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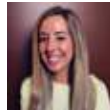
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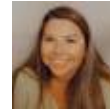
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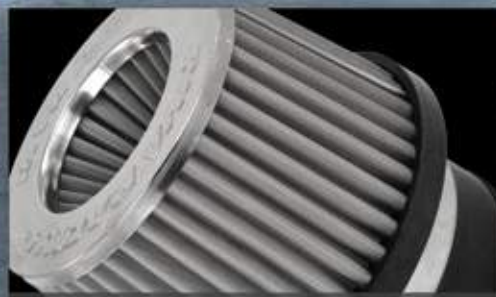
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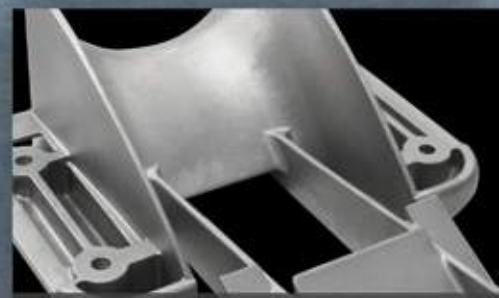
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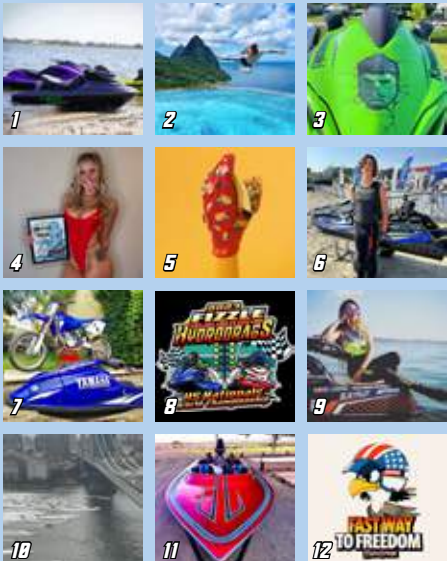
The 2023 July-August cover shot goes to Kommander Industries and the all-new 2023 Kommander GP1. The photo featuring Kommander Sponsored rider Jules Hopkins, was captured through the lens of Pro Photographer Charles Guinchard during a 2023 Pro Watercross National Championship Tour stop in Panama City Beach, Florida where Kommander hulls swept the Pro Am Ski GP podium.



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Welcome to the 2023 July/August Summer 73rd print and digital issue of Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine as we hit mid-year head on full steam! This issue's cover shot features the all-new Kommander GP1 hull demonstrating once again innovation is alive and well in the jet ski community.

We have curated an exciting collection of stories that cater to riders of all backgrounds and preferences. Whether you're a seasoned racer, junior rider, newcomer to the sport, tech enthusiast, adrenaline junkie, or simply seeking a relaxing ride, we have something for you, including dedicated safety and PWC fishing features.

From thrilling race recaps to inspiring tales of recreational adventures, our diverse range of stories showcases incredible experiences and achievements within the riding community.

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Wherever your adventures take you, serene lakes, rushing rivers, vast oceans, we wish you an abundance of joyful experiences on the water. Happy riding! **PR**

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By: Henry Roberts, Co-Owner Jetxco



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— Kolomona Fernandez



Jetxco was born in the summer of 2021 in Lake Chelan, Washington after dealing with one too many impeller jams. After coming up with a simple solution to our problem, we soon realized there was a need across the PWC community worldwide.

Word of our essential tool spread like wildfire, quickly catching the attention of Kolomona Fernandez, a legendary figure in the world of big wave rescue and now, Co-Owner of Jetxco. PWCs are used across the world in many ways, but in the case of big wave surfing, a PWC is the difference between life and death. Kolomona, a 'Big Wave Guardian' with over 60,000 hours on a ski, has been an instrumental force in our journey.

Intrigued, we sat down with Kolomona for an exclusive interview to learn about his personal experiences and interests that led him into the marine industry. He emphasized the importance of tools that keep operators on the water, and he hailed the Jetxco tool as an essential item every PWC operator needs.

Reflecting on the challenges the company faced, Kolomona described the remarkable evolution of the Jetxco tool over the past two years. Through relentless research and development, we have created a more reliable and versatile version that has left members of the big wave surf community in awe. It's a tool that makes a tangible difference in their day-to-day operations, and its impact is undeniable!

Beyond his passion for the marine industry, Kolomona dedicates himself to always refining his craft, taking CPR and medical training classes. He spends most of his time at Kelly Slater's famous wave pool in the summer and back home in Pe'ahi, Maui, during the winter. For Kolomona, seat time and being on the water is invaluable, as the best operators are the ones with the most experience. As an entrepreneur in the marine industry, Kolomona takes immense pride in Jetxco's ownership and its revolutionary impact on safety equipment. Hearing others' stories about how the Jetxco Tool has transformed their time on the water fills him with joy. Sharing something that makes a difference is what drives him and the entire Jetxco team.

We recognize the world of big wave surfing is one of the most extreme environments on the planet, with towering, treacherous waves. In such an extreme environment, reliability and essentially are paramount. Jetxco provides the most reliable tools to navigate the dangerous waters, ensuring the safety of riders and rescuers.

Looking ahead to the second half of the year and into 2024, the team envisions a future of continual improvement and evolution for Jetxco. Shared Kolomona, "We are committed to refining our tool and venturing into other accessories that align with our vision. This new version of the Jetxco Tool is one of the most impactful tools to ever hit the market." **PR**



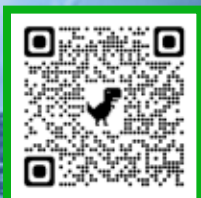
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Congratulations to Kristen Sherker, Ottsville, Pennsylvania. Kristen snapped this picture of dad and son, Rick and 5-year-old Ricky, consulting prior to dad's moto at East Coast Watercross in Webster, MA on Lake Chaubunagungamaug. Shared Kristen. "Ricky ran over to give Rick a good luck hug. Rick is telling him 'just a few more years and it will be your turn.'



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FROM OFF-ROADING TO JET SKI RACING

Submitted by: Kyla Desrosiers, San Marcos, California

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When my Toyota Tacoma's brake line snapped while off-roading in the mountains, I made it to ADD Racing where Jason, my dad's best friend, fixed it. Feeling down, Jason invited me to go jet-skiing. Growing up riding dirt bikes with his daughters, I see him as a badass uncle who can fix anything. He built my first race ski, guided me through my first race and taught me everything about jet skiing. I'm forever grateful to him. My first season, 2022 Jet Jam, I finished 5th overall out of 23 experienced racers!

In San Diego, practice courses are scarce. Thankfully, I connected with amazing folks at San Diego Salty Crew who welcomed me and taught me the art of focused practice.

My parents ignited my competitive spirit through desert truck racing at age 15. Dad, Baja race legend and Joe Hauler Motorcycle Carriers owner, and mom are my biggest inspirations. Wyland Reden, Harry "the goat" Goatcher, Andrew Cecere, and Rachel Cummings also inspire me. Currently I'm leading the women's vintage 550 category in the FTWX series. Racing alongside talented women is a joy. Goals this season: consistent practice, improved endurance, and race in two classes. The dilemma: which class to choose?



"I've known Kyla since childhood, witnessing her passion for racing dirt bikes and cars in the desert. Her natural talent made me confident she would excel in any pursuit, but I never expected it to be jet ski racing. Seven years ago, she tried one of my old 440 mod standups. Two years ago, she decided to enter the racing scene and we constructed her first race ski, a '89 piston port 550. From there, her journey has been remarkable. Through hard work, self-promotion, and determination, she is on the path to becoming a champion. As a proud main sponsor, I eagerly anticipate her ascent to the status of world champion."

Jason Trist ADD Racing





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CAMP FAR WEST: A SPECIAL GATHERING PLACE FOR JET SKI ENTHUSIASTS

Submitted by: Annie Cassel @braaaaapgirl26
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Camp Far West Lake, in Northern California holds a special place in the hearts of our jet ski community. We gather there on weekends to enjoy buoy shredding and camping with our jet ski family. Easter weekend is the perfect time to kick off spring shredding. This year's event was a blast, thanks to generous sponsors including Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine, PJS-USA, GPO Jet ski, Testa Racing, Flowvision, Blowison, RizNWild, Jettribe, MotoOption, Top End Unlimited, and Kettle King. We had a remarkable turnout, 30 riders on Saturday and 60 on Sunday. The jet ski egg hunt was exciting, offering 52 hidden eggs and fantastic prizes! We're committed to making this event even more spectacular in the future! Visit our Facebook page Camp Far West Crew.



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UNSTOPPABLE: GREGORY HILL DEFYING LIMITS

Submitted by: Brad Hill

Photos: Lorne Coultman; Meah Autry

If you've been to a motorcross race in Rutherfordton, North Carolina or a jet ski race this side of the Mississippi you know Gregory Hill. Life is different for Gregory. Due to a complication at birth, he lost some brain function. On the motorcross track he processes conditions slower than many. However, a jet ski race is a different story. Gregory is one of the most competitive guys in his class, he never lifts the throttle! Everybody's buddy, Gregory never meets a stranger, always ready to proclaim he's going for the win! He loves the smack talk and friendships created. He's a huge asset to the racing community due to his willingness to help build courses, assist with pit needs, and advise on track improvements.



A few years ago, Gregory discovered his passion for riding buoys. Starting first on the course, he provided valuable practice for my son, Teagan, who rode a faster ski. Initially, Teagan passed easily, but Gregory honed his skills and now, you can spot him competing in the AJSA Southern Summer Series, aiming to win the 1100 Runabout class. Currently leading in points, he is determined to secure the victory. Best of luck, Gregory! With love from Mom, Dad, Brad, Jeremy, and your entire family.

"Gregory is the epitome of hard work and sportsmanship. On the course Gregory races to win, but off the course he's the first to help his opponents fix their boats — just so he can beat them fair and square. Once he beats them, he gives them a kind word and hug!"



Keith McAfee, Chief Partnership Officer
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DEAR PRO RIDER WATERCRAFT MAGAZINE,

Greetings from Detroit! My name is Robert, and I wanted to share our exhilarating journey into the world of personal watercraft. About three years ago, my fiancé Bianca and I dove headfirst into this thrilling hobby. To stand out from the crowd, I decided to sell my first two jet skis and invest in a Sea-Doo LRV 4-seater. I wanted something unique, and boy, did I make the right choice! Everyone adores my PWC, especially Bianca, who loves lounging on its spacious seats.

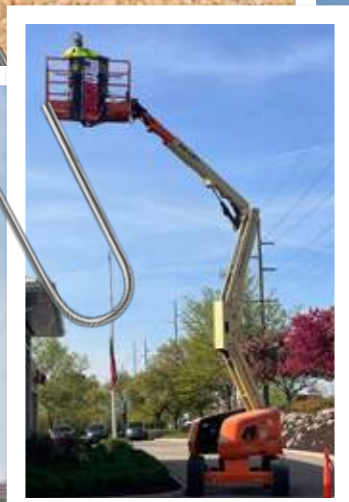
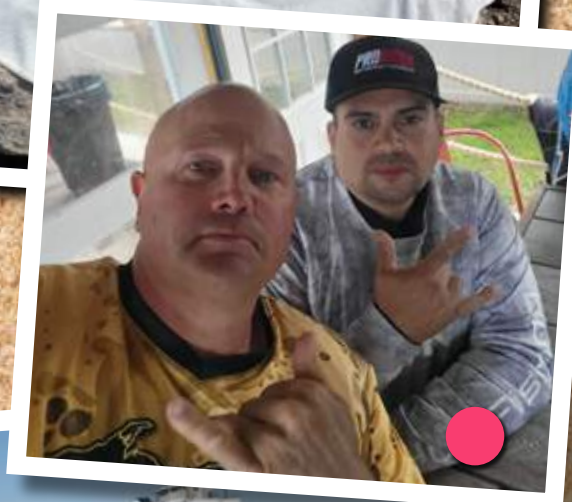
The jetski community are some of the best people I have ever met and has become an integral part of our lives. In fact, I proposed to Bianca during a memorable jetski ride on Crystal Island. A huge shoutout to Joe Cornett, Founder Great Lakes Ski Riders, for helping me create that unforgettable moment. You can catch a glimpse of it on my Instagram @seadoo_detroit.

I frequently ride across Michigan, exploring its picturesque waters. Since joining the Great Lakes Ski Riders last season, my adventures have expanded. I'm excited to embark on my first out-of-state trip with them, as we conquer the Tennessee Waterfalls Run.

I can't stress how much I love Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine! The stunning photographs and top-notch content keep me hooked. I wholeheartedly recommend subscribing to this remarkable publication. It's truly the best PWC magazine out there!

Keep up the fantastic work and thank you for being a source of inspiration and entertainment for watercraft enthusiasts like me.

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By: Matt O'Connor, Event Manager
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Welcome to the Sunny Coast Xtreme 2023, an action-packed sports festival showcasing the finest riders battling for titles in Freeride, BMX, Scooter, Skateboard, and Roller disciplines.

At this event, riders of all levels are embraced, fostering a freeride jetski spirit within the skate park. We believe in supporting and inspiring each other to reach new heights of excellence.

Winter blessed Australia's Sunshine Coast with three magnificent days of exhilarating action, excitement, laughter, and cheers. The presence of the IFWA World Tour elevated the stakes. Our very own Hydro-Turf and Krash Industries IFWA World Champion, Ryan Savage, was an unstoppable force. The battle for second was incredibly close, with Joel Barry delivering an awe-inspiring performance fueled by unwavering dedication and focus. Witnessing the thrilling finals was a highlight for all.

The podium saw the triumphant presence of World Champion Mick Anthony, securing a well-deserved third place that showcased his exceptional skills. Representing the proud nation of Brazil, Bruno Jacob claimed a remarkable fourth in the IFWA World Tour and was presented the "Furthest Traveled" award.

The JETPILOT SCX FREERIDE section showcased an abundance of action sports culture, combining mind-blowing creativity with a strong sense of community. Selecting winners in each category was an immense challenge, as the incredible video footage captured by @SCX_MULTISPORT vividly demonstrates the extraordinary level of riding talent present not only in Australia but across the globe. Freeride is undeniably thriving!

Join us for SCX 2024, where we will once again demonstrate Australia is the country to beat if you aspire to be the very best. **PR**



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SPECIAL AWARDS

- Furthest Travelled:** Bruno Jacob (BR)
- Biggest Air Standup:** Ryan Savage (AUS)
- Biggest Air Sitdown:** Richard Acquado (AUS)
- Sickest Trick:** Joel Barry (AUS)
- Wrench Award:** Gerard McGough (AUS)
- First to Sink:** Shaun Motzouris (AUS)
- Best Surf Rider:** Stuart Von Lockley III (AUS)
- Most Improved:** Sam Werner (AUS)
- Best Beginner:** Matthew Dermott (NZ)
- Best Veteran:** Brad Sutherland (AUS)



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AJSA'S INAUGURAL EVENT HELD IN MACON, GEORGIA: A PROMISING START TO A FRESH APPROACH IN THE JET SKI WORLD

By: Keith McAfee, AJSA Chief Partnership Office
Photos: Jessica Waters; Lorne Coultman*

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The recently established AJSA (American Jet Ski Association) made a huge splash with its inaugural event in Macon, GA. Veteran and new jet ski enthusiasts from across the US came together to participate in an amazing weekend which introduced a new philosophy in the jet ski world and included an amazing post event party at Central Georgia Powersports generously hosted by long time industry supporter Owner, Matt Reno.

With a bang, the event commenced, attracting a massive crowd, and receiving great support from the local and national jet ski community. Along the shores, spectators eagerly awaited as competitors revved their engines, ready to showcase their skills. Despite some initial anticipation causing a shaky start, the weekend concluded as a resounding success for the new sanctioning body.

Competition was fierce, but camaraderie and sportsmanship manifested itself as riders cheered each other on. In addition to racing, the AJSA includes freestyle competition. Freestylers pushed the boundaries of creativity and skill, executing jaw-dropping tricks and gravity-defying stunts.

Buoyed by the success of the inaugural event, the AJSA is continuing its tour with stops in Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina and, finally, Virginia, each site carefully picked to create a unique course style, some being tight and others allowing room for runabouts to open up and "stretch their legs." The AJSA has room for everyone and will

work with anyone — this is the basis of their new philosophy.

AJSA leadership, much like others in the jet ski world, recognized challenges hindering the growth of the sport, specifically a lack of unity among current sanctioning bodies. In response, the AJSA made a clear decision from the start to collaborate with all parties and reflect this philosophy in their rulebook. The AJSA rulebook is purposely bare, choosing rather to accept the rules from other sanctioning bodies. In essence, unless written in the AJSA rulebook, if one builds a ski for another sanctioning body, they will most likely be able to race in AJSA events. The goal is to bring the jet ski family back together — UNIFIED.

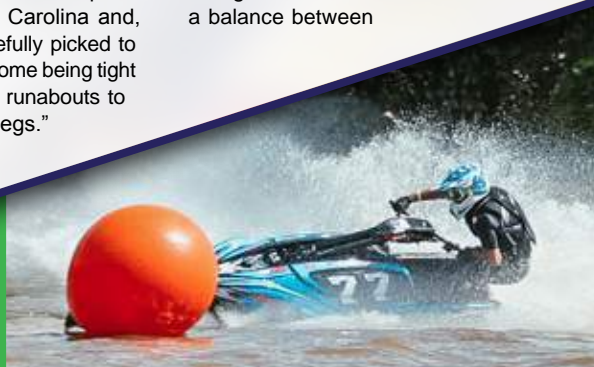
As a new sanctioning body, AJSA embraces a multifaceted philosophy that encourages exploration of new ideas without the hinderance of "that's how we used to do it." We can utilize relevant aspects of the "old days" while experimenting with new techniques. This approach has yielded positive results, with growing junior ranks, an influx of new racers, and the return of seasoned veterans.

While AJSA loves the racers, it recognizes there must be a balance between

cares for racers, while supporting sponsors (the AJSA recently partnered with United States Marine Corps) and promoting host cities. It's not one over the other but all three combined, without one the others cannot exist. However, it is fully acknowledged that no closely held secret has been unlocked; rather, the symbiotic relationship between all three entities has been recognized.

The AJSA prioritizes professionalism. AJSA officials, identifiable by their red shirts, consistently embody professionalism, ensuring a welcoming atmosphere for all racers, regardless of experience. While perfection is not guaranteed, the AJSA is committed to continuous improvement and making things right, whatever the situation may be.

With the support of dedicated sponsors and the unwavering passion of the jet ski community, the AJSA promises to deliver an unforgettable summer series of adrenaline-pumping excitement. **PR**



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MISSISSIPPI SKI RIDERS



By: Neil Scott

Photos: Neil Scott; Cody Frierson

BAYOU BLISS: MISSISSIPPI SKI RIDERS' SEASON OPENING RIDE TO PAULOU'S BEACH

In south Mississippi summer seems to begin when the weather warms, and with warm weather comes the season opening group ride for the Mississippi Ski Riders.

Following the designated meetup in Gulfport Lake in Gulfport, Mississippi, riders traveled 23 miles through the winding bayou of Bayou Bernard, the openness of Back Bay Biloxi, and finally into Fort Bayou in Ocean Springs, Mississippi to reach Paulou's Beach. Paulou's Beach, a unique local hangout, is a backyard property in the murky bayou that has been transformed into a public mini-beach. Owners Paul and Lou Ann added loads of sand, palm trees, a snack bar, and other attractions to entice the public to visit.

This was a perfect destination for the Mississippi Ski Riders season opening ride. The short, sandy, coastline quickly filled up with over 55 jet skis as riders gathered on the beach for social time, food, drinks, and a free raffle for PWC anchors thanks to Sand Shark Anchors. After the sunscreen bottles emptied riders began to go their separate ways, some headed further north in Fort Bayou for the tighter, race-course-like areas, while others went in search of waterside restaurants. Eventually, everyone made the trip back to Gulfport Lake to complete the 46-mile round trip group ride. With this ride complete, the warm season has officially begun in Mississippi! **PR**



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Pro Watercross is the longest running watercross tour in the USA, beginning as a small regional circuit in New York 28 years ago. This year's 5 stop National Tour showcases the world's fastest watercross racers at each epic event. With multiple classes in Runabout, Ski, Sport, Freestyle, Junior, and more opportunity abounds for racers of all levels to participate.

With 3 super successful events under their belt so far this year, including stops at Sebring, Florida's Veterans Park on Lake Jackson, Sharky's at Panama City Beach in the Gulf of Mexico, Florida, and Lake Geneva in Keystone Heights, Florida, the 2023 Pro Watercross Tour is in full swing!

The thrilling racing action at Sebring gained widespread recognition and was broadcasted on the prestigious CBS Sports Network!

Pro Watercross attracted scores of participants to its Panama City Beach event, where both professionals and amateurs faced the exhilarating challenge of the surf. Every racer who braved the waves at PCB has tales of the chaotic experience that lasted until sunset.

Your ski is ready. You've spent nights getting your motor dialed in, checked bolts, tightened hose clamps, and strapped down your battery. You've double checked fuel lines, triple checked your gear, and packed a race trailer.

You've prepared your body investing hours in training to maximize your ski's power and grip. Throughout the winter, you've dedicated

yourself to the gym, ensuring endurance for laps. Your reaction time and start technique have been honed. With your holder, you're poised to seize the throttle the moment the start flag rises. You feel prepared.

At beautiful Panama City Beach, waves knocked racers off balance before their skis were off the trailer. Single holders were no match for the chaos of the surf; riders soon realized they needed four. Four-wheelers stuck in the sand, beach carts pushed aside by the waves, sand, salt, and surf threaten to undo your hard winter's work, tested by the upheaval.

On the line shoulder to shoulder with your competitors, the first wave hits you. All you hear are motors, holders yelling, and the unrelenting surf. The race director points the flag at you as the next wave hits, you take a deep breath, nodding with a resounding "yes" to the question of readiness. Focus forward, see the buoy ahead, watch the flag, trim down; another wave rocks you.

Pull the trigger and rocket off the line!

Whether you strive for the podium or simply aim to hold on to your ski until the checkered flag waves, your racing spirit remains unwavering as you eagerly anticipate the next tour stop, ready to embrace the exhilarating thrill that lies ahead!

The countdown is on for the LiquiMoly International Cup in Lake Havasu City, Arizona where shooting on site will take place exclusively for the CBS Sports Network. PR



By: Charles Guinchard
Photos: Charles Guinchard;
David Rosenfield





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HOTROD ON THE WATER

**FROM OLD TO BOLD:
Budget Friendly
Sea-Doo Restoration**

Story and photos: Greg Gaddis aka 'Hulk Junior'

With the current rate of inflation, buying a brand-new personal watercraft may be out of the question. Not many people can justify \$20k for a toy. Thankfully, buying and working on older watercraft can be cheap and fun!

My personal favorite older watercraft, and current project, is a 15-year-old Sea-Doo. The original 4-Tec powered Sea-Doo watercraft are inexpensive and still share a lot of parts with new models making parts readily available. The older 4-Tec Sea-Duos were built like a tank: Sea-Doo used real fiberglass and gel coat making the watercraft extremely durable, easy to repair, and almost effortless to restore.

I recently purchased a 2008 Sea-Doo RXP-X in perfect working condition for around \$2,000. Although perfectly running, it needed lots of love to restore to original condition. First step was pulling out the jet pump and engine to give the hull a good cleaning. Years of grime builds in the engine bay. I prefer to strip it and start with a clean slate which can be done in a weekend. As the old Sea-Duos were finished with gel coat, it took little effort to make the oxidized gel coat look new. Machine polishing with gel coat polish made the ski look brand new. I added RIVA Racing sponsons and O.P.A.S. block-offs. Both modifications greatly improve the handling of the old Sea-Doo and can be purchased new. To top it off, a new set of traction mats go a long way. Some people really enjoy the cleaning process, but my favorite part is, of course, the engine.

I have a serious problem not being able to leave things alone. The Sea-Doo ran great when purchased, but great wasn't good enough. Thanks to Sea-Doo for not changing too much of the original 4-Tec platform, I was able to buy and install a plethora of performance parts from the GreenHulk Store to take this old Sea-Doo to the next level. More boost pressure, more RPM, and more horsepower is mandatory in my garage!

This Sea-Doo engine was treated with a custom air intake, RIVA Racing intake manifold upgrade, upgraded fuel injectors, CALAS Performance valve springs and retainers, CALAS Performance cam shaft, Supertech intake and exhaust valves, FIZZLE X4 supercharger impeller, FIZZLE F1000 intercooler kit, upgraded fuel injectors, ARP head studs, RIVA Racing open loop cooling, and MaptunerX tuning. Some modifications required disassembling part of the engine, a prime opportunity to inspect the engine internals and freshen up old or worn-out parts. I may have gotten a little carried away, but the Sea-Doo's engine now has stronger, more reliable, and better performing parts with added peace of mind everything was thoroughly inspected.

Time to water test and tune. A brand new 300 horsepower Sea-Doo will not be able to catch up to this old Sea-Doo! The new performance parts propelled it to well over 80 MPH and accelerated hard enough to straighten my arms out.

Nothing is more rewarding than getting your hands dirty, building something from the ground up, and riding something you created. I have a hotrod that is far cheaper than any brand-new Sea-Doo 300 and is fast enough to run circles around them, but the simple fact that I built and restored it myself is something you will never get with a brand-new Sea-Doo.

Don't forget to visit the GreenHulk Store and our forum at greenhulk.net before starting a restoration project. We've got plenty of parts and advice to build your next hotrod on the water! **PR**



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RACING FOR A CAUSE:

JET JAM BEST OF THE WEST





Jet JAM RACING



By: Rachel Hankins
Photos: Ken Gallagher; Rachel Hankins; Rick Powell

The Jet Jam Best of the West Race for the Cure, an annual fund raiser in Lake Havasu, Arizona saw no shortage of battles on the course! Racers in Ski, Sport and Runabout battled for \$3,000 in payouts and product giveaways, all for a great cause during the 4th stop of the thrilling 2023 Jet Jam Tour.

This race holds a special place in the heart of race promoter Monte Hughes, who lost his mother to cancer 33 years ago. Reflecting on the impact of cancer on many people's lives, Monte shared, "This event provides us with an opportunity to give back. A portion of the proceeds from this race is donated to the Cancer Association of Havasu, supporting their vital work."



Jet Jam Best of the West debuted an efficient and exciting new prototype light system for race starts, designed by Joe Cecere. It kept the action moving swiftly for racers and spectators alike.

Special thanks are extended to the promoters, directors, safety staff, dedicated volunteers, pit crews, and, of course, the racers who gave their all and put on an outstanding show for the spectators! **PR**



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PRO RIDER: Please tell us about your journey as a professional jet ski rider, when did you hop on a ski for the first time?

ANNA GLENNON: I'm not sure I consider myself a professional jetski rider, but I'm an ardent jetski enthusiast who has achieved some victories along the way! I've been riding since I was just 6 months old and started riding stand-ups at 14. My passion for motors and speed was ignited by my gearhead dad during my early years. My dad and I built my first Kawasaki 440 motor, and I entered my first race at 16. It's been a remarkable journey. Initially starting with stock skis, we gradually enhanced their performance one part at a time. Despite facing challenges against riders with finely-tuned skis, I gained valuable insights into riding and technique before my dad unleashed his extensive mechanical expertise to make my skis faster. With the support of an exceptional team, I've earned 9 national titles and a World Championship. However, what truly makes me proud is the personal growth I've experienced and the establishment of my own brand, Jet Girl, which has opened numerous incredible opportunities beyond the racetrack.

PR: What motivated you to establish a freeride group for female riders? In what way was it inspired by the Litas girls motorcycle group?

AG: The Lake Havasu Girl Gang, as I like to call it, is something I wanted to start after being inspired by my work as a powersports PR professional. As the PR representative for Piaggio Group (Aprilia, Moto Guzzi) I've met some incredible women who lead Litas motorcycle groups. Litas groups are dedicated to giving female motorcycle riders the opportunity to connect and ride with other women.

With such a concentrated number of women riding stand ups in the vicinity of Lake Havasu City, I wanted to use my platform to reach out and see if other girls would be interested in something similar. I was overwhelmed with the number of girls who wanted to join!

Most women in water sports are involved by way of a brother, father, or boyfriend — while others get involved solely for the purpose of racing. While it can be fun riding with the guys, it can sometimes be intimidating. For women heavily involved in racing, it can be difficult to break away from the track and simply enjoy riding a jetski. Apart from forming a group of female riders, my goal is to support women seeking information, guidance, and independence. I have a wealth of "do it myself" knowledge to share with enthusiastic individuals with a thirst for learning and positive mindset towards personal growth.

PR: Can you share highlights from your first ride with the group?

AG: Our first ride was awesome! I was overwhelmed with interest from women in the area, and although some couldn't make it with races happening across the country, we had a gathering of 6 girls and 3 who joined me on a scenic ride of Lake Havasu - most drove from out of town to attend!

Starting at Body Beach, we gathered to discuss jetskis before embarking on an exhilarating hour and a half ride, covering multiple miles venturing into scenic back coves and narrow passageways of Lake Havasu. Despite being beginner riders, all three women displayed remarkable skill in navigating the challenging weekend boat waves. Witnessing their growing confidence was exciting and rewarding. Afterward, the girls had the opportunity to ride the practice track with me shadowing them, providing guidance to help them feel at ease. The day concluded with swag from Hydro-Turf, SBT, quakysense, Pro Watercraft, and Funk Away.

The Havasu Girl Gang group will have organized rides every month featuring time to meet, ask questions with experienced riders and racers, a group ride, and optional track time. Rides are determined by watercraft and general skill level but are open to all experience levels.

PR: What message do you have for female riders who may be hesitant or considering getting into jet skiing?

AG: My advice for women is to not be afraid to ask the "stupid questions". Be a sponge, absorb as much as you can, then do what's best for you as a rider. Worry less about how you look and are performing and focus more on enjoying yourself.

Results, performance, and speed will follow. Don't let passion die in pursuit of performance.

Any girls interested in attending please send message on my Instagram page — @jetgirl_777. It is a private group. Rides are not publicly shared until afterward to maintain a safe environment.

PR: What's on your list for the rest of the year?

AG: These days, I have so many incredible opportunities that I don't plan too far ahead! My career as a Public Relations executive has taken off tremendously. I represent some of the biggest powersports and automotive brands in the world daily and manage media relations and provide support for several jetski brands - so I keep myself busy!

I train and ride regularly to prepare for races typically racing Jet Jam, Full Throttle and Nauti Water series racing my "600 lb. whale" SX-R 1500 "Big Bertha". I'm in the process of building a PJS Viper powered vintage 440, a tribute to my dad's first stand up, while building my next vintage class race ski.

The work I've put into the Jet Girl brand extends beyond results on the track. I'm proud to work with incredible companies bringing new brands into the sport I love. I have a lot of new opportunities in the works I can't wait to share.

While enjoying the thrill of racing and satisfaction of winning, I've rekindled my passion for watercraft by balancing racing with enjoying my time on the water, critical to my happiness while balancing an incredibly demanding career.

I'm thankful to those who have made it possible to continue to pursue my passion! Hydro-Turf, SBT, Funk Away, HEAL United, Bomber Eyewear, Pro Watercraft, Camel Towing Lake Havasu, Boss Man Built, Gapperoni Racing, quakysense, My Oil Depot, Works H2O Designs, Scott Motorsports, ADA Racing and ODI Grips.

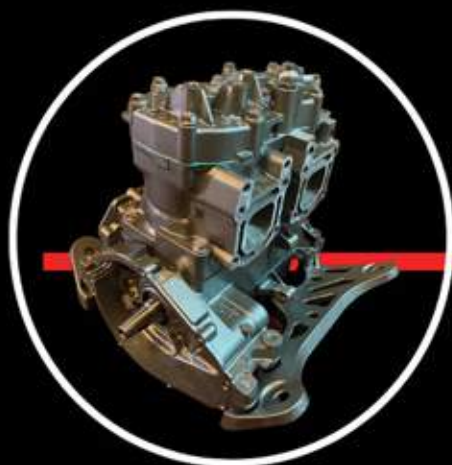


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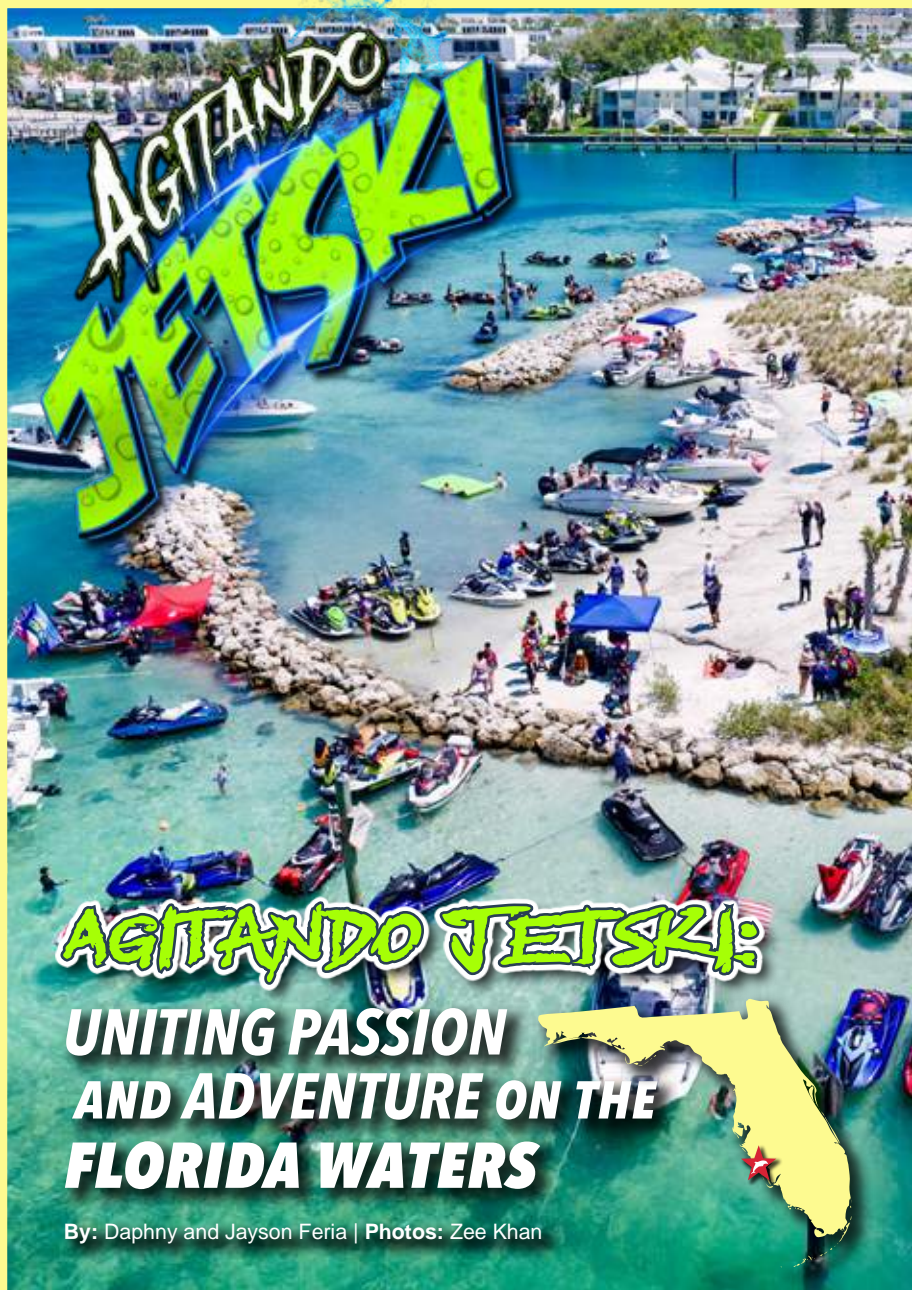
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AGITANDO JETSKI: UNITING PASSION AND ADVENTURE ON THE FLORIDA WATERS

By: Daphny and Jayson Feria | Photos: Zee Khan



The group Agitando Jetski was created 7 years ago by friends that shared a passion for the jet ski water sport. The group mainly attended Conway Lake and other lakes in Florida, racing against each other, shaking things up, so adrenaline would spike. They wanted to have a way to share their experiences and memories.

Cuba El Duro conceived the idea of a Facebook Group, giving birth to Agitando Jetski. The name embodies the exhilarating spirit of their lakeside and riverside adventures, where riders spur each other on with thrilling watercraft maneuvers. Some seek the thrill of racing, others prefer a leisurely ride, enjoying nature, relaxation, and quality time with loved ones. A shared passion for jet skiing unites them all, creating an atmosphere of togetherness, where grilling, eating, and cherished moments intertwine.

Agitando Jetski is more than just a community — it's a vibrant, multicultural gathering of jet ski enthusiasts where riders take center stage. Through collaboration and unity, the Agitando JetSki community thrives, ensuring unforgettable rides and continuous growth.

Our memorable Memorial weekend ride took us to Sarasota, where we embarked on an exciting journey to Snake Island and Lido Beach. Zee Picture Perfect expertly captured our precious moments through stunning photographs and videos. Covering 60 miles round trip, we savored the tranquility of Snake Island's clear waters, nestled near the inlet in Laurel. PWCs and boats cruised by at idle speed, creating a serene environment. Our adventure continued at Lido Beach, where we had delightful encounters with fellow riders from different groups.

We explored the Coquina and Longboat pass area, spanning 40 miles. We parked under the bridge, basking in the sun, or finding solace in the refreshing shade and gentle breezes. Across the way, a sandbar beckoned, offering a multifaceted experience.

We're always looking for ways to explore and enjoy the waterways by PWC and we welcome other groups and individuals to join us, as well as we love to join others! We extend gratitude to sponsors who generously support our events: PWC Super Rack, Central Florida Powersports, Seminole Powersports, North Seminole Powersports, HydroStarz & SandShark. **PR**



2023 KOMMANDER GP1 REDESIGN

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Kommander Industries was founded in 2008 by Steve and Brittanie Webster. Over the past 15 years, Kommander Industries has elevated the personal watercraft industry by delivering high performance watercraft products and engine packages. Their most recent product launch is the 2023 Kommander GP1, made in the USA. The goal was to maintain the classic look and styling cues that has always identified a Kommander GP1; however, every part and surface of the new 2023 Kommander GP1 has been reengineered to enhance product quality, structural integrity, and performance.

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SYMMETRY OF THE HULL IS PERFECT ON THE BOTTOM DECK

This is the area that received the majority of our attention. Our former design simply lacked symmetry from front to back and side to side. The 2023 hull is perfectly symmetrical offering amazing stability and efficiency, which translates into better performance at high speeds in rough water, better hook up and increased drive.

DRIVESHAFT TUBE AREA/ DRIVE LINE

The driveshaft tube area now utilizes a 1.5" 6061 aluminum tube rather than the former plastic tube. This solves for previous challenges with tube failures, water leaks, and costly repairs. We are also utilizing the Kawasaki cast aluminum bearing carrier tube and bonding all these parts together with a two-part methacrylate adhesive specifically designed for this specific type of structural bonding of metal and composite.

HOOD SEALING SURFACE

Both the inner liner of the hood and the top deck of the hull have been redesigned to get 100%, 360-degree hood seal compression. In our previous design this was not the case and we struggled to keep water from breaching through this area. We strengthened this area to have zero flex for more accurate sealing and increased the opening size of the top hull hood area. This eliminates interference issues with the engine contacting the hull and hood that has plagued our old design from the beginning.



INTAKE PUMP CAVITY REDESIGNED FOR OPTIMAL EFFICIENCY

After consulting with a hydro-dynamic engineer, we were able to perfect the shape of the intake tract for optimal efficiency. The shape has been changed to allow the pumpshoe and pump plate to be placed in a perfect transition from the hull to pump shoe to intake grate.



RIDEPLATE MOUNT AREA

We matched the hull to the rideplate mounting surface for a perfect transition between hull and rideplate. This increased hull efficiency, eliminated turbulence, potential cavitation issues, is much stronger and contributes to less flex in the rideplate. The rideplate is now symmetrical with the hull.



TRAY REDESIGN

Over the years, we received feedback from hundreds of customers, dealers, and tray mat manufacturers about the former tray design. The majority expressed the desire for the tray to be flatter with better transitions from front to back and side to side. The 2023 redesign maintained the lower front area of the tray for stability, smoothed out the transition from front to back, and eliminated the cut outs in rear area of the tray that caused foot and ankle strain, resulting in a flatter, longer and wider tray.



PUMP BOX, WATERLINES, AND STEERING CABLE FITTING

Pump Box: We have increased the pump box volume by redesigning the pump box roof and sidewalls, creating 10mm more roof clearance, which allowing larger diameter pumps.



Waterlines: The hulls are now supplied with three fully barbed 1/2" stainless steel water lines with proper 1/4" NPT bungs. This allows to run either one, two or three waterlines and the ability to plug the unused lines with a properly sealed threaded cap. No more rubber or plastic plugs to worry about.

Steering Cable fitting: The 2023 hull utilizes the exact same brass steering cable fitting supplied in every Kawasaki watercraft. This allows you to use the OEM threaded nut, washer, keeper, and o-ring for a perfectly watertight set up. The trim cable tube is a full-length metal 5/8" tube that goes from the back of the hull forward to the bulk bearing carrier and is sealed on both ends with a proper rubber grommet for watertight seal and allows for easy replacement and maintenance.

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CNC MACHINED TOOLING

Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machining is a precision manufacturing process involving core programmed computer software. CNC technology improves efficiency and accuracy, making production faster, with zero defects and void of human errors over hand produced tooling.

HANDLEPOLE BRACKET MOUNT AREA

We redesigned this area to be perfectly flat and reinforced it to be much stronger. The previous model tooling had flatness issues which lead to creating stress risers in the upper deck that lead to failures and fractures in this critical area of the hull.

SUPERIOR MATERIALS + BONDING

In addition to the increased strength from the infusion process, we have sourced the highest quality composite materials, resins, and adhesives. We contracted multiple composite engineering specialists to determine the optimal laminate schedules, bonding process, and quality control procedures. These additional steps and higher quality materials cost more money to produce, yet yield far superior, stronger, lighter, and more durable products for the consumer.

NOSE AND WINGS

The nose and wings have been updated to fit and match the symmetry of the hull shape and sized to comply with the IJSBA and Pro Watercross rule book.

THREADED BACKING MATERIALS

All threaded holes are backed with bonded aluminum or stainless-steel backing plates for easy service ability and strength.

ENGINE BED PLATE

There are now engine bed plate options to make the hull set-up interchangeable between a Yamaha 1050 and Kawasaki 1500 motor. The purpose is to offer multiple motor packages and race class options more available.

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GREAT LAKES WATERCROSS SEASON OPENER

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By: Jaymi Bohat, *GLW Tour Promoter*
Photos: Kirsten Hasty



Great Lakes Watercross kicked off the 2023 season with rounds 1 and 2 presented by New American Home Improvement on Lake Petenwell at the Lure Bar & Grill in Nekoosa, Wisconsin. Racers and families anxiously anticipated the season opening after a long dreary winter in the Midwest. Upon arrival to the Lure, it felt like being home for the summer. A digital pit board for event information and results was introduced with both new features being a hit with racers and spectators.

Great Lakes Watercross shattered its own record for the second consecutive year, attracting 92 entrants from the Midwest and beyond. Enthusiasts flocked to witness the event and experience the thrill firsthand. For 2023 Great Lakes Watercross adopted the theme of "Red vs. Blue," showcasing fierce friendly rivalries between top racers from region 6. Vibrant VS banners adorned the venue, highlighting these thrilling matchups.

Racing was action packed with stacked lines in Vintage 550, Amateur Rec Lites, Pro Am Ski Lites, Novice Ski Lites, and Runabout 1100 limited. Dustin Voss took the overall win in Pro Am Ski Lites and Vintage 550. Brad Bohat took the overall in Rec Lites and won Runabout 1100 limited on Sunday with a 4-stroke on ultra rough water. Junior Rec Lites saw great participation with 5 junior racers, two being brand new in the class. Racing was fast, fun and on time!

Great Lakes Watercross thanks all 2023 season sponsors, racers, families, friends, staff, and our United EMS EMTs for another great season opener.

Watch out for the winner of a Prairie Motorsports 2023 Kawasaki SXR1500 from rounds 3 and 4 in Prairie du Chien, and after that Great Lakes will be on the road to Indiana to partner with P1AquaX for two more action packed weekends of racing! **PR**

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Documenting the Evolution of Freestyle: **TONY'S BOOK OF FREESTYLE TRICKS**

Guess you could call me an extreme athlete. Whether it's BMX, mountain biking, skateboarding, surfing, snow skiing, snowboarding, wake surfing, sand boarding, or jet skiing, I'm up for the challenge. Giving back to sports is also important to me. I've done volunteer work for various projects over the years. I helped build the first BMX track in Scottsdale when I was just 14, assisted with other racetracks in Phoenix and Chandler. The City of Scottsdale enlisted my help to build their first skateboard park. I've served as secretary for planning and development meetings for the largest skate park in Arizona, the Lake Havasu City Tinnell Memorial Sports Park. Currently, I'm volunteering with Vaclav (Iceman) Zacek's U.S. Freestyle Championship in Lake Havasu.

I began riding jet skis in 1985 when my roommate had a 550. This was my dirt and street bike, surfing with a trigger, jumping boat wakes! I was hooked. A jet ski is the best piece of exercise equipment I ever purchased because I still do it and currently own 6 skis.

Back in 1986, I created the 'Trick Book' as a memory aid and attempted to organize tricks into categories based on the rider's body position on the ski, such as in the tray, kneeling, standing, sitting on the hood, nose, or side rails, as well as variations of submarines, riding backward, gymnastics, and aerial maneuvers. Any trick made it into the book, standup or sit down.

My trick book showcases a range of jet ski stunts captured over the years. It starts with a vintage black and white photo of Jeff Jacobs executing 360° flat spins on his 440 J, while the most recent addition features Lee Stone performing a breathtaking flat water double backflip, as featured in Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine. The book is comprised of pages from various jet ski magazines over the years, documenting the evolution of this thrilling sport.

On weekends we would flip to a page and try to learn that trick. When I was competing, the trick book helped me.

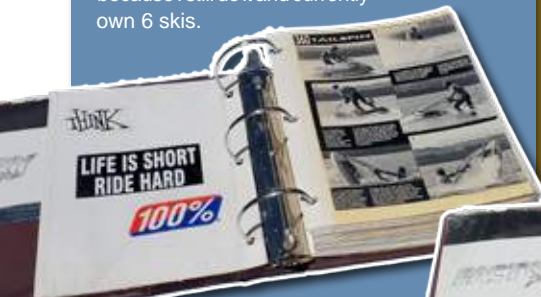


Story and photos: Anthony Cholewa

When you have two minutes and need a high trick score you do variations. Doing the same trick twice would cause a deduction. Now I try to teach and help riders remember tricks from the beginning of the sport.

The book, now over 150 pages, aims to share freestyle tricks that have contributed to our current level of performance. Most of us started on Kawi 550s, 650 Yamahas, and round nose SuperJets. Back then, everything from motors to pumps was kept under wraps, with only occasional boat setups featured in magazines. However, as we progressed with bigger pumps and motors, skills soared, and we began executing stunts including monkey jumps, big throws, barrel rolls, and backflips. With the sport growing, more people are building and racing classic skis, proving that fun can be had on any type of ski.

The book will continue to expand with fresh tricks as long as freestyle artists keep creating and sharing them. **PR**

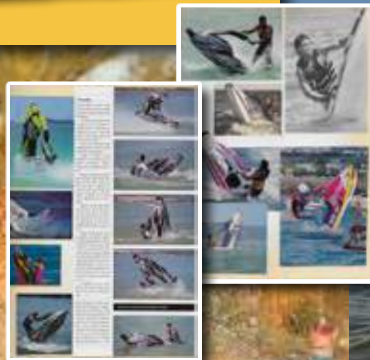


My boats over the years, all of which I performed freestyle on:

- 1986 Kawasaki 550
- 1987 Kawasaki 440
- 1987 Kawasaki 550
- 1991 Kawasaki X-2
- 1993 Yamaha Wave Blaster
- 1993 Sea-Doo SPX
- 1994 Yamaha FX-1
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- 1997 Yamaha SuperJet
- 2021 Kawasaki SXI 1500
- 2022 Yamaha JetBlaster

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In 2020, the Junior Stars Program lost one of its pillars, the "crazy cowbell lady" and PWCs #1 Fan — Nedra Atwood. Nedra carried the torch of the Junior Stars Program proudly for ten years. Making a point to spread awareness throughout the sport for both safety and fun.

In light of her passing, we have renamed the Junior Stars Program to the #1 Fan Junior Stars Program, and in Nedra's honor we will continue to carry the torch (or cowbell) and make sure it's all about the kids.



OCTOBER 1ST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7:00 AM – Check in
- 8:00 AM – Introduction to the event
- 8:30 AM – JR Advanced riders go to the starting line
- 9:15 AM – JR Advanced riders get open practice
- 10:00 AM – JR Rookie riders go to the starting line
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- 11:00 AM – Prizes and games
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UNDER THE LONDON BRIDGE

By: Václav 'ICEMAN' Žáček

Photos: Ken Gallagher,
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In Lake Havasu City, Arizona, the Freestyle Personal Watercraft Association (FPWA) hosts the highly anticipated US Freestyle Championship twice a year. Set beneath the iconic London Bridge, this thrilling competition serves as the ultimate battleground for national freestyle riders. Distinct from high-speed racing, the event is officially sanctioned by the International Jet Sports Boating Association (IJSBA) and serves as a qualifying event for the prestigious IJSBA World Finals.

During the Spring Round of 2023 P1 Fuels US Freestyle Championship, skilled competitors from Arizona, Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, and Idaho converged to showcase their jaw-dropping freestyle maneuvers. The event attracted top talents who vied for the championship title, captivating spectators with their unparalleled skills and daring tricks.

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- 3RD:** Geno Bates, Fort Mohave, Arizona, DVX by Team Xscream powered by TPE
- 2ND:** Nathan Riddle, Lake Havasu City, Arizona, Dasa Racing powered Rickter by Rick Roy Products
- 1ST:** Vaughn Berry from Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, Envy by Waterdawg Kustomz powered by TPE

OLD SCHOOL FREESTYLE 800 1

- 1ST:** Michael Demauro, Rancho Cucamonga, California, Yamaha Superjet

FREESTYLE 900

- 2ND:** Brody Shakely, Lake Havasu City, Arizona, Rickter by Rick Roy Products powered by Dasa Racing
- 1ST:** Henry Li Portland, Oregon, Revolver V2 by Lee Stone Products powered by Dasa Racing.

FREESTYLE 1200

- 3RD:** Jason Wright, Covina, California, Rickter by Rick Roy Products powered by Dasa Racing
- 2ND:** Coy Curtis, Lake Havasu City, Arizona, Rickter by Rick Roy Products powered by Dasa Racing
- 1ST:** Mark Gomez, Lake Havasu City, Arizona, Rickter by Rick Roy Products powered by Dasa Racing

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- FREESTYLE 800:** Michael Demauro
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- FREESTYLE 1200:** Mark Gomez

Join us on September 30th for the Fall round of the 2023 P1 Fuels US Freestyle Championship at the Bridgewater channel under the London Bridge in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. We can't wait to see you there! **PR**



SWEET-FACED WARRIORS

JETSKI RACING AT THE 2023 SEA GAMES IN CAMBODIA

By: Dawn Dawson | Photos: Sea Games

Sihanouville, Cambodia, served as the host city for the Olympic-sanctioned water sports section of the SEA Games, marking a historic milestone for our sport, as it was the second time we were invited to participate in an International Olympic Committee race, the was the Asian Games in 2018.

'Sihanou' means jaws of the lion, which aptly captures the essence of this year's SEA Games. Cambodians, with warm smiles and loving nature, embody the spirit of peace despite enduring wars and genocides. They resemble lions, exuding a relaxed demeanor, taking respite while lovingly caring for their families. However, one must be cautious of their warrior-like nature when the situation demands it.

Ou Mout Saly fully demonstrated this in Ski GP. Ou Mout is 5'4" but a giant on the water, subtle, sly, and talented.

On home waters, Saly found confidence to come out on top with fellow countryman, Mustan Min, second, two Cambodian riders well-known worldwide. These victories serve as a reminder Cambodians are gold medallists in the eyes of their country and the international community.

Saly also brought home bronze in Ski Lite, and young hopeful, Vansiden Kay, took bronze in Ski 1500 Stock. These three riders nabbed 22% of the medals!

Thailand's formidable team was not to be underestimated. Setting the pace for the year, Tanawin Molee secured gold in Ski 1500 Stock, with new rider Narathip Thongyoo taking silver. In Ski Lite, Arnon Hongklang and Nantaway Singurai took first and second after fierce battles. Piarrat Srikongruk won gold in Runabout 1100 Stock followed by Sasina Phiwngam, making a name for themselves the last two years, bursting from nowhere to win massive races. In Runabout Stock, Permphon Teerapatpanich and Nuttakorn Pupakdee took gold and silver. Both gentlemen are staple role models for runabout youngsters in Thailand.

Indonesian domination came in the form of Endurance, with Aero Aswar winning gold, pipping Thai rider Theerapong Pimpawat, to the post. Brother, Aqsa Aswa, refused to be outdone nabbing two bronze medals in Endurance and Runabout Stock. These brothers are credited for their strategy, aggressive riding styles and hard work making this happen for their country.

Speaking of country pride, Billy Joseph 'BJ' Ang of the Philippines brought home bronze in Runabout 1100 Stock, a moment of great redemption for the Philippines. An honorable mention to the Malaysian riding cohort for a commendable performance!

Cambodia excelled in martial arts at the 2023 SEA Games, demonstrating their prowess in this field. In the realm of Asian racing, their friendly demeanor can deceive. Underestimating their cheerfulness as complacency will leave you on your knees behind their whitewash.

Cambodian officials collaborated tirelessly with the IJSBA and race organizers to make this event possible, and we are deeply appreciative of the opportunity they provided.

Dare we hope to see this again in Thailand in 2025? Nothing is impossible. PR



Ah, Poland! Embracing life with zest and vibrant energy. From work to play, you excel in both. If someone asked me my top ten places to visit ten years ago, Poland wouldn't have made the list. But now? It's an absolute must-visit destination. This year, the WGP#1 Waterjet World Series embarked on a new venture in Mechelinki, a picturesque resort town on the outskirts of the Baltic Sea. Racing conditions were unpredictable, choppy waves some days, calmer waters on others, keeping riders vigilant. From puffy jackets to shorts, Mechelinki's weather offered an exhilarating challenge.

With countless standout moments, it's tough to highlight just a few. The local Polish riders showcased their skills on home waters, with Marcin Senda securing a well-deserved victory in Pro Am Runabout Superstock. In Pro Runabout 1100, Juliusz Roman impressively clinched third amidst tough competition.

In Endurance, JB Pastorello started and finished strong taking the overall, mirroring his success in Poland in 2022. Second went to Nico Chamand from Reunion, a previous World Series winner looking to gain redemption — successful in his quest. Thailand's Kasidit Teeraprateep completed the podium in third. With abundant energy and given the option, he'd race in every category. Kasidit took the overall win in Pro Runabout 1100. The delightful surprise was Louie Buhisan from the Philippines. Aboard a newly hooked up boat, Louie took second, earning a well-deserved podium spot and precious points.

Pro Sport was the battle of the British, with newcomer Kyle Horton in the mix with Simon Belcher and James Bushell. Belcher's patient dedication paid off as he emerged victorious, with Bushell second, Horton third.

Pro Ski Women was a dream. Determined Estonian, Jasmiin Ypraus, rode to glory and another European win in a fiercely competitive field.



PARTY IN MECHELINKI! WGP#1 WATERJET WORLD SERIES

By: Dawn Dawson
Photos: Dieter Quaghebeur Braap Shots



USA's River Varner passed the titans in the ladies' class proving she is a contender for the overall World Series title. France's Estelle Poret gracefully completed the podium in third, showcasing her remarkable recovery from injury.

Mohammed Albaz; remember the name. This rising star from Kuwait has seen his prominence soar over the past three years. Mastering the holeshot, Albaz executed a flawless performance securing victory in Pro Runabout GP. Following closely behind were skilful French 'Easy Riders' Jeremy Perez and Francois Medori. The battle for points remained intense until the final moto, with Japan's Jun Ikoma narrowly trailing Medori in fourth place before encountering boat troubles.

Pro Ski ran four motos, and yes, we needed four. Quinten Bossche started off strong in earlier motos before having to triage with his boat in later ones. Micka Poret had excellent starts along with Switzerland's Alec Enderli. Enderli was in contention for third, pushing his pack leaders. This was the season for Spain's Nacho Armillas, out to prove a point, pushing his body to get the results he wants. He came in a very close third. World Series 2022 winner, Raphael Maurin, fended off Nacho and was powering through a very fast race with no mistakes.

But the overall winner was the 2019 World Series winner in Pro Ski GP, Jeremy Poret. More than redemption, this was Jeremy's chance to show his mental grit, buoy-to-buoy prowess, and pure talent. All eyes will be on him as the tour heads to his homeland, France

The upcoming tour stop in Vichy, France, is the second of four for the WGP#1 Waterjet World Series. With the addition of another stop, the outcome is unpredictable, allowing more local riders to participate. After reaching over 700 million households in Poland, they have exciting prospects for 2023. **PR**



OFFSHORE PWC FISHING IN WESTERN AUSTRALIAN WATERS



Story and photos: Darrel Martin, Perth, Western Australia

Having owned small tinnies (Australian slang for small boats) in the past, I was instantly captivated when I spotted the fishing ski while walking my French Bulldog at Woodman Point. After thorough research, I chose the Sea-Doo FishPro Trophy, equipped with added safety features like bilge pump and tow valve installations.

On my first ride, the weather was perfect, no wind, glass conditions. Cruising the bay, I had an impressive adventure catching herring and King George Whiting. Since then, I've explored beyond Garden Island, both alone and with my brother-in-law. Even with two people, fishing remains comfortable, and the deeper waters have rewarded us with three large pink Snappers and plenty of Skippy.

The FishPro handles the swell exceptionally well, and I now understand why it's so popular. Getting to and from fishing spots is a blast, especially when cruising at 90 km/h in favorable conditions. Lancelin, north of Perth, has become another favorite destination, with beach launch and retrieval. I fitted a spare wheel to the front of the trailer for easy beach retrieval, keeping the car out of the water.

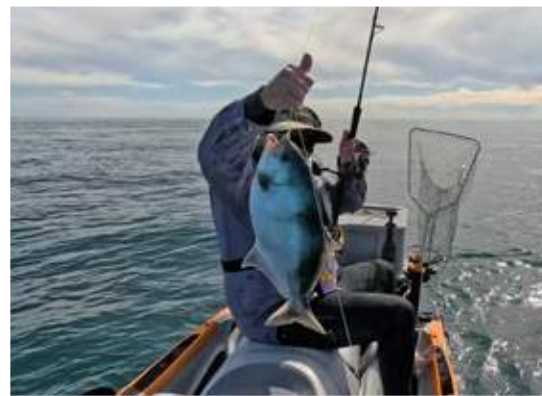
To enhance my fishing experience, I added helpful accessories such as the additional lid section for the Sea-Doo cooler box, allowing for more storage. I also purchased front and rear GoPro mounts, fishing reel covers, and insulated catch bags for bait and equipment.

Upgrading my gear became necessary as I realized the size fish I was catching surpassed my old equipment. A Shimano Stella 10000 reel and graphite Nitro rod proved to be game-changers! The ski's Garmin fish finder helps me spot reefs and locate fish with ease.

Prior to setting out, I ensure I have all necessary safety gear for offshore fishing,

including a handheld marine radio, flares, EPIRBS (one stays in the storage hatch, one is attached to my life preserver), an anchor, and ample rope to anchor in deep water. With my work roster 2 weeks on 2 weeks off and friends working M-F, I often fish alone, benefiting from the ski's easy launch and retrieval process. A full day of drifting and cruising averages around 15 liters of fuel, with a tank capacity of 70 liters and a potential distance of 160 km in good conditions.

After each fishing excursion, I perform an engine flush and give the ski a foam bath, ensuring it's ready for the next adventure. **PR**



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SWINGING BRIDGES AND HIDDEN GEMS: KENTUCKY PWC RIDERS' ANNUAL Waterfall Expedition

Kentucky PWC Riders made their way back to the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains for its Third Annual Waterfall Extravaganza through rivers and falls in Kentucky and Tennessee. The 2-day event commenced from Sunset Marina on Dale Hollow Lake.

We kicked off our journey by visiting Goat Island, where we had the pleasure of feeding and interacting with the adorable goats that call this island home. Following that, we ventured to a hidden gem — a mesmerizing 90 ft high waterfall — for an invigorating hiking experience. Our next destination was the iconic swinging bridge, an enchanting spot with breathtaking views. Afterward, we indulged in a delightful lunch at Mitchell Creek Marina. The adventure continued with visits to Mitchell Creek Falls, Kentucky's Trooper Island, a series of undisclosed waterfalls, and concluded with a thrilling ride along Tennessee's Obey River.

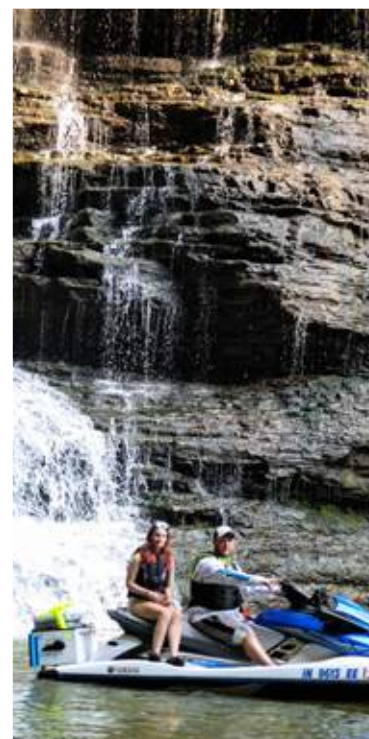
On the second day of our adventure, we embarked from Edgar Evins State Park in Silver Point, Tennessee, and set our course down Center Hill Lake towards Rock Island and Twin Falls. No matter how many times you visit this lake, its beauty remains breathtaking. After exploring the half-mile stretch of falls, I guided the group to a newly discovered set of falls I stumbled upon along the way, before we ascended to Fishlipz Resort for a wonderful lunch. The weekend's grand finale for the Kentucky PWC Riders included visits to Burgess Falls and Fancher Falls, ensuring a memorable experience for all.

Celebrating its 5th year, Kentucky PWC Riders continues to attract new thrill-seeking members who join this incredible community, remarkable individuals spanning various age groups, forming lifelong friendships along the way. A special shoutout and heartfelt gratitude go to Austin Steele, Rollee Pierson, and Bill Schmidtke, Jr. for their invaluable assistance — these individuals truly rock. **PR**



Story and Photos: Cory Eads







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Full Throttle WaterX hit NorCal again in 2023 for the biggest event to date! 127 entries traveled to Camp Far West outside of Sacramento for the 2023 FTWX Westcoast Racing Tour. The Sport Spec Shootout was the highlight of the weekend, with 14 of the best Sport class racers on the west coast duking it out for \$1,500 cash. Ryder Wildeboer 888 from South Dakota took the overall win in both the Sport Spec Shootout, and Pro Ski GP on his Pro Watercraft Racing ProForce 3.0.

Deegan Newton, Race Director, and co-owner of Full Throttle, expresses heartfelt gratitude to all the racers for their unwavering dedication and support. He extends a special appreciation to Liqui-Moly Marine, Hydralift USA, Jettrim, and the numerous other sponsors and supporters who have played a pivotal role in making these events possible.

Stay tuned for the next issue of Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine, featuring Full Throttle WaterX RD3 in Bakersfield and the highly anticipated Vintage 550 Mod shootout! **PR**



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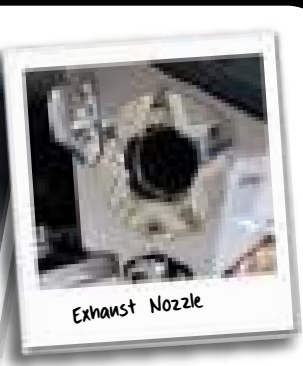
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I've been involved in boat rescues since a kid. I lived next to a very large marina where something was always happening. I was inspired to respond to Hurricane Andrew and Hurricane Katrina where I guided members of the 82nd Airborne on SAR missions for 7 days rescuing over 90 people.

Marco Patriots were born out of necessity. Our hometown was in the crosshairs while my friend Matt and I were responding to Hurricane Harvey in Texas at the same time. We had two Yamaha FXHOs and spent five days pulling people from flooded houses when we got news of Irma headed towards SW Florida. We headed home and began organizing the Marco Patriots, Matt Melican, his sister Erin Mia Milchman, and myself over the phone on the way back to Marco Island.

We spreadsheeted, mapped and organized over 200 residences that were NOT evacuating. Immediately after the storm passed, we dispatched volunteer teams to check every home and assist where needed. All members are volunteers, and all donations go to rescuing and feeding victims.

Although we have quite an arsenal of watercraft, we mostly use PWC as they're easy to deploy in roadside ditches to access flooded areas and easy to retrieve when done. We can move fast and assess needs quickly. I've worn the keels off skis, but we have them beefed up with epoxy resin.

We specialize in being there first. When Hurricane Sally struck, Matt and I were on a PWC vacation in Suwannee, FL. We immediately cut it short to assist. We drove through the night listening to a request for rescue on a Zello rescue channel. Before long we were in range and nobody else had responded to the call. We attempted to penetrate the NE eyewall by running between bands when we got stopped at 5:00 am by a downed tree. As we prepared to jump out and cut it the bedcover of my brand-new F-250 ripped off and smashed out the rear window! Covered in glass we waited in the dark for 30 minutes, heads ducked below the dash until we knew we were safely in the eye. We then traversed the eye to Orange Beach, AL where we found an 82-year-old victim huddled in her hallway behind a mattress after her roof had blown away.

The most remarkable part of my story is how I found Fallon, my 7-year-old Sable German Shepherd, during a time when I needed her most, rescuing me from severe depression. I met her while participating in a PWC search and rescue mission during Hurricane Florence in North Carolina. Fallon's mom is a retired Marine who selflessly aided us all night, saving people from flooded homes despite losing her own. A month later, she entrusted me with giving Fallon a home and we are now inseparable. Fallon adores riding in my truck and often accompanies me to work where I am a PWC guide, she gets to enjoy numerous rides. **PR**



FOUNDING OF THE... MARCO PATRIOTS

Story and photos: Captain Ron Hagerman

Marco Patriots is a non-political, volunteer-based, disaster response and community service group based in Marco Island, Florida. Through volunteers, Marco Patriots seeks to reignite the spirit of community through service to underserved communities affected by disasters.

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UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURES: S.O.L.A. PWCS OF THE GULF COAST



PWC'S of the GULF COAST

Story and photos: Dave Hitzman

S.O.L.A. PWCs of the Gulf Coast was co-founded by me and Bill Bagert (Will Williams on Facebook) in 2017 to create a community connecting riders in our region, starting with our home base in New Orleans, LA. During a ride from the Gulfport area, we discussed the idea of a Facebook group, wanting a name encompassing more than Louisiana since we ride the entire Gulf Coast. That's when we came up with "S.O.L.A. PWCs of the Gulf Coast." S.O.L.A. is an acronym based on "South Louisiana" but used the similarity of NOLA since the group's home base is New Orleans.

Favorite riding spots include the Morgan City Area, associated with Greenhulk.net's Mudbug Nationals, Lake Maurepas, Biloxi (including the Barrier Islands), and Navarre Beach to Crab Island in Destin, Florida. The group has grown to over 800 members. Our front logo with the "X" in the middle was inspired by search and rescue efforts during Hurricane Katrina. The spray-painted "X" on residences represented a completed search, with the date, team involved (like NOPD), and the number of deceased found. This powerful image led to the creation of our distinctive "X" style logo for S.O.L.A.

Recently David Fountain, a moderator with SOLA, and I rode to Crab Island to enjoy the water clarity, marine life, and social activity. Launching at Navarre Beach riding east 22 miles gives us quality time on the water, and a full day of festivities. During the trip, we rendezvoused with 25 skis from our Florida friends with Emerald Coast Jetski Syndicate.

One memorable experience occurred during an evening ride in the scenic Blind River of Louisiana. Surroundings featured picturesque swamp landscapes with cypress trees, marshland, and alligators. Heading back to the launch site at dusk, Dave Fountain, Bill, and I rode together. Dave, on his Sea-Doo RXTX, took the lead hugging the shoreline. Unfortunately, the low-lying areas of the river are dotted with 'cypress knees', submerged cypress stumps just below or barely visible above the water's surface, depending on the tide. Dave struck one of these slightly submerged knees traveling 70mph. The impact ejected him from the ski, causing it to shut off and run ashore into the bank. Thankfully, Dave escaped serious injuries, but the Sea-Doo sustained a massive hole in the hull and sank. A passing boater towed the sinking Sea-Doo back to the launch. This experience taught us the importance of being mindful of the shoreline and the value of riding with experienced individuals.

Plans include maintaining a strong network of riders in our area through our friendly and drama-free Facebook group. Within the group, we have skilled members experienced in repairing and maintaining PWCs and can advise on speed and performance modifications. Additionally, we offer riding shirts featuring the S.O.L.A. logo and have partnered with Sand Docker Anchors to provide exclusive discounts to members seeking to purchase an anchor. **PR**





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PRO RIDER: Please share the story behind the inception of POSSIBLE®. What motivated you to start POSSIBLE and how has it grown over time?

SIMONE DUBOIS: My family's business, Standard Process®, has been around for 94 years specializing in whole food supplements, sold through a variety of health care practitioners. Several years ago, we started working with a high-performance athlete, customizing his nutrition at our Nutrition Innovation Center in North Carolina. During that project, we saw how we could leverage our scientist's knowledge, our farming and manufacturing experience, and our rich history in nutrition, to make whole food products beyond supplements, that both taste amazing and can be available to anyone.

From that project, we decided to create a consumer line of whole food products to help anyone who lives an active lifestyle, make their goals POSSIBLE! POSSIBLE launched as our first ecommerce, direct to consumer brand in October of 2022. Since then, we have been able to tap further into the active lifestyle, and performance athlete market, as well as expand our product line beyond snack bars, protein powders and a greens drink, with our most recent product launch,



POSSIBLE Beet Pre-Workout! We are constantly learning with this brand about our consumers and the e-commerce space.

PR: Being a family-run business, how do you manage dynamics among family members and ensure a harmonious working relationship?

SD: Working with family is an experience unlike any other. I love being able to see my dad (Charlie DuBois) and brother (Jack DuBois) at work. Jack and I have the opportunity to learn directly from a successful business owner, our father, and we all bring unique skillsets to the table that complement one another.



Getting to know my family in a professional dimension, gives me even more respect for them. I admire both my father's and brother's entrepreneurial spirit and strong work ethic. Spending time together outside work having fun, whether backcountry snowmobiling in WY or watching Jack compete on his freestyle jet ski, is essential to grow our relationships with one another in and out of the office.

PR: What is your connection with the jet ski community?

SD: I am new to the jet ski community. When Jack got into jet skis a couple years ago, naturally he convinced me to as well. He got me to buy a Superjet last summer, and a freestyle ski this year. While I do not compete, I love to get on the water after work and spend time progressing on a ski with my brother and watching him do the same!

PR: Any special plans for the rest of 2023 and beyond?

SD: With the POSSIBLE brand just launching in October of 2022, there are constantly new projects and exciting things we are working on. POSSIBLE would love to get more integrated into the motor sports community because as many motorsports athletes say, when they begin to fuel their body properly, they see a huge impact on their performance.



Jack DuBois FREESTYLE ATHLETE

"Two years ago, my buddies convinced me to buy a Superjet. I quickly fell in love and jet skis became a slippery slope. A Superjet turned into a Krash and soon I was picking up my first full carbon freestyle ski. I decided to go all in on this jet ski thing and started competing. I am scheduled to compete at all the Great Lakes Watercross events in the Midwest, Brave the Wave in Michigan, and the world championship in Havasu. Partnering with POSSIBLE® has given me the ability to perform at my peak for longer training rides and competitions.

Nutrition is something motorsports athletes take for granted. When I began fueling my body with the right whole food-based products I saw a huge change in my performance as a rider. POSSIBLE is pushing the limits of "clean label" nutrition products, offering organic, non-dairy, non-gmo, gluten free products, free from fillers and poor-quality ingredients. I start every morning with a smoothie consisting of POSSIBLE protein and POSSIBLE SuperGreens. POSSIBLE snack bars offer nourishing snacks throughout the day and the new POSSIBLE Beet Pre-workout has become part of my pre-riding ritual. I envision a future where motorsports athletes prioritize their nutrition with the same level of dedication as professionals in sports like football, soccer, and baseball."



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THE VITAL ROLE OF **FLAGGERS** IN Jet Ski Racing

By: Kim McKay, *Certified Water Safety Instructor*

Photos: Chris Liu; Kenny Wong; Rachel Hankins; Ken Gallagher

In 2022 I was invited to flag the National Pro Tour. Before that, I jumped in as needed, regionally, most often with scoring or other positions over the last 23 years. Experience and passion led me to say yes to the tour when asked. A racer myself for many years, I care deeply about safety and fairness for all.

Flaggers ensure safety and fair play. They are responsible for signaling the start and end of the race, as well as any cautions or penalties. Flaggers communicate important information to riders using flags and hand signals, such as indicating a false start, signaling a track hazard, enforcing penalties for rule violations, maintaining order, and providing clear instructions for riders throughout the race.

It's important for riders to familiarize themselves with the flagging system and respond accordingly to ensure safety and fair competition.

HERE ARE SOME COMMON FLAGS AND THEIR MEANINGS:

GREEN FLAG: signals the start of the race or the resumption of racing after a caution period or stoppage.

YELLOW FLAG: indicates caution; waved when there is a hazard on the track, such as a fallen rider, a disabled watercraft, or an obstruction. Riders must slow down, maintain a safe distance, and avoid overtaking until the hazard is cleared.

RED FLAG: signifies an immediate stop; waved when there is danger or emergency situation on the track, requiring all riders to immediately cease racing.

BLUE FLAG WITH DIAGONAL YELLOW STRIPE: signals a rider is being overtaken and lapped by a faster rider; the slower rider must make way for the overtaking rider(s) to pass safely; failure to obey this flag could result in a penalty.

WHITE FLAG: signifies one lap is remaining in the race; often halfway through a race you will see a white flag and a checkered flag crossed which signifies a rider is halfway through their race.

BLACK FLAG: indicates a penalty or disqualification for a rider who has violated race rules or engaged in unsportsmanlike conduct; rider must exit the racecourse and report to the Race Director.

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Huntington Beach, California, aka Surf City, has always been known as one of the most venerable surf spots in the world. For one weekend a year, Surf City becomes Moto-Surf City when IJSBA sanctioned 4th Annual Hot Products & Anderson Powersports Huntington Beach Moto-Surf & Rickter Freeride Exhibition presented by Jettrim, Impros, Cometic, Klotz, Bomber Eyewear, RB Components, Prestige Boat & Jet Ski Rental of Lake Havasu, Works H2O Designs, Kawasaki, Oakley, JC Racing, 3D Design Concepts, DNA Powersports, Ultimate Watercraft, Throttle Junkie, ADA Racing, Worx Racing Components, K River Investments, Jettribe, Yamaha, Go Lake Havasu, RiznWild, Concierge Health, Mohave Mortgage, Moto-Option, 1-800 Water Damage, Watercraft Journal, West Coast Watercraft Club, Pro Rider Magazine comes to town.

More than 100 competitors, including a select group of seasoned freeriders led by IJSBA/IFWA World Champion Mark Gomez, descended on Huntington Beach for the late spring event. Water conditions were better than last year's challenging waves and strong currents. Despite smaller waves (3'-5'), racing in the surf proved to be a great leveler even for the most experienced riders.

Huntington Beach Moto-Surf uses a 4-moto system to crown the round's champion. This year introduced a new starting system by Joe Cecere, Sandhopper Industries, father of racer Andrew Cecere. Soon to become the standard for PWC racing, the innovative system, incorporating lights and horns, resulted in only 1 jump start out of 64 motos, keeping fans engaged throughout the event.

From the racers' side, mild surf conditions were well appreciated but no less exciting. Dustin Motzouris proved once again why he loves surf racing over any other type of closed course racing in Pro Ski GP class. Results saw the South African dominate the field of very skilled riders.

15 Vintage 550s lined up in the surf and put on an unforgettable show. Juniors to Pros along with the Rickter freeriders thrilled spectators on the famed Huntington Beach pier and on the sand.

Congratulations to all participants of the 4th Annual Huntington Beach Moto-Surf & Freeride!

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With safety a top priority, the appropriately sized track presented challenges in every section, ensuring a thrilling race. Leading the charge, the Junior Racing category showcased remarkable talent from across the USA, accompanied by a JR Stars race clinic. The 10-12 age group witnessed an intense battle between rising stars #2 Knox Ritchie and #7 Felix Morienko, accompanied by four other formidable junior racers. In the 13-15 category, youth racers showcased noticeable improvements. Their impressive skills hinted at their readiness to step up and compete in the AM and Pro-Am classes.

Beginner RA was a favorite following a Nauti Water hosted service and first responder challenge. A one lap timed event put service and first responders head-to-head against the clock for bragging rights, a great show that led to 2 of them joining the races. While not DOT approved, but USFD approved, Fire Fighter Commander from local Cadiz FD, wore his fire helmet for the race evoking smiles from everyone.

Serious competition churned the water as racing in Amateur and Pro-Am pushed through the series points for championships on the line. Adrian Fisk #35 and Mark Marriot #57, engaged in a relentless battle since last season, continued their head-to-head rivalry in Ski Stock. Coming in hot is Tim Miller #37 for Deplorable Racing and J Caldwell Pools, on fire aboard his GP 1800 and GP1. There is a Knight Rider on the scene making moves, keep an eye on Cooper Caldwell boat #193 as he continues to hit the podium this year.

A heartfelt thank you to all racers and families, whose unwavering support elevates this sport to new heights. Gratitude is extended to Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine for shedding light on our series and endeavors. Special appreciation to valued sponsors who play a pivotal role making this event possible: Jettribe, Nauti Water Racing, IJSBA, 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. **PR**

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JET PUMP MAINTENANCE 101

Jet pump maintenance is critical to the peak performance of your watercraft but often overlooked. Wear and tear to jet pump components is unavoidable due to the inherent nature of jet drive propulsion systems. They operate by rapidly drawing water into a tunnel with a rotating 'impeller' and then forcing it through an exit nozzle of reduced diameter. This produces thrust which propels your watercraft. The side effect of this process is "cavitation" which is defined as "the formation of bubbles in a liquid, typically by the movement of a propeller through it." You've witnessed cavitation when you've used your blender to make refreshing libations. Like the blender, your jet pump is violently processing water which creates a tremendous amount of air bubbles which eventually wear down the surface of the jet pump components.

The onset and severity of cavitation wears depends upon how often you ride, water conditions, and presence of foreign objects in the water that are inevitably processed through the jet pump. The eventual deterioration of the components in your jet pump results in diminished performance. You'll notice reduced acceleration and less pull out of tight turns. Similar to how tires respond when they're worn down, the jet pump will slip more than grip. It's important to inspect the primary components of your jet pump often to ensure they're not compromised.



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- **VANE HOUSING:** pitting or gouges in the vanes (fins)

The wear ring is typically the first to show signs of wear or damage. Slight scoring, or grooves will begin to appear. Loss of material means the diameter is enlarging, creating increased space between it and the impeller. This increases cavitation so it should be replaced immediately. RIVA offers solid stainless steel wear ring options that are less prone to cavitation damage and provide improved performance through tighter tolerances.

The pump impeller may begin to show signs of wear at the same time as the wear ring. Discoloration at the edge of the blades and near the hub will appear, often due to a worn or damaged wear ring. Damage such as pitting could be due to excessive wear ring clearance or the pitch of the impeller if it's not matched to the engine's power properly. If you're replacing a stock pump impeller RIVA offers aftermarket impellers from Solas that are superior in design, quality, and performance. They're available in a variety of pitches to match the output capability of your craft's engine.

Check for any significant damage to the vanes in the vane housing. Once the leading edge is damaged, it's only a matter of time before the aluminum vanes start to fall apart. It's best to have a qualified shop perform vane housing replacement as it requires a large hydraulic press to remove and replace the bearings.

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A CONVERSATION WITH MULTI WORLD CHAMPION JETSKI FREERIDE FREESTYLE

MARK GOMEZ

PRO RIDER: What motivated you to expand into jetsurf racing?

MARK GOMEZ: I've been working with Jetsurf for 7 years since I backflipped one of their boards at the 17' Daytona Freeride. After meeting Anjie Bailey, a fast female Jetsurf racer, and receiving training sessions from her, I felt confident to try my first jetsurf race in 2020. It was a fun challenge from my background in racing stand-ups, and I was excited to push ahead.

MG: My background in jet ski freeride has given me confidence in cornering with other racers, understanding racing lines, and overcoming fear of rough water conditions. I can navigate inside and outside of other racers' lines, find a path for overtaking, and use their wake to turn faster. Experience in jet ski racing has provided a significant advantage.

PR: What are the key differences and similarities between jet ski freeriding and jetsurfing?

MG: Similarities include wave riding and timing using a watercraft with throttle and some pump drag. The difference is the jetsurf board is much more personal and sensitive to wave position. It requires greater accountability as the chance of wiping out is higher due to the smaller footprint. While I enjoy riding jetsurf in smooth water conditions, freeride stand-ups still dominate in challenging conditions.

PR: Are there specific techniques or strategies that benefit excelling in both disciplines?

MG: In jetsurfing, maintaining momentum and speed is crucial due to the lower power output. Mentally and physically compartmentalizing which craft you are on is key. I ride the jetsurf one way, and a stand up another. The stand up has built a solid foundation of understanding where I need to be and the effect of the waves and water on a moving jet platform. The jetsurf has allowed me to slow down, respect, and dial in the fineness of riding on a wave to maintain balance and have better posture, core balance, and foot control. I tell my training clients in jetskiing and Jetsurf lessons that the real control of a stand up jetski and jetsurf is all in your feet and core.

Photo: Lukáš Fidrmuc

PR: How has your background in jet ski freeride contributed to jetsurf racing?



Photo: David Rosenfield



PRO RIDER:

What motivated you to expand your competitive repertoire and incorporate jetsurf racing alongside jet ski freestyle?

TED + ANNA BURK: Jetsurf racing intrigued us and we were able to get a taste of it earlier this year at Clermont Watersports in Orlando which motivated us to try racing.

FATHER DAUGHTER FREESTYLERS TED & ANNA BURK



PR: How has your background in jet ski freestyle contributed to jetsurf racing?

TAB: Throttle control and balance come into play, but each is unique to itself.

PR: What are key differences and similarities you have noticed between jet ski freestyle and jetsurf racing?

TAB: Both give us an adrenaline rush and require core strength. Each is exhausting, but at the same time extremely fun. Jetsurf races last 5-6 minutes which takes a lot out of you. Both sports involve continuous learning. Freestyle jet skiing you are by yourself and doing your own thing while jetsurf racing you have others around you throughout the race and need to strategize during the race.

PR: Are there specific techniques or strategies you find particularly beneficial for excelling in both disciplines simultaneously?

TAB: Working out, practice and watching/learning from others.

Jakub Fidrmuc
PHOTOGRAPHER & FILMMAKER

MOTOSURF SHOW RETURNS IN THRILLING FASHION: KEYSTONE HEIGHTS WITNESSES SPECTACULAR ACTION ON LAKE GENEVA

JETSURF

By: Matthew Surkos | Photos: Lukáš Fidrmuc; Ted Burk

The exhilarating MotoSurf Show made its much-awaited comeback to the enchanting city of Keystone Heights, Florida. Drawing participants from eight countries including the USA, Canada, Mexico, Chile, Brazil, Belgium, Indonesia, and the Czech Republic, nearly 40 motorized surfboard racers gathered to vie for the coveted title of the fastest racer in the Americas! The event was a resounding success, as Keystone Heights warmly welcomed the MotoSurf Games to the breathtaking venue of Lake Geneva after a year-long hiatus.

The weekend was jam-packed with a diverse array of electrifying events, featuring fuel-powered and electric jetboard racing, electric skateboarding, the JETSURF tube fun race, and an exciting new family challenge called 'The Inflatables'.

The atmosphere buzzed with energy, and attendees were treated to a spectacle brimming with excitement, adrenaline, and the opportunity to forge new friendships within the vibrant JETSURF community.

Undoubtedly, the most anticipated highlight of the event was the motorized surfboard race, divided into four classes: Pro, Hobby, Women, and Juniors. American speedster Antony Squire showcased his dominance in the Pro class, triumphing in all heats, emerging as the ultimate victor of the season opener. Mexican racer Juan Pablo de Urquidi secured second, closely followed by five-time Freestyle JetSki World Champion Mark Gomez.

In the Women's category, Alaia Flores, United States, emerged as the undisputed frontrunner, claiming first-place ahead of Belgium's Lauren Thelin and Sarah Carangelo from the USA.

The Hobby category saw Kevin Sedore clinching his debut victory, with Todd Boyd securing second and Scott Freethy third.

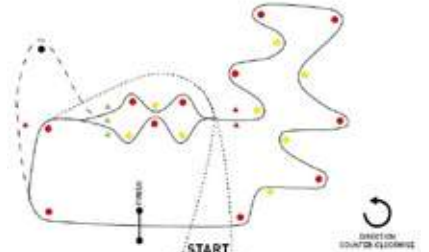
The Junior category witnessed a historic moment as ten children under 15 participated for the first time. Faith McKay, representing the Palm Beach MotoSurf Team, achieved her maiden victory, while Ryder Sawangwan from the JETSURF USA Junior Racing Team secured second and Jordan Smith from JETSURF PCB claimed third.

Additionally, various motorized surfboard brands competed at the Keystone Heights event, with JETSURF Titanium DFI emerging the triumphant brand, claiming all podium spots, earning the esteemed title of motorized surfboard king. Congratulations to JETSURF on this remarkable achievement.

Lastly, heartfelt gratitude goes out to all partners who played a pivotal role in making this event possible, including the City of Keystone Heights, Clay County, JETSURF USA, Epic Ride, and Airstream Ventures. Their support and collaboration were instrumental in bringing this electrifying spectacle to life. **PR**



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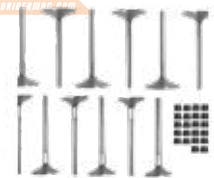
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KADEN



KADEN WEBSTER

AGE: 16**HOMETOWN:** Phoenix, Arizona**SKI:** Kommander GP1 1050 and Yamaha 2-stroke SuperJet**RACE #:** 14**RIDING:** Racer**LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Winning Ski Mod Lites Slalom at Jr. National Championships, Oklahoma City. I'm a self-taught guitar player, speak and write Japanese, and know how to weld.

UNFORGETTABLE WATER MOMENT:

Racing the Youth Elite GP class at the Jr. National Championships.

FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION: The ocean; Panama City Beach, Florida**SPONSORS:**

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RYLAND



RYLAND WEBSTER

AGE: 15**HOMETOWN:** Phoenix, Arizona**SKI:** Kommander GP1**RACE #:** 127**RIDING:** Racer**LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS:**Earning 2nd in Pro Ski GP Panama City Beach, Florida. Interacting with customers and selling our Kommander products.**UNFORGETTABLE WATER MOMENT:**

After talking with my buddy, Gene Daniels, about racing his turbo GP1 for the past 3 years, I was finally able to race the turbo in Paris, TX and battled for the win in Pro/Am Ski GP. We had a blast!

FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION: River in front of Broadway Street, Nashville, TN**SPONSORS:**

Kommander Industries, Team Faith, Maptuner X, Works H2oDesigns



CARIS



CARIS WEBSTER

AGE: 13**HOMETOWN:** Phoenix, Arizona**SKI:** Kommander GP1 1050, Yamaha 2-stroke SuperJet, Yamaha 4-stroke SuperJet**RACE #:** 210**RIDING:** Racer**LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Leveling up to a Kommander GP1 1050 and focusing on training for the GP class someday. When not jet skiing or at school, I'm having my dad teach me about motors and building GP1s.

UNFORGETTABLE WATER MOMENT:

Being the first person to win a World Title on the Yamaha 4-stroke SuperJet in October of 2021.

FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION: I love riding in the surf, especially Panama City Beach, FL**SPONSORS:**

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THRILLING RACES UNFOLD IN WEST BAY, DORSET, ENGLAND

Story and photos: Anthony Hadaway @iceman_images





The first round of the Aqua Adrenaline Jet Ski Racing series in association with the Offshore Circuit Racing Drivers Association (OCRDA) took place in West Bay, Dorset, England, featuring four races over two days filled with heart-pounding action!

Rookie rider Jordon Griffiths #75 from Wales made an impressive start to the season, securing a commendable 3rd place in the J2 class.

Jack Burke, sponsored by Burke Demolition, had a promising first day but unfortunately had to retire from the second day due to technical gremlins.

Robert Mcrae, racing ski #04 and sponsored by Hytech Group, wearing his helmet with Salty Painter's fabulous artwork broke down on the first lap of day one, forcing him out of both days.

Matty Townsend, #666, in his first full season, showcased his potential by grabbing an impressive 3rd in the J1 modified class, while #462 Phil Howarth's experience secured him a well-deserved 2nd place.

Callum Davidson Guild, #33, a 19-year-old competing in his first full season, dominated the J2 class. Previously part of the UK sailing squad and Olympic sailing campaign, he rode a Yamaha GP1800R SVHO prepared by MES Marine and sponsored by MES Racing. MES Racing generously sponsored all the trophies and podiums for the race series, exemplifying their commitment to the sport.

Darren Lodge, #69, supported by Chapter 8, achieved a clean sweep in the J1 modified class, showcasing his exceptional skills on his Yamaha FX SVHO.

Ellis Lockyer, #13, last year's J1 champion, made a remarkable return with a new sponsor all the way from the USA — Ruthless Racing.



The Aqua Adrenaline series promises more thrilling races and fierce competition as the season progresses! **PR**

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Wave Jumping Dreams: RIDING THE SURF WITH THE WAVE JUNKIES CREW

By: Pete Burns aka Jetski Pete | Photos: Alex Philips, Flying Alex Media

A few years ago in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, I crossed paths with the Wave Junkies Crew — Gaz, Mal and Jay. Since that meeting, we formed a tight-knit group, exploring waves together in a safe environment providing support for one another.

Wave jumping is the ultimate form of self-expression, as seen in the images on this page. It represents the liberating freedom I experience through exhilarating maneuvers. While I am deeply passionate about wave jumping, I also cherish my wife and son, Peter. Everyday problems and life challenges are put on hold when the Wave Junkies crew hits the surf.

Often, I get excited and can't sleep as I manifest thoughts of new moves and motions I want to achieve in the surf. I simulate moves in my head, night after night going through them step by step.

The motions that go through my head are expressed through the bars and throttle lever in the surf as I approach the on ramp of the wave and just as I leave her folding lip, I fly through the air completing my moves and as I hit the water landing safely with my ski I'm filled with joy at what I just achieved. Not long ago this was only a thought in my head.

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