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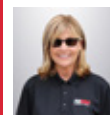
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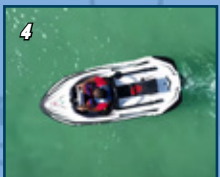
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The May–June 2024 cover shot featuring Bailey Cunningham, the 2024 Australian Pro Runabout Champion was captured through the expert lens of seasoned photographer Craig Milne, Zoomed Images, during round 2 of the AJSBA National Tour at Lake Macquarie in the Hunter Valley of New South Wales, Australia. At 25, through relentless training and determination, Cunningham has amassed substantial hardware in Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, South Korea, and the United States. Read more about Bailey in this issue's Rider Profile.



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As we usher in the vibrant spirit of spring, it brings us immense joy to present the exhilarating May-June 2024 issue of Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine packed with captivating stories and thrilling adventures from across the globe.

Our cover feature showcases the journey of Australia's Runabout GP Champion, Bailey Cunningham and we delve into the entrepreneurial endeavors of Adrian and Oliver Martyna, young brothers making their mark in the industry.

From the scenic waterways of Kentucky to the sun-kissed shores of Florida, and enchanting bayous of Louisiana to freeriding escapades at Virginia Beach, recreation ride features offer a glimpse into some of the most picturesque destinations for watercraft enthusiasts.

In the realm of racing, coverage includes high-octane competitions spanning the USA, Vietnam, and Australia. We are delighted to present a feature on Thailand's elite SkyWave Rescue Team, highlighting their invaluable contributions to safety and rescue operations.

This issue also delves into the intriguing role of artificial intelligence in the jetsports industry, offering insights into how technology is shaping the future of our sport.

We extend heartfelt gratitude to all advertisers, talented photographers, and writers whose creative vision and dedication have brought these stories to life. **PR**

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BROTHERS LAUNCH AOG JET SKI PERFORMANCE POWERING UP PWCS WITH PASSION AND PRECISION

Met Adrian and Oliver Martyna, ages 21 and 19 respectively, of Howard Beach, New York, the owners and founders of AOG Jet Ski Performance! At the ages of sixteen and fourteen their father bought them their first ever jet ski, a 2005 Sea-Doo GTX 155, nothing extravagant back in 2017, but for them, it was the epitome of beauty. However, the jet ski did not start, that's when the mechanical side of the brothers began to shine.

Adrian shared, "In the past, we always fixed our own dirt bikes and pedal bikes but had never repaired a jet ski. Nevertheless, we jumped right into figuring out the issues so we could ride it by summer. After multiple attempts at problem-solving, we still could not find the issue, but through research, discovered it was a relay. Once we fixed it and finally rode it, it was all history from there."

The search for broken jet skis we could fix began when we stumbled upon another Sea-Doo, a 2005 GTX Limited 215 with a ton of Riva racing goodies and a blown motor. Our father, who is also very mechanically inclined, saw this as no challenge and stated, "let's whip out the manual and get to work." Once we learnt how to pull the motor, we tore it apart and put it back together with a milled head, new pistons, new head gasket, head studs, rods, and bearings. We water tested it and after we felt the acceleration of a supercharged Sea-Doo it was over from there! We wanted more speed and more jet skis to expand our minds to fix Yamahas and Kawasakis.

Now, 7 years later we have our business called AOG Jetski Performance where the A stands for Adrian, O for Oliver, and most importantly G for Gregory, our father."

PRO RIDER: What inspired you to start AOG Jetski Performance?

ADRIAN AND OLIVER MARTYNA: Inspiration to start our business was plucked from our determination. We became determined to be our customers' number one go-to PWC performance shop in the five boroughs and Long Island.

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PR: What are some of the most popular products or services offered by AOG?

ADM: The most popular services we offer and specialize in are Sea-Doo custom tuning, along with repairing Sea-Doos, Yamahas, and Kawasakis.

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

ADM: Seeing our customers happy with the results of their jet skis makes us proud. Nothing beats a long day of work more than seeing our customers picking up their jet skis completed with love and desire. We may be young, but we take care of everyone's jet skis as if they were our own.

PR: Please tell us about your favorite riding locations.

ADM: A favorite riding route is from Jamaica Bay to the Statue of Liberty, followed by a stop at the restaurant Surf City in Hoboken, NJ. Passing through Coney Island and observing the amusement rides from the water is an incredible experience. The sight of the Verrazano Bridge and its sheer magnitude as you pass under creates a surreal feeling.

Let's have some fun!

PR: If you could only wear one color the rest of your life, what would it be?

ADM: Blue since we are constantly on the water. Water brings us peace and happiness.

PR: If you could swap lives with any cartoon character for a day, who would it be and why?

ADM: Oliver: SpongeBob because he is constantly in the water and enjoys every second of it no matter if it is good or bad. **Adrian:** Donald Duck because he loves getting on a jet ski and exploring marshes and going on long journeys.



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SHAUN AND JACKSON MOTZOURIS: GENERATIONAL JET SKI BONDS

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First cousins Shaun and Dustin Motzouris grew up in South Africa, immersed in stand-up jetski racing as kids competing in the same race meets. Dusty, 5 years older than Shaun, was great to race and train against. Shaun moved to Australia at age 14 where standup jet skiing wasn't a huge sport, so this part of his life took a back seat.

Shaun started riding at 8, the race scene in South Africa with no shortage of opportunity to get on the water. Living in Empangeni, South Africa, Richards Bay was a 30 minute drive with his grandfather and uncle owning a boat shop that provided engine servicing, fixing and the like.

Shaun's main motivation as a child was his dad, Mark who took the kids and skis every weekend to Richards Bay to ride until sundown. As he got older, Shaun competed in many races and showed huge promise of talent alongside cousins Dustin and Tyron Motzouris. Dustin was a huge motivator for Shaun, encouraging him to not give up and influencing the riding style he has today.

Fast forward quite a few years, a move across the ocean to Australia bought a Wave Blaster 3 and joined local races, Jetsport West. Every second weekend he chased buoys, trained, or raced.

In 2012 he bought an old Superjet and started riding standups again, his talent and knowledge exploded. There have been injuries along the way including a badly broken foot last year requiring hospitalization and surgery that put him out for 6 months. But nothing deters Shaun, he's back bigger and better, pulling higher flips, bigger rolls and looks so clean on the ski. Shaun's motivation these days is promoting the sport and making it an inclusive, tight knit community. He's passionate about the next generation getting into the sport especially his son, Jackson.

Shaun has competed in a few local competitions such as Rip and Ride in Lancelin and SCX (Sunny Coast Australia) last year where he unfortunately sent a huge flip and nosed dived the sandbank earning the "first to sink" award. In June he will give SCX another go and show the jet-ski community what he is made of!

Two years ago, Jackson embraced jet skiing, a passion inherited from his father. Together, they meticulously crafted Jackson's ski, forging a bond through the process. Confident in the surf, Jackson cherishes sunny days at Boranup Beach, sharing rides with his dad. He aspires to surpass his father's feats and eagerly anticipates his debut competition at SCX in the Novice division. Shaun, now riding a Krash Predator hull with a Dasa 850 engine, takes pride in customizing his equipment. Jackson, on a Krash foot rocket powered by a Yamaha 701, also benefits from Shaun's craftsmanship. Committed to supporting local businesses, Shaun endorses companies like 2MK Store, Noddy's Performance, and @beyouneek, fostering a community of passionate sports enthusiasts.



PHOTO CONTEST

Congratulations to Lee Snead, Chesterfield, New York for this winning photo of his precious 1 year-old granddaughter Kamron. Shared Lee, "Kamron likes to be my helper in the garage; she hands me tools. She'll get her first ride this summer at Lake Gaston in Virginia." Lee will receive a fashionable bikini set compliments of Jettribe.



A BRIGHT LIGHT IN THE JET SKI COMMUNITY: CARRIE 'CARE BEAR' YOUNG (1978-2024)

The passing of Carrie "Care Bear," beloved wife of renowned pro sports announcer and event promoter Mike Young, leaves a profound void in the hearts of all who knew her. As Mikey's best friend and pillar of support at jet ski events, Carrie's presence was synonymous with warmth and joy. Her infectious personality illuminated every room she entered. Though she left far too soon, Carrie's spirit will forever shine brightly, a testament to the love and light she brought into the world. The Pro Rider family extends heartfelt condolences to Mikey, Carrie's family, and their vast circle of friends in the jet ski community.

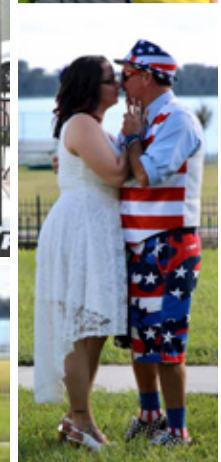
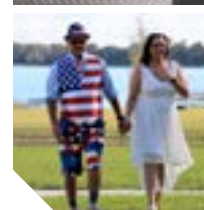


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SBT'S BUOY UPGRADE: MARKHAM PARK'S TRAINING BOOST

Photos: David Rosenfield

Riders are ecstatic about the sharp looking brand new buoys for the practice racecourse at Markham Park in Broward County, Florida. We asked SBT's President CJ Lammers about the inspiration behind this initiative. "As we worked with the IJSBA on World Finals, we talked about how we could create better racing and more appeal for the course, especially near the stands. More prominent buoys, helping both the riders in setting a line in choppy conditions and the viewers for seeing where racers were relative to each other, help put the idea. Our work with Riva and the guys at Markham Park led us to get the same training conditions set there," shared Lammers.



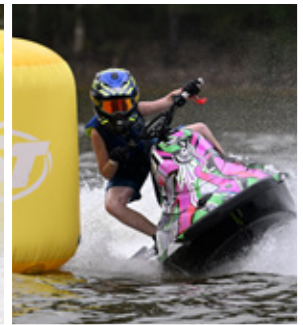
PR: As the owner of SBT, your commitment to supporting the jet ski community shines through initiatives like supplying buoys for the practice racecourse. Looking ahead, what other exciting projects or partnerships can enthusiasts anticipate from SBT?

CJL: As you know, SBT is the Title Sponsor for the IJSBA World Finals. For 2024, we have expanded to be the Title Sponsor for the Great Lakes Watercross series and also the East Coast Watercross series. SBT feels racers and freestylers continue to drive passion into the industry that SBT is integral to. By providing support, we hope to help grow these organizations and the number of participants and followers, which can only be good for the entire jet ski community.



PRO RIDER: The addition of new buoys to the practice racecourse at Markham Park is sure to enhance the training experience for jet ski enthusiasts. What sort of feedback have you received about the new buoys?

CJ LAMMERS: Everyone has been enthusiastic about the new buoys — how easy it is to set lines, how it relates to racing courses, and how they look.



EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA AND BUOY BASH CAMP FAR WEST 2024

Submitted by: Annie Cassel @braaaaapgirl26 **Photos:** Cliff Cassel @casselcreation; Arianna Chen

The Third Annual Camp Far West Easter extravaganza and buoy bash marked an exciting start to spring, filled with camaraderie among our jet ski family, the familiar scent of two-stroke smoke, countless smiles, and a wealth of prizes from generous sponsors!

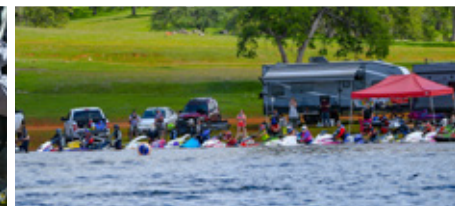
We extend heartfelt gratitude to Ezski Hitch Hauler for their donation of the most coveted hauler in the market, Jettrim for a gift certificate, mat kit, and stylish hats and beanies, Jettribe for their assortment of life jackets, shorts, hoodies, and more.

Special thanks to Gordan from PJS-USA for contributing the sought-after PJS turn nozzle, loader, and shirts, GPO Jet Ski for stunning jet ski wall art pieces, procables, braces, tow loops, and straps. We appreciate the support from Pro Watercraft, Wax Racing, MotoOption, and Flow Vision, who provided us with their latest swag and goggles. Blowision, a steadfast supporter, again came through with exceptional gift certificates. We're excited to welcome our newest sponsor, Dirty Delta Performance, who generously provided new handlebars, tank tops, quick steer systems, and gift certificates.



This year, we raised \$400 in donations, allowing us to procure new buoys for the community, ensuring optimal training and riding experiences on our course.

Easter weekend at Camp Far West is always a delight, the lake brimming with life, vibrant wildflowers adorning the landscape, and cows grazing nearby. We revel in shredding buoys, partaking in egg hunts, and immersing ourselves in the splendor of the great outdoors.





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DEAR PRO RIDER WATERCRAFT MAGAZINE,

As race season begins, I started thinking about where my love of jet skiing began. My twin sister and I started riding standups with our dad when we were just 3 years old. We would sit in the tray while he stood behind us and take us for rides! We loved it SO much! I remember the exact ski my dad had. It was an old ski of Christy Carlson's, which looking back now, I absolutely LOVE!! She is such an inspiration to me!

When I was 8, my dad rebuilt a couple of 550s and started teaching me how to ride solo. I remember thinking it was the greatest because I could then start riding the track alone and go on cove rides with my family. That is where my love of the sport really grew.

I enjoyed being on the water and learning to get some speed! I got my Yamaha Superjet for my 10th birthday, and at 11 years old entered my first race here in Lake Havasu. I remember swimming, a lot! It was then I met my favorite course marshal, Jackson! He picked me up every time I fell and made sure I was ok. After that race I was hooked and practiced as much as I could at Body Beach and won my first world title later that year in Junior Ski Lites 10-12. Fast forward a year, and a ton of practice later, I won my second world title in Juniors 4 Stroke Lites. This year I am adding a new class on my 2023 Fast Powersports GP1R 1050.

I am so excited to be able to continue to learn and grow in this sport. It has already taught me so many great life lessons.

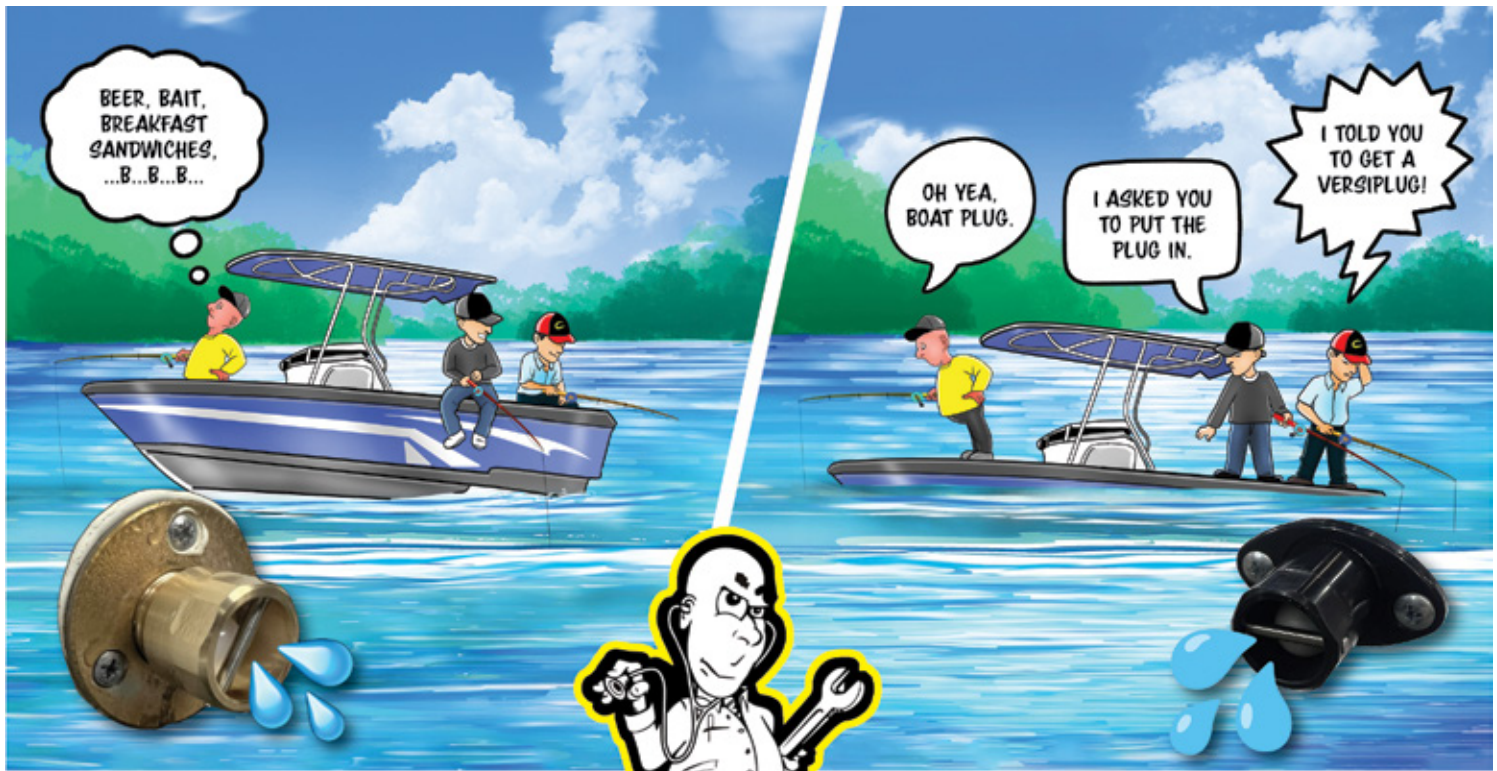
I have been able to travel and have met so many incredible people through jet skiing. My favorite days are days spent at Body Beach riding with my friends and family. Being out on the water, riding my ski, is my favorite place to be!

Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine is my favorite go-to source for keeping up with what's going on in the jet ski community. I always look forward to seeing what's going on as far as race results and upcoming events. It's also fun to flip through and see pictures of friends both near and far doing what they love!

Keep up the great work Pro Rider Magazine!

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The swimsuit-themed ad competition in 2024 exceeded expectations, boasting a remarkable surge in participants and votes! We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the advertisers, exceptional models, and skilled photographers whose dedication and innovation elevated this event to new heights. A special thank you to voters whose enthusiastic support propelled us to break numerous records. Keep an eye out for next year's competition, promising even more excitement and heat!

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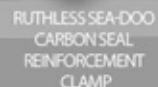
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RACING REVS UP:

Hot Products Best of the West Series Kicks Off 2024 Season

By: Ross Wallach, *President RPM Racing Enterprises*
Photos: Rachel Hankins, *Rachel Hankins Images*



It's mid-March, still winter in the desert of the Southwest US and once again, the Blue Water Resort & Casino in Parker, Arizona, the premiere facility for west coast watercraft racing, played host to the IJSBA sanctioned Hot Products Best of the West Series Rounds 1 & 2 of the 2024 season kick-off Presented by Jettrim, Impros, Bomber Eyewear, Sandhopper Industries, Lake Havasu Jet Ski Rentals, , Jettribe, Works H2O Designs, JC Racing, 3D Design Concepts, Ultimate Watercraft, Monster Watercraft, SBT, Throttle Junkie News, Watercraft Journal, West Coast Watercraft Club and Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine.

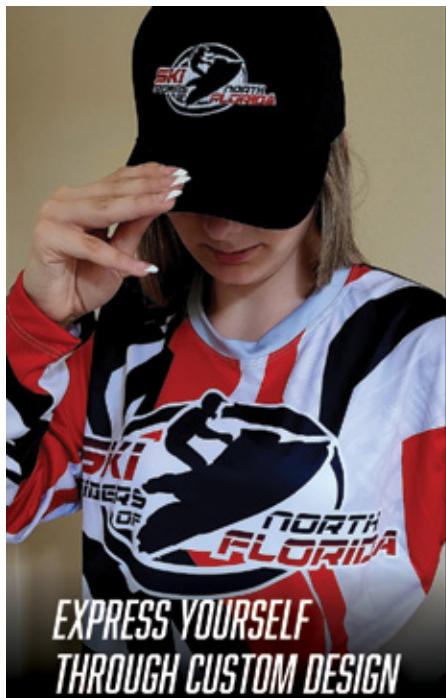
With 140 racers in attendance, participants saw the normally calm waters of the Colorado River transformed into a challenging closed course with great racing on the Parker strip. Mother Nature had her say as a winter storm blew through. Sunday, Mother Nature relented, and conditions were optimal for a great finish to a fantastic opening weekend. Impressive racing in all classes treated fans to a grand incident/accident-free show.

A big thank you to all sponsors and especially the RPM Staff for all their hard work.

Up next is Round # 5 — The 5th Annual Hot Products Huntington Beach Moto-Surf and Rickter Freeride Presented by Jettrim & Impros May 4 & 5 at the premiere moto-surf venue in the Western US — the world-famous Huntington Beach Pier.

For updates and information please visit www.rpmracingent.com or call (310) 318-4012 or email rpmracingent@yahoo.com and like us on Facebook – Hot Products Best of the West Series Presented by Jettrim. **PR**





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BEHIND THE SCENES:

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SAM NEHME'S

THRILLING ADVENTURES ON

IT'S HOW YOU GET THERE

Pro Rider recently caught up with 3-time World and 3-time National Champion and Broward Motorsports Race Team sponsor, entrepreneur extraordinaire and TV personality Sam Nehme.

PRO RIDER: "It's How You Get There" on the Discovery Channel showcases various unconventional modes of transportation and you are the star! How and when did you become involved with the show?

SAM NEHME: That's an interesting story! I met the producer of the show Max Wyler, about a year earlier. We had some good conversations but that was where it ended. We never actually spoke about the show or me being a host on the show. A year later Max reached out to me and asked if he could stop by Broward Motorsports to meet. We met and he explained how our conversation stuck with him and that I had the perfect personality and knowledge necessary to be on the show. I laughed and explained that I did not need a "JOB" I was super busy as it was. Max said he understood that BUT, added I would be able to promote Broward Motorsports on the show and we would even film some episodes at the dealerships. That is when he sold me on the idea! I felt the TV-time value for BMS was worth the work.

PR: How has your involvement in the show influenced your perspective on different forms of travel?

SN: The show impacted me in many ways. Believe it or not, it was less on different forms of travel and more about what it takes behind the scenes to create a show. We traveled all over the US visiting all types of areas and terrain. From air to water, street to dirt,

we pretty much tested, drove, and/or raced just about anything with an engine!

PR: What has been the most exciting, standout moment from the show that left a lasting impression on you?

SN: So many moments come to mind. I shared some great times with Jen and Julian, my co-hosts. They were amazing to film with and a ton of fun! The most memorable episode was the Toyota truck episode shot in the Vegas / Red Rock area. I crashed on my mountain bike that Sunday and ended up in the hospital with extensive damage to my shoulder. I had a 6am flight the next morning to film the Toyota episode. Wrapped up in a sling I knew I couldn't drive the trucks through the mountainous terrain in the dessert with one arm and bouncing around in the cab. I called my daughter and TOLD her she was flying out with me and would be on the TV show with me. Did I mention she would be doing all the action driving during the episode?! Long story short, we filmed that episode for 4 days and encountered some rather risky situations, but she was able to pull us out of them. The best part of filming was when the corporate guys from Toyota asked her to keep the four tires on the ground! All I thought when they walked away was "THAT'S MY GIRL!"

PR: How do you choose the destinations or modes of transportation featured on the show, and are there specific themes or stories you aim to highlight in future episodes?

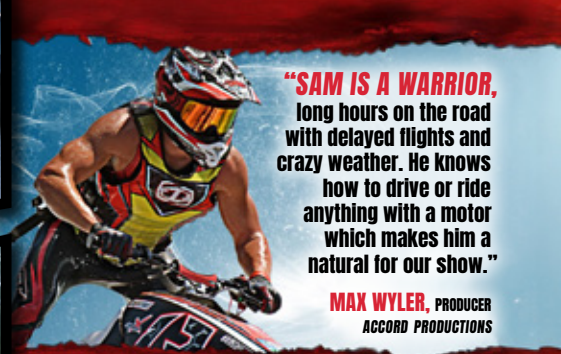
SN: I don't have any control of what we are filming or driving. I get notified by the production team in advance of filming on where we are flying to and what we will be doing. I prep for that specific episode in advance, but we never know exactly what we are walking into until we are there.

PR: Being a key player in the powersports industry, you've sponsored many winning racers and are an accomplished jet ski racing champion yourself. Can you share insights into what you look for in potential sponsored athletes and how you foster a culture of success within your racing teams?

SN: Racing has been part of my life since my first race at the age of 12. I have enjoyed the best years of racing in the 90s, along with highs and lows that have come with the sport over all these years. I've raced with the best and, most importantly, made many friends along the way. Although I haven't raced much the last couple years, my focus was our Broward Motorsports Race Team. We started our team in 2013 and have won a ton of championships. We have had the best racers in the sport on our team and developed some of the best racers today.

When I look to sponsor a racer, I consider different characteristics than most others do. I am always interested in having the most talented racer, of course, but more importantly, I want racers that have these attributes:

- A good fit under our tent with the other team members. We are a family first under our tent.
- Represents BMS well both on and off the track.



"SAM IS A WARRIOR, long hours on the road with delayed flights and crazy weather. He knows how to drive or ride anything with a motor which makes him a natural for our show."

MAX WYLER, PRODUCER
ACCORD PRODUCTIONS

PHOTO: Jessica Waters



- Puts as much effort into their race program as we do preparing their watercraft for the next race.
- Someone that helps the rest of the team out, whether on the track or in the pits, even when loading and unloading the rig.
- Someone that takes the time to promote BMS on social media, at races, while out training, or even something as simple as wearing our clothing line to advertise for us.

PR: As a successful jet ski champion, business owner, and television personality, car collector, motorcycle enthusiast, Supercross enthusiast, you undoubtedly wear many hats. How do you balance these diverse roles, and what motivates you to excel in each of them?

SN: I ask myself that question often! I tend to want to accomplish everything in life and I am not good at being patient. I set goals all the time and will not allow myself to fail. Failure is never an option. I prioritize my family first and my business second. The rest like racing, cars, MTB, boating, all comes afterwards. You must have a successful home and family first, and secondly, have the means to put a roof over their head and food on the table. Once you accomplish that on the home front the rest is all for fun. I am fortunate to love the industry and business that I am in and even more fortunate to have my kids following in my footsteps. I have spent the last 22 years building the Broward empire and I can only hope my kids take over one day and elevate BMS to the next level!



FUN FACTS ABOUT SAM

- DOGS OR CATS?** Dogs
- COFFEE OR TEA?** Neither, but I will gladly have an amino drink, protein drink or a Celsius.
- BEACH VACATION OR MOUNTAIN RETREAT?** I see the beach every day, so mountains it is!
- BOOK OR MOVIE?** I can't pay attention long enough to sit still with a book, so it must be a movie.
- SWEET OR SAVORY SNACKS?** Boy, do I love sweets.
- MORNING PERSON OR NIGHT OWL?** Success doesn't sleep.
- PIZZA OR TACOS?** Pizza
- SUMMER OR WINTER?** Summer
- NETFLIX OR YOUTUBE?** Netflix
- PANCAKES OR WAFFLES?** French Toast
- ICE CREAM OR CAKE?** Key Lime pie
- LIVE WITHOUT INTERNET FOR A WEEK OR WITHOUT COFFEE FOR A MONTH?** I don't need coffee... I can't survive without internet.



KY PWC RIDERS

Story and photos: Cory Eads

KY PWC Riders commenced their 2024 season with a leisurely 110-mile journey down the Cumberland River. The day began at Bumpus Mills, Tennessee, progressing upstream to Dover, TN, where we paused briefly to admire the riverbanks adorned with Civil War cannons at Fort Donelson. This marked Ulysses S. Grant's inaugural major victory, at the cost of 16,500 lives, initiating the turning point in the war and leading to the Union Army's triumph. Continuing to Clarksville, TN Marina, we enjoyed a delightful lunch and refueling stop before embarking on a detour to explore some creeks. Among our discoveries, one was found to be spring-fed, rendering the water astonishingly clear, resembling that of the ocean. We savored our time, floating and relishing the day, before returning to Bumpus Mills. **PR**



RETRACING HISTORY: *Ky PWC Riders' Serene Journey Along the Cumberland River*

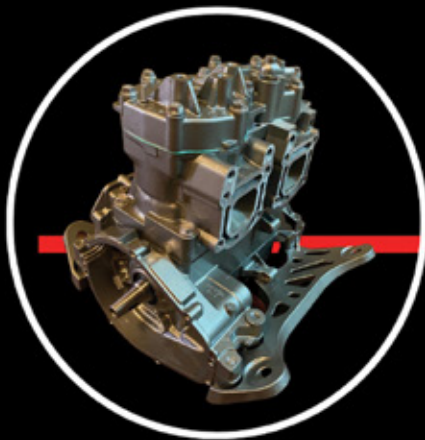


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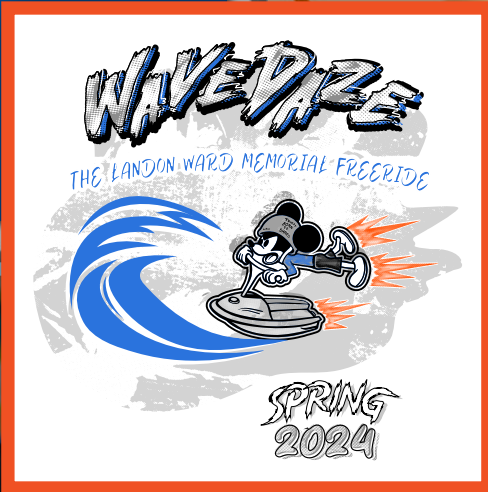
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NEW RIDERS, FUN TIMES:

2024 SPRING WAVEDAZE LONDON WARD MEMORIAL FREERIDE

By: Dan Swartz,
Event Promoter

Photos:
Joseph Worst Loud
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George Hernandez;
Mel Jensen



From an incredible pre-ride dinner to fantastic entertainment by Blank 281 at Peabody's, along with an excellent shuttle and decent surf, the WaveDaze Landon Ward Memorial Freeride Spring 2024 was truly memorable! Despite slightly cooler weather, everyone had a blast. Aqua Social staff opened early to ensure everyone enjoyed plenty of good food and beverages.

We welcomed several new riders and visitors to the WaveDaze family. Highlights of the always awesome waffle/raffle included two One Wheels donated by Meineke and Sports Marine. Congratulations to winners Matt Dail and Kyle Pelletier. Also, Dave Weeks won the brand-new P&P Performance Trim System. Many other amazing items were donated to raise funds for our local ASPCA animal shelter.

I can't thank the sponsors enough for continuing to make the raffle a huge success each year, as well as all those who participated in the ride.

If I can leave you with one piece of advice, please don't be afraid to get yourselves checked annually, early detection saves lives. This hits close to home as one of our own WaveDaze family members is currently battling that nasty C word. Prayers for a speedy recovery. **PR**

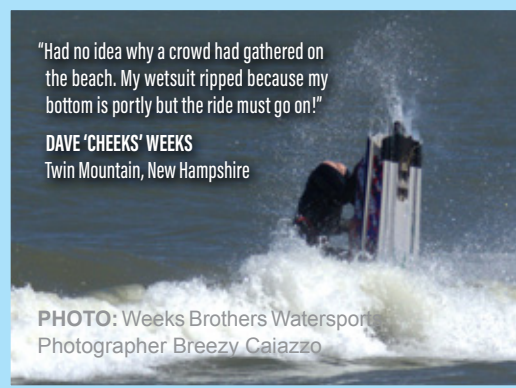


Stay tuned to the WaveDaze Facebook page for announcements regarding the fall event.





PHOTO: Mel Jensen



"Had no idea why a crowd had gathered on the beach. My wetsuit ripped because my bottom is portly but the ride must go on!"

DAVE 'CHEEKS' WEEKS
Twin Mountain, New Hampshire

PHOTO: Weeks Brothers Watersports
Photographer Breezy Caizzo



"If I had one word to describe my WaveDaze experience it would be SPECTACULAR! The whole weekend was amazing, from waking up to the ocean outside my window, the shore lined with my dream skis, to watching talented riders perform cool tricks. I hope to be able to pull off those tricks one day!"

The whole WaveDaze family is very welcoming, and Dan Swartz did an awesome job with everything. I got to ride in a limo bus thanks to him! Peabody's and the band were definitely a good time, and his raffle was top notch; I won Bomber sunglasses and a Jet Maniac pump shoe thanks Dan!



Overall WaveDaze is such an amazing experience and I hope to be back next year!"

KRIS VANWIE, JR.
Age 12
Baldwinsville,
New York
Krash #808



BAILEY CUNNINGHAM

The Journey of an Australian Jet Ski CHAMPION

Brisbane, Queensland, Australia



Photos: Craig Milne; Cunningham Family

Bailey began freestyle in 2014, taking third in his first competition. After watching jet ski racing, he was hooked, having raced karts since age 7. His first race ski was a 1200 Yamaha Blaster, as he wanted the same ski he had been riding for freestyle. He then switched to a Sea-Doo in 2015, getting an RXPX.

When asked about Bailey's most influential role models, trainers, and mentor, mom Tralee shared, "John Hollett from Sunshine Coast Powersports is an ex Pro Runabout Champion and is Bailey's mechanic, builds all Bailey's skis and mentors Bailey about the ski the course and the mental stress. Bailey also has another ex-champion Tony Grey who pushes him when training every weekend on the water. At the gym each week Dan from Arcadian knows what muscles to train for racing and pushes the endurance factor."

She continued, "When Bailey wants something he is determined to do everything to achieve that goal; he will ride through pain and save his pay cheque each week to pay for ski parts. He has raced for 10 years moved up by winning various categories in Australia and overseas to achieve Pro status, his determination and down to earth nature is one of many reasons.

He focuses on what he wants to achieve and has his vision and goals. He puts actions in place to achieve them, surrounding himself with supporters that mentor and believe in him. He trains at the gym 3-5 times a week and every weekend spends 8-9 hours on the water on a 1500 Kawasaki or a Kommander."



We asked if there is something about Bailey people would be surprised to know, a funny quirk or unexpected hobby. "Bailey has a thing about the radio volume level, it must be on an even number. Bailey also used to play representative OzTag for many years (a non-contact sport that originated in Australia in the 1990s; a fast-paced game in which players wear shorts with Velcro patches, and the aim of the game is to remove the tags from their opponents' shorts while they are carrying the ball.) As a hobby loves to play around with the flatwater freestyle ski."

One of the best experiences ever was going to Sweden and spending time with mate Christian Cagnard and his family and getting to race the Nordic Championships.

Plans for 2024 and beyond:

Bailey is fully focused on the 2024 World Cup in Thailand for Pro GP Runabout and Endurance. While he would love to compete in all rounds of the World Cup, it is currently financially unfeasible for him, given he is based in Australia. He aims to compete in all rounds of the World Cup in 2025. Being in Australia presents logistical and travel challenges, including the expensive cost of shipping a ski, unfavorable exchange rates, and the high cost of flights and accommodation, making it difficult to participate in international racing series.

Bailey had the privilege of spending much of 2022 racing and staying in the USA with Jettribe, alongside his friend Bobby Cardone, 239 Raceboat, truly a memorable time for Bailey.

TITLES AND WINS

- Australian National Champion Open Runabout 2024
- Australian Nationals Open Endurance 3rd 2024
- Cameron Martin Memorial Endurance winner 2023
- Top 10 in China Invitational 2018
- New Zealand National Champion Stock Runabout 2017
- Top 8 World Cup Thailand Pro GP Runabout 2018
- Top 6 World Finals USA Open Endurance 2022
- Winner South Island Champs NZ 2023
- Top 5 in South Korea GP Runabout 2023
- 8th Pro Endurance in a Round of AquaX 2022
- Multiple State Champion GP Runabout and Endurance in Australia 2015 to 2023

"The most precious awards to date are the ones he received from Sweden from the JetSki club and the Swedish Royal Border Force for his efforts in ensuring his mate Christian Cagnard was safe during the race in South Korea," shared Tralee.

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Bailey with mentor John Hollett, Owner/Managing Director Sunshine Coast Powersports



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THRILLING SHOWDOWN: AJSBA 2024 NATIONAL TOUR FINALE ON LAKE MACQUARIE

Story and photos:
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Fifty-five riders converged on Lake Macquarie in the Hunter Valley region of NSW, Australia for the final round of the AJSBA National Tour. The event was hosted by NSWPWC with exclusive use of the Eleebana boat ramp and adjacent lake frontage thanks to the Lake Macquarie Council.

The event saw impeccable weather with little to no wind making for ideal racing conditions. After practice, the official pre-event riders briefing was held at Warners Bay Hotel, a great venue that also hosted the prize giving.

Racing was very close with competitors enjoying battles whether at the front or back of the field in all classes. In many classes results for round 2 and the overall championship was so close several competitors were not sure where they finished in the points standings.

Many locals dropped by to watch with the foreshore lined with spectators.

It was evident a great deal of work went into arranging and running the event, a credit to all involved! *PR*

ROUND 2 RESULTS

JUNIOR SKI LITES

- 1st Mathew Dermott
- 2nd Ryan Lynch
- 3rd Daniel Moujally

PRO AM SKI LITES

- 1st Lachlan Gibbens
- 2nd Taylor Porter
- 3rd Daniele Porter

PRO AM SKI STOCK 1500 SKI

- 1st Cooper Beekman
- 2nd Lachlan Gibbens
- 3rd Doug Porter

PRO SKI GP

- 1st Jayden Richardson
- 2nd Jake Beekman
- 3rd Jett Cavanagh

JUNIOR REC LITES

- 1st Mathew Dermott
- 2nd Ryan Lynch
- 3rd Daniel Moujally

PRO AM REC LITES

- 1st Greg Hack
- 2nd Dean Krouskos
- 3rd Darryl Apps

PRO AM N/A RUNABOUT

- 1st Seb Bahadourian
- 2nd Darryl Apps
- 3rd Blake Bennett

AM STOCK RUNABOUT

- 1st Joel Vanderkamp
- 2nd Luca Sandrin
- 3rd Dean Krouskos

PRO STOCK RUNABOUT

- 1st Mark Quitadamo
- 2nd Nick Burns
- 3rd Rob Bray

PRO GP RUNABOUT

- 1st Bailey Cunningham
- 2nd Paul Bazeley
- 3rd Rob Bray

PRO AM STOCK ENDURANCE

- 1st Joel Vanderkamp
- 2nd Tate Simon
- 3rd Mark White

PRO AM N/A ENDURANCE

- 1st Fawzi Beshay
- 2nd Seb Bahadourian
- 3rd Ray Bennett

PRO OPEN ENDURANCE

- 1st Scott Phillips
- 2nd Jamie Eade
- 3rd Rob Bray



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**2024 RJSBA OVERALL NATIONAL
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- 2nd Tate Simon
- 3rd Tony Scaturchio

PRO OPEN ENDURANCE

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- 2nd Rob Bray
- 3rd Bailey Cunningham



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MONSTER ENERGY AMA SUPERCROSS:

Exclusive Snaps by Pro Rider Pro Photographer **KENNY WONG**



Please enjoy these captivating images shot by Pro Rider Pro Photographer Kenny Wong at the 2024 Monster Energy AMA Supercross in San Francisco. Among the highlights are stunning shots of former jet ski sensation Julien 'JuJu' Beaumer, who transitioned into Supercross with remarkable skill and finesse. Notably, the event also saw the presence of several current jet ski racing luminaries, including Sam Nehme of Broward Motorsports, Troy and Tory Snyder, Tommy Bonacci of Bomber Eyewear, and Stephane Diaz of Evojet, and Arianna, Alexis and Kevin Chen of Chen Girls Racing adding an extra layer of excitement to the electrifying atmosphere. **PR**





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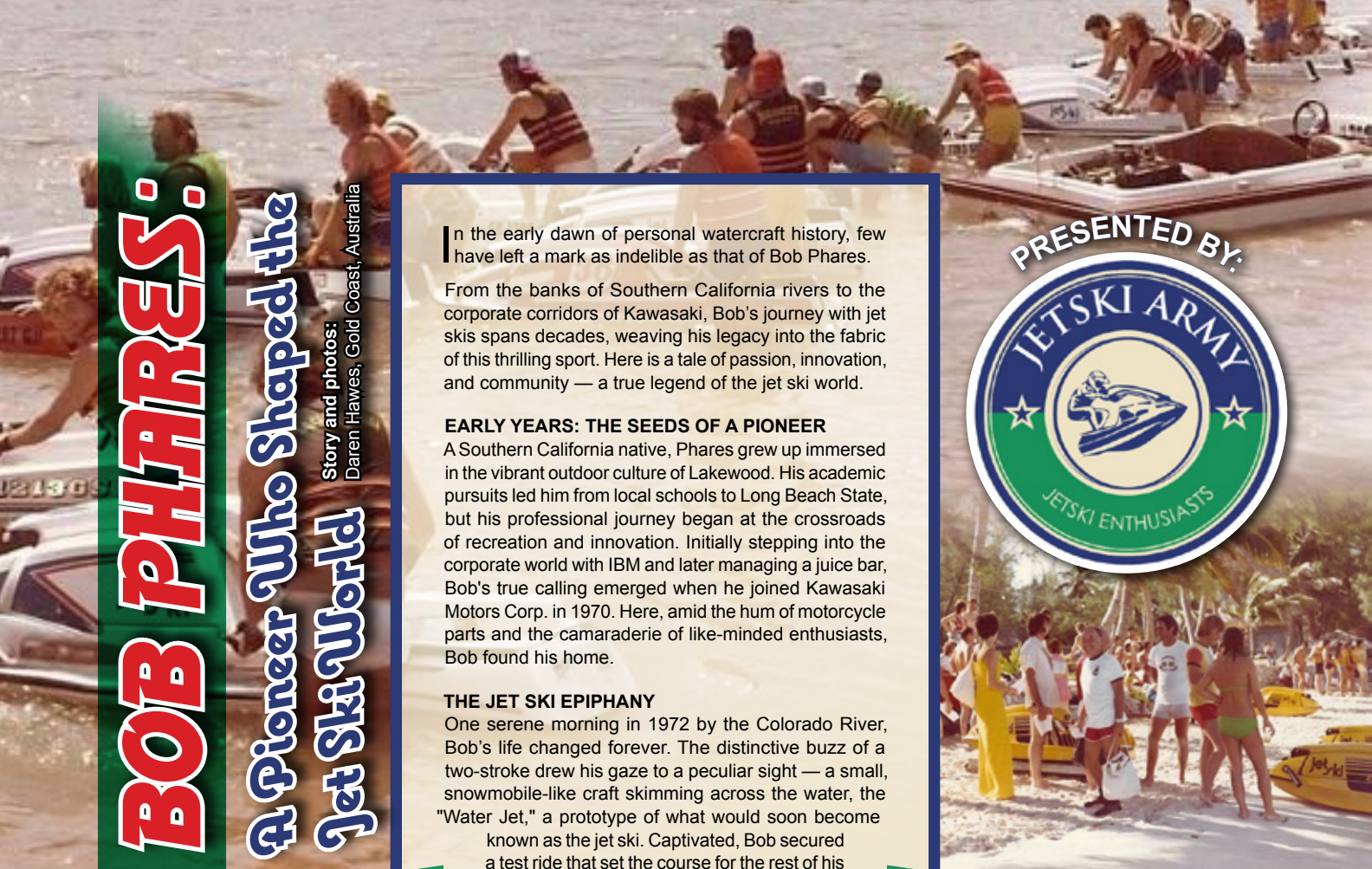


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BOB PHARES:

A Pioneer Who Shaped the Jet Ski World

Story and photos:
Daren Hawes, Gold Coast, Australia



In the early dawn of personal watercraft history, few have left a mark as indelible as that of Bob Phares.

From the banks of Southern California rivers to the corporate corridors of Kawasaki, Bob's journey with jet skis spans decades, weaving his legacy into the fabric of this thrilling sport. Here is a tale of passion, innovation, and community — a true legend of the jet ski world.

EARLY YEARS: THE SEEDS OF A PIONEER

A Southern California native, Phares grew up immersed in the vibrant outdoor culture of Lakewood. His academic pursuits led him from local schools to Long Beach State, but his professional journey began at the crossroads of recreation and innovation. Initially stepping into the corporate world with IBM and later managing a juice bar, Bob's true calling emerged when he joined Kawasaki Motors Corp. in 1970. Here, amid the hum of motorcycle parts and the camaraderie of like-minded enthusiasts, Bob found his home.

THE JET SKI EPIPHANY

One serene morning in 1972 by the Colorado River, Bob's life changed forever. The distinctive buzz of a two-stroke drew his gaze to a peculiar sight — a small, snowmobile-like craft skimming across the water, the "Water Jet," a prototype of what would soon become known as the jet ski. Captivated, Bob secured a test ride that set the course for the rest of his life. He was hooked, no looking back.

Doug served in the accessories division, transitioned to the Jet Ski marketing division as part of the Tropical Blend Tour Team. Doug's brother, John, took on the role of test rider for Jet Ski. Doug made waves in the Jet Ski community by becoming the first National Champion Jet Skier in the Lightweight Division in 1979. Throughout the 80s, Doug continued to dominate, clinching many National Championships. Eventually, he followed brother, John, to Bombardier, Sea-Doo Corp.

THE CORPORATE CHAMPION

Bob's influence expanded when he joined Kawasaki's newly formed Jet Ski Division. Throughout the late 70s, he travelled across the United States, orchestrating promotional events and participating in boat shows coast to coast. His work helped popularize jet skiing, turning it from a niche hobby into a mainstream sport.

LEGACY AND CONTINUATION

After years of dedication, Bob chose to step back from frontline corporate promotion but never the sport itself. He continued to ride, compete, and eventually took over as general manager of a jet ski dealership.

Phares is credited not just for his early adoption and promotion of jet skis but for his enduring commitment to building a vibrant and sustainable community. His story is a testament to the spirit of innovation and community that defines the jet ski world. Bob Phares is not just a pioneer; he is a legend, whose waves continue to ripple through the hearts of jet ski enthusiasts everywhere. **PR**



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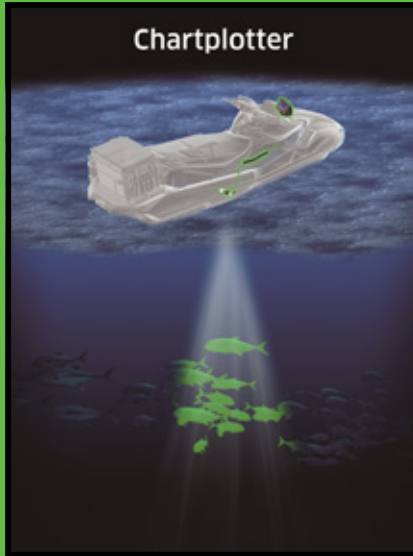
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ENCSR ICEBREAKER / BEGINNER RIDE:

Trent River Adventure

Story and photos: Joseph Legacy
Founder Eastern North Carolina Ski Riders

The Eastern NC Ski Riders (ENCSR) kicked off the season with our IceBreaker/Beginner Ride, our first big ride of 2024 in North Carolina, starting from Lawson Creek Boat Ramp in New Bern to Pollocksville on the Trent River, a 75-mile round trip. It was fantastic!

This ride had something for everyone, from beginners to advanced riders. We started under cloudy skies at Lawson Creek. Once we hit the water, the excitement kicked in. We cruised down the Trent River, taking in the sights, with trees lining the banks and water rippling beneath us. Parts of the ride were slick as glass, especially for the leader. Even with the clouds, it was serene.

As the afternoon progressed, clouds gave way to a brilliant sun, just as you'd expect in late April in Eastern North Carolina.

The whole day brightened as we reached Pollocksville. Some of the crew made a pit stop, while the rest of us kept on our skis, chatting with new riders, and soaking in the scenery around us.

We headed back to Merchant's Grocery and Grill on Brices Creek Road for lunch. The food was good, and it was nice to take a break and soak up the sun.

We hit the 'dragon's tail', a twisty part of the river that got our adrenaline going. Maneuvering through those bends was a blast. We headed up the Neuse River, exploring more twisty waters and cool spots along the way.

Back at Lawson Creek Boat Ramp late afternoon, the sun dipped below the horizon. It was a great ride, filled with good company and lots of laughs. Can't wait for our next adventure on the water! **PR**





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UNLEASHING THE POWER OF AI:

REVOLUTIONIZING THE JET SKI POWERSPORTS INDUSTRY

By: Theresa Galdony, President,
ColorAmerica, Inc.

In the realm of jet ski powersports, where adrenaline meets the waves, innovation has always been the driving force behind pushing boundaries. However, while we've seen advancements in technology enhancing performance and safety, there's one frontier that remains largely uncharted: the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into the world of jet ski design and creativity.

Enter Xtreme Riderz, a newly launched brand under ColorAmerica, a seasoned expert in branding and marketing the largest aftermarket companies within the powersports industry for over two decades. Xtreme Riderz is revolutionizing the game by harnessing the potential of AI to infuse unparalleled creativity and fantasy into the sport.

Traditionally, the process for designing, marketing and branding for the powersports industry has been a meticulous, time-consuming endeavor, often limited by human imagination, capability and budget. However, with the introduction of AI, the possibilities are limitless. AI algorithms can analyze vast amounts of data and trends, and when combined with a user's preferences generate stunning visuals that transcend conventional design norms.

Imagine a jet ski adorned with intricately crafted graphics inspired by futuristic landscapes,

cosmic realms, or dynamic abstract patterns — each design uniquely tailored to reflect the rider's personality and style. With AI, customization reaches unprecedented levels, allowing riders to express themselves in ways previously unimaginable.

Moreover, AI-driven design isn't just about aesthetics; it's about functionality and performance enhancement. By leveraging AI simulations, engineers can optimize hull designs, streamline aerodynamics, and enhance hydrodynamics for superior handling and speed. This convergence of artistry and technology not only elevates the visual appeal of jet skis but also enhances their on-water performance, giving riders an edge on the competition.

Xtreme Riderz isn't just introducing a product — it's spearheading a movement. By embracing AI, they're catalyzing a paradigm shift in the powersports industry, paving the

way for a new era of innovation and creativity. Their commitment to pushing boundaries and embracing cutting-edge technologies sets a precedent for the industry, inspiring other brands and riders to explore the untapped potential of AI.

As ProRider magazine readers, you're at the forefront of the jet ski community, passionate about the sport and hungry for the next big thing. With Xtreme Riderz leading the charge, prepare to embark on a journey where imagination knows no bounds.

In collaboration with ColorAmerica, Xtreme Riderz is poised to redefine what it means to be a true rider — an Xtreme Rider — where innovation meets adrenaline, and the sky is no longer the limit. Get ready to experience the future of jet ski powersports, powered by AI creativity and fueled by your passion for the ride. **PR**



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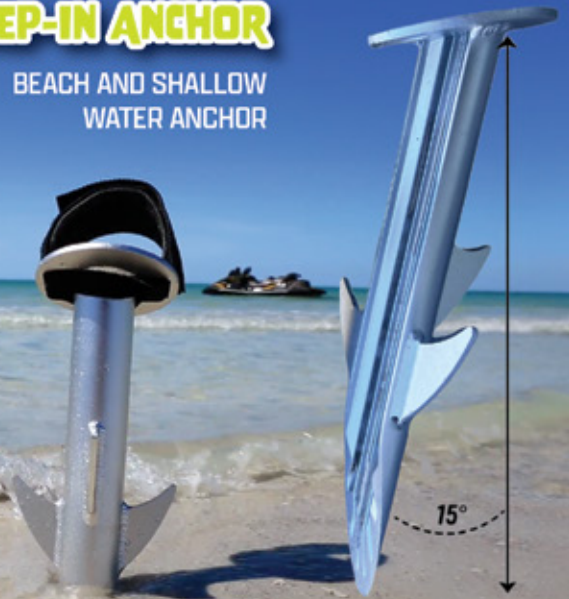
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THE 2024 MUDBUG NATIONALS



Photos: Charles Guinchard



The April 2024 MudBug Nationals, a thrilling jet ski event, took place on the picturesque bayou waters of Morgan City, Louisiana. The MudBug Nationals, established by Greenhulk's Jerry Gaddis and now coordinated by son, Greg, have been a celebrated tradition in the jet ski community for over two decades. Named after the region's famous crustacean, the 'mudbug' the event brings together riders from across the country for scenic rides, exhilarating races, and a festive atmosphere.

Riders from GA, FL, MI, LA, MO, TX traversed over 300 miles via PWC in 3 days and were treated to jambalaya that was cooked on a sandbar by members of Greenhulk Garage.

Due to growing popularity, additional MudBugs are scheduled for June 6–8 and September 26–28. **PR**

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.GREENHULK.NET/](https://www.greenhulk.net/forum/rides-races-and-events/mudbug-nationals)
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SHARES CORE-CENTRIC FITNESS REGIMEN FOR POWER AND ENDURANCE

Story and photos: Sarah Donohue @sarahdonohueofficial

Discipline is key when it comes to any sport. I started in fitness as a child and swam for the county so training and discipline to training is second nature. I trained on military assault courses to better my all-round muscle endurance and won two world fitness titles one in Vegas and one in Tampa but the first thing you must have is the passion and desire to improve and the dedication to push through injury or tiredness. See them as a challenge not a weakness.

Being in the stunt/powerboat world isn't forgiving and if I have any injuries, I build the muscle around the injury to ensure protection against further problems. You also must understand the difference between the different pains. Is it a pain you can work through because it won't lead to damage or is it a pain which needs to heal? This is a real key issue on reaching the top of your game when it comes to performance. Do you know the difference? Have you even thought about this?

The key areas we rely on but don't often think about are core and neck and they are often overlooked.

When you race your body is tense as soon as you tense your core you are solid. Your core is everything. The G-Force of racing and wearing a crash helmet all take their toll and can have a negative effect especially later in life. Protect these areas early and build around them.

I'm not saying get a 6 pack, less than 8% of men can even achieve one, and even less women and it's all down to diet, you don't have to be ripped to be strong, in fact most people that are ripped are weaker than their 'padded' friends.

1. TAKE THE 'PLANK' TO THE NEXT LEVEL

working the entire core plus chest, shoulders, and neck. Plank step ups. Start with 10 each side. Simply walk your hands onto the step and off again, keeping the core tight. End with 10 full push ups. Repeat 4x with 1 minute rest between sets.

2. SHOULDER SHRUGS

Hold and squeeze at the top for at least 3 seconds before you release. 20 reps x 4 sets. I use 2x25kg so guys you should be above that weight and girls below dependant on your baseline strength.

3. NECK FLEXORS / ROTATORS: YES & NO:

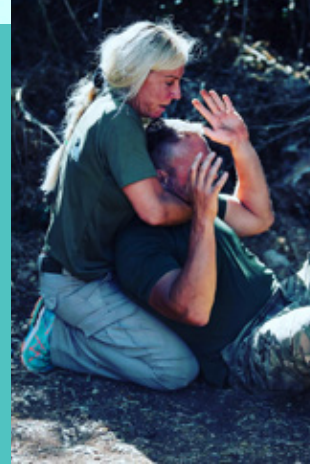
Lie on a bed on your back, head overhanging and let the top of your head fall vertical to the floor.

Nod 'YES': Slowly bring chin to chest and repeat.

'NO': Bring head level, left ear to left shoulder slowly, repeat right side, back to centre, back down and repeat.

Yes & No's gauge your own reps and sets — build it up. It isn't as easy as it sounds.





UPON CLINCHING THE TITLE OF WORLD FITNESS CHAMPION IN LAS VEGAS SARAH DONOHUE STRIKES A POSE WITH WWE WRESTLER RICK FLAIR



Born and bred in Yorkshire to parents Stephen and Patricia, at 12 Sarah Donohue joined the infamous Oldham Theatre Workshop, birthplace to many UK top soap and movie stars.

Although not widely publicised, in earlier years, the only way to work in television was by holding an 'Equity' card, so the footings to Sarah's career in media stemmed from dancing at the world famous 'Moulin Rouge' in Paris. As a trained dancer, working at a cabaret venue was a sure way of becoming an equity member quickly.

With strict dance regimes and diets so all girls looked identical, followed by several seasons at the Raymond Review Cabaret in London's Soho, Sarah loved the stage lights so much, she remained as a professional showgirl for 6 years.

Whilst she danced at night as one of Europe's top showgirls head to toe in feathers and thick make-up, she worked for Granada Television by day as a presenter for the 'Men & Motors' channel in an era whereby never the twain shall meet.

Before life under professional lights, she studied fashion design at Manchester Uni's Toast Rack and had a long list of clients before boredom loomed calling for stage theatrics and extreme sports.

Most recently Sarah just finished filming 'Back in Action' as the stunt double for Cameron Diaz, to be released in 2024.

Sarah specializes in all water stunts on, in and under the water and is fully insured and a qualified HSE Media Diver.

She recently spoke at the UK Dive Show in March 2024, and is featured in the February 2024 issue of Scuba Diver Magazine.

With a career in powerboat racing starting in 1993, it wasn't long before Sarah was racing in America from 2004 with Virgin Atlantic assisting her travel making sure she arrived ready to race! Richard Branson himself is a keen powerboat racer. But it wasn't just boats she became addicted to. She was short-listed for Formula Woman after being requested by Renault to try out for a new racing series.

This saw thousands of girls submit applications to become the next star of the track. Thousands became 12 with Sarah spending weeks on tracks around the UK being trained as a standby driver as she didn't quite make top 12, but that didn't deter her as Colin McRae opted to treat Sarah to a lesson in Rally driving telling her she would be more suited to rally than track after having raced offshore for so long.

Not all races end in glory as she was soon to find out. Sarah had a bad motorsports crash in 1999 leaving her on a life support machine, but it didn't stop her love for extreme sports and stunts. With her jaw still wired together from the accident and news stories and reenactments of the accident continually hitting international TV, even BBC's 999 and 'Ripley's Believe it or Not!' Nigel Mansell requested her as his co-presenter at the British Nautical Awards.

A few years later Sarah worked in Venice doubling Angelina Jolie in The Tourist as her 'hero driver.'

Sarah is a keen marine conservation advocate, PADI rescue diver, freediver, stingray diver, author, and marine biologist in study, and was nominated as a 'Woman of Achievement' at 'Woman of the Year' in London, one of her proudest moments.

A marine conservation advocate, her passion is volunteering across the world helping maintain the health of oceans, corals and endangered species and hoping for a balance above and below our waters.

Sarah's biggest concern as she believes everyone's should be when it comes to our water, is the amount of plastic in the ocean which is killing marine life.

When on dry land, Sarah is a respected sportswoman, a former track and field athlete. She won the World Tri-Fitness Championships twice against upwards of 250 athletes and is qualified not only in diet and nutrition but also as a strength and conditioning coach.

Sarah was the 1st female to sit on the judging panel at the 'British Nautical Awards' and is an advocate for women in male dominated sports.

Sarah has a keen interest in both electric cars and boats especially because of her marine conservation work.

An exciting 2024 is in store for Sarah... PR

DRAGON LORDS OF THE SEA

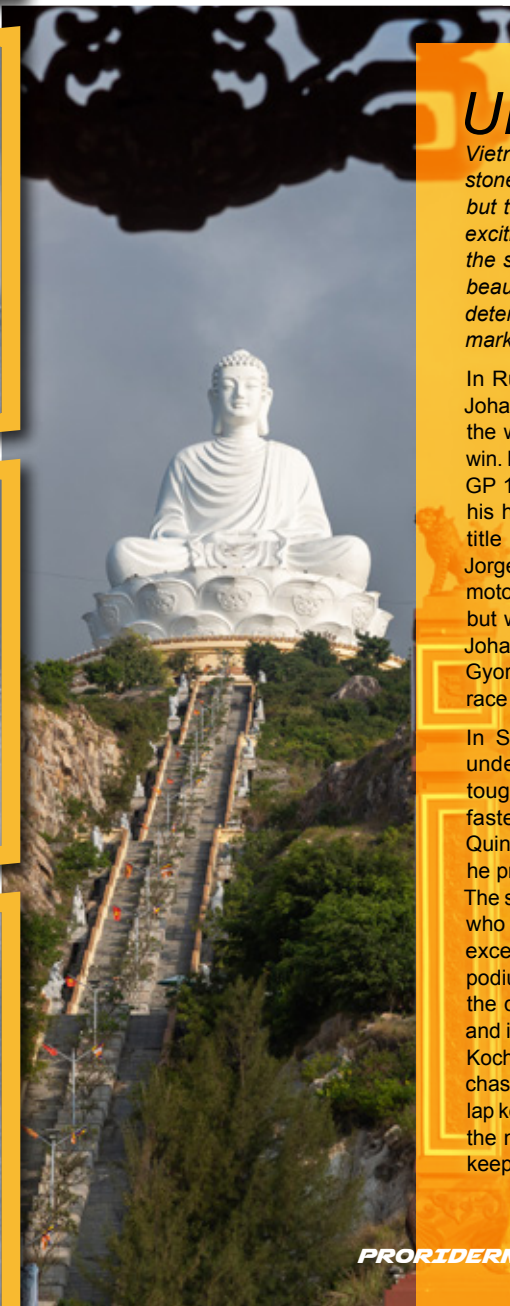
Aquabike's GP of Binh Dinh, Vietnam

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UIM-ABP's *Aquabike GP of Binh Dinh, Vietnam; a race site that was nothing but stone and water just 180 days prior to racing but then transformed into a hospitable and exciting venue for jet ski racing. Held against the stunning backdrop of Vietnam's coastal beauty, this event attracted top athletes, all determined to make this premiere location a marker for a record-setting 2024.*

In Runabout GP 1, Swedish rider Samuel Johansson emerged as a dominant force on the water, finally taking a much-wanted GP win. He tied in points with last year's Runabout GP 1 world champion, Francois Medori, but his hard-won victory in Moto 2 cinched the title (by two seconds). Returner Marcus Jorgensen posted the best lap times in both motos. Jeremy Perez was in the podium mix but was thwarted by boat troubles. Joining Johansson and Medori on the podium was Gyorgy Kasza, who has been perfecting his race game in the last two years.

In Ski GP 1, Quinten Bossche was the undeniable champion, pushing through a tough four motos grabbing the hole shot, fastest lap times and the win in all four. Quinten had a point to prove this year, and he proved it irrevocably with a stunning ride. The second-place spot went to Kevin Reiterer who stayed in the top two in all three motos except for moto three, chasing third place podium sitter, Morgan Poret. Moto three was the decider for the third-place podium spot and it was between Morgan Poret and Oliver Koch Hansen, the latter of which was furiously chasing down Quinten Bossche with his best lap keeping just 1.9 seconds between him and the nineteen-time world champion. Morgan keeps his well-earned podium spot for third.

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In Ski Ladies GP 1, it was an Estonian speedster who seized the crown-Jasmiin Ypraus on her new ski aptly named 'Dark Horse'. Jasmiin is a strategist and a planner, and there was no doubt she had plans for this stop to take another GP win for herself. Her main battle was with last year's world champion, Jessica Chavanne. Jessica, who has been enjoying a tremendous rise to the top, tied with Jasmiin in points heading into the third moto, holeshotting in all three motos, but sadly went off her boat in the third moto and was unable to rejoin the race. Joining Jasmiin on the podium was Estelle Poret in second, with a fabulous return after injury and young gun Benedicte Drange in third with a consistent performance in all three motos.

Meanwhile, in the Freestyle competition, the spotlight was on Emirati rider Rashid Al Mulla, whose remarkable talent and creativity dazzled the audience. Despite facing initial setbacks, his flawless execution of intricate maneuvers and gravity-defying stunts left spectators in awe. Contesting the title was Italian powerhouse Roberto Mariani who took second on the podium followed by Portuguese rider, Paulo Nunes, who graciously shared his boat with Al Mulla for this GP.

With Vietnam being a first for the Aquabike tour, we reflect on the graciousness of the host country with gratitude and awe. Vietnam is filled with energy and talent, and we have no doubt there is untapped talent waiting to explore what the world of jet ski racing can offer them. The Aquabike tour now looks to Sardinia in June as the second in their three-stop tour for the World Championship this year. **PR**





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THE 20th Annual Yamaha & Anderson Powersports MARK HAHN MEMORIAL - HAVASU 300



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

This year marked the 20th Annual “World’s Longest Continuous PWC Race” the 2024 Yamaha & Anderson Powersports IJSBA Mark Hahn Memorial Havasu 300 Mile Team Endurance Race Presented by Hot Products, Jettrim, Impros, Ford Bros. Racing, Monster Watercraft, SBT & Works H2O Designs.

This milestone marked the enduring legacy of Mark Hahn and his fervor for endurance PWC racing. Mark’s tragic passing two decades ago during another race underscores the ongoing vitality of the sport, exemplified by the event named in his honor. Affectionately known as ‘The Hahn’ it has evolved into the premier event of racing season, drawing top-tier competitors following the IJSBA World Finals and Kings Cup. Notable figures like Pastorello, MacClugage, Botti, Farthing, Snyder, and Warner have all vied for victory in this esteemed competition.

The unique team format and strategic pit crews set the Hahn apart as the sole endurance race worldwide where these factors can determine the difference between triumph and second place. Held annually on Lake Havasu, the event challenges participants to navigate 30 laps on a 10-mile open course, a grueling test of skill, endurance, and machine against the elements.

Mother Nature often unleashed her fury during past races, but the 20th Annual Mark Hahn Memorial saw unusually tranquil conditions, fostering a record-setting pace.

The previous record set by Jean Bruno Pastorello and Jean Baptiste Botti of Kawasaki France in 2016 of 4 hours 46 minutes 13 seconds was beaten by 32 minutes as veteran racers Jon Ford and Mike Maniscalchi on their Dean’s Team Prepared #5 Ford Bros. Racing Sea-Doo finished in 4 hours 11 minutes 22 seconds. Ford and Maniscalchi raced in the 90’s, the height of endurance racing. Ford with sons, Bryce and Cody, have been racing the Hahn the last few years. Second went to another familiar racing family, the Warners. This time instead of Craig it was son Brandon on his Performance Fiberglass, factory Kawasaki prepared #21 finishing the race as Ironman (solo) taking top spot for Ironman Runabout. Third went to Performance Fiberglass prepared Kawasaki team Mark Gomez and Tyler Kennedy on the 110X. Standup team of Ryan Poper and Haigen Smith on the #52 Kawasaki 1500 finished on the top spot, 2nd went to Ironman standup Cooper Schexnyder on the #14 Kawasaki, and the all-girls team #24 Kawasaki of Shainie Seidenberg, Mackenzie Schexsnyder and Aryana Thayer 3rd.

The 2024 edition witnessed reduced attrition rates, attributed to favorable racing conditions, with 30% attrition compared to the usual 50%.

Congratulations to all participants/finishers as Mark’s daughter and son in-law remarked they knew Mark was smiling down on the racers.

The legendary awards banquet created by Mike Follmer, featured a sit-down dinner for 300 attendees and over 60 awards and trophies and a host of special awards that again surprised their worthy recipients.

We are very fortunate to have Yamaha Motor Corp USA and Anderson Powersports as the title sponsors for 2024 and Presenting sponsors Hot Products, Riva, Jettrim, Impros, Ford Bros, Riva Racing, Works H2O Designs and our newest sponsors SBT and Monster Watercraft of Lake Havasu.

Pre-race attention and planning by the teams surpassed the previous 19 years which have been heralded by many as “the best PWC endurance race on the planet!” We eagerly anticipate the 21st Annual Mark Hahn Memorial – Havasu 300 scheduled for February 22nd, 2025. **PR**



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- 2. 21 KAWASAKI**
Brandon Warner
- 3. 118X**
Mark Gomez and Tyler Kennedy
- 4. 6 SEA-000**
Maxine Benoit & Harley Ritchie
- 5. 7 SEA-000**
Margus Keskülä & Ralf Ypraus
- 6. 420 YAMAHA**
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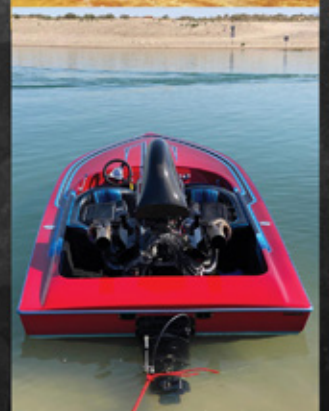
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By: Michael Bernhardt, PR Director NautiWater Racing
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The USA Jettribe WaterX Series of Champions was excited to announce the addition of the Lake Charles Solar Eclipse Shootout to the 2024 schedule of the Texas Lonestar WaterX Series! The racecourse boasted beautiful sandy beaches and sunny skies as the NautiWater Young Guns hit the water for practice under the guidance of race Promoter Justin Smith.

As Saturday morning dawned, the gates opened early, and racers wasted no time setting up their pits. The water gleamed like glass, offering a serene backdrop for the day's events, promising an exciting and competitive weekend ahead. Racers faced a variety of challenges, navigating a twisty and tight racecourse along with oceanic waves that tested their skills to the limit. Each type of ski found its own advantage, leading to thrilling and competitive motos that kept spectators on the edge of their seats. As the day ended, everyone immersed

themselves in the vibrant nightlife of Lake Charles, enjoying the city's offerings and creating lasting memories with loved ones.

Sunday morning brought a new set of challenges as overnight winds altered the racecourse, yet the waters remained calm and inviting for another day of exhilarating competition. The racecourse was reconfigured, and races kicked off with great enthusiasm! The determination of the weekend's winners remained uncertain until the final moto for numerous classes, keeping excitement levels soaring.

Announcer Joey Domingue's infectious enthusiasm was palpable as he struggled to contain his excitement, while every thrilling moment was captured on the livestream sponsored by LiquiMoly and delivered by Charles Guinchard.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the City of Lake Charles for offering such a fantastic venue, and special appreciation is extended to our valued sponsors: Jettribe, Liqui Moly, Kommander, RideNow Powersports, 321 Kawasaki, and all event supporters. This was a first for this location and we hope to return in the future! **PR**





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"That was wild! We were talking 2 stroke jet skis, grabbed welding helmets and looked up."

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Florida Ski Riders organized their sixth annual Egmont Key/Fort De Soto excursion, drawing over 300 skis from across the southeast, including New York, Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas, and, of course, Florida. Launching from the Fort De Soto boat ramp, participants headed to Passage Key to relish the pristine waters. Afterward, they ventured to the iconic Skyway Bridge for a photo opportunity and to appreciate the structure from water level. The journey continued to Monkey Island, where riders explored the water and encountered the well-preserved ruins. **PR**



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PRO RIDER: As the Director of Skywave Rescue, overseeing safety and rescue operations at major jet ski events in Thailand, what inspired you to establish this organization, and how has it evolved over the years?

SUPAVAKEE SORNARJ: The starting point was to take advantage of the safety and speed of PWC. After we gained experience using PWC for flood rescue, we got acquainted with jet ski competitions. When an accident occurs, it is necessary to move swiftly. In addition to the winning outcomes of the competition, athlete safety is the highest priority. We collaborated with WGP#1, developing models and methods to help safely and quickly. Over the past 12 years, we worked in a variety of water sources with many skilled staff, gaining experience, improving our working patterns, choosing the right PWC and equipment, making our work always accepted by riders.

PR: With jet ski events becoming increasingly popular and competitive, what challenges does your team face ensuring the safety of participants and spectators in Thailand's diverse water conditions?

SS: Our challenge is the increasing speed of the PWC and growing number of competitors, both newcomers and professionals. The Junior race has gained interest with lots of kids participating. Our

race site has river, swamp, and the sea, presenting dangerous water and weather conditions.

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PR: What training is required for team members?

SS: Our 20 members (18 men, 2 women) are passionate about the work. Everyone has a regular job as a rescue officer in state and emergency team and has worked with the Skywave Rescue Team in the form of a part-time event. Team members receive training including basic life support+AED, EMT, lifeguards, dive rescue, RWC, power boat rescue, firefighting, and technical rescue.

PR: Please share a memorable rescue or safety intervention that exemplifies the importance of Skywave Rescue's presence at events.

SS: Skywave Rescue operates under the principle "We save life in seconds." Our highest priority is response time. Our SOP enables us to respond under that principle,

which is our reputation. The impressive event was a race where no one was injured. But motor sport, we can't prevent an accident, but we can get emergency personnel ready to take care of the accident.

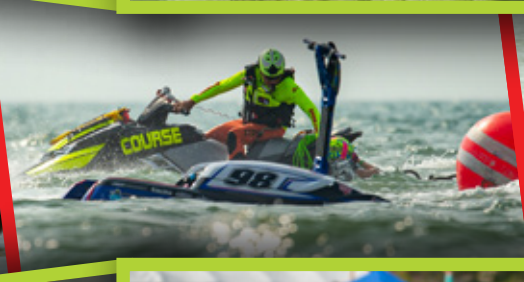
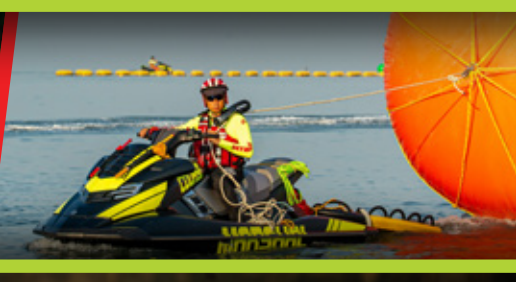
In the JET SKI WORLD CUP 2019 Pattaya City, Thailand, rider in Novice Runabout Stoc, after a first-round start, passed through the tower and was turning right at buoy number 31; he fell and crashed by a following craft at the back and head, unconscious dropped their faces into the water. Every race site, we assess where and when to worry about the risk of an accident. We keep an eye on that point. We can reach the competitor within 10 seconds, help the rider to the medical post on shore within a few minutes, and help until they're safe.

In the WGP#1 WATERJET PRO TOUR 2023 Thailand Round 3 accident crashed in the PRO-AM RUNABOUT GP during the start lap. The outside gate was out of control. The vessel was blocked in front of the craft, causing a crash at speeds of more than 100 km/h, injuring both riders. Our team helped the riders within seconds and delivered them to the medical post within minutes. Both riders were safe.

PR: What are your team's plans for the rest of 2024?

SS: 2024 is another challenging year for us. Normally, we supervise 25-30 competitions a year, 6 jetski racing, 4 powerboat racing, 6-10 triathlons and swimathons, 10 trail runs. This year, we just passed the WGP#1 WATERJET PRO TOUR 2024 jet ski competition, the first of four rounds and the OR Power Boat Grand Prix competition, with 3 more rounds, triathlons, and long-distance swimming competitions. We take time to train and review our knowledge annually. And we are exploring the possibility of providing safety services in the Asia region.







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MOMENT: The time I won 1st place and was so far in the lead I could turn around and wave at the other racers.

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FEMALES IN ACTION AND MOTORSPORTS: ARE THE BOYS MAD?

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In the fast-paced world of action and motorsports, women are rewriting the rules and redefining what it means to be a competitor on the track. From Indy cars to drag racing to Formula One, female racers are making their mark in what was once considered a male-dominated domain. But as they continue to break barriers and challenge stereotypes, a question lingers: Are the boys mad that girls are storming the world of motorsports?

Breaking Barriers, Setting Records

Female racers have been involved in motorsports since its inception, but it was not until the latter half of the 20th century they began to gain recognition as serious competitors.

What Sets Women Competitors Apart?

While it would be unfair to generalize and say women are inherently better or worse drivers than men, there are some characteristics giving female racers an edge on the track.

One key trait of female racers is their ability to remain calm under pressure. Studies have shown that women tend to have higher levels of emotional intelligence than men, allowing them to stay focused and composed in high-stress situations. This can be a crucial advantage in motorsports, where split-second decisions can mean the difference between victory and defeat.

Physically, women may have advantages on the track. Women often have a lower center of gravity than men, which can make them more agile and responsive behind the wheel.

Are the Boys Mad?

Are they resentful of the encroachment of women into what was once their exclusive domain? While there may be some who view the rise of female racers with skepticism or even hostility, many male racers welcome the challenge of competing against women.

They see it as a positive development that raises the level of competition and brings new perspectives and approaches to the sport.

The rise of female competitors in action and motorsports is a testament to the power of passion, perseverance, and a refusal to be confined by outdated stereotypes. Women racers have proven time and again they have what it takes to compete at the highest levels of the sport, and their presence on the track has enriched motorsports in countless ways.

As we look to the future, it is clear female racers will continue to play a pivotal role in shaping the landscape of motorsports. Their presence is not a threat to male racers but a testament to the sport's ability to evolve and embrace change.

And perhaps, in the end, it's not a question of whether the boys are mad but rather a recognition that in motorsports, as in life, there is room for everyone to chase their dreams and find their place on the podium. **PR**





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