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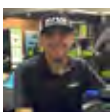
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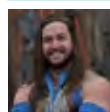
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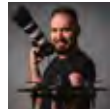
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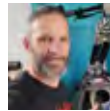
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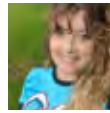
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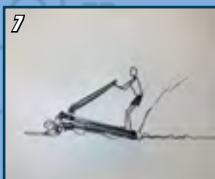
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As we delve into the heart of summer, I am thrilled to present the July/August 2024 edition of Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine. This edition embodies the spirit of adventure, innovation, and camaraderie that define our community.

Our cover story features Ruthless Racing pushing the speed boundaries of the RXPX325. Inside you'll find exhilarating tales from racing circuits in the USA and abroad, stories from recreational riding adventures, detailed build and tech features, freerides, and even a unique swamp jet ski wedding that epitomizes the vibrant and unconventional spirit of our community.

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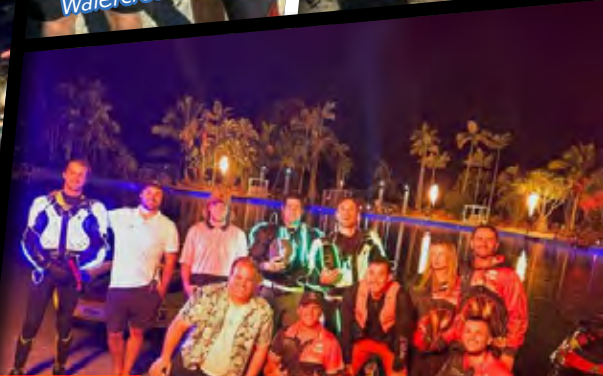
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By: David Alonso, President Ruthless Racing

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**O**n October 26, 2023, I acquired my 2024 Sea-Doo RXPX 325 and was thrilled to start modifying it. November 2, 2023, we started with the speed limiter removal and reached 80 mph, which was very impressive. After adding a Solas 14/19, we achieved 83 mph on the dash and 82 mph on GPS. I wanted to customize the electronic control unit (ECU), so I swapped the full harness and ECU with a 2022 model, allowing me to edit and log data using HP Tuners RTD. After extensive research and development, I installed various upgrades, including a Ruthless Racing billet racing camshaft, titanium valve retainers, carbon fiber cold air intake, a Solas custom pitch propeller, power launch pump seal, and a pump wedge.

I fine-tuned the modifications on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, achieving impressive results of 92 mph on the dashboard and 90.8 mph according to GPS, at 9200 rpms and 20 psi of boost with the stock supercharger.

Later, November 23, I switched to a Solas 13/17.5 propeller and reached speeds of 89–90 mph on the dashboard and 88.4 mph according to GPS, at 8900 rpms. Not satisfied with this, on January 31, 2024, I began using the FuelTech EFI system and a plug-and-play harness. I added 170 lb ft injectors and a Ruthless Racing E85 fuel system. After hours of tuning, I achieved 9500 rpms at 21.5 psi of boost with the OEM supercharger, reaching 93 mph on the dashboard and 92.6 mph according to GPS. This made the Ruthless Racing team the first in the world to reach 93 mph on an OEM supercharger, proving the impressive potential of the 325 platform.

Excited by this success, we began developing a turbo kit for the platform in hopes of reaching 100 mph on the OEM engine at 30+ psi of boost.

We look forward to sharing the results soon. **PR**





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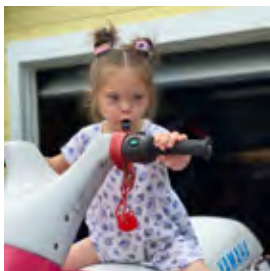


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Congratulations to Justin Kieszoski, Angola, New York, for submitting these winning photos of daughter Kayla sitting on dad's 1993 Yamaha 650 getting ready for riding season on Lake Erie. Shared Justin, "Kayla, age 6 in these photos, has Down syndrome; she is very loving and outgoing and loves riding on daddy's toys, jetski, snowmobile, motorcycle, 4 wheeler!" Justin will receive a pair of Aloha Gloves from Saints of Speed.



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Submitted by: Ed Emerle

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## TEEN NAVIGATES EXCURSION ON PERCY PRIEST LAKE

Submitted by: Brent Tomes | Photos: Cory Eads

Kyra Tomes, age 16, has always loved riding our PWC and introduced us to the Kentucky group. Recently, she had the opportunity to lead a group of friends on Percy Priest Lake with the Ky PWC Riders.

She diligently studied the lake and planned a fun, safe route. I took up a spot in the rear. Kyra, who began riding at age 10, has developed a keen sense of responsibility, always looking out for others and spotting potential trouble early.





## CLOCKWORK RACING PRESENTS LIGHT START SYSTEM ALTERNATIVE TO BAND SNAP

**Submitted by:** Erich Nehls

Clockwork Racing Team is composed of two coworkers whose talents in building automation during the day spill into the race world by night. Daniel Mulcahy and I teamed up in 2017 to prepare to race Great Lakes Watercross in 2018. Sharing the same love for film and comedy, Clockwork Racing was named in respect to Stanley Kubrick and how 'The Simpsons' parodied his movie. Together we have brought to the pits custom sponsons, drop trim nozzle systems, turbo charged engines, trailers with sound systems with theater capabilities, and most recently a portable slot car racetrack. Sometimes we race.

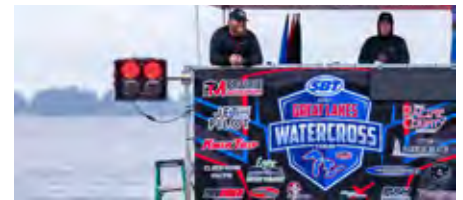
In 2023, I raced in the IJSBA World Finals, which used a light start system instead of a band start. Inspired, I developed a light start model and shared it with Brad Bohat of Great Lakes Watercross. After researching global systems from France, Thailand, Czech Republic and Brazil, we aimed for a standard start procedure across IJSBA events.

Our system prioritizes safety and convenience, using low voltage similar to cordless power tools, making it safe for marine environments. It features waterproof components, a four-pin wiring harness, and familiar red and green LED lights.

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IJSBA Region 8 first used the LSS, receiving rave reviews for its efficiency and spectator-friendly operation. We hope other promoters adopt this system for safer and more consistent race starts.



## AJ PERFORMANCE RACING TEAM BELGIUM

**Photos:** Jack Hollmann

Jack Hollmann of Brussels, Belgium started racing in the early 90's with X2Gen1 and garnered many Belgium championships as JH Racing. At that time, he did his own engine mods, repairs, painting, etc. He returned to racing and winning again in 2018 Belgium Championship with AJ Performance and was invited by IJSBA to join the tech team at World Finals in 2023 and 2024. Teammate Alex Simon started renting jetski and polyester molding in the 90's racing 650SX, Senegal Jet Raid. Alex was a racing car mechanic for the 24h Francorchamps, 24h Dubai, and other national races. Shared Hollmann, "Alex and I met at a race in 2015 and became best friends directly! We created AJ Performance to build race skis and parts, sharing the same passion. Alex oversees polyester and shipping depts. and I take care of mechanics and public relations. We only make parts for X2gen1 and sell them worldwide. We helped pilots in UK in X2 racing who won 2022 and 2023 UK Championships. AJ Performance X2 has become very popular in Belgium building replicas for other pilots and friends."





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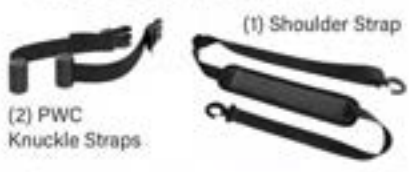
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Fast forward 35 years, I got hold of a 2001 Kawasaki STS. My family enjoyed riding it, but I wanted something newer. I began watching YouTube videos of guys wave jumping on Sea-Doo Sparks and decided to buy one in 2022, not that I live in an area where I could do that, but because the skis just looked like so much fun. As I watched more videos of people racing them, I decided to get involved.

I found the Jet Jam Best of the West Series and attended my first race in March of 2023. What an amazing experience! From the promoters to the racers, everyone was amazing. I never felt more comfortable going into a new environment with people I didn't know. From that day until today I have been completely hooked on racing. The people in the sport are some of the best in the world, always sharing ideas on things I can do to be a better racer.

Living in southern Utah I get to take those ideas out to Sand Hollow and Quail Creek to work on things. The temperatures allow me to ride year-round. And having the support of my wife makes this entire dream possible.  
Love you Ashley.

Getting involved in the racing community, I also discovered Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine. I have enjoyed your magazine over the last year and a half. I love reading about events going on around the country. But the best part of the magazine is seeing articles about those I race with, seeing my friends in the magazine doing what they enjoy.

Keep up the good work on the magazine. And to all my friends and competitors, we'll see you on the line.

**Tate Cleverly**  
Washington, Utah



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**SUNNY COAST XTREME 2024**  
 WHERE LEGENDS CLASH AND NEW STARS RISE

By: Matt O'Connor | Photos: Craig Milne, Zoomed Images, Chloe Motzouris, @shot\_by\_chloe

The KRASH Sunny Coast Xtreme 2024 on the Sunshine Coast is the world's premier multi-action sport competition, open and free to the public.

KRASH IFWA heats saw fierce competition for Round 1 points as emerging and established competitors went head-to-head with outstanding performances from Gold Coast's Shaun Herries (SICKEST TRICK) and Victorian Sam Werner (WRENCH AWARD). Brazilian Bruno Jacob rode with consistency proving his world class level while local Ryan Solomon reminded us he is a ninja of the sport.

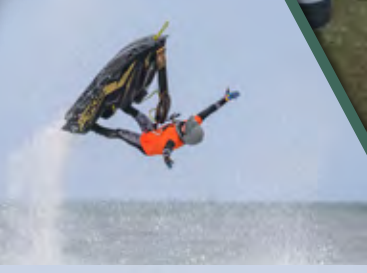
The battle between Mick Anthony and Jimmi Blackwood was the most exciting new school vs old school since Rip-n-Ride! All eyes were pinned as the 2 giants went toe-to-toe surf riding, delivering tricks in a display leaving no one envious of the judges' task.

As killer MC Joel Barry announced the winner the cheer was overwhelming as Blackwood was named #1 IFWA Round 1 Champion with Anthony the closest #2 in the history of SUNNY COAST XTREME!

The JETPILOT freeride sessions ran simultaneously with a chance for young riders Luke Gillespie, Jackson Motzouris (BEST BEGINNER) and Ethan Coker to learn and crush it, earning mad respect in tricky conditions. The biggest rookie flex was taken by Jake Luckey with the CHERRY POPPER award — first time back flipping. Congrats Jake you did it!

So many great moments including MOST IMPROVED to Sunny Coast local Bobby Rodighiero and BIGGEST AIR SITDOWN to Mike Lee.

The JETSKI UNITED AusWRA Surf Titles put on a fantastic show for the crowd. Jetski racing through the surf was hard fought and spectacular to watch. **PR**



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# RUN WHATCHA BRUNG

## JETSKI REGATTA ROCKS ARIZONA!

By: Zebulia Almer,  
RWB Event Organizer

Photos: LHC Action Photo  
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The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Run Whatcha Brung Stand Up Jet Ski Regatta was nothing short of incredible. The weather was a perfect and the turnout of riders was the highest to date! RWB is held at the beautiful Pirates Den Resort on the Parker Strip in Arizona. Standup jet ski enthusiasts traveled from all over the country for a fun filled weekend of riding the Colorado River with friends and family.

RWB, a charity event, has donated tens of thousands of dollars to local charities and families in need over the years. This year the raffle was huge with an amazing amount of donated merchandise, products and parts. RWB also provided a raffle ski giveaway, a huge hit of RWB. Local mechanics and jet ski companies volunteer their time and products, so a lucky winner walks away with a running standup jet ski for a \$50 dollar raffle ticket. This year's winner was Haley Blanton.

RWB hosts a vendor village where various jet skis are on display along with dealerships, parts and apparel companies that feature their products and reveal new products. Also adding to the event was the preparty kick off hosted by Jim Beavers Misadventure IPA along with demos by 5X World Freestyle Champion Mark Gomez.

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual RWB the event has grown to be one of the premier jet ski events on the west coast.

Join us for the next Run Whatcha Brung Jet Ski Regatta on May 31, 2025! **PR**



RAFFLE SKI WINNER HALEY BLANTON WITH ZEB ALMER



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# WILD WEST WATERCROSS:

Inaugural Race at Camp Far West Immense Success!

**By:** Annie Cassel  
**Photos:** Cliff Cassel @Casselcreation; Kenny Wong @kdwsportsphotos

Camp Far West, Wheatland, California is an incredibly special place where jet ski enthusiasts train, ride, and create memories, the perfect location for Wild West Watercross Inaugural Race!

Racers came from as far as Washington, Arizona, Southern California. Brad Adams from AJSA traveled from Tennessee to assist. With 101 entries, and 16 new racers this first event was an immense success!

Vintage classes had strong lineups, while Junior classes introduced little shredders to racing in a safe environment.

We thank all our sponsors for trusting and supporting our new venture: AJSA for helping make NorCal racing a reality; Matt Wright for the colorful new buoy shapes and exciting track layout; Reno Hair Extensions for showing us love and support for racing; Chris Ennis of Sidewaze Designs for keeping us looking fresh; Nolan Glock of Dirty Delta Performance for ensuring rider safety; Cassel Creation for capturing the adrenaline-fueled racing; and the whole Wild West Watercross team, owners, staff, course marshals, paramedics and volunteers. Special thanks to Deegan Newton for guidance, Colin Richards for designing the light system, Kevin Chen helping with our horn and very first leader light, Jim Dietz for announcing, and Chelsea Wright for leading us in line dancing and singing the National anthem with Melissa Emens.

We look forward to expanding our jet ski race family one race at a time! Race results can be found on the Race Ready website. See y'all on the line and Stay Wild! **PR**

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## SOUTH FLORIDA RIDERS

### Celebrate 17 Years on the Water!

Story and photos: Juan Mallen



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The South Florida Riders' 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ride, an exhilarating 60-mile round trip through the lower keys to Key West, from Big Pine Key MM 30 to MM 0 included 52 jet skis and 62 members and was a thrilling adventure filled with scenic beauty and camaraderie.

We navigated stunning mangrove trails and stopped at historic, burned-out bridges along 939 Old U.S. Road, capturing breathtaking photos and videos while jumping off an abandoned bridge. The adventure continued on Captain Jack Picnic Island, where we explored the island's beauty, and enjoyed each other's company. Riding through remote, hidden areas accessible only at high tide added a touch of mystery and excitement.



For lunch, we savored a delicious seafood paella at a tiki bar by the water, overlooking our jet skis. After a refreshing break, the group headed to Key West to the '90 Miles to Cuba buoy' for sunset photos. The evening ended with dinner and a lively party on Duval Street that lasted into the early morning hours.

Many riders extended their stay exploring local restaurants, riding different trails, and discovering sandbars. A few of us ventured to the Marvin Keys (backcountry) with a friend's boat, enjoying a full day in crystal-clear waters reminiscent of the Bahamas. The weather was perfect, and we can't wait to do it again!

Let's ride! **PR**





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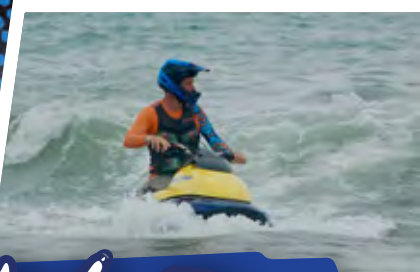
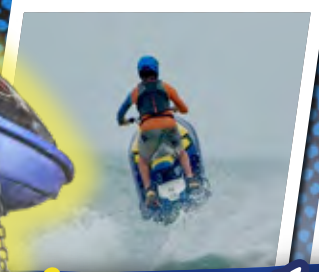
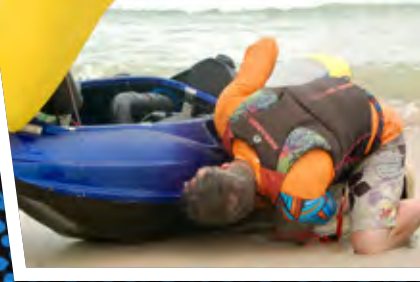
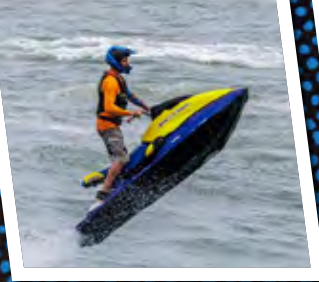
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# HAPPENSTANCE HX-R

By: Brian Sawyer (B-Saw) | Photos: Mel Jensen, Howard Crumpler, and Chance Jones

The "SuperSX" featured in the 2023 Swimsuit Edition of Pro Rider Magazine wasn't enough, so Chance Jones of Happenstance Performance, is back at it again with a new custom build, dubbed the "HX-R". Joe Johnston delivered the 1 of 1 Carter Brackett rockered Sea-Doo HX from Tampa to the Daytona Freeride in January. The hull, rockered in 2012, had not been wet until this build was complete!

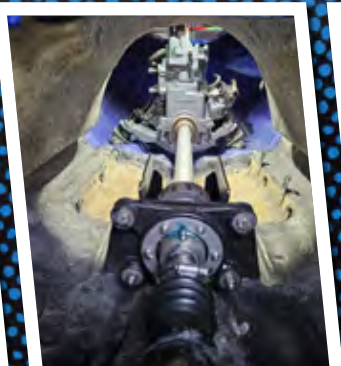
Once back home in Virginia, Chance immediately started cutting and glassing. The Sea-Doo 787 mounts were ripped out and a Yamaha 701/760 foundation was fiberglassed in with custom pieces fabricated from aluminum. Along with this change came heavy reinforcement to withstand surf assaults from the Atlantic Ocean. The new power plant is a Yamaha 701-62T pulled from a Wave Raider.

Mods include a R&D head and a Pro Tec Exhaust with jetting specs set by Paul Lehr, Lehr Performance (LPW). The exhaust travels through a stock WaveBlaster hose into a stock Sea-Doo waterbox and exits the rear of the hull.

The "HX-R" really shines in its intended element, surf! This is largely due to the V-hull design and an insanely custom driveline that travels through the center mounted fuel tank. The engine turns an ADA conversion coupler with a Kawasaki dampener > Sea-Doo XPL intermediate shaft > HX brass vein pump with a machined 951 impeller shaft, which spins a Sea-Doo Spark 12/17 impeller. The Spark impeller acts like an equivalent to a big hub Hooker impeller used on more traditional Yamaha freeride skis. All machine work on the shafts and couplers was meticulously done by Alex Karacsonyi at PFM Industries.

Up top, Chance utilized a UMI Steering setup with a High Speed Industries finger throttle, which he hasn't stopped raving about. Back under the hood, is a modified Sea-Doo electronics box that houses mostly Yamaha components, save for an LPW-tuned 62T Zeel ignition system. Sea-Doo electronics boxes are notoriously easy to use and may be the driest available from any big manufacturer. Keeping the hull dry and free of water is a set of Versiplugs from PWCDocor.com.

Manpower hours have surpassed hundreds at this point, but Chance still has future plans. Now that the "HX-R" has passed "the Surf Test" at the Topsail Beach Freeride in May 2024, paint and new turf is on the way, including possibilities of tubbies and a lowered superfly style seat. Whatever is next will be determined by Happenstance. **PR**





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On the surface, we may look like any other stand up jetski enthusiast Facebook page/group. Here at TWOSUJ, we have a mission: promote, preserve, and expand this awesome sport. We wanted to create a group that promotes the sport, and the riders, manufacturers, and organizations that keep this sport alive. TWOSUJ is a place where people can share, sell, and promote anything standup jetski related; a place where people can spark conversation and learn; promote friends and share experiences. And so much more!

TWOSUJ has big plans for the future: freerides, shows, individual crews, merch, charities, and maybe even races. Created in 2023 TWOSUJ is based out of Lake Lanier, Georgia (home of the 1996 summer Olympics). It has been almost 2 decades since standup jetski events were held on Lanier (Riot Ride circa 2006) we plan to change that! With over 45 skis participating at our first gathering, we plan to host more! After all, what is better than stand up jetskis, sunny weather, friends, family, and a good time?

This community is unlike any other. Many amazing people help the sport grow. We look forward to working with these individuals and companies. Thanks to everyone who has supported us throughout this journey! And thanks to everyone who puts in the work on a day-to-day basis to ensure this lifestyle continues!

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with a community of like-minded enthusiasts and receive up to date information. We encourage everyone to join. After all, it's not the world without you!

Special shoutouts: Upstate Standups, LPW, Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine, Fuel Mule, Liquid Jet, Power Nuts, X-H2O, Cooper Creek Creative, and the host, the Lanier Crew. **PR**



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# SHOWTIME FREESTYLE

**ATHLETE AND  
ENTREPRENEUR:**

## LUKE STOCKS SHOWTIME FREESTYLE

Luke Stocks, Owner of Showtime Freestyle moved from the United Kingdom to the United States 10 years ago to be with his wife Brandy.

When asked what motivated him to establish Showtime Freestyle, Luke shared, "I have always been business minded, I think this comes from my family. Having been around the sport for some time I wanted to be able to offer customers a speedy service along with having items on the shelf rather than waiting a long period of time to get parts. I know how frustrating that can be when you just want to ride!"

Let's talk about Luke Stocks the athlete and 3x USA National Champion! "When we were kids me and my family had sit down skis. A friend of mine let me try his Yamaha

FX1 and that was it I loved riding a stand up. After that I got my own Yamaha Superjet and learned to ride. The real turning point was an event in the UK when then world champion Eric Malone visited to perform. Watching him and talking with him I was instantly hooked and knew this was what I wanted to do. I've been competing for 20 years and won a few titles here and there, National championships in the UK and USA and I am very proud to have achieved that.

I intend to continue competing and like being able to craft a routine and put on a show for the spectators. Pushing myself to learn new tricks and combos is important, it gives me a goal to aim for."

Regarding the focus of his business Showtime Freestyle, what keeps him going and what he is most proud of Luke shared, "I like to focus on growing as a company. We just expanded our retail

location and added more inventory. Offering the best service we can is important to us; we want people to tell their friends to come to us! Getting to meet new people either at our shop or at events who share the same passion is always a good feeling. Starting the business from ground up I am most proud of looking back where the business started to now."

Just for fun we asked Luke to share something people may not know about him to which he replied, "I like to watch movies in my down time mainly horror."

For 2024 and beyond Luke and the team at Showtime Freestyle has some cool vintage projects coming up that will be exciting to see completed, and they intend to travel to some events they have yet to attend. **PR**



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# NAVIGATING THE LOWER COLORADO:

## THE WEST COAST WATERCRAFT CLUB'S ANNUAL YUMA RIDE

Story and photos: Lewis Lipstone *President West Coast Watercraft Club*



The West Coast Watercraft Club puts on the Yuma ride once a year during the irrigation times. The WCWCC is an adventure driven destination club catering to riders who want to ride the distance. The best time to run this river is March to June, to achieve the highest water levels possible. The lower Colorado River is all sand and the deepest water levels are on the banks of the river. Guides are well-seasoned riders and must stand while riding to navigate the river in a single file formation. This is crucial so no one gets stuck on a sandbar. When we started this trip in 2012 many riders got stuck and imagine pulling a 950 lb. PWC off a sandbar!



We recommend carrying at least 10 to 15 gallons of fuel, depending on your ski you can determine what you will consume.

The two day 90-mile roundtrip ride starts at T.K. Jones Campground in Winterhaven, Arizona to Walter's Camp Riders line up their vehicles and prep their skis before launching. After all members are launched, a mandatory safety meeting is held pointing out what you might encounter on our ride. At Walter's Camp, we take the long half mile no wake to the beach, our lunch stop for this leg of the trip where we hang out and enjoy the scenery. The area consists primarily of protected military land, where occasional activity may be observed.



The second day's ride is like the first except we pass Walter's Camp to our halfway point to McIntyre Park in Blythe, where we will fill our tanks with the fuel we have been carrying and then walk to the on land fueling station to fill our empty cans. Once we leave here there is no more fuel available. It is crucial to maintain a safe speed of 45 MPH to conserve fuel. Our destination was Blythe Dam 90 miles one way; roundtrip ride was 180 miles returning to T.K. Jones Campground.



*The West Coast Watercraft Club is the only Jet Ski adventure club in California! PR*





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# 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HUNTINGTON BEACH MOTO-SURF & RICKTER RRP FREERIDE EXHIBITION

By: Ross Wallach  
President RPM Racing Enterprises  
Photos: Kenny Wong; Cliff Cassel



The Hot Products Best of the West Series, Round #5, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Huntington Beach Moto-Surf & Rickter Freeride Exhibition Presented by Jettrim, Impros, Bomber Eyewear, Sandhopper Industries, RB Components, Works H20 Designs, Kawasaki, Jettribe, JC Racing, 3D Design Concepts, Ultimate Watercraft, SBT, Monster Watercraft, Throttle Junkie, Circuit Jet Sports, Mike Follmer Specialties, The Watercraft Journal, West Coast Watercraft Club & Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine was held May 4 & 5 at the world famous Huntington Beach Pier.

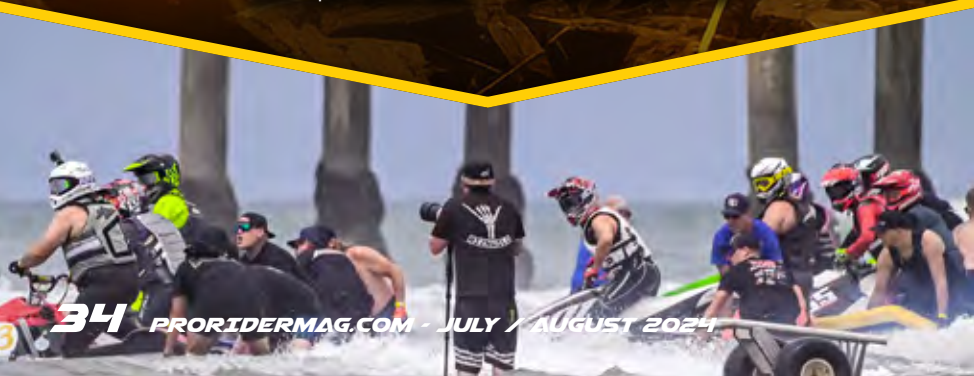
The largest contingent of racers in the past 5 years were on hand to battle each other and Mother Nature. Saturday's event started with near perfect conditions, 3' to 4' waves with a slight offshore breeze with temperatures in the mid 60's. Optimal conditions gave racers and fans exactly what they wanted, great battles in the surf! Moto-Surf racing is about skill except Mother Nature holds the cards. Surf racing can be tricky, and the surf is a great equalizer for even the most experienced rider.

Two motos complete, a fantastic Rickter Freeride Exhibition led by veteran Rickter Factory rider Mark Gomez, thrilled crowds on the pier and beach.

Sunday Mother Nature announced she was in charge sending bigger surf (4'- 5' sets) and relentless on shore wind that never let up. The challenge was as much for racers as for on-water safety staff to keep the track together, perform rescues while doing their best not to become collateral damage themselves. The three course marshals faced their toughest day in the surf yet. Unfortunately, Mother Nature won and due to time constraints in permitting, the final set of motos was scrapped.

The Rickter Freeriders took to the waters when the final moto was completed and gave the fans a great closing to a great albeit tough weekend of moto-surf racing.

A huge thank you to the RPM Staff: Todd Young (aka Sarge), Mitch Durica, Guy Jones, the course marshals who endured and persevered, Dawn Carey, Danielle Johnson, Angel Petty and the scoring staff, Rich Boell, Kenny Sorenson, Rick Robson and the rest of the RPM Staff who worked tirelessly to make the event happen! **PR**

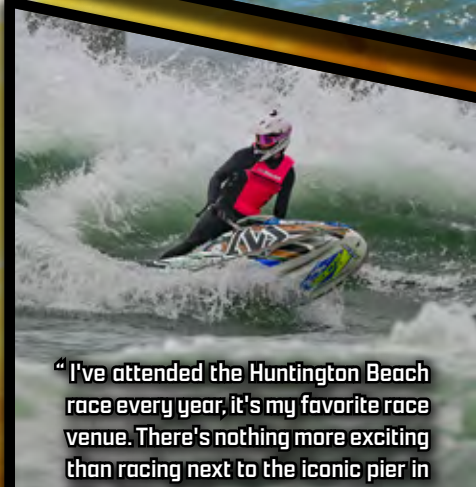






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**MARK GOMEZ'S**  
BREATHTAKING FREERIDE  
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"I've attended the Huntington Beach race every year, it's my favorite race venue. There's nothing more exciting than racing next to the iconic pier in "Surf City". The vibe was awesome. This year my race ski failed to start right before the race, so I quickly hopped on my surf ski and raced. I may have been in the back of the pack but hard to be disappointed at such a cool race event."

**MASON PIETZ**  
Santa Rosa, California





# OCEAN RACING WATERJET PRO TOUR THAILAND

Story and photos: Robert Sand, Tech Director

The site for round two of the Waterjet Thailand Pro Tour was the beach city of Rayong, a perfect location to witness great racing in the ocean with waves that continuously altered the racetrack while athletes showed what they learned from round one's large swells throughout the race.

This year with the amount of the junior class entries and the one lap slalom event we started on Friday to get 60 runs achieved with 5 classes consisting of Sea-Doo Spark, Women Sea-Doo Spark, 4 stroke Yamaha Superjet and

Kawasaki 1500 restrictor plate watercrafts. Each competitor gets two runs, and the best time gets the overall win.

**SPARK CLASS:** Tanatham Kulkumthorn with a time of 144.17, Patee Bhirombhakdi 148.73 and rounding off the top three Phabodin Sukprasert with a time of 149.22.

The next largest class was Novice 1100 Stock which had to qualify to get to the main but after 3 motos of fierce battles we had a victor. Runabout GP class is the highest level of craft you can build, and spectators were awed by the high horsepower watercraft as they raced to the checkered flag. This highly modified class sees the most breakdowns. Moto one had 6 crafts towed in forcing racers to scramble to repair the craft or use their backups. *PR*



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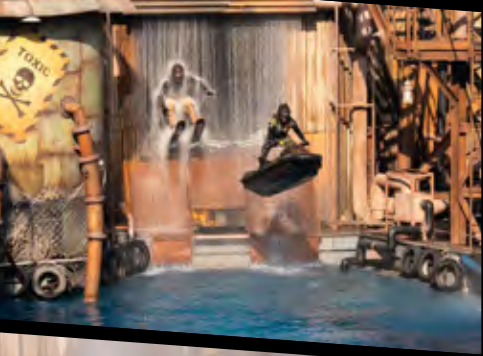
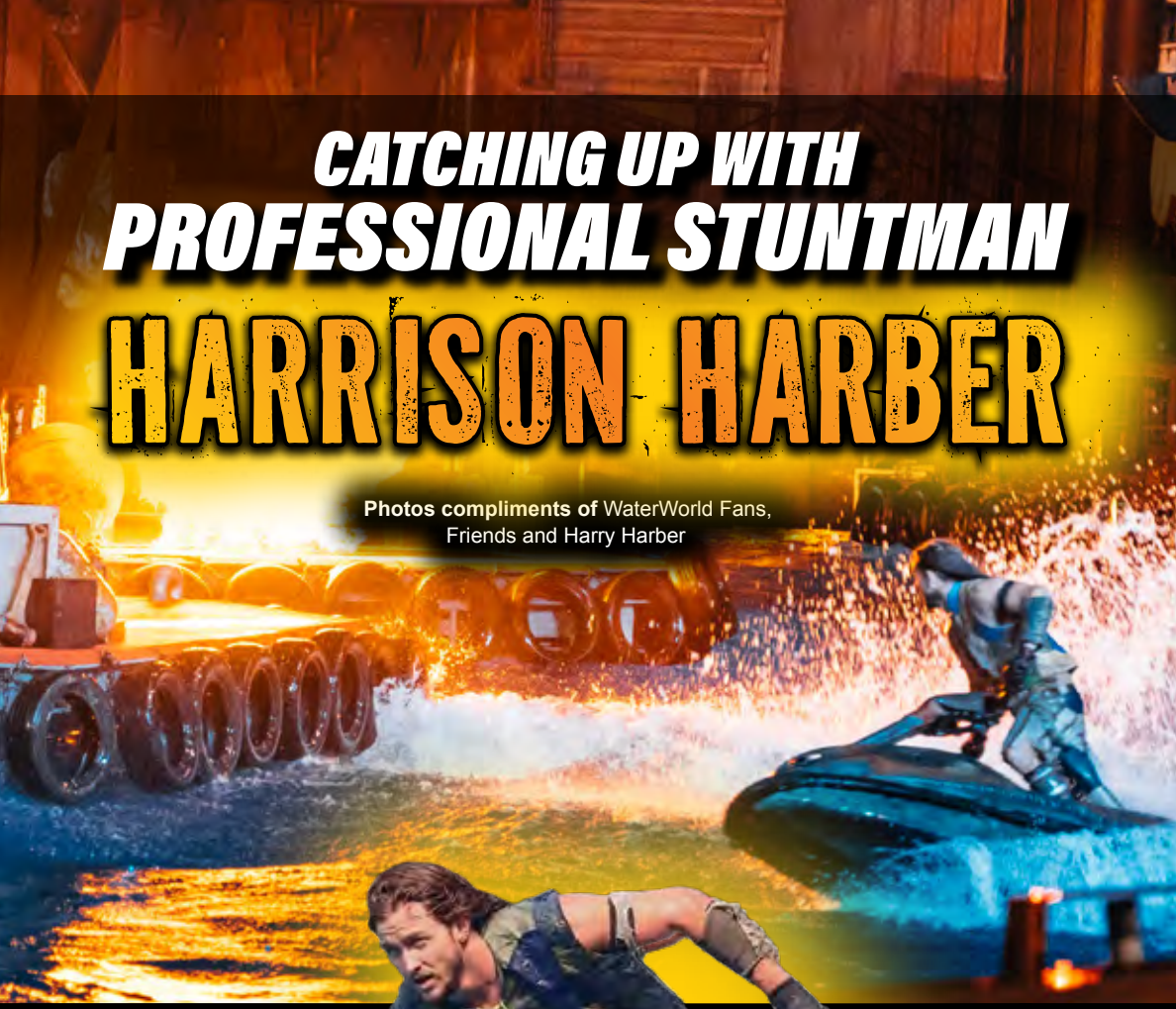
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**H**arry Harber's professional waterskiing journey began when he was 13 competing in three event water skiing with his family. Rising before dawn, he devoted himself to training 3-4 times weekly, instilling a deep love for the sport. His dedication bore fruit, clinching numerous Australian and state championships, and participating in world titles before turning 18. Balancing studies for a bachelor's in architectural science online, he transitioned into a professional water skier and coach on the Sunshine Coast, Australia, in his late teens, all while traversing the globe.

Competing internationally and holding Queensland records, he had the privilege of coaching some of the best junior water skiers in Australia and the world. Growing up, he loved acting and drama, participating in school plays and training in Shotokan karate for 12 years. These experiences sparked his interest in stunts, leading to a life-changing opportunity in 2018 when Matthew May scouted him to work for Action Horizons as a stunt water skier at WaterWorld Universal Studios, Singapore which opened many doors.

**PRO RIDER:** Your journey from professional athlete to stunt performer at renowned venues WaterWorld in China and Universal Studios is incredibly inspiring. Please share some memorable experiences from performing at these iconic locations.

**HARRY HARBER:** During my first year at WaterWorld, I learned various roles, including the #8 waterski role, the #6 enforcer role, and by the end of the year, the #1 lead role as the Mariner on a standup, although I had never ridden a jetski! Learning in the pool at WaterWorld was an amazing experience and I can't thank Action Horizons enough for taking a punt on me and now, I can confidently say I can shred on a standup. Being scouted as a three-event waterskiier and transitioning into stunt performing ranks among my most cherished experiences. As the #8 waterskiier and multiple swing performer in my inaugural year, I embraced various roles within shows. Over the last five years with AH, I've expanded my repertoire to include piloting a jet-powered boat, mastering high diving and stunt fighting, and overseeing a 30-member stunt team, all while contributing to casting decisions. These endeavors led me to remarkable destinations across Asia, from the awe-inspiring "Avatar Mountains" in China to the pristine slopes of Niseko, Japan, and serene landscapes of Indonesia. Camping beside the Great Wall of China and bathing elephants in Thailand stand out as unforgettable moments.

**PR:** How do you prepare mentally before stepping into the spotlight, and what advice would you give to aspiring stunt performers looking to make their mark in the industry?

**HH:** Mentally, I prepare by getting excited for each show and envisioning it going perfectly, which puts me in a relaxed and motivated state. Performing for a huge crowd drives me to give 120%, thinking about that one person who saved their money to come and watch our show, pushes me to exceed my limits each time.

For aspiring stunt performers, I advise learning basic skills in rolling, falling, flipping, and getting used to moving your body and body awareness on and off the ground. Martial arts training is invaluable. For WaterWorld specifically, learning to drive a jetski, boat and high diving is great; also, to overcome fear of heights and get used to body awareness when falling.

**PR:** Amidst your busy schedule what do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

**HH:** I enjoy going to the gym, training, practicing stunts, traveling, and exploring with my girlfriend. Playing guitar and relaxing with a day in bed chilling, watching movies also helps me unwind.

**PR:** What's something quirky or unexpected about you that fans might not know?

**HH:** I can touch the tip of my nose with my tongue.

**PR:** What's next in 2024 and beyond?

**HH:** I'm pursuing my lifelong dream of being an actor and stuntman in film. I've chosen to finish my era with Action Horizons at WaterWorld and signed with Cozmikk Talent Agency in China. My plan is to break into the film industry here and then move to LA or Australia. My ultimate dream is to be a lead actor in a Marvel movie, a goal I've had since childhood.







# UK'S JOE LEEMING PROFESSIONAL PWC OFFSHORE RACER SHARES RIGOROUS TRAINING REGIMEN FOR JET SKI RACING GLORY



Joe Leeming's journey into the world of fitness and jet ski racing is a testament to resilience and passion. From early days playing soccer and riding trail bikes, Joe's path was altered by a severe injury at age 12, sparking his interest in strength and conditioning. This curiosity led him to pursue a degree in Sports Therapy and eventually become a personal trainer, where he works with a diverse range of clients facing physical challenges and professional athletes.

His introduction to jet ski racing came at the age of 14, on the shores of Anglesey at Trearddur Bay, where he encountered Dale Williams, Team Manager of MES Racing. Dale's invitation to race in Torquay marked the beginning of Joe's journey into Aqua Adrenaline racing, a journey that would see him excel in the sport.

Training for jet ski racing is not easy, especially considering the unpredictable nature of offshore racing. Joe's training regimen is rigorous and tailored to the demands of the sport. Each race weekend consists of four grueling 25-minute races, pushing his body to its limits. His training plan spans four weeks leading up to a race, focusing on strength, endurance, and cardio.

## TRAINING REGIMEN:

I train on the coast of Trearddur Bay on the Irish Sea. Bad weather and rough water conditions hinder training. Aqua Adrenaline is an offshore racing club, meaning I must be prepared for all conditions. Rough water is better for training.

If you haven't raced before I can safely say from experience, you cannot move for the next 3 days as your body will be aching all over!

However, the human body is amazing, it will adapt to the demands you place on it.

## MY TRAINING PLAN:

I start 4 weeks out of my first race and progress by adding weights, increasing reps, and cardio.

**MONDAY:** Upper Body — Flat Bench Press — Barbell bent over row — Incline Bench Press — Lat pull down — cable flys — Max press ups — Rope triceps pushdown (4x 8-10 reps each)

**TUESDAY:** Lower Body — Barbell back squat — Barbell Romanian deadlift — Bulgarian split

squat — Leg Press — Glute adductor machine — Box Jumps (4x 10-15 reps) — Jump Lunges (4x 40 reps) (4x 8-10 reps on each)

**WEDNESDAY:** Cardio 60 min steady state cardio on a bike keeping heart rate at 140-150bpm, known as zone 2. Zone 2 training or aerobic base training, done at a moderate intensity is key for improving aerobic capacity vital for racing.

**THURSDAY:** Full Body — Barbell overhead press — Dumbbell walking lunges — Max chin ups — Kettlebell Cossack squat — Dumbbell flat press — Dumbbell Farmer's walk 20 meters — Max time hang on bar (4x 1 min rest between) (4x 8-10 reps each)

**FRIDAY:** Core + 30 min Cardio Core Workout — Max Plank x3 — V sits 3x 20 — Russian twist 3x 30 Cardio section 30-minute bike — 5 min warm up — 4 min hard push 1 min steady spin x4 — 5 min cool down

**SATURDAY:** Jet ski training on the water

Beyond physical training, Joe emphasizes the importance of preparation and consistency in fitness and racing. Setting achievable goals and maintaining a balanced diet rich in protein are key components of his philosophy.

## JET SKI RACING ADVICE FOR BEGINNERS:

1. Practice on calm waters to get comfortable with controlling the jet ski.
2. Invest in quality safety gear, including a life jacket, gloves, and a wetsuit or drysuit.
3. Practice Regularly
4. Learn from others, join a local jet ski group, watch racing videos.
5. Familiarise yourself with the rules and regulations of racing.
6. Always prioritize safety. Know your limits and don't push beyond them, especially in the beginning.
7. Maintain your ski. Regular maintenance is crucial to ensure your ski runs smoothly and safely.

Joe has ambitious plans for the future, including completing world records and achieving top rankings in the Aqua Adrenaline tour as part of the MES Yamaha supported Race Team. His dedication and determination continue to drive him towards new heights in jet ski racing. **PR**





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As we rev up for the 2024 race season, it's crucial to get our game plan in order. Racing isn't just about speed; it's about strategy, skill, and the spirit to chase the checkered flag. Whether you're a seasoned racer or just starting your engines, here's everything you need to know to zoom past the competition and cross the finish line first.

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### 1. UNDERSTAND YOUR MACHINE

**Know Your Ride:** Familiarize yourself with every aspect of your racing vehicle, whether it's a car, bike, jet ski or kart. Understand its mechanics, strengths, and limitations.

**Regular Maintenance:** Keep your vehicle in peak condition with regular check-ups and maintenance. A well-oiled machine is the first step to victory.

### 2. PHYSICAL AND MENTAL FITNESS

**Stay Fit:** Racing demands both physical and mental stamina. Regular exercise, including cardiovascular and strength training, is key.

**Mental Toughness:** Develop mental resilience through meditation, visualization techniques, and staying positive under pressure.

### 3. MASTER THE TRACKS

**Research the Circuit:** Study the tracks you'll be racing on. Knowing every turn, straight, and potential hazard is crucial.

**Practice Runs:** If possible, practice on the tracks. Familiarity breeds confidence and speed.

### 4. ENHANCE YOUR SKILLS

**Driver Education:** Take advanced driving courses to sharpen your skills. Learning from seasoned professionals can give you an edge.

#### Simulations and Video Games:

Utilize racing simulations and video games for practice. They're great for improving reaction time and understanding race dynamics.

### 5. SAFETY FIRST

**Invest in Safety Gear:** Helmets, suits, gloves, and proper footwear are non-negotiable. Your safety is paramount.

**Know the Rules:** Familiarize yourself with the racing rules and regulations. Adherence is not just about fairness but also about safety.

### 6. TEAMWORK AND SUPPORT

**Build a Support Team:** Behind every great racer is a supportive team. This includes mechanics, coaches, and even family members.

**Learn from Others:** Connect with fellow racers. Sharing experiences and tips can be invaluable.

### 7. NUTRITION AND HYDRATION

**Eat Right:** Maintain a balanced diet rich in nutrients that fuel your body for endurance.

**Stay Hydrated:** Proper hydration is crucial, especially on race days.

### 8. MENTAL PREPARATION

**Set Goals:** Have clear, achievable goals for each race and the season.

**Stay Focused:** On race day, keep your mind on the track and the task at hand.

### 9. EMBRACE THE COMMUNITY

**Join Racing Communities:** Engage with online forums, local clubs, and racing events to immerse yourself in the racing world.

**Be a Role Model:** Remember, as a GoFastGirl, you're an inspiration to many. Embrace that role proudly.

### 10. HAVE FUN!

Finally, enjoy the thrill of the race. Passion and enjoyment are the ultimate fuels for success.





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The 2024 Fizzle Racing HydroDrags Nationals/World Championships Presented by FuelTech was by far the best drags ever according to many racers and spectators. Sunset Cove Amphitheatre, Boca Raton, Florida was the dream location for racers with ample space, perfect flat water with no interruptions.

The Palm Beach Sports Commission and Sunset Cove staff ensured an unforgettable experience. We were even featured on Fox 29 WBTV during Pro Stock and Pro Spec Racing with awesome coverage! Other channels, including TRC, Calas World, and MVP Production, captured footage of the 2-day event.

Pro Stock kicked off strong with the WaveDek launchpad getting a last-minute makeover using the PortATree Pro Tree System vs the old traditional light system. Racers had to be sharp as reaction time was crucial to avoid redlighting. Sensors are placed around the launchpad and reflectors that trigger the new lighting system. Later this year, we'll add mid-course and finish line sensors to record MPH and catch close finishes.

#### PRO STOCK WINNERS:

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Luis Marine, Jr.
- 2<sup>ND</sup> Angelica Gonzalez-Caputo
- 3<sup>RD</sup> Lazaro Medina

#### PRO SPEC WINNERS:

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Luis Marine, Jr.
- 2<sup>ND</sup> Damian Garcia
- 3<sup>RD</sup> Tony Valdes

In Speed Ally riders compete for the World Record Pass between the various classes. Riders have just 10 minutes to make their fastest pass recorded by two official HydroDrags Garmins and a racer's personal Garmin GPS.

#### TOP SPEEDS 2024 SO FAR

- PRO SPEC: 106 MPH  
SUPERSTOCK: 117 MPH  
UNLIMITED: 142 MPH





Four boats competed in Speed Alley: CRT Racing had 2 skis in Unlimited but only running 135MPH both skis; BK Built brought out the World Record 142MPH ski with a different rider as Jose Luis Hernandez was unable to attend. BK decided last minute to put the boat in with Cuco from Cuco Performance and removing the nitrous bottle he set out to make a 141MPH pass within minutes of being on the water. BK Built still holds the 142MPH World Record on that ski and looking forward to the pass with nitrous in November.

Brian Kirchberger also known as BK Built earned the Sportsmanship Award for being such a team player. On top of his fine tuning and turning wrenches throughout the weekend, Brian voluntarily set up, broke down, maintained the new lighting system, helped with brackets, and kept a positive attitude in 100 degrees heat, thank you BK Built!

**SUPERSTOCK WINNERS:**

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Michel Lopez
- 2<sup>ND</sup> Carlito Del Valle
- 3<sup>RD</sup> Eddy Pineres

**UNLIMITED WINNERS:**

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The opening round of OCRDA's Aqua Adrenaline in Torquay UK, resulted in spectacular racing and two new 16-year-old riders joining the ranks of the hardy.

Torquay, better known as the English Riviera hosts some of the best watersports racing in the UK due to its unique positioning, great weather and the harbour wall which acts as dry pits for the boats and skis, and a great walkway and viewpoint for thousands of spectators.

16-year-old newcomer Owen Campbell took 3x 2<sup>nd</sup> place podium positions and win in his first weekend of racing in the J3 class, a race inspired by his dad Martin Campbell who races in J1. Owen, riding a Yamaha FX HO shared, "I only had 11 hours of training before my first race and training is so different than racing because I'm not being pushed, racing is really tough!"

Owen's dad Martin in the J1 class riding a supercharged Yamaha took it slightly easier than he is known for racing 3 out of the 4 races giving him a 6<sup>th</sup> overall in this first event. Martin is the current XCat Powerboat World Champion alongside Scott Williams, and these 120mph catamarans are shipped all over the world with Martin telling me, he is playing safe to avoid injuries giving the best chance of retaining their title heading into the 2<sup>nd</sup> round in Italy.

Daniel Fellows another 16-year-old in his first race of his career in J3 pipped Owen to the post on points taking 3x 1<sup>st</sup> place podiums and a single 2<sup>nd</sup>. Daniel's dad Andrew Fellows races in J1 just pipping Martin Campbell to the post putting him 5<sup>th</sup> overall.

These aren't the only father and son duos. In J2 we have Bobby Pidsley finishing the first round of the OCRDA Aqua Adrenaline championship in 3<sup>rd</sup> position and his dad Steven Pidsley in the same class in 7<sup>th</sup> after being unable to race the final 2 events. We are keeping it in the family here in the UK!

David Huddleston in J1 is at the top of the leader board on his supercharged Yamaha, Tim Batte in J2 won all 4 heats giving him a strong lead going into the next round at the Hanseatic Festival of Watersport, and 16-year-old Daniel Fellows holding the lead in J3 just above Owen Campbell who certainly won't be holding back going into round 2. **PR**



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Carolina Surf Squad Celebrates LOVE AND FREERIDE FUN



By: Niki Turner

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The Carolina Surf Squad, a core group of jet ski riders along the North Carolina coast, is more than just a collection of enthusiasts — it's a family. This year, the group celebrated a significant milestone as the founders, Josh and Mel Derham, were married! This joyous occasion, affectionately referred to as SwampWedding, took place on a beautiful property along the brackish river near Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Thanks to the generous hospitality of CSS members Caleb and Lacey Armstrong, and their neighbors, the event was a spectacular success.

Surrounded by family, friends, and many Carolina Surf Squad members, Josh and Mel were pronounced husband and wife by officiant Caleb Armstrong, a fellow CSS member. The entire weekend was a blast, featuring a California Freestyle Phantom-flipping groom, a Tigercraft SV1-riding bride, a midnight boating bachelorette party, a motorcycle burnout bachelor party, a TrillJet transformed into the most epic cooler for refreshments, plus a surprise Jell-O shot girl and Beer bearer! Once the freeride were complete, a 2-stroke fueled freeride called SwampFest kicked off with late-night stunt shows, pool lounging, boat wake jumping sessions, OneWheel riding, and SuperChicken races. Festivities lasted four days to ensure ample time to celebrate our amazing jet ski community!







The Carolina Surf Squad isn't just welcoming a new marriage; they're also introducing the next generation of riders. Several members' babies attended their first freerides at only a few months old, adding a new layer of excitement and continuity to the group's gatherings. These events are not just about adrenaline and stunts; they are a celebration of camaraderie, passion, and a shared love for the sport.

In addition to SwampFest, the Carolina Surf Squad also hosts an annual Topsail Freeride event at Topsail Beach, North Carolina. This year's event was enjoyed by all, with many spectators watching from the fishing pier of the Seaview Motel as aerial feats were performed. Sporadic weather made for challenging surf conditions, but the Squad does not shy away from less-than-ideal conditions. They launched off any waves they could find and landed many epic tricks. Special thanks to Stephen Lundy of SNL Industries for organizing this event.

*The enthusiasm and dedication of the Carolina Surf Squad are infectious. Their collective spirit and support ensure that each event is not only about showcasing skills but also about celebrating the shared joy and excitement that come with riding the waves of life together. PR*



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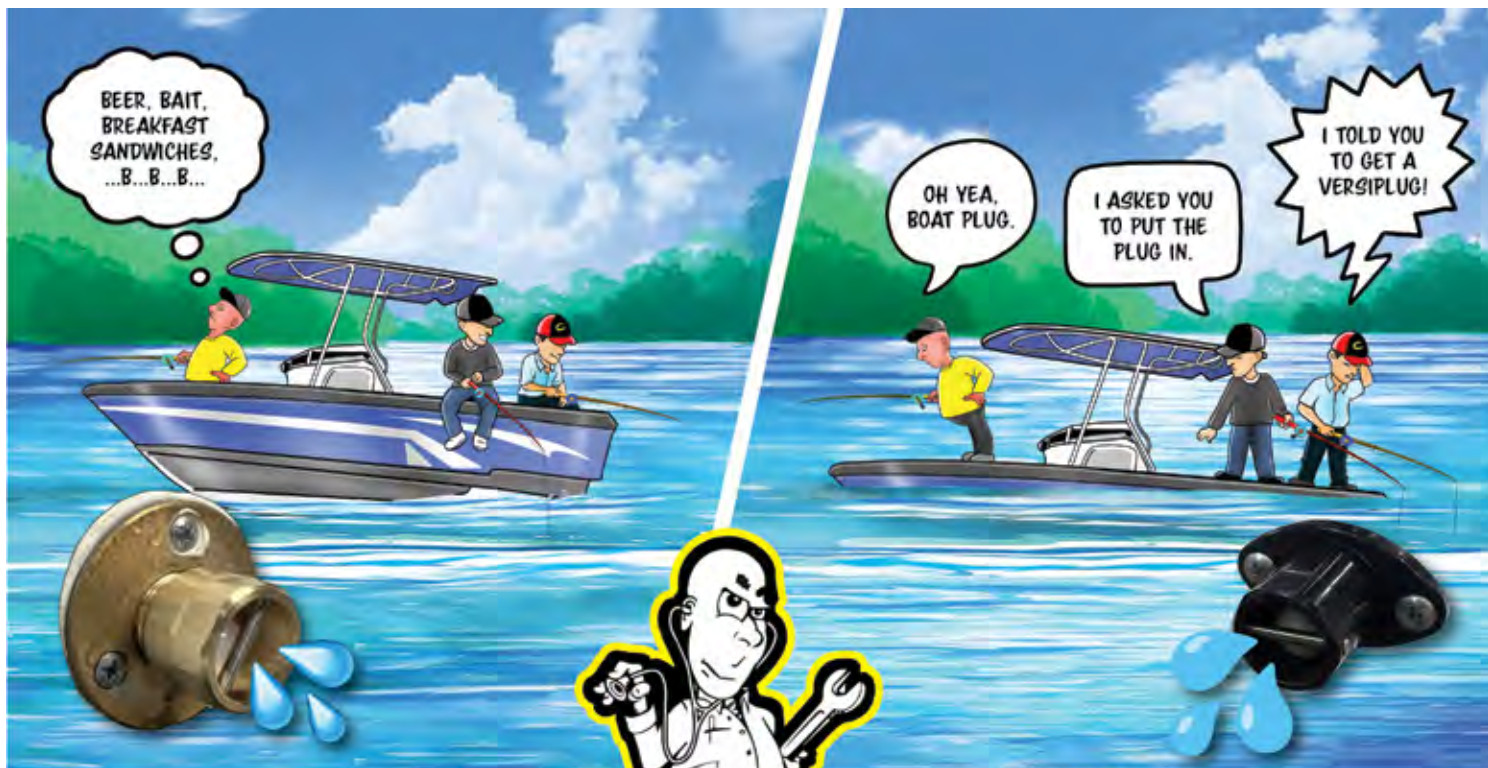
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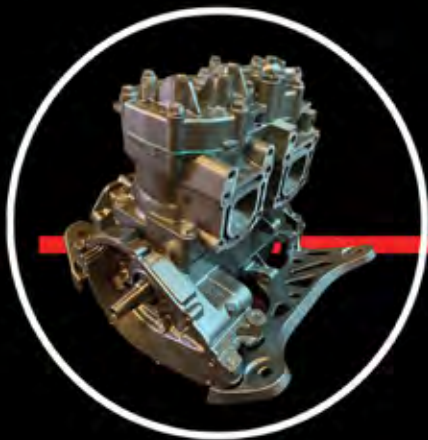


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Story and photos: Juan Carlos Lizarralde







**J**uan Carlos Lizarralde, originally from Caracas, Venezuela, lived in South Florida for ten years before moving to the Lake Norman area of Charlotte, NC, nine years ago. An avid outdoor enthusiast, he enjoys scuba diving, kayaking, fishing, boating, and jet skiing. Although he always wanted a motorcycle, he finds jet skiing offers a similar thrill. Last year, he purchased a 2023 Sea-Doo GTX 230, which he considers his best investment, despite wishing he had opted for the 300 model. Early Sunday rides on Lake Norman, with smooth waters and exhilarating speeds, are his favorite.

Founded in 2019, the LKN Jet Ski Club brings together passionate jet skiers for group rides on Lake Norman every Sunday morning. Members enjoy racing, exploring nature, and discussing their love for jet skiing. After a thrilling morning on the lake, the fun continues over lunch at a lakeside restaurant. Our diverse group includes both casual cruisers and professional competitors, making everyone feel welcome.

Lake Norman serves as our year-round playground, but from June through September, we organize rides to nearby lakes Jocassee, Hickory, James, High Rock, and Wylie for new adventures.

A particularly memorable event is the annual Dam2Dam Charity Ride, though it is not an LKN Jet Ski Club ride. Last year, over 80 riders journeyed from South Dam (Cowans Ford) to North Dam (Lookout Shoals) and back to Jet Ski Island, raising funds for scholarships and community projects. It's an unforgettable event that combines our love for jet skiing with giving back to the community. **PR**





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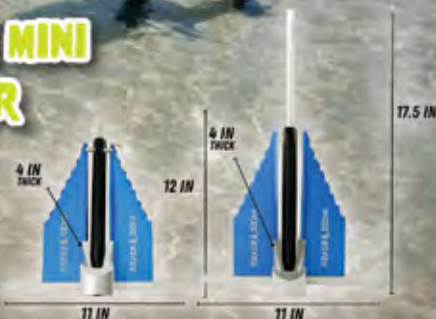
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## FEMALE POWERED EXPEDITION:

### Nauti Girl Crew's Epic Jet Ski Adventure in Key Largo

By: Renee Hill, Founder Nauti Girl Crew | Photos: Renee Hill; Gia Goetschel

The sun-kissed waters of Key Largo, Florida, played host to an unforgettable event on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Nauti Girl Crew, a spirited group of female jet ski enthusiasts, embarked on a thrilling trip that combined adrenaline, sisterhood, and the sheer beauty of the Florida Keys. Key Largo, known as the "Diving Capital of the World," is a slice of paradise nestled in the Florida Keys. Its crystal-clear waters, vibrant coral reefs, and lush mangroves create a backdrop that's both awe-inspiring and invigorating.

#### SETTING SAIL WITH THE NAUTI GIRL CREW

The Nauti Girl Crew, a tight-knit community of women passionate about jet skiing, organized this special ride to celebrate the freedom of the open sea, the thrill of the throttle, and the camaraderie that comes from sharing such exhilarating experiences. As the sun peeked over the horizon, the ladies revved their engines, ready to explore the turquoise playground that awaited them.

#### EMPOWERING WOMEN, ONE WAVE AT A TIME

The ride wasn't just about adrenaline; it was about empowerment. These women shared more than a love for jet skis — they shared stories, dreams, and a fierce determination to break barriers. As they sliced through the waves, they bonded over their shared passion, proving that women can conquer any challenge when they ride together.

#### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S RIDE DAY

May 4<sup>th</sup> held extra significance as it was International Women's Ride Day, a global celebration of women in jet ski sports.

The ladies wore their pride like badges, knowing they were part of a movement that encourages women to embrace jet skiing and jet ski adventures.

#### LUZ LEVINE: THE LOCAL LEADER

Leading the charge was Luz Levine, a local legend and seasoned jet ski rider. Luz guided the crew through hidden coves, secret channels, and breathtaking vistas. Her knowledge of the area was unmatched, and her passion contagious. She embodied the spirit of Key Largo — a fierce love for the water and an unwavering commitment to adventure.

#### THE ITINERARY: A THRILLING JOURNEY

##### DAY ONE: Conquering Rough Seas, Feeding Tarpons and visiting Toilet Seat Cut

The Nauti Girl Crew set off towards the iconic Alligator Lighthouse, a 136 foot tall lighthouse built in 1873 to warn ships of nearby shallow reefs and named after the USS Alligator that ran aground there in 1822.

The seas were rough, but their determination was unyielding. They battled the waves, but once they arrived their laughter and excitement echoed against the salt air. They docked at Robbie's, a legendary spot where massive tarpons eat right out of your hands.

On the return the ladies stopped at 'Toilet Seat Cut' at mile marker 80 in a narrow channel in Islamorada to see the newly installed seat the NGC admins installed. Toilet Seat Cut was originally carved by architect Vernon D. Lamp. This shortcut allowed boats to bypass a longer route. After Hurricane Donna in 1960,

Lamp discovered a toilet seat hanging from one of the channel markers. He turned it into a quirky tradition, and now approximately 250 decorated toilet seats mark the way, each with its own unique story and now Nauti Girl Crew has been added to that story.

##### DAY TWO: Racing Mangroves and Island Vibes

Day two brought mangrove-lined channels. The ladies raced through twisting waterways, their jet skis dancing between roots and branches. But the real treat awaited them at Islamorada Sandbar—a lively oasis where music is constant and the dance vibe goes all day. They anchored, toes in the sand, savoring the famous Pincho Barge's delectable eats—a floating restaurant with a view that stole their breath away.

##### SUNSET BBQ: A PERFECT ENDING

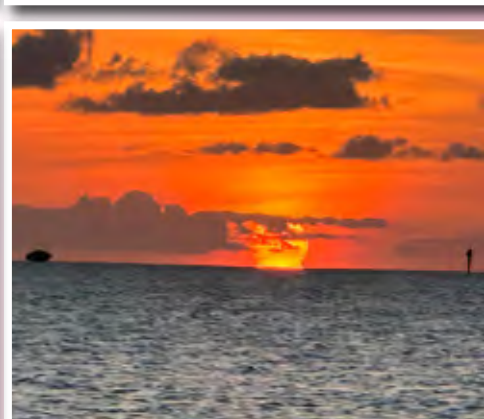
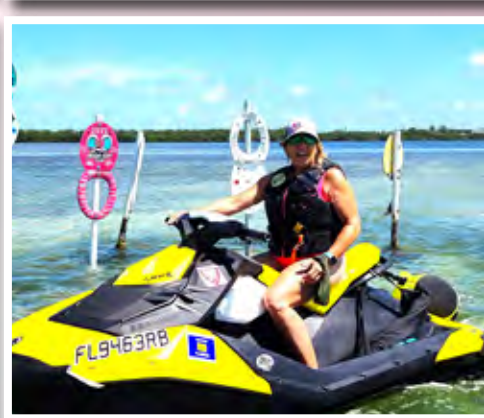
As the sun dipped low, casting hues of orange and pink across the horizon, the Nauti Girl Crew gathered for a nightly sunset BBQ. They swapped stories, danced, and laughed until the stars appeared. The bond forged during those two days was unbreakable — a sisterhood of saltwater and adventure. The ladies enjoyed giveaways by Sandshark Anchors that added to the excitement of the night.

As the sun dipped below the waves, the Nauti Girl Crew toasted to their unforgettable ride. They knew that Key Largo had etched itself into their hearts forever — a place where women roared across the water, celebrating freedom, friendship, and the sheer joy of being alive. **PR**





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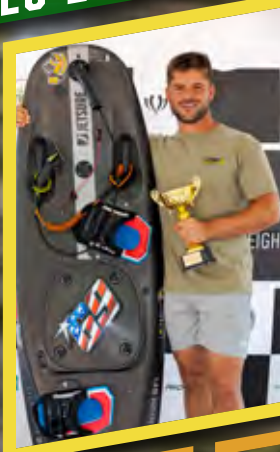
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The scenic city of Keystone Heights, Florida, played host to an exhilarating start to the MotoSurf Games season from May 10–12, 2024. The event drew 30 of the best motosurf riders from across the American continent, vying for the first trophies of the year. Competitors hailed from six countries, including the USA, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, and South Africa, showcasing skills in four categories: Elite, Women, Hobby, and Juniors.

In the Junior class, a gripping battle unfolded between the Sawangwan brothers, Ryder and Niko. The elder, Ryder, emerged victorious, securing his win with a stellar performance. Niko, demonstrating remarkable potential, finished second, marking his first podium finish in the MotoSurf Games. Lukas Viollete from JETSURF Orlando completed the podium in third. Ryder's impressive weekend didn't end there, as he also competed in the Hobby class, racing against adults for the first time. His exceptional skill and a bit of luck saw him clinch his second victory of the weekend, making a memorable debut in the Men's class.

Sebastian Squire, the sole representative from South Africa, entered the race as reigning champion and favorite. However, a dramatic fall in the final lap cost him the victory, leaving him to settle for second. David Wilson, United States, secured third showcasing the intense competition and skill among Hobby class riders.

The Women's category featured a thrilling contest between riders from the United States and Canada. Rebecca Smith, a first-time racer and mother of Junior class competitor Jordan Smith, claimed third place, earning her maiden podium finish.

Anna Burk, the youngest competitor in the Women's class and a former Juniors class winner, secured second with an impressive performance. The top spot went to Canada's Reanna Deveau, the most experienced rider on the grid, who is currently preparing for the next World Championship race in Sweden.

The Elite category, the fastest and most fiercely contested, lived up to its reputation. Antony Squire from the United States continued his dominance with a fifth consecutive MotoSurf Games victory. Mark Andrews from Canada delivered a great ride to secure second. Meanwhile, Juan Pablo de Urquidi from Mexico faced a challenging race day, with penalties for missed buoys pushing him to fourth, opening the door for Tyler Chenault, who capitalized on the opportunity to achieve his first podium finish in the Elite class.

The Keystone Heights MotoSurf Games was more than just a competition; it was a celebration of community, sportsmanship, and the forging of new friendships. The event was made possible thanks to the generous support of Clay County, the city of Keystone Heights, Airstream Ventures, JETSURF USA, and Epic Ride. Their contributions were instrumental in creating a weekend of fun, adrenaline, and memorable racing moments.

*Congratulations to all the riders for their outstanding performances and for upholding the spirit of clean and competitive racing! The MotoSurf Games in Keystone Heights set a high standard for the season ahead, promising more excitement and thrilling action in the races to come. PR*



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Story and photos: P1AquaX

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The AquaX Celebrity Challenge was born with an invitation sent out to Monster Energy athletes to attempt to conquer the seemingly easy PWC Endurance racing that is AquaX. Six athletes accepted the challenge from various disciplines, including Bull rider, Chase Outlaw, Offroad racer Dustin Jones, Offshore Powerboat racer, Tyler Miller, offroad racer, Casey Currie, BMX rider, Ben Wallace and FMX rider, Keith Sayers.

The Challenge consisted of two 15 minute races on a shortened AquaX course and the 6 Monster Energy riders racing against each other. The smack talk prior to the first race was quickly silenced as athletes experienced their first race. "It is harder than it looks but so much fun!" stated Miller.



The overall winner for the Celebrity Challenge was Dustin "Battle Axe" Jones followed by Chase Outlaw and Keith Sayers. Much thanks to Monster Energy team, Farthing Racing and Yamaha for supporting this challenge!

After the dust settled, the AquaX Pros and Ams went to war in their respective classes. Racing was exciting even though Atlantic was not as wild as it normally is. Farthing Racing reigned triumphant with Dustin taking the overall win with Deven Farthing and Tory Snyder coming in third.

AM classes were full of talent going into the season. AM 300 class was won by New Zealander and newcomer to AquaX, Noah Skippis, followed by Moroccan Khalil Seddini and USA rider Ian Smith.

Cooper Caldwell, a newcomer to AquaX, won the AM 200 Class, followed by Kayden Baldwin and seasoned veteran Enrique Chia.





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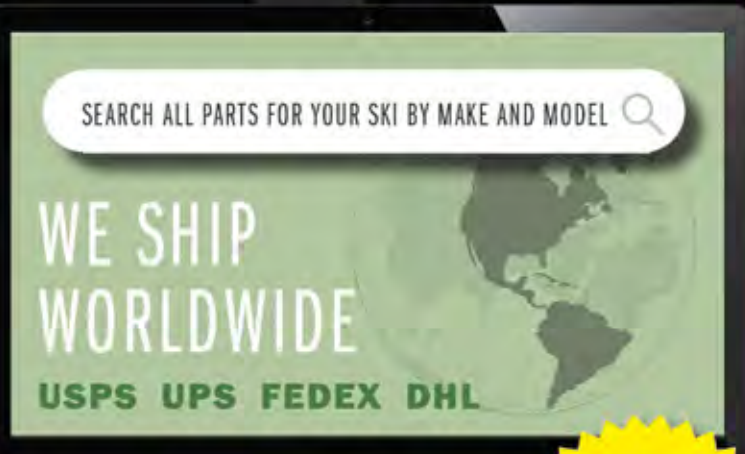
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**SKI:**  
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**RIDING:** Recreation & training to race | **RACE#:** 94

**FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION:**  
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**MEMORABLE WATER MOMENT:**  
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# ARIAH CABRERA

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**SKI:**  
2s Superjet & 4s Superjet

**RIDING:** Racer | **RACE #:** 595

**FAVORITE RIDING LOCATION:**  
Sylvan Beach NY, and Lake Havasu City although I've only been once so far

**MEMORABLE WATER MOMENT:**  
Winning my first Pro-Am Ski Lites moto, and riding/racing with my dad.

**LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS:**  
Racing Junior Classes at the World Finals, and racing and being competitive in regional Pro-Am Ski Lites; multi-time New England karate champion, middle school soccer, and middle school soccer and track & field, and honor roll student.

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