 1994 POLARIS

*and lessons learned....*

Story and photos: Jacob Barnowski

**M**y name is Jacob. I'm 25 and enjoy adventure! Growing up in Waukesha, Wisconsin, we enjoyed boating. My parents had no interest in jet skis, so all my on-water experience was inland lakes on their 23-foot cruiser. I purchased a '94 Polaris SLT750 for \$300 which needed work.

Loving the water and boating, I learned about a trip called The Great Loop, which few people complete, and most are retired. I knew this was the trip for me!

Prepared with minimal gear I got the ski running, test fitted my gear at the east Dubuque boat ramp on the Mississippi River before departure. The biggest challenges were weather, including two hurricanes, waves, junk stuck in my jet pump, and a jet pump bearing failure that left me stranded in Steinhatchee, Florida. With weather you can't do much but wait it out or push through, which is almost always a brutal ride. Brett at Jet Trendz put the word through to save the day. This was not the only time random people helped me, it was common and meeting all these awesome people was by far the best part of the trip!

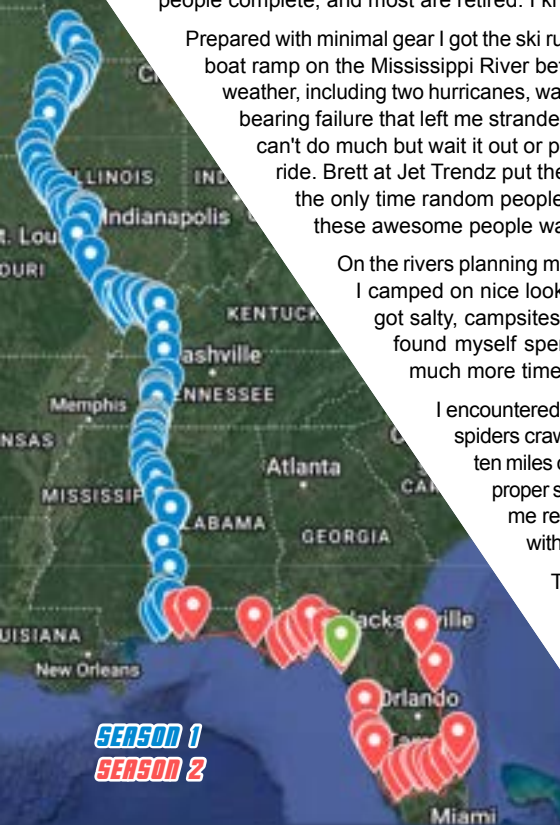
On the rivers planning meant knowing where to fuel up. I camped on nice looking beaches. When the water got salty, campsites became far and few between. I found myself spending more money on hotels and much more time planning my ride.

I encountered tons of wildlife on the trip, including poisonous spiders crawling on my tent. The most dangerous part was ten miles offshore in the gulf with four footers and a lack of proper safety equipment. It was a good moment to make me realize how stupid I am. In the future, navigation with charts, a depth finder and PLB will be included.

The first two legs of the trip took a little over two months covering roughly 3,000 miles, averaging 6 hours a day, with \$7-8k on fuel and oil. A big thank you to Corey Oil for helping with some of that. I am continuing season three of the trip this summer starting in St. Augustine, FL up the East Coast and through the Erie Canal. **PR**



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**P**ro Rider Watercraft Magazine was invited to the 2023 press launch of Kawasaki's new Ultra 160, alongside other top media outlets and influencers in the watercraft industry. The event featured a fully immersive 115-mile ride on the Sacramento Delta River, allowing attendees to thoroughly test and become familiar with the new model's ride characteristics and features.

The ski's significant upgrades are located above the bond line. Specifically, I will discuss the Ultra 160LX — the highest-end model in the Ultra 160 series that I had the opportunity to test.

The Ultra 160LX-S is a more affordable version of the Ultra 160, featuring the same hull and power package but with a few LX options removed. On the Ultra 160 LX, the new upper deck boasts numerous upgrades, such as a useful 7" LCD display that provides instrumentation, maintenance information, and even the ability to set waypoints and activate the rearview camera. Among my favorite features was the comfortable, quality-built adjustable seat, which was crucial during the 115-mile river ride that included ten riders. Additionally, the rearview mirrors and rear-facing camera allowed for a clear view behind me without turning my head, a valuable asset when riding in larger groups at higher speeds. Despite my expectations, the mid to high-level recreational Ultra 160 ski proved to be impressively powerful with its



1,498 cc inline four-cylinder naturally aspirated marine engine. Although not as potent as the supercharged Ultra 310 LX, the engine remains reliable and offers exceptional performance for the Ultra 160.

This Jet Ski looks good. From the mat kits, colors and overall exotic top deck styling to the cool head light style front LED markers, this ski grabs attention. The new Ultra 160 will appeal to experienced riders that aren't trying to race a buoy course (although you could) but still want good power when they need it. This is a good ski for distance touring rides on a stable, comfortable, well-equipped machine. The Ultra 160 does everything. It tows, it's a great family ski with options for limiting power, it makes a great fishing platform with the available cooler/pole holder/storage rack mounting system on the extended rear deck.

The Ultra 160LX offers ample storage space, including easily accessible wing-style front-side compartments from a seated position, a waterproof hard case for electronic devices and phones, and a USB port for charging. The Jet Sound 4s Audio system, featuring upper speakers that remain audible at high speeds, was a standout



feature for me. Additionally, the 5mp auto cruise setting was ideal for no wake marina areas encountered during the 115-mile ride on the Delta. Despite spending much of the ride at full power, we only had to refuel once, highlighting the Ultra 160's fuel efficiency. The ski's lower power settings could provide even greater distance for those seeking longer rides.

Kawasaki's Ultra platform boasts practical, technological, and cosmetic upgrades that reflect customer feedback. It's worth noting the Ultra 160 shares the same features and top deck as the Ultra 310LX. Not only does the ski look and feel high-quality, but it also offers exceptional performance, particularly in choppy water thanks to its deep V hull design. Riding the Ultra 160 was both easy and enjoyable, and I had a fantastic time learning about it with the Kawasaki team and my fellow media colleagues both on and off the water. I extend my sincere appreciation to Kawasaki for the unforgettable ride experience and hospitality, as well as to Pro Rider for facilitating my attendance at the event.



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By: Dan Lindgren  
Westcoast Jet Sports Foundation, Westcoast Surf Riders  
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## In Praise of the Pit Crew:

# CRUCIAL ROLE OF PIT CREWS IN ENDURANCE RACING

By: Arnold Martinez, Pro Racer  
Photos: Rick Powell Ric Pow Photography

In watercraft racing, the pit crew holds a pivotal position, their contribution being integral to the success of the race. The significance of a proficient pit crew lies in their dependability, thorough preparation, and timely assistance, especially when faced with mechanical challenges during a race. A keen sense of astuteness and exceptional organizational skills are vital attributes that define an excellent pit crew. Their commitment to excellence and dedication to their craft is highly commendable.

In endurance racing, essential equipment for the pit crew includes a quad, towels, quick-fill gas jugs, coolers, and heaters. They must accurately calculate fuel needs and have the expertise to launch the PWC quickly. Some teams use turntable trailers to minimize time spent off the water. Safety measures like a fire extinguisher are mandatory, and mechanical fuel pumps are required to draw from a drum. Additionally, the ski must display an orange flag in case of a breakdown.

Communication between racers and crew during a race is critical. Attentiveness during the riders' meeting is vital. Using an intercom system such as Cardo, which can also voice-dial via phone, is recommended. Alternatively, the pit crew can wear bright colors and display a flag to signal when it's time to pit.

In summary, pit crew members perform a range of vital tasks, including securing helmets and vests, ensuring proper fitting of goggles, verifying the secure fastening of all bolts on the vessel, providing hydration and nutrition during pit stops, and preparing essential equipment such as fuel jugs and towels in a well-organized and efficient manner. Their mechanical background further aids in ensuring the success of the pit-stop process. **PR**





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## Nedra Atwood/Gary Hart Memorial Race

By: Rachel Hankins

Photos: Rick Powell; Rachel Hankins

It was an epic race weekend for The Bluewater Resort & Casino in Parker, Arizona at The Hot Products & Anderson Powersports Best of the West Rounds 3&4 Nedra Atwood/Gary Hart Memorial Race.

After a 3-year absence due to covid and a variety of factors, RPM Racing brought IJSBA sanctioned racing back to the beautiful Bluewater Resort & Casino overlooking the crystal-clear waters of the Colorado River in Parker, Arizona. The venue was the perfect location for the IJSBA World Finals qualifier.

The impressive lineup of skilled riders and their teams delivered an unforgettable experience for both onlookers and participants, with fierce battles persisting throughout.

We extend our sincerest gratitude to all RPM staff and volunteers whose unwavering dedication and hard work contributed to the seamless execution of this and all our events!

Stay tuned as the Best of the West Series travels to Huntington Beach for what is sure to be a spectacular weekend of racing in the surf.

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# Remembering **BILL CHAPIN**



## William D. Chapin 1957-2022

By: Dawn Dawson | Photos: Ken Gallagher

If you have never met Bill Chapin, let us paint a legendary picture for you. He had an intimidating air about him, quiet, observant, slightly stand-offish. He would communicate in a series of two-to-three-word sentences at first. You could watch him from afar with his friends, and perhaps even be shocked when you saw that he smiled...and laughed.

And then, inevitably, you'd hear him speak fully realized sentences when he was talking of engines, jet ski parts, hulls, skis, motors, pistons, anything mechanical.

The picture starts to fall into place when you see that the boats he had his head in, his hands in, his heart in, won races, championships, against all odds. When that boat would come into shore, the rider triumphantly being congratulated by his team, you'd see Bill offering a cross-armed debrief of how that race went from his standpoint, what you did right, what you can do better, what sucked, what amazed, and that rider would hang on every truthful word that Bill would speak.

When it came time to get your trophy, you'd look for Bill, and his mustached face would be smiling, clapping you on, and it would be the ultimate validation you could ever receive. You'd soon come to realize if you ever needed help on your boat, if you ever wanted to try something new and different and didn't know who to turn to, you could always turn to Bill. He'd get his hands dirty; he'd dedicate his precious time to you. And yes, his time was precious. He was running a company, raising a family, being a husband, being a loyal friend, innovating, thinking, participating. You then understood that whatever Bill did, it was for the love of racing. You can love many things but to love racing is to love disappointment, hard work, failure, the unexpected, wild mood swings, storms, waves, windless days, broken bits. And yet Bill loved all of that. Whatever it was, Bill was handling it, and so could you.

Now, as you go to that race site, you miss that stoic face that anchored and launched so much of this sport. And that's when you'll understand, "Ah. So THAT is what makes him THE Bill Chapin." And you'll miss him, barely knowing this titan.

Rest In Power, Bill. **PR**

**"Bill Chapin was the former partner at R & D and a "guru" of sorts for the manufacturers on making their skis/runabouts faster. Bill created many parts that he and partner Glen Dickinson then sold to the public. But Bill was much more than just a research and design guy, he was the guy that top racers went to when they wanted to get more out of their ski/runabout. He thought outside the box and experimented based on his vast years of working within the watercraft industry. For example, Mike Follmer won many championships for Factory Yamaha, including the Mark Hahn Memorial many years ago directly because of Bill's hard work and dedication to making his ski the fastest it could be."**

**Ross Wallach, President**  
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**"R&D Performance Product's Bill Chapin: Bill Chapin, R&D's research and development guru, cooperated with riders and pioneers of the sport, including Christy Carston, Victor Sheldon, Nicolas Rius, Jeff Jacobs and Chris MacClugage. Together they won countless national and world jet ski championships in every classification of competition."**

**Vasilis Moraitis**  
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# TECH TIP

## SPONSONS 101

When you ask the 'Googles' "what are sponsons", one of the first answers is "sponsons are projections extending from the sides of land vehicles, aircraft, or watercraft to provide protection, stability, storage locations, etc."

Stability. That's an important consideration when operating a personal watercraft. Whether you're a recreational rider or professional racer, sponsons play a critical part in the handling characteristics of your PWC.

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**PRO RIDER:** Please tell us a bit about your background and how you got involved in the jet ski tour industry.



**BRIAN ORENSTEIN:**

I began riding jetskis in the 90's in Brooklyn, NY. We were a crew that rode together and then began offering tours/rentals; that's where it all began for me.

**PR:** How did your company get started? What was your vision when you first launched it?

**BO:** I opened a location in Hoboken, New Jersey to capture tourism. I was the first location in the NY Harbor offering guided jetski tours/rentals. My vision was to provide tourists with this unforgettable experience of visiting the NY landmarks via jetski.

**PR:** What are the biggest challenges you've faced as a business owner in the jet ski tour industry, and how have you overcome them?

**BO:** The pandemic hit us hard with the lack of production of machinery and lack of parts. The lack of tourism due to the pandemic hurt our industry significantly. This should be a great season ahead with that behind us.

**PR:** How do you ensure safety?

**BO:** We are very stern with our clients in making them aware of the dangers that exist on the waterways. Our clients watch a state issued safety video and we provide an on the jetski tutorial with the tour guides to prepare everyone for the excursion. We stress how dangerous these machines can be if not used with caution.

**PR:** What are you most proud of regarding New York City Jet Ski?

**BO:** Our staff is amazing and strives to provide our clients with a fun, safe, and professional experience.

**PR:** Can you tell us about your plans for expansion and any new initiatives?

**BO:** We are currently opening a new venue in Edgewater, NJ, Hudson River Jetski. We will be expanding to Miami, FL winter 2024. I plan on creating several more locations in the next few years with Sea-Doo sponsorship. We are currently forming a partnership with BRP/ Sea-Doo and will be offering boat charters using the Sea-Doo Switch.

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# RIDING ADVENTURES IN PUERTO RICO

AND BEYOND WITH **Grupo Chinchorro Jetski**



In 2009, Peter 'Pochy' Medina discovered the thrill of riding a PWC, and his passion for the sport only grew from there. When the pandemic hit, he and his friends decided to create a group called Grupo Chinchorro Jetski, which has flourished every year since then.

Their group, comprised of 20-25 PWC enthusiasts, embarks on exciting rides around the island of Puerto Rico and beyond. They've traveled to various locations across Canada, New York, New Jersey, North and South Carolina, Florida, Colombia, and even Bora Bora last November.

Now, they're setting their sights on even more adventures, like a trip to see glaciers in Alaska and Italy. However, some of their most memorable experiences have been exploring the cays and islands surrounding Puerto Rico, including Cayo Barco, Isla Perdida, Cayo Pajaros, Cayo Matias, Caja Muertos, Cayo Enriqueito, Cayo Caracoles, Isla de Palomino, Cayo Icacos, Vieques, Culebra, St. Thomas, St. John US Virgin Islands.

Shared Pochy, "Riding in windy conditions and waves 4-5 feet high is truly an awesome experience. With the accessories we've added to our skis we are well-prepared for navigation and safety during trips. In fact, according to records, my Sea-Doo GTX Limited is the first in PR to have 300 engine horsepower and all BRP OEM fishing and touring accessories, all provided by Forte MotorSports.

Overall, Grupo Chinchorro Jetski is a group of thrill-seekers who share a love for adventure, nature, and the open water. Their passion for PWCs has taken them on countless unforgettable experiences and shows no signs of slowing down anytime soon.

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**OFF THE SHORES**  
**WGP#1 Waterjet Offshore**  
**World Championship - Phuket 2023**  
*Includes exclusive all women's category*

**R**acing in Thailand has a magical allure with inviting yet challenging water and a refreshingly honest and cheerful atmosphere. This year, the WGP#1 team nabbed the ultimate world-class destination for offshore racing, Phuket. Phuket takes your breath away with its pristine, clear, blue waters. But as riders would soon discover, sometimes beautiful waters hide treacherous currents.

Seventy riders from thirteen countries competed at the WGP#1 Waterjet Offshore World Championship, hedging their chances across six classes, including an exclusive all-women's category. The starting point of the races was at the Laguna, Phuket, on the sands of Bang Tao beach. Riders completed two laps spanning 120 kilometres (74 ½ miles) crossing ten checkpoints. The warm waters of the Andaman Sea and unrelenting sun meant little reprieve for riders across this gruelling course. Despite the appearance of being flat, waves came frequently, reaching a foot in places, being particularly deceptive over reefs. Riders commented that no amount of practice would have prepared them for these conditions, there was no anticipating which way the waves were coming at you.

Despite catching a wave and sustaining injury, Thailand's Kasidit Teeraprateep took the win in Novice Stock C holding off Australian favorite

Matt Daley. Although Kasidit fell back to third, he persevered and made a sensational pass just before the finish line. Russian young gun, Vsevolod Chernukha, won the +300HP category, seizing his first big international win. His direct competitor Kasidit was eyeing a second win and leading for 90% of the race before a determined Vsevolod found the moxie to overtake the Thai rider in the home stretch.

Speaking of Russian young guns, Nikita Antonyuk added a notch to Russia's belt by taking the Runabout Limited B title, coming out fast after the refuel gaining on his competitors. Favorite in this category, Saharat Ngamsommit, unfortunately fell back, with Supak Settura narrowly missing the top spot.

Final days of racing were intense and perfect. Thai rising star, Tapatarawat Joesonnusont (nickname Opal) was the revelation of the weekend, taking the Runabout Open B title. Undoubtedly, his stamina favored him as he overcame boat troubles and reclaimed the lead. He credited his win to a conversation with his boat: "We've practiced a lot, let's not leave it like this." Wise words, Opal.

Alexei Chernukha, racing Vsevolod's 37, was close to the top spot but was outraced. The Russians were quick to regroup for the Women's Runabout A class with Olga Antonyuk taking another win for Team Antonyuk and Foksmoto, with Yulia Chernukha second. Race favorites, Kylie Ellmers and Oraphan Teerapatpanich were plagued by dreaded engine troubles with Oraphan's supercharger breaking during the last stretch, a devastating turn of events considering she was minutes from winning.

The big kahuna of the races, Runabout Open A, was the most anticipated of all. This year, it was the time of USA's Anthony Radetic. Anthony has had an excellent year and well earned his spot as an offshore racing expert. His consistent ride was only momentarily threatened by the fiery Opal, and Japanese veteran, Jun Ikoma. Ultimately, there was sufficient distance placed between Anthony and the pack. Team Pastorello's multiple world champion and favorite, Jean-Bruno Pastorello, had to get towed in shortly after his first turning at Cape Promthep, stalling for a moment during the initial lap.

This is the first in a series of offshore racing from the WGP#1 team, who are now busy preparing for the first round of IJSBA racing in Poland in May. It will certainly be a year to watch if we have half as much fun as we did in Phuket! **PR**

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#### PRO RIDER:

Please tell us about your background.

**JASMIIN YPRAUS:** Coming from cold Nordic country Estonia, I was born into a motorsport lifestyle, raised by a national level "racer dad" (jetski, snowmobile, motocross, enduro and wakeboarding). I first tried a jetski when I was 4 and became professional at 17, when I started racing in the Pro level World Championship. My first race was in Pro Ski GP at 13 with national champions in the Baltic States. Last year I won my first ever World Championship title in the Pro Women GP category. My main category is Pro Ski GP. World Championship I race with Pro Women GP, but all national races are done with the fastest guys and skis on water.

**PR:** Is there anyone who inspired you in your racing endeavors?

**JY:** It is my life and I have been raised by all the professionals in this area, that is the inspiration. People who go for the maximum in life and enjoy it inspire me the most!

**PR:** What challenges have you faced as a female racer, in your home country and internationally?

**JY:** For sure there have been some technical limits in ladies' classes, but then I just race with the guys, keeping life interesting and boys nervous.

**PR:** How do you stay physically and mentally fit to compete at such a high level?

**JY:** It is all about teamwork and good relationships with trainer and training partners, they lift you up, motivate and make you push hard. It is important to try various training programs and try to make it fun. Main thing that keeps you on a high level is an unreach goal you dream of every day! Everything starts in your head. I am happy to work with professionals and train together with Estonian top athletes, including World Champions in WRC Rally.

**PR:** What does your training regimen involve?

**JP:** We mainly focus on cardio, speed, and power exercises to have a fast reaction and be durable from beginning to the end. I enjoy cycling, functional fitness, swimming, and cross-country skiing. My training week consists of at least one workout per day, a good amount of sleep and eating well. It's important to train all body parts, but we love to focus specifically on lower back, legs, and different movements, like fast movements on the ladder. I also value stretching and being flexible.

**PR:** Describe your strategies to adapt to different racing conditions especially when competing in a different country.

**JY:** I have a lot of racing experience and a tech-savvy team, so all the new challenges are welcomed. It's important to have good connections and friends all around the world. We also do a lot of prep-work to be ready.

**PR:** What advice would you give to young women interested in pursuing a career in jet ski racing, and how do you see the sport evolving?

**JY:** I believe for us girls there are going to be even more opportunities and chances to prove that girls can ride fast. My advice: work hard and believe.



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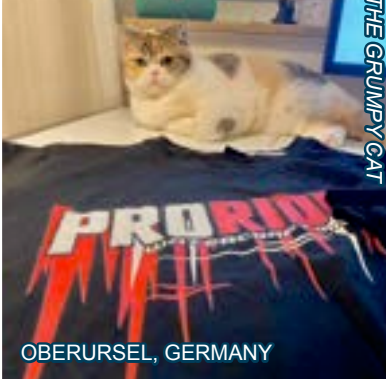
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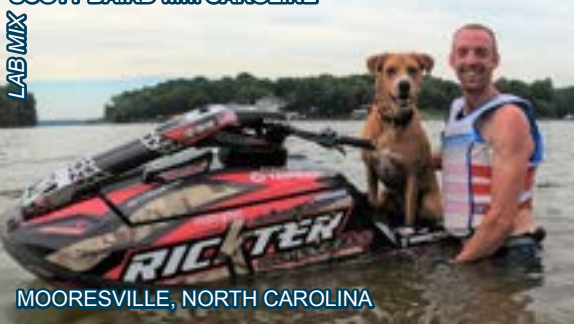
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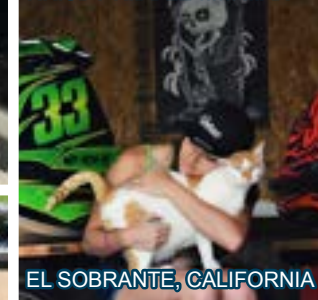


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# PEANUT ISLAND TAKEOVER

AN EPIC ANNUAL JET SKI RIDE TOUR



Jun's World Rec Ride Tour is back, this time taking on Peanut Island, situated off Jupiter, Florida. The Florida Ski Riders, Agitando Jet Ski, and H2O Addicts joined the ride with their annual North meets South ride. Over 250 jet skis launched from Burt Reynolds Park in Jupiter and traveled down the intercoastal waterway to Peanut Island.

Although the usual route is through the Atlantic Ocean, the unpredictable waves made it unsafe to venture out, so the group chose the safer route. At Peanut Island, they took over the beautiful sandy beaches and clear turquoise waters with fun and relaxation, mingling with old friends and making new ones.

The PWC community is known for its amazing people that love to explore and vibe with like-minded individuals. The event was more than a jet ski ride, it was a gathering of people from all walks of life, sharing a common love for the water and adventure.

Peanut Island, which once housed a nuclear bomb shelter for John F. Kennedy, provided a fascinating historical backdrop for the ride. Riders enjoyed music, barbecuing, and basking in the sun.

Sponsors, Route One Motorsports, and Strapinno, were instrumental in organizing the event, making it a huge success. Jayson from Agitando Jetski, Adam from H2O Addicts, and Zee from Zee Picture Perfect captured the event with amazing pictures.

The event was open to anyone or any group that wanted to join the fun. Everyone is invited to follow on social media for upcoming rides. The hashtag **#unitedweride** represents the spirit of the event and shared passion for adventure, community, and good times! **PR**





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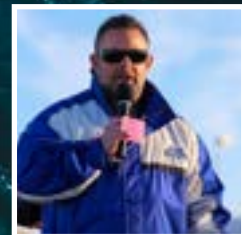
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**The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Yamaha Mark Hahn Memorial – Havasu 300 was presented by Hot Products, Jettrim, Impros, Riva, Ford Bros. Racing, Works H20, ADA Racing, Atlantis Enterprises, DS Sales, Mikuni USA, WSM Parts, Cometic Gasket, Rickter, and RRP. After 18 years, Jim Russell of Desert Steel Motorsports (DSM Events) handed the reins over to Ross Wallach, RPM Racing Enterprises to promote the event. With a new race promoter came a new location!**

**G**one from the confines and snowbird populated Crazy Horse Campground to the more optimal Lake Havasu State Park, Point Beach, the 2023 IJSBA Team Endurance Championships saw competitors from the United States and 6 countries including Philippines, Estonia, Italy, Australia, Thailand, and the UK. Strong winds (25 – 35 mph+) and rain made the “World’s Longest Continuous PWC Race,” “The World’s Longest and Toughest Continuous PWC Race” as the eerily calm start quickly changed as Lake Havasu turned into a furious ocean.

Speeds slowed from 80+ mph high at the beginning, to a crawl in some parts of the course with wind and waves pushing racers and machines to the limit. Attrition, always high at the Hahn, was even higher with several top teams dropping out before the midpoint. The team of Marchael Buhisan and Suphatat Footrakul (Philippines/Thailand) #26 had an early lead over the field of runabouts and led to just over 23 laps but were forced to pit with unexpected problems. That opened the door for the #553 Sea-Doo team of Anthony Radetic and Les Cooke (Abbeville, AL and Manns Beach, Victoria, AU) to take the lead and battle with Team Kawasaki / Performance Fiberglass #137 Mark Gomez and Bobby Kerns (Lake Havasu City, AZ & Fullerton, CA) for the rest of the race.

Kawasaki rider, Michael Perry, #27 Impros (Yucaipa, CA), riding “Ironman” was thrown into the mix for the possible overall win. With well over 5 hours on the long 10-mile course, the 9-time veteran of the Mark Hahn Memorial/Havasu 300 overall win went to Anthony Radetic and Les Cooke. They also garnered 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Vet/Master Open class being the first team to complete the 30 lap challenge. Second overall and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Manufacturer Stock Class went to #137 team of Gomez and Kerns on John Crabb’s Performance Fiberglass Kawasaki. Rounding out the podium was another international team #26 of Buhisan and Footrakul on a Yamaha.

On the standup side the 3-way battle between the #57 team of Christopher Steenbock/Stevie Bascom/Ryan Schiebe (Bastrop, TX and Lake Havasu City, AZ) the #145 Team of Deegan and Jeremy Newton and Joey Morneault and Larry Caparella and Josh Simon on the #125 proved just as exciting as wind and waves endlessly pummeled riders. The #57 team took the overall win in Standup and the 4 Stroke Standup Mod Class completing 20 laps with the #125 team finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Sportsman 2 Stroke class with 19 laps. The #125 team ended the day 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 4 Stroke Standup Mod Class with 19 laps completed.

For nineteen consecutive years the race has been held in the memory of endurance racer Mark Hahn who was instrumental in providing the momentum to keep endurance racing going strong and growing across the country before his untimely death during a PWC race in 2004. The unique “team” format featuring two riders for runabout and 3 for standup classes is the most real test of skill and stamina reserved for only true endurance riders. This is the only endurance race of its kind in the world where the pit crew plays such a critical role in the success of the rider.

A big thank you to all RPM staff and on water safety for braving the elements to keep racers safe.

**With the success of the new location, we look forward to February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Mark Hahn Memorial – Havasu 300! PR**

By: Ross Wallach,  
 President RPM Racing Enterprises  
 Photos: Ken Gallagher, Rachel Hankins





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KYLIE

## KYLIE MEIER

Photos: Joe Meier

AGE: 14

HOMETOWN: Jacksonville, Florida

SKI: 2008 Kawasaki SX-R 800, 2018 Kawasaki SXR 1500

RACE #: 529

RIDING: Racer, Rec Rider, Freeride

**LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS:** 2022 Pro Watercross Jr. Ski 10-12 National Champion; Representative for the National Junior Honor Society; Former competitive USA Gymnast

**MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER:** Practice on day 1 at Panama. I hadn't ridden the surf yet and the waves were taller than I was. I was scared I wouldn't make it through the first wave but ended up riding two complete laps.

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SEBASTIEN

## SEBASTIEN ROMAN

Photos: Ken Gallagher

AGE: 11

HOMETOWN: Chula Vista, California

SKI: 2020 GOFASTUS Yamaha Superjet

RACE #: 17

RIDING: Racer

**LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS:**

4<sup>th</sup> place 2022 World Finals 10-12 Jr. Ski Lites.

**MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER:** Racing and banging bars with my friends and still being best friends after the race.

**FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION:** Body Beach, Lake Havasu, Arizona

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TANNER

## TANNER WRIGHT

Photos: Rain Porter

AGE: 14

HOMETOWN: Lake Havasu City, Arizona

SKI: 2014 &amp; 2021 Yamaha Superjet

RACE #: 713

RIDING: Race

**LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS:** 2022 World title in IJSBA Four Stroke Lites class; National win in BMX racing. Always getting As & Bs in school.

**MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT ON THE WATER:** Going on dam rides with big groups and messing around with friends at Body Beach.

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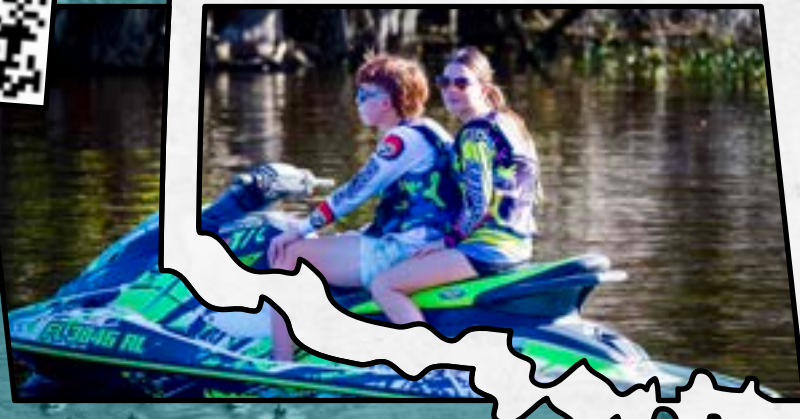
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# FROM THE LONE STAR STATE TO THE SUNSHINE STATE:

By: Annette Bouchard  
Photos: Zee Khan

## Groups Gather to Explore Pristine Springs

**Aj W Kirchoff**  
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Texas Breakout Jet Skiers

"Each December, the Breakout Jet Skiers from Houston meet to plan long distance travel rides. Our motto is: 'Riding Texas and beyond!' As a former Floridian I wanted to share experiences away from the brown water of Texas. 15 skis from our 30-person travel group embarked on the trip. A friend in the group, Scott Hansen, previously lived in Houston and understood the adventures in Florida. We worked with his fiancée Annette of Nauti Girl Crew to plan the get together.

Breakout enjoyed all the great people, made new friendships and created memories as we rode several springs. Dana Callan led us north to Corky Bell. We finished in Key West after Steve Levine guided us 42 miles in Key Largo. We greatly appreciate the hospitality and event! Exploring by jetski is amazing!"

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**N**auti Girl Crew embraced another group for one of their rides, the Texas Breakout Jet Skiers! Breakout traveled from Texas to sunny Florida for a 10-day aquatic adventure. This trip did not disappoint!

The groups ventured out to what is called the 'Silver and Salt' ride, two beautiful springs in one ride, located in the Ocala National Forest off the largest freshwater lake in Florida that is connected to the St. Johns River, Lake George.

First stop was at one of Florida's most beautiful springs, Silver Glen, a first magnitude spring and popular swimming destination. Riders grabbed their snorkeling gear, diving into the beautiful 40' deep crystal-clear waters. After making amazing memories together at Silver Glen we split into two groups that offered a shorter ride for Nauti Crew members and a longer ride for Breakout to see more of Florida.



The community of riders later met up for continued fun exploring our second stop, Salt Springs, a lesser-known spring with a cute bait store where you can grab some ice cream in the summer heat. These springs contain cool cylinder-shaped caves to dive in with huge fish and freshwater crabs so be sure to bring your snorkeling gear. Breakout enjoyed it so much they went back the next day to take it all in one more time.

Nauti Crew was joined by Florida Ski Riders, First Coast Flo Riders and River Riders on this amazing ride.

Nauti Girl Crew encourages unity with all groups, embraces riders from anywhere and makes them feel like family. Come join the fun, check out our 2023 calendar, you'll be glad you did! **PR**







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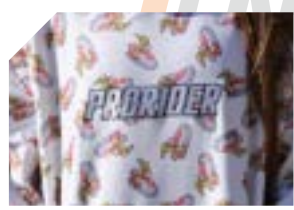
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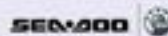
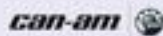
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By: Deegan Newton  
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Rain Porter

Full Throttle WaterX opened the season with a huge event at the beautiful Havasu Landing Resort on the California side of Lake Havasu. 126 riders competed in action packed racing, and over \$4,000 was awarded in prize payouts and contingency for round 1.

Along with head course marshal Jackson Rod we did something different — a completely new track design that was both an interesting layout but also a larger track, that made for great passing opportunities. The new track included a reverse mirrored split, a second split section, and a log jump! The average lap time was 1 minute and 30 seconds a lap.

Amateur and Pro Ski GP had a total of 17 highly skilled racers competing. This regional event was one for the record books. After an intense battle, Kole Cramer emerged as the ultimate champion on his lightning-fast Fast Powersports GP1R, achieving an impressive 2-1-6-2 moto scoring. Coming in second place was Raphael Maurin from France, showcasing his skills on his sleek Bullett Racing hull. And rounding out the podium was Jake Pearce, who put on an incredible performance with his brand new Bullett Racing hull. The competition was fierce, but Kole Cramer ultimately took home the grand prize of \$1,000!

Fourteen races took place, from Vintage Ski, Sport, Juniors, and women's classes, all the way up to Pro & Pro/Am classes. One of the biggest and most exciting races of the weekend was the "Ski Lites Shootout" with 15 racers on the line featuring 7 world champions. Coy Curtis, Raphael Maurin, and Sebastien Girello battled it out in 4 intense motos, with Coy taking the overall win, and \$750 with a 1-2-2-1 scoring. Raphael Maurin, on a borrowed Yamaha Superjet took home 2nd with a 2-1-1-2 scoring, and \$550 cash! Girello rounded out the podium and took home \$450!

All 126 entries went home smiling and safe, and talking about the next event in NorCal.

Full Throttle WaterX thanks all the dedicated staff for their hard work, the medical staff, Havasu Landing Resort, racers, and all sponsors and fans for supporting us.

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# SUCCESSFUL FREERIDE EVENT!

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A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who participated in the Virginia Beach Spring WaveDaze Freeride, it was an absolute blast! We are certain long-time participant and friend Landon Ward was watching from above with a smile on his face. It was truly uplifting to witness such enthusiastic support for his family and see everyone enjoying themselves. Despite the early spring timing, the weather was cooperative with mild temperatures in the mid-70s contributing to a pleasant event. Although the waves were somewhat small, they still offered fun opportunities. While weather and surf conditions are beyond our control, what matters most is that all attendees had a wonderful time.







# WAVEDAZE: THE LANDON WARD MEMORIAL FREERIDE

## BY THE VIRGINIA BEACH WAVE JUNKIES

The party sponsored by Torrent/TPE and Weeks Brothers Watersports at Peabody's on Friday night was a smashing success, with families and children adding to the welcoming atmosphere. The raffle, kicked off by Paul Lehr and his delicious happy hour refreshments, was a highlight of the event. Of course, having Landon's family participate in drawing the winning tickets was the best part of the experience.

**Here are a few of the prizes that lucky winners walked away with:**

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| David Weeks – bike                 | John Francavilla – watch        |
| Chris Cialdella – 50/50            | Lance Lundquist – LPW t shirt   |
| Serena Love Petrowski – Chromebook | Brian & MaryBeth Sawyer – Crown |

We're already planning the fall event and can't wait to see everyone again for more fun and excitement! **PR**





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