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Rickter RRP has returned to hull production after a temporary pause, aiming to meet demand and reestablish its place in the industry. Founder Rick Roy explains the reasons behind halt, challenges they faced, and upgrades planned for their 2025 lineup.

PRO RIDER: Please tell us about the journey leading to Rickter RRP's decision to return to hull production.

RICK ROY: Our return to hull production comes from a strong commitment to the Rickter owners, team, distributors, dealers, customers, sport and industry. After a temporary halt, we were driven by the demand from everyone who missed the Rickter quality and performance. Acknowledging this legacy, we aimed to relaunch with the same standards and passion that have defined Rickter over the years.

PR: What circumstances led to the temporary pause in hull production?

RR: The production pause was a result of serious management issues with a former partner in Thailand, where our relationship deteriorated to the point of losing control over production and finances. Our ex-partner collaborated with an ex-Rickter distributor to release a product resembling ours, made with original Rickter designs using former Rickter factory employees. Many customers mistakenly thought this was Rickter rebranded, but we are not associated with them.

This challenging period allowed us to refocus on our commitment to quality and performance. We addressed the previous partner's internal issues and strengthened our processes. We restarted production with a new factory partner in Thailand. The Rickter name is built on quality and performance, and we're here to stay.

PR: How is Rickter planning its comeback?

RR: For our product re-launch, we made these Rickters our priority: Rickter Edge (freeride), Rickter XFS Ninja Competition G2 (freestyle) and Rickter Ninja Pro V2 (freestyle), each model upgraded for 2025 with enhanced manufacturing and construction, featuring all-new graphics. This includes the XFS Ninja Competition G2 and Ninja Pro V2 now available in full carbon with visual outside carbon styles: 420 or Hexagon Carbon finish.

These key models are available now with the rest of the Rickter lineup on the way.

RICKTER



RICKTER RETURNS

We've lowered retail costs while raising quality standards. Additionally, we are building an inventory in 2025 for both the U.S. and Thailand to reduce delivery times.

Rickter will be offering custom units for specific rider needs as part of the new business plan.

Our 2024 launch at the IJSBA World Finals received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the community, inspiring us as we move forward.

PR: Have RRP products been affected by this situation?

RR: Despite recent challenges, the RRP side of our business has remained strong. We continue providing top-quality products to distributors and clients and are developing new offerings for 2025.

PR: Looking ahead, what are your goals for Rickter RRP in 2025 and beyond? Any exciting projects fans and customers should watch for?

RR: Looking ahead our goals include expanding the Rickter brand's reach and innovating hull design/functionality. Our legendary design team, Rick Roy and Hiroyuki Ogino (Ninja) is working tirelessly to expand our designs and product line. Also, the 2025 sponsorship program is here to support both pro and amateur riders, and we're committed to continuing this effort. Riders and fans can follow us on our website and social media as we build new partnerships and improve global availability.

We'd like to recognize RRP riders Jeremy Poret, Raphael Maurin, Estelle Poret, Valentin Dardillat, Matteo Benini, Mike Klippenstein and Coy Curtis for their achievements.

We congratulate Rickter riders who competed at the IJSBA 2024 World Finals, Rickter Ambassador Mark Gomez and Pro Riders Chris Anyzeski, Jason Wright, Brad Turnbloom and Taylor Von Fossen. Our Amateur Freestyle riders, Jack Dubois and Anthony Vitnell, truly reflect the Rickter spirit, and we're proud to support them. A huge thank you also goes out to Hiro (Ninja), our team manager, for his commitment and leadership. With our 2025 sponsorship program, we're committed to helping riders reach new levels.



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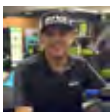
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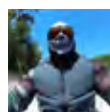
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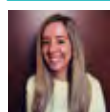
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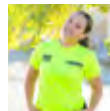
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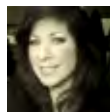
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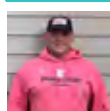
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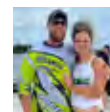
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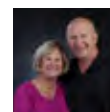
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The November-December 2024 cover showcases the expert work of rising sports photographer Cliff Cassel of Cassel Creation. Capturing Torrent-sponsored rider Parker Scholand mid-routine at the IJSBA SBT World Finals, the image highlights the focus, intensity, and skill that earned Scholand the Amateur Freestyle World Title. At 29, the New York native began competing freestyle in 2022 and already boasts an impressive collection of trophies.



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Greetings from the "Danger Zone"!

Welcome to the final issue of 2024, a year that has been filled with excitement, achievement, and innovation from across the globe in the world of personal watercraft.

This year, I was fortunate to travel to four countries on jet ski related business. This sport has taken me around the world, and I urge anyone reading this to truly go out, chase and live your dreams. To think of the opportunities that have transpired through jet skiing alone is unfathomable as many others who have experienced the same will agree.

My family and I are now calling Dubai, UAE home for the next year or so as I am working on a new stunt show, "Cyber City Danger Zone" produced by longtime friend, and OG jet skier, Medhy Menad of Showtime Entertainment Productions at the highly acclaimed international theme park, Global Village. The show features thrilling acts of precision driving, stunt biking, FMX, high diving, stunt fighting, jet skiing and more by athletes from England, France, Russia, Germany, Italy, Ukraine, Canada, and USA. I get to enjoy jumping ramps, being lit on fire, and back flipping to avoid tank fire every night for a sold-out audience. It is a true honor to work alongside such amazing, talented, and diverse professional athletes. The Danger Zone stunt team are like family and are among some of the hardest working people I know.

We are excited to be releasing new Pro Rider garments for the upcoming holiday season and into 2025. Be sure to follow the Pro Rider social media accounts @pridermagazine and @pridermag for updates. As always, the entire Pro Rider team and I are grateful for the continued support from our amazing advertisers, contributors, and subscribers. Please consider shopping with our advertisers and those who support the industry for all your PWC related purchases.

From the entire Pro Rider family, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season and happy new year! "Yalla"! **PR**

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Michael Ratti and the Pro Rider Team

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Congratulations to long time Pro Rider Magazine subscriber Jon Kost, Winnipeg, Canada winner of the Sep-Oct 2024 Photo Contest sponsored by Hydro-Turf! Jon, with son and daughter Jake and Kari have mastered the art of family bonding. Also pictured is Kari Kost and cousin Jack Champagne in Manitoba, cruising around the ruins of a hydro dam built in 1906, the first hydro-electric dam providing electricity to Winnipeg. Closed in 1951 it is now Pinawa Dam Provincial Heritage Park, a popular boating destination.



Jon will receive a Hydro-Turf PWC mat sheet and an official Hydro-Turf t-shirt.



JOHN HAVELL IN ACTION

After Hurricane Helene left Longboat Key, Florida cut off and powerless, John Havell, owner of Action Kawasaki Yamaha Sea-Doo, loaded a generator onto his WaveRunner and delivered it to his stranded relatives. Shortly after, Havell was named the 2024 Sea-Doo District Dealer of the Year — a fitting tribute to his dedication and resourcefulness.



FROM WATERCRAFT TO PRO SPORTS: CORY EADS SIGNS WITH CAL SPORT MEDIA



Congratulations to Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine contributing photographer Cory Eads on his exciting new role with Cal Sport Media! Cory recently signed on as an official photographer and photojournalist, where he'll be covering major pro sports, including the MLB, NBA, NHL, and PGA. His exceptional talent behind the lens has taken him to new heights, and we can't wait to see his work showcased across these leagues. Congrats, Cory!



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The Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine family sends deepest condolences to Pro Photographer Kenny Wong, our longtime friend and talented photographer, on the recent passing of his mother. Kenny, we are heartbroken for you during this difficult time and hold you and Brandon in our thoughts. May the memories of your mom bring you comfort and peace in the days ahead.



GET READY FOR DAYTONA TORRENT PUMPS FREERIDE 2025 NEW DATE!

Daytona Torrent Pumps Freeride 2025, the largest jetski freeride in the world with hundreds of riders and thousands of attendees, is just around the corner! Now in its 20th year, the event will again take place on the beautiful sandy beaches of Daytona, Florida behind the Hard Rock Hotel. Riders, families, vendors, spectators will take over a mile stretch of beach for 4 days April 3–6, 2025. Registration fees and all donations will support cancer research at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Volusia County Junior Lifeguard Program. For details follow on Facebook 2025 Daytona Freeride and Daytona Freeride/Jet Ski Event.



FLOATING PARKING SPACES EXPAND PWC ACCESS

Submitted by: Mike Missak, Nielsen Enterprises, Co-Founder PWC Chain Gang

When I first bought my PWC, I immediately noticed a major gap on the Chain of Lakes in northern Illinois — safe parking spots for personal watercraft were scarce. With 15 lakes and 500 miles of shoreline, it was surprising how few places were accessible for PWC riders. That's when the vision for change took hold. Thanks to the incredible support and funding from Nielsen Enterprises and the PWC Chain Gang, that vision came to life. Today, we have over 35 Wave Armor floating parking spots at various establishments, with new ones added every year. Business owners love the boost in traffic, and even more exciting people are buying PWCs knowing they'll have convenient places to park. It has been such a success that we just ordered

16 more! Huge thanks to Nielsen Enterprises and Yamaha for making this dream a reality!

**Are you a business owner on the Chain of Lakes in Northern IL looking to become PWC-friendly? Contact Mike at mikem@nielsen.com to learn more about this program.*



REVVING UP SHOW AND TELL

Submitted by: Andrea Gotsch

When my 12-year-old son, Colton, a 7th grader from rural Waterman, Illinois, talks to classmates about racing jet skis, they have no idea what he's talking about! For show and tell, he wanted to do something different since most kids were bringing farm animals — he hoped to inspire them to get into the sport we absolutely love. Colton has been training and racing for one season. His dad, Justin Gotsch, races in Veterans Rec Lites and 1100 Stock and is very skilled. Younger brother, Levi, 10, just started racing in Junior Rec Lites after seeing how much fun dad and big brother were having. We bought Colton a Kawasaki SXR800, and he began racing in the Great Lakes Watercross Series in Junior Ski Lites.

His classmates, very impressed by his jet ski, asked tons of questions, "Where do you sit?" "How do you drive it?" "How do you stand up without falling over?"

Colton provided detailed instruction and showed them his safety gear and explained what's needed to race safely.

Colton loves training with his dad and brother at the Great Lakes Watercross training site in Rockford, IL. He loves speeding around the buoys and racing his brother. One of his favorite memories is watching and training with world champion Dustin Voss, who taught Colton how to lean and where to move his feet when cornering so he doesn't fall off.



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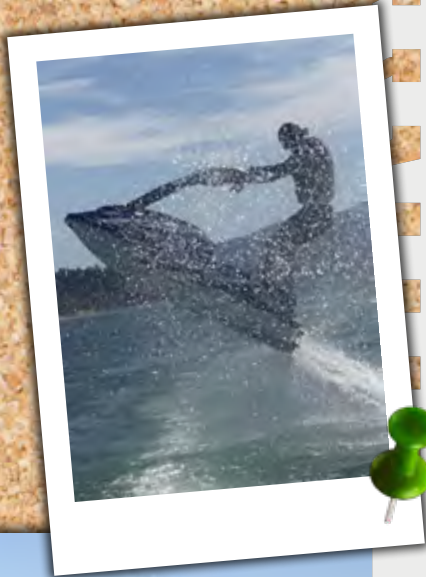
My love for personal watercraft started the moment I saw one in that classic Sunkist commercial with "Good Vibrations" playing in the background. I was sold! The only problem? I was only about 10 years old, so owning one was out of the question. My parents had a wet bike, though, and made sure I could slalom ski before I was even out of the house.

Since 2001, I've been raising a family and running a flooring business with my amazing wife, Tiffany. It wasn't until 2009 I finally got my hands on a new Superjet — and then another shortly after, with one thing in mind: I was going to submarine this thing, and once I did, I felt like my life was complete. Hitting that submarine, I thought I'd really done something!

After 38 years in the flooring business, I've taken a step back and decided to pursue a new journey: becoming a jet ski racer. I want to put the same effort into racing as I did into my business. See you all in 2025!

Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine keeps my fire for the sport alive — there's nothing quite like it to fuel my passion and keep me stoked! And, by the way, they have cool merch and great customer service.

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7 Lakes, One Epic Ride:



The Chain of Lakes in Northern Illinois buzzed with excitement as we kicked off the 7th annual PWC Chain Gang Loop the Lakes. Hundreds of PWC enthusiasts from all over the region joined to ride the waterway and enjoy camaraderie, and fun. For the first time in many

years, the weather cooperated perfectly, providing sunny skies and calm waters — ideal conditions for a memorable event.

The origins of this annual gathering trace back to a modest beginning when Mike Missak and Steven Nielsen (unrelated to Nielsen Enterprises) organized the first PWC ride. That inaugural event saw a humble turnout of 20 riders. Fast forward seven years, the event has grown exponentially in popularity, attracting hundreds of participants. Riders now travel from multiple states to be part of this unique experience, showcasing the event's growing reputation in the PWC community.

This ride isn't just about the thrill of riding across the lakes; it's about bringing people together. Riders of all ages, from the young to the young-at-heart, take part, and this year, we even had a four-legged friend join the adventure — a dog riding along, adding an extra fun element to the event.

The PWC Chain Gang's 7th Annual Loop the Lakes

\$5K raised for Fox Waterway Agency



By: Mike Missak,
Co-Founder PWC Chain Gang
Photos: Mike Missak;
Steve and Joan Alberts





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2024 Loop the Lakes highlights
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Representing Nielsen Enterprises from Lake Villa, IL, I led the ride, piloting a 2024 Yamaha 255X jet boat. The ride kicked off from the Backyard Grill & Marina in Johnsburg and took participants through a scenic route across seven lakes, looping back to where it all began, a 2 hour ride that showcases the natural beauty of the Chain of Lakes and offers something for every rider.

Thanks to the generous support of Nielsen Enterprises and Yamaha, every participant received a commemorative t-shirt, and the event featured several exciting raffles. But the event's impact extends beyond just a day of fun. This year, we are proud to announce we are donating \$5,000 to the Fox Waterway Agency. This donation will support their watershed program, contributing to ongoing efforts to improve water quality and maintain the health of our beloved waterway system. Every bit of support counts when it comes to preserving the natural beauty and ecological health of the Chain of Lakes. Follow the FWA's social media to see how you can help do your part.

As we look forward to next year's event, we encourage everyone to follow the PWC Chain Gang on Facebook to stay updated on future rides and events. And when it comes to all your powersport needs, consider Nielsen Enterprises — your leading Midwest powersport dealer where they have "A Ride For Every Rider!"

See you on the water next year! **PR**



Upgrading Your Engine to Support More Power - 101

All it takes is a few simple aftermarket “bolt-on” performance parts to easily improve acceleration and increase top speed without impacting the reliability of your watercraft. Many riders are more than satisfied with these lower levels of modification which require little or no internal engine upgrades. When you are seeking higher levels of performance, the amount of horsepower and torque produced can exceed the limitations of the original internal engine components. That’s where the technical expertise of aftermarket companies like RIVA Racing really shine. In addition to the layered levels of performance kits, we also offer more advanced components that focus on improving the reliability of your modified engine.



HIGH-PERFORMANCE VALVE GUIDES



HIGH-PERFORMANCE VALVE SEATS

Commonly referred to as Engine Internal Upgrades, these components reinforce the engine’s rotating assembly and cylinder head enabling it to support higher levels of power. Here are the typical items that are utilized to upgrade the internal parts on high performance engine builds.

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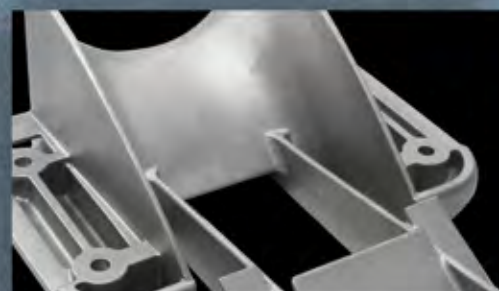
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2024 RECAP



ACTION SHOTS



Cooler weather has arrived, the perfect time to reflect on the second AJSA race season. First and foremost, we thank every racer, parent, spouse, sibling, holder, and pit crew who attended an AJSA sanctioned event in 2024. We loved hosting you at the Southern Summer Series, Blue Ridge Mountain Summer Series and Wild West Watercross race. Our group of promoters want to keep pushing the sport forward and work tirelessly behind the scenes to make it happen. Thank you to all involved in running AJSA events, we are proud to work alongside you! We also thank the many sponsors and cities who contributed throughout the year to make these events financially feasible!

The 2024 season kicked off in scenic Chattanooga, TN with a weekend of education, practice, big air competition, and time trials where everyone got track time before all three series commenced. The Southern Summer Series included an exciting new venue in Guntersville, AL, Guntersville knows racing, and they are now big fans of watercross!

Second stop of the Southern Summer Series took us back to Spindale, NC, for the season's most thrilling race. Under the lights and in true AJSA style, we celebrated Independence Day with an unforgettable night of racing and a dazzling fireworks show. This event will return annually, getting bigger and better each year!

The Southern Summer Series finished out in Chattanooga at Chester Frost Park, a favorite venue of racers. Sponsors provided prizes, including three brand new Fly Racing Helmets to winners of select classes!

The Blue Ridge Mountain Summer Series, designed to grow club level local racing, hosted three weekend events, Smith Mountain Lake, VA, Johnson City, TN and Pulaski County, VA. The last race of the season played host to Round 2 of the 1100 Limited Triple Crown, an exciting weekend with epic battles!

AJSA is proud to be working with another group of promoters, Wild West Watercross. Racing is alive and well in California! Wild West hosted three races this year and are on a trajectory for a successful 2025!

We're hard at work securing venues and sponsors for the 2025 race season! If you have a venue suggestion or sponsor lead, please reach out to brad@ajsaracing.com. Your input is important to us — after all, our motto is "Racing for Racers by Racers."

We're excited to keep growing the sport through races, freestyle events, clinics, freerides, and recreational rides. We can't wait to see you at an AJSA event next year — and don't forget to bring a friend!

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JET SKIS TO THE RESCUE

How Emergency Responders Are Using Jet Skis for Disaster Relief

By: Theresa Galdony, President Color America | Image: XtremeRiderz.com

Jet skis have evolved from recreational watercraft to critical life-saving tools. Increasingly, emergency responders are using them for disaster relief, especially during hurricanes and flooding. In addition, jet skis are indispensable for lifeguards in rip current-prone areas and for rescues in surf-heavy regions.

JET SKIS IN DISASTER RESPONSE

When Hurricanes Helene and Milton struck, bringing severe flooding, traditional rescue vehicles struggled to operate in debris-filled waters. Jet skis, with their speed and agility, became essential tools for emergency responders.

In both urban and rural areas affected by the storms, jet skis were used to evacuate stranded people, deliver supplies, and perform emergency medical evacuations. Their ability to maneuver in shallow, debris-ridden areas gave them an edge over larger boats and trucks. In Florida, responders found jet skis to be one of the only vehicles capable of moving through heavily flooded streets where larger boats couldn't operate. Quick to deploy and able to reach people in tight spaces, jet skis were vital in these time-sensitive rescues.

LIFEGUARDS AND RIP CURRENT RESCUES

Outside of disaster zones, jet skis play a crucial role in day-to-day lifeguard operations, especially in areas known for dangerous rip currents. Rip currents are responsible for numerous drownings each year, but lifeguards using jet skis can now respond to incidents faster than ever.

Jet skis allow lifeguards to reach swimmers in distress more quickly than traditional methods. They also enable rescues in rough waters where swimming alone might be too dangerous. Lifeguards use rescue sleds attached to the back of jet skis to pull victims from dangerous waters and bring them safely to shore. Their use in high-risk areas has saved countless lives, allowing for faster, safer rescues.

SURF RESCUE OPERATIONS

Jet skis are also used in surf rescue operations at popular surfing spots. Big-wave surf locations, such as Hawaii's North Shore and California's Mavericks, can produce dangerous conditions for surfers. When a wipeout occurs in massive waves, jet skis are often the fastest and safest way to reach a surfer in distress.

During large surf competitions and on high-surf days, rescue teams on jet skis patrol the waters, ready to intervene. These personal watercraft allow responders to navigate through treacherous surf and pull downed surfers to safety using attached rescue sleds. Jet skis have become standard equipment for ensuring the safety of surfers in extreme wave environments.

WHY JET SKIS ARE ESSENTIAL

Jet skis provide emergency responders with several key advantages. Their speed, agility, and ability to navigate tight, debris-filled spaces make them ideal for disaster scenarios where larger rescue vehicles may struggle. They can also be deployed quickly, making them perfect for time-critical situations.

In coastal environments, jet skis allow lifeguards and surf rescue teams to act fast in dangerous conditions. Their ability to handle rough waves and currents is invaluable for beach rescues, whether it's swimmers caught in rip currents or surfers wiped out by massive waves.

CONCLUSION

Jet skis have become indispensable tools in emergency response, far beyond their recreational origins. Whether deployed in disaster areas during hurricanes or as part of everyday beach lifeguard operations, these watercraft have proven their value as fast, flexible, and life-saving machines. As severe weather and surf conditions continue to pose challenges, jet skis are playing an increasingly important role in keeping people safe.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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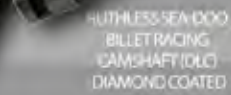
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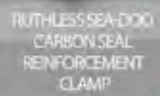
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The grand final of the UK Aqua Adrenaline Tour took place at West Bay, Dorset, in the roughest sea conditions of the season. Competitors weren't just battling each other, but also taking on the forces of nature.

All three classes — J1 300 Modified, J2 Stock 300, and J3 Naturally Aspirated — came down to the wire to decide the championships.

In J1, Gliddon Marine's Jordan Griffiths #75 entered the round 40 points ahead in P1, with NWS Marine's David Huddleston #70 close behind in P2. As the flag dropped, Huddleston took control, winning all three races and securing the overall J1 British Championship. "Challenging sea conditions, especially when it's down to the wire, make winning even more rewarding. Jordan gave me a good battle, but this was my race," said Huddleston.



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UK Aqua Adrenaline 2024 Tour Final

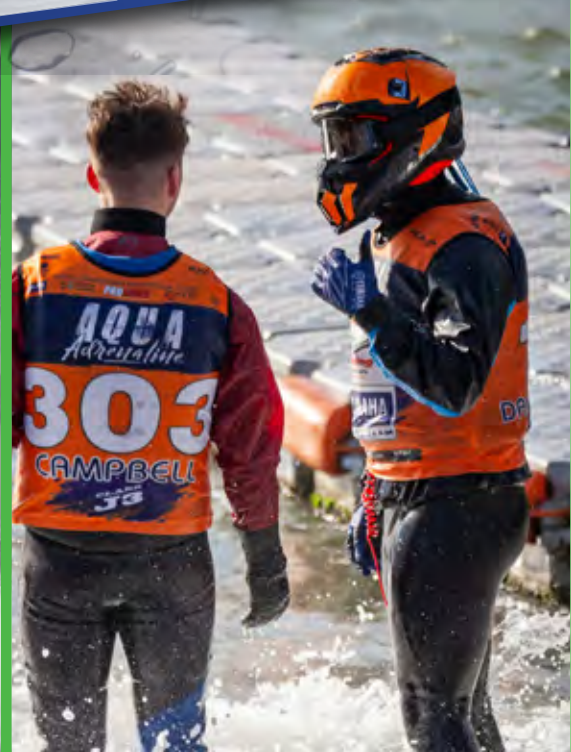
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In J2, Tim Batte #6, riding the only Kawasaki 310R, entered in P1 and thrived in the 2-meter swells. Gliddon Marine's Bob Pidsley #55 and NWS Marine's Rory Collingbourne #5 pushed their Yamahas to challenge him, but Batte held firm, winning all three races and claiming the J2 Stock 300 overall title.

For J3, MES Racing's Owen Campbell #303 came in 80 points ahead in P1, but his teammate Dan Fellows #16 and Sub3racing's Sammie Covington #89 had everything to fight for. Fellows, a skilled rough-water rider, swept all three races, clinching the J3 Naturally Aspirated championship. **PR**



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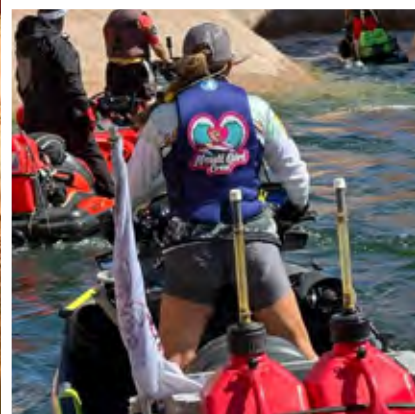


Gayle Fellows



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This event, organized annually by Lewis Lipstone, was my second opportunity traveling out west to visit the Lake Powell area. Because of the success and popularity of the first trip I invited members from Florida, New York, California, Illinois and Arizona. The furthest drove all the way from Canada.

Most of the NGC crew flew into Page, Arizona to start the adventure. Bob Reed reserved and secured our rental skis for the duration.

Our first get together as a group was a meet and greet at Lake Powell Resort. Dinner was followed by announcing trip sponsors and giveaways from: Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine, SandShark Anchors, NGC, WCWCC, Waves RX and Up Lake Adventures. The restaurant reserved a nice area to display sponsor banners and their PWC products. Giveaways were a huge success enjoyed by all!

Morning came early with a beautiful sunrise at the ramp, casting a classic Lake Powell silhouette. We launched and rode over 100 miles to Bullfrog Marina, where we had reserved slips and accommodations at the Defiance Hotel — our base camp for each day's riding.

Conditions on the first two days were challenging, with rough waters and winds of 15–25 mph. However, the excitement grew as we entered phenomenal canyons, creeks, canals, and caverns. The diverse landscape, with its array of tones and colors, was breathtaking. A true highlight was navigating the narrow, winding canyons with high cliffs on either side ending with a view of beautiful waterfalls.



Nauti Girl Crew at Lake Powell MULTI STATE WATER AND LAND ADVENTURE

Organized by Lewis Lipstone, West Coast Watercraft Club (WCWCC) in collaboration with Gia Goetschel, Nauti Girl Crew (NGC) from the East Coast and Bob Reed, Up Lake Adventures

By: Gia Goetschel, Co-Administrator NGC
Photos: Dana Callan, Gia Goetschel

Our final water day took us deeper into this amazing scenery, exploring more miles of spectacular scenery and waterways culminating with a relaxed lunch on a sandbar, surrounded by towering cliffs.

A total of 350 miles was ridden in 3 days with a total of 27 skis. Shout out to our waterways guide and leader Kevin Watchler.

The adventures continued with exciting land days, including ATV tours, dune surfing, hiking, and visits to Glen Canyon Dam, Horseshoe Bend, Bryce Canyon National Park, and a tour of Lower Antelope Canyon.

This was a bucket list trip for many in our group and I hope to coordinate future rides in the area. **PR**





Female Racing Teams: UNITY AND STRENGTH ON THE TRACK

In the fast-paced world of motorsports, speed and skill take center stage. Yet, one of the most powerful forces behind the success of racing teams is unity — especially in all-female teams. GoFastGirls celebrates the incredible women who break boundaries and defy stereotypes on the track. Let's explore the unique dynamics, challenges, and triumphs of some of these teams.

1. PINK THUNDER RACING TEAM

Founded in California in 2015, the Pink Thunder Racing Team exemplifies the power of unity. What began as a group of friends passionate about racing turned into a force to be reckoned with. Despite skepticism and obstacles, their bond helped them rise above. One of their standout achievements was finishing in the top ten at the prestigious Le Mans race.

2. SPEED SISTERS

The first all-female racing team in the Middle East, Speed Sisters has shattered stereotypes and barriers. Based in Palestine, they face not only the usual racing challenges but also cultural obstacles. Lead driver Noor Daoud emphasizes their strength: "Our bond is our strength," she says, a powerful message for women worldwide pursuing their dreams despite societal constraints.

3. IRON DAMES

Iron Dames is an all-female racing project supported by the FIA Women in Motorsport Commission. This European team comprises some of the best female drivers, engineers, and strategists in the industry that compete at the highest levels of motorsport. Their victory at the European Le Mans Series in 2020 was a historic moment.

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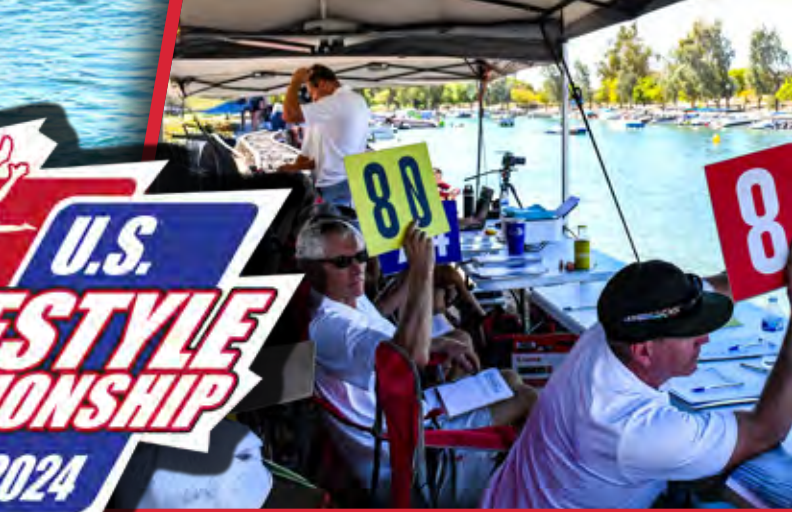
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US Freestyle Championship
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COMPETITION**

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The 2024 US Freestyle Championship Fall Round took place in October in Lake Havasu City, bringing together top freestyle jet ski riders from the USA and abroad. Set against the scenic backdrop of the iconic London Bridge on the Colorado River, the event showcased a thrilling mix of technical tricks, high-speed flips, and creative routines as competitors battled for the season's final points and the Jettrim Sickest Trick award.

Riders impressed the crowd with skill and daring maneuvers, pushing the limits of freestyle performance. The championship highlighted the growing popularity of freestyle jet skiing and set the stage for an exciting 2025 season. **PR**



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Submitted by: Tony Vo, President Jettribe

We are thrilled to mark a decade as the proud title sponsor of the Jettribe European Championship! It's hard to believe it's been ten years since that life-changing meeting with Peter DeSmet at the IJSBA World Finals in Lake Havasu City, AZ. A special thanks to Bart Segers, who introduced us, never knowing that moment would spark a lasting friendship and collaboration that has shaped our journey.

It all began in our humble 10x20 Jettribe booth at Lake Havasu. Soon after, Peter invited our key members to witness an offshore endurance race in Martinique. From the start, Peter stood out as a true leader, earning the respect of competitors worldwide. Over the past decade, we've shared countless experiences and watched the industry evolve at lightning speed.

From Austria to Morocco, Poland to Indonesia, and beyond, our journey has taken us across the globe: China, Vietnam, Russia, Laos, Australia, Thailand, and of course, Martinique. We've been honored to be part of it all, and the best is still yet to come.

Today, Peter DeSmet is recognized as one of the world's most experienced and respected event organizers, and we are so proud of all he has achieved. Our partnership has evolved into the WGP#1 Grand Prix, featuring three epic rounds: Warta, Poland, Lake Havasu City, AZ, and Pattaya, Thailand.

At Jettribe, our long-term success is built on staying humble, forging lifelong friendships, and building bridges that last. We are grateful to Peter and his incredible team for delivering world-class events year after year. Here's to another decade of friendship and partnership! **PR**






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Over a decade has passed since Jettribe first met **HYLIE ELLMERS**. She is a true Jettribe hero. Few in the sport can match Hylie's contributions, unwavering dedication, and strong values. She's left her mark on nearly every major watercraft event and race worldwide, offering guidance and support to teams, new riders, juniors, and fellow competitors alike. Many in the industry consider Hylie Ellmers and Les Cook to be royalty in the sport, a sentiment Jettribe wholeheartedly agrees with. To Jettribe, Hylie is more than a legend — she's a friend they deeply respect and admire. Hats off to Hylie Ellmers, a true Jettribe Hero!

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UIM ABP Aquabike European Championship Grand Prix of Vichy Concludes With Record-Breaking Success

The second round of the European Aquabike Championship in Vichy was a huge success, attracting a record 122 riders. Due to the high number of participants, Ski GP1 saw pre-qualifications with 24 competitors. The event also hosted the European Endurance Championship, featuring 16 riders in the strength and endurance category.

French racers Pierre-François Savelli #112 and François Medori #41, along with Estonia's Jasmiin Ypraus and Dane Oliver Koch Hansen, secured victories in Runabout GP2, Runabout GP1, Ski Ladies GP1, and Ski GP1, respectively.

Fresh off his European Endurance GP1 title, Medori entered the final race of the Grand Prix leading by eight points. Despite intense competition from Jérémy Perez #86 and a close battle for third between Lino Araújo #27 and Linus Lindberg #63, Medori secured the overall win with a third-place finish in Moto 3. Perez, the Moto 2 winner, finished second, and Lindberg took third on a tie-breaker.

In Ski GP1, Oliver Koch Hansen's Moto 2 win put him in pole position for the final heat, where he held off pressure from Quinten Bossche. Bossche #98 won Moto 3, but Koch Hansen's second-place finish was enough for the Grand Prix victory.



Estonia's Jasmiin Ypraus #64 won the Ski Ladies GP1 title after a close battle with Benedicte Drange #10, securing both the Grand Prix win and a lead in the European Championship. Pierre-François Savelli swept the Runabout GP2 Motos, increasing his lead in the European Championship.

In the European Endurance Championship, Serbian Slobodan Sobic #39 claimed the GP2 title, while Frenchman Pierre-Marie Vincentelli took the GP3 crown. Additional Grand Prix victories were claimed by Belgian Yoni Hamelin #99 (Ski GP3), Czech Petr Dryjak #11 (Runabout GP4), and Italy's Roberto Mariani, who triumphed in the Freestyle category.

Following the success of the first round in Hungary, Vichy further solidified the European Aquabike Championship's reputation. "The commitment and enthusiasm of our athletes, teams, and organizers have set a remarkable standard for this season," said Raimondo di San Germano, general manager of Aquabike Promotion. **PR**



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On the final day of the Grand Prix of Mira in Portugal, three French riders—Pierre-François Savelli, Valentin Dardillat, and Jérémy Perez—claimed European Championship titles in the Runabout GP2, Ski Division GP1, and Runabout GP1 categories, respectively. Daan Hoeke secured the Ski GP2 European title, with Marlon Tiik, Petr Dryjak, and Sofie Borgström winning their respective Grand Prix events. Veteran Roberto Mariani capped off the day with both a European title and Grand Prix victory in Freestyle.

SKI GP2: Although Daan Hoeke had already claimed the European Ski GP2 title, Estonia's Marlon Tiik stole the spotlight with a win in the Grand Prix. Tiik, starting from pole, built a commanding lead to take victory. Hoeke's second-place finish secured his championship, Matteo Valente took third in the European standings.

RUNABOUT GP2: Pierre-François Savelli entered the Runabout GP2 finale with a 12-point lead over pole-sitter Petr Dryjak. Although Dryjak clinched the Grand Prix win with a flawless ride, Savelli's second-place finish was enough to secure the European Championship. Tom Claerhout took third.

SKI LADIES GP1: Sofie Borgström of Sweden captured her first moto win of the weekend in Ski Ladies GP1, leading start to finish. Norway's Benedicte Drange, the newly crowned European champion, was docked a lap, giving Borgström the Grand Prix victory.

SKI DIVISION GP1: Valentin Dardillat confirmed his European Championship and Grand Prix victory in Ski GP1 with a calculated fourth-place finish. Felix Helgeson won the final moto, but it wasn't enough to unseat Dardillat from the top of the standings.

RUNABOUT GP1: Jérémy Perez dominated Runabout GP1 securing both the European title and Grand Prix win. The Frenchman finished the season with a commanding 13.67-second win, cementing his place as the European champion.

FREESTYLE: Roberto Mariani claimed the European Freestyle Championship showcasing his acrobatic prowess. Massimo Accumolo finished second. **PR**

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UIM AQUABIKE SAVELLI, DARDILLAT AND PEREZ CONFIRM EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES IN PORTUGAL

GRAND PRIX OF MIRA VICTORIES FOR TIIK, DRYJAK, BORGSTRÖM, DARDILLAT, PEREZ AND MARIANI





The SBT 43rd Annual IJSBA World Finals, held in conjunction with WGP#1 Round #2, took place in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, on the iconic grounds where legends compete with everything they have. Short Block Technologies (SBT), the title sponsor, had a popular booth in Vendor Alley, drawing crowds all weekend. For 43 years, this town has embraced the PWC racing community, and we are not the easiest group to host. Despite extreme heat (100°–110° all week), spirits remained high as 300 racers from 30 countries gathered, to race hard and reconnect with international friends.

Displaying 50 vendors, Performance Alley, considered the largest PWC trade show in the USA, included Shirt Werx the official IJSBA souvenir booth with Ronny B. Shawn Dudeck manned the East Coast Watercross Racing booth displaying awards and promoting their upcoming winter series in Florida. Other booths included Yamaha, Blowson, Jettribe, Greenhulk, Cometic, Fast Powersports, Arizona PWC Enthusiasts, Versiplug, Bomber, LiquiMoly and many more!



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Let's go racing! Beginning with Thursday, here is how it went down with the World Grand Prix Classes:

Expert Ski: 22 racers from 7 countries squared off. In moto 1, Tyler Ward grabbed the holeshot and did not look back going for the win ahead of Thailand's Arnon Hongklang and Belgium's Yoni Hamelin. Moto 2 also went to Tyler, he passed Arnon halfway through the race.

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By: Mike Young, *Pro Sports Announcer*
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Moto 3 was taken by American Jean Marie Garcia who was not in the overall point hunt, so the top riders were Hamelin 1st, Tyler Ward 2nd and Tanner Wright snuck into 3rd.

Pro-Am Runabout Super Stock: Dominated by international racers, Kasidit Teeraprateep of Thailand rode his way to the top spot overall, just ahead of Khalid Al Mohammadi of the UAE and Fahad Al-Reyes.

Pro-Am Runabout 1100 Stock: Anton Ignacio of the Philippines and Finn Sjöly of Colombia battled ahead of Germany's Nils Wittling. This is exactly the way they would finish 1st, 2nd and 3rd when the pump wash cleared!

Friday featured Pro Sport GP 2023 World Champion Simon Belcher from the UK, who battled against Guatemalan newcomer Ou Mouet Saly, and Thailand's Suphatat Footrakul. Belcher led start to finish in the first race; however, Saly passed Belcher for the win. The UK's Kyle Horton took the 3rd moto. Lennon Parkin from UK rode consistently and took 3rd overall. Saly rode to victory, and Belcher had to settle for 2nd.



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Pro-Am Runabout 1100 Open was a clash of talented champions: Suphathat Footrakul, Kasidit Teeraprateep, Louie Buhisan, and Ou Mouet Saly! However, Footrakul was perfect, winning all 3 motos ahead of Teeraprateep and Saly, respectively.

Pro-Am Ski Stock Class had 15 racers from 8 countries including the "Dynamic Duo" from Thailand, the Molee twins, Tanawid and Tanawin. Mattias Reinaas from Estonia was a huge threat to their efforts as he went 1-1-1 for a perfect score... but we haven't seen the last of the twins, as Tanawid took silver and Tanawin bronze.

Saturday racing commenced with Endurance Open featuring 23 pilots. Jean Bruno Pastorello, sponsored by Kawasaki, favored to win, did battle with the Sea-Doo Centre's Kylie Ellmers from New Zealand. Ellmers suffered a mechanical issue in the 1st moto, 28 minutes into the 30-minute race, giving Pastorello a huge advantage going into the final moto. Pastorello took the win, Brazil's Denisio Casarini 2nd, and Jay Finlinson of the 'Syracuse Mafia' 3rd.

Pro Runabout GP showcased the battle of the fastest PWCs in closed-course racing with Mohammed 'Skinny Mo'Burbayea, James 'Bushy' Bushell, and Dustin 'the King' Farthing, to name a few. Moto 2 Bushell, sponsored by 158Performance, took the victory, much to the delight of UK fans, including relatives Maggie & Harry, cheering in on the livestream.

Kuwait's Mohammad Albaaz, after red flagging in the 1st, ran behind Qatar's s Waleed Al-sharshani; both boats broke toward the end giving the win to Hungary's György Kasza.

Dustin Farthing sponsored by Monster Energy and Cabrera Motorsports, was 2nd followed by Mohammed Burbayea. The final moto was won by Burbayea, giving him the Overall Championship in front of Bushell, who had to switch boats for every race, and Farthing, aka "The King!"

The week was full of challenges, with highs and lows for everyone involved! Special thanks to WGP1 sponsors Amazing Thailand, Thai Airways, Sports Authority of Thailand, National Sports Development Fund, Freedom Racing, and Jettribe and USA sponsors SBT, RIVA Racing, Blowsion, Jettribe Racing, Anderson Powersports, Solas, RideNow Powersports, VP Racing Fuels, Hot Products, Go Lake Havasu, Yamaha, Kawasaki, and Sea-Doo.

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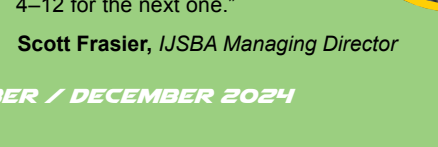
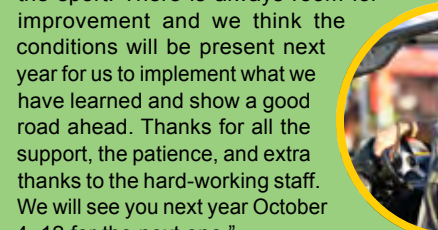
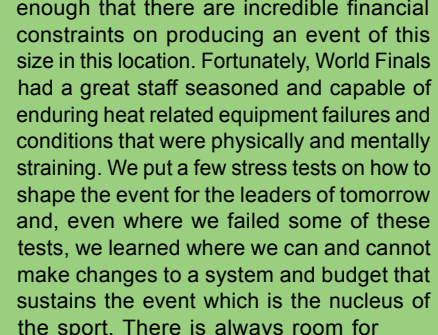
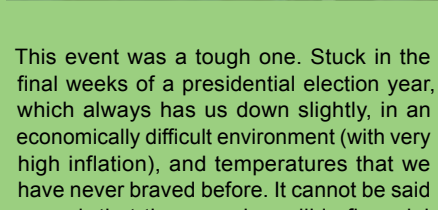
Congratulations to all racers, teams, and sponsors! **PR**



"Things got hot at IJSBA's 43rd World Finals brought to the world by Short Block Technologies and the WGP-1 World Series. We did not have any weekday where the temperature dropped below 105° and if it dropped below 100° during the weekend, it sure wasn't felt by anyone. This did not stop the event from producing exciting competition including the fastest ski racing the sport has seen to date. SBT brought enthusiasm and new technology inspiring visions of the future while providing the infrastructure for the current event to have what it needed to deliver for attendees.

The event started with IJSBA's annual youth program. This year showed the largest participation rate, ever, with 70 kids getting pointers on how to advance in the sport of Personal Watercraft Racing. Provocatively called the Young Guns, this year, perhaps invoking the romantic nostalgia of the Arizona western backdrop- not a stretch, after all, a town named after Wyatt Earp is just down the river and the organizers of the Young Guns organize in Texas and hail from Kansas. Indeed, NautiWater Racing promoted the 2024 Junior Nationals and were well prepared to handle the growing population of youth racers interested in doing their best at World Finals. Young Guns included course training, technical information, sportsmanship guidance, and more. During racing, the Junior 13-15 categories showed speeds expert level riders were achieving just a few years ago.

World Finals is part of a World Series called WGP-1. This series has three stops: Europe, USA, and Thailand. This series is a high points championship in the sense that World Finals is a single round, winner take all, world championship. After a soft start at Round 1 in Poland, World Finals significantly picked up participation- not quite as high as our normal year but a respectable turnout given the conditions both economic and environmental. The series will conclude at the annual Kings Cup in Pattaya City, Thailand a renowned tourist destination which has been famous for east to approach, affordability, comfortable beach environment and a very robust nightlife (for lack of a better way to describe it in this publication). WGP-1 also handles the live streaming of World Finals and offers production quality not normally available to others. It has been a good pairing with racers building up for a grand finale of big celebrations, giant payouts, and all the glitter and gold racers dream for.

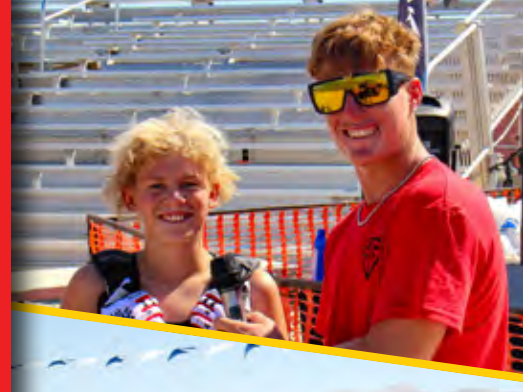


This event was a tough one. Stuck in the final weeks of a presidential election year, which always has us down slightly, in an economically difficult environment (with very high inflation), and temperatures that we have never braved before. It cannot be said enough that there are incredible financial constraints on producing an event of this size in this location. Fortunately, World Finals had a great staff seasoned and capable of enduring heat related equipment failures and conditions that were physically and mentally straining. We put a few stress tests on how to shape the event for the leaders of tomorrow and, even where we failed some of these tests, we learned where we can and cannot make changes to a system and budget that sustains the event which is the nucleus of the sport. There is always room for improvement and we think the conditions will be present next year for us to implement what we have learned and show a good road ahead. Thanks for all the support, the patience, and extra thanks to the hard-working staff. We will see you next year October 4-12 for the next one."

Scott Frasier, IJSBA Managing Director



YOUNG GUNS
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Young Guns:

2024 World Finals Youth Racing Day

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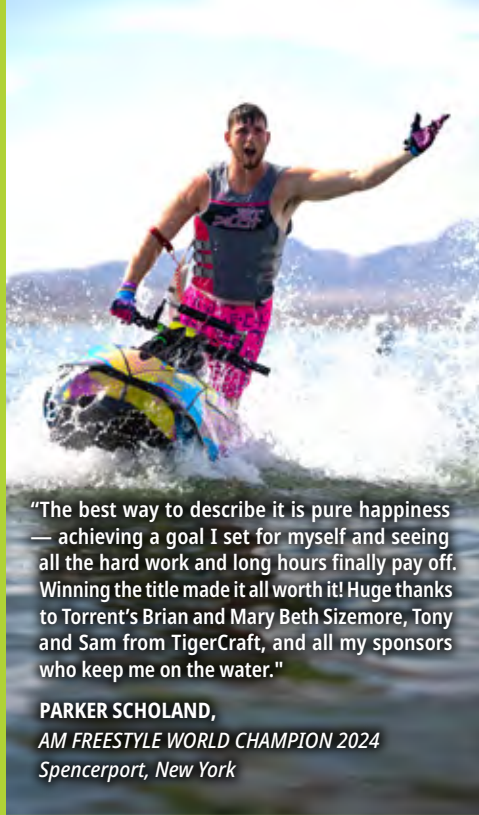


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Seventy young racers took part in the 2024 World Finals Young Guns Youth Racing Day, where they received expert training on closed course and slalom techniques from Pro Racers Jimmy Wilson, Sophie Francis, Deven Farthing, Harry Goatcher, and Ryder Wildeboer. They also received instruction from pro sports announcers and pro racers on how to do live interviews, speak confidently on the mic, and approach sponsors professionally.

The annual event, formerly known as Junior Stars Day with the Pros, was packed with valuable instruction, coaching, on the water track training, incredible prizes and giveaways followed by a fun-filled pool party at Kokomo featuring Hot Wheels races and more.

This unforgettable event was made possible by the generosity of many donors, including Worx Racing, Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine, Works H2O Designs, SBT, Jettribe, Nauti Shine, ODI Grips, Hot Products, Pirates Den, Full Throttle Custom Spaces, Lake Life, Hills Racing, Bomber Eyewear, RIVA Racing, Safeway, Natural Tease Shirts, Castro, Cobb, Hotchkiss and Crawford families to whom we are deeply grateful! PR



"The best way to describe it is pure happiness — achieving a goal I set for myself and seeing all the hard work and long hours finally pay off. Winning the title made it all worth it! Huge thanks to Torrent's Brian and Mary Beth Sizemore, Tony and Sam from TigerCraft, and all my sponsors who keep me on the water."

PARKER SCHOLAND,
AM FREESTYLE WORLD CHAMPION 2024
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AMATEUR FREESTYLE

By: Dawn Dawson, Pro Sports Announcer
Photos: Charles Guinchard

Amateur Freestyle was a resounding hit in 2024. Fifteen riders formed a full class of new freestyles, not just from the USA, but overseas as well. Parker Scholand, on his awesome, bedazzled, iridescent ski, was the Amateur Freestyle world titleist this year, followed by Jack Dubois and Johnny Leftly. It bodes well for the future of Freestyle with so many talented riders expressing an interest in becoming an ambassador of the air. **PR**





PRO FREESTYLE

JUKISH BROTHERS DOMINATE

By: Dawn Dawson, Pro Sports Announcer
Photos: Charles Guinchard

Pro Freestyle was a crowd-pleasing spectacle as usual, starting with an electrifying night show on Saturday, culminating with the final moto on Sunday. This year, Nolan Jukish claimed his second world title in Freestyle followed by his brother Gabe in second (his second vice world title) and Mark Gomez in third. The Jukish camp, hailing from Minnesota, dominated their second ever world event, proving their performances last year were not mere flukes. This year, they were up against juggernauts in the likes of Mark Gomez and Taiji Yamamoto and bested a stacked class of fourteen riders. Another great year for the Jukish brothers! **PR**



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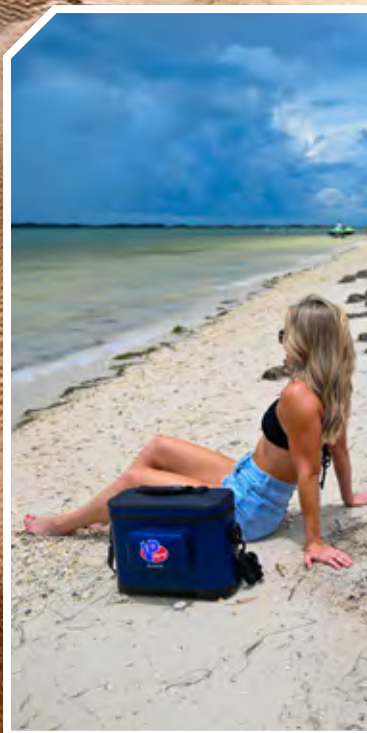
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LET'S BEAUDEN RIDE JET SKI WITH EASE

Beauden was born a healthy boy, but at age 3, while on a family vacation in October 2020, he fell off his bike and scraped his knee. Within 48 hours, he was admitted to the ICU at Rady Children's in San Diego, where he spent nearly three months. Beauden had contracted a rare staph infection (MSSA acting like MRSA), which led to septic shock. The infection was severe, resulting in a bilateral leg amputation and the loss of two fingers. To date, he has undergone 20 surgeries. Despite these challenges, Beauden at 7 years of age remains positive and is a source of inspiration to many, showing that amidst hardships, blessings can be found.

Pro Rider recently spoke with Beauden's mom, Juliana Baumkirchner, to discuss his journey and newfound love for jet skiing.

PRO RIDER: Can you share Beauden's journey since his illness and how he became interested in jet skiing?

JULIANA BAUMKIRCHNER: After septic shock, Beauden's recovery has been long. He's been in physical and occupational therapy for 3.5 years, working hard to heal. It wasn't until this past spring that he was able to play his first sport — baseball. Not all sports are accommodating to his limb differences, but when he discovered jet skiing, we saw how it welcomed him with open arms. His dad was a jet skier, and many of our friends are too.

It's Ryder Bliss I credit for Beauden's love of jet skis. Beauden fell in love with the sport after watching Ryder Bliss race. Now, he wants to ride every day! Ryder has been a trailblazer we love and admire. The day Beauden can keep up with Ryder will be a day to celebrate!

PR: How did Taylor Curtis come to create a custom throttle for Beauden?

JB: This summer, we bought two Yamaha Superjets. My husband met Taylor Curtis of TC Freeride, who offered to build a race ski for us and then a ski that could handle all 3 of our kids. Since Beauden could ride a Kawasaki mini quad with a thumb throttle, we wondered if Taylor could adapt a thumb throttle for the jet ski.

PR: Has this made a difference in how Beauden rides?

JB: Absolutely! Due to keloid scarring, Beauden's fingers are contracted, so using a finger throttle would have been difficult. The thumb throttle made all the difference, giving him the control to ride on his own.

PR: Please describe the custom equipment Taylor installed.



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JB: Taylor modified an old Kawasaki thumb throttle and brought it closer to the handle for Beauden's smaller hands.

PR: What impact has this had on Beauden's riding?

JB: It gave him the ability to actually ride and hold on with control all by himself.

PR: What's been Beauden's favorite part about jet skiing?

JB: At his age, he wears 'cuppies', which keep him low to the ground instead of prosthetics. His physical therapist's mother even made jetski-themed fabric for this year's prosthetics and cuppies. When Beauden wears them, he feels like a real jetskier, especially when riding with his sisters.

PR: We hear Beauden's father, Brian Baumkirchner raced jet skis competitively. Can you tell us more?

JB: Brian, born and raised in Havasu, raced from 1991–1995. In 1992, he got 2nd in Novice 750 Limited world finals. In 1994, he went on the IJSBA national tour with 10 stops across the USA. He traveled in a box van with pro racer Jason Schultz and fellow expert rider, Max Miller. Brian was an expert 750 modified.

PR: How do you and his dad feel about Beauden's involvement in the sport, and do you hope it might turn into a "like father, like son" journey toward jet ski racing in the future?

JB: We certainly hope it ends up a father like son thing! It's fun to watch Brian in the water giving Beauden a start. To see a once lifeless, intubated child get knocked out every couple days for surgeries for 2 months, lose his legs and a few fingers and now just be unstoppable with a sunshine disposition pangs my heart with absolute indescribable joy. It's like watching a baby walk for the first time every time he conquers something new. Beauden went from zero to hero!



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JET TEK'S ANNUAL ISLAND BASH

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Threatening clouds could not stop Jet Tek Performance and our annual Island Bash for charity! Classic Florida storms rolled in the morning of the event, so it was pushed back a couple of hours until the skies cleared up. The Jet Tek crew arrived at the islands and quickly set up for the day with the help of our awesome jet ski community.

Incredible raffle items were donated by partners including RIVA, Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine, Fizzle, Strapinno, Grip-Gear, Pwcbuckets, Jim 'N Nick's, All American Reality, and local group Emerald Coast Jetski Syndicate. DJ Mike Ice kept people dancing with awesome tunes, while Jim 'N Nick's supplied delicious food.

It was inspiring seeing the community come together to raise money for the Fisher House of the Emerald Coast, an organization that helps provide military families with a place

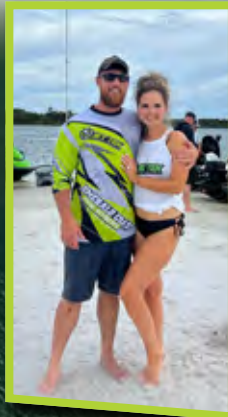


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to stay, free of charge, during treatment for serious illness or physical/occupational therapy. The House is within steps of the Eglin Air Force Base Hospital and Veteran's Clinic. With locations nationwide, they are wonderful homes away from home for military members.

In total, \$3500 was raised to support Fisher House and service members, veterans, and families during difficult times. We look forward to raising money for another local charity during Jet Tek Island Bash 2025! **PR**

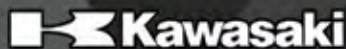




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Fall might be in the air in the North Georgia Mountains — or so you'd think! But for SFF 2024, we were treated to perfect summer weather instead. With clear blue skies, mid-90s and low humidity, it couldn't have been better. Lake Allatoona's refreshingly cool mid-70s waters made for ideal freeride conditions!

Allatoona Landing Marine Resort again was host campground; our partnership with the resort has become like a family reunion.

SFF remains one of the few true freeride gatherings dedicated exclusively to standup jet skis, drawing every type of standup watercraft. This year's ski count hit a record at 135+ riders representing Georgia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, Ohio, Florida and from California, Steve Gordenker aka the 'Braap Master'.

There is an incredibly strong Vintage presence with original and customized JS Kawi, SX, X2, with some Yam SJ Squares sprinkled in for spice. Lanier local Dillan Stapler brought his TWOSUJ group. Along with Dave Swan and his Upstate Standups group, the two groups accounted for better than a third of total riders. These guys work hard to make sure standup nostalgia never goes away.



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Southern Fried Freeride 2024 Annual Standup Jet Ski Celebration

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On the other end of the spectrum is the hard-core freestyle group, Tampa Braaps who made the journey north bringing their high altitude stoke transforming "Kawi Cove" to "Braap Cove" for 2024! Long time flippers Phil Clemmons and Brad Hill brought their A games. Weekend standout was Will McDaniel, his progression constantly pushed by Braap's Jonathan "JJ" Whitehead. Watching the two of them on the water was amazing!

After the spray settled, it was time for the traditional potluck and catfish feast! Harrison "BK" Lanford took charge as Chef Cat, serving up a delicious spread. Not to be outdone, the Lanier crew brought mouthwatering BBQ. Comfort food sides included Kathy Lehr's famous mac-n-cheese, baked beans, slaw, and more, while Brad's brownies were the perfect sweet finish.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended SFF24. Your camaraderie and friendship are what make the Standup Freeride community so special.

SFF 2025 is locked in at Allatoona Landing Marine Resort Sept 18–21, 2025. To book your site, call Allatoona Landing at 770-974-6089 and use code SFFR10.

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Rounds 1 and 2 kicked off at Rattlesnake Lake, where most riders camped right by the racecourse. The event featured live music and food trucks, creating a festival-like atmosphere. Rounds 3 and 4 took place on the scenic river in downtown Saskatoon,

Saskatchewan, with the roar of 2-strokes echoing off the city's high-rise buildings — a thrilling sight and sound. Alberta Beach hosted Rounds 5 and 6, where spectators packed the pier cheering riders through adrenaline-filled days.

Beginner class saw many first-time racers making impressive progress. Erica Synowec excelled, claiming first place on her 4-stroke Yamaha Superjet. In Novice Lites, Adam Gates emerged victorious after a season of tight competition, while Chris Synowec dominated Novice Open, challenged by newcomer Dylan Cook. Runabout speeds continue to climb, with Tammy Rarick holding her first-place rank. Sport Spec, a fan-favorite, saw Lauren Turner secure the top spot, closely pursued by Matteen Makari and Cierra Cook.

Vintage Class was a nostalgic throwback, with riders showing impressive skill on classic skis. Derrick Parislau was unstoppable, taking first in Pro Am Open, Pro Am Lites, and Veteran Open — a triple victory! Next season promises even fiercer competition as racers continue to raise the bar.

A highly requested event, Freestyle, closed out each tour stop with jaw-dropping performances! Chris Synowec wowed the crowd, executing high-flying high difficulty tricks dominating the class all season. Ryder Kirby took a strong second with his old-school moves on a classic XFT. Dillon Musich's powerful setup showed promise, making him one to watch next year.

The season concluded with a banquet, awards, and prizes, celebrating another successful year of jet ski racing in Canada.

Huge thanks to our 2024 sponsors for making it all possible: Riverside Marine and Motorsports, Yamaha, Renown Down Hole Solutions, Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine, Proline Motorsports and Marine, 9 Mile Motorsports, and Vicon Enterprises Oilfield Services. **PR**



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ADRENALINE AND ACTION: 2024 WESTERN CANADIAN WATERCROSS HIGHLIGHTS

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RACE #S: 777,13 **CLASSIES!:** Freestyle, Novice Lites

ACHIEVEMENTS: First Canadian female to backflip a jetski, riding a Canadian made Polar Composites Vortex hull

YOUR START IN JETSKIING: Friend at the lake let me ride his 1994 Yamaha Superjet and I was hooked ever since. Saved up and bought that exact ski from him in 2013. Started having fun hitting boat waves which turned into my dream to backflip a ski!

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WCWA Beginner, WCWA Women's Lites

ACHIEVEMENTS: 3rd place in Beginner! Gotta start somewhere!

YOUR START IN JETSKIING: Started riding jet skis for fun with my husband 16 years ago, started on a 550 Kawasaki and 650 Kawasaki!

FAVOURITE JETSKI: Kawasaki SXR 800

PHOTO: Luke Bibeau

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BRYN MALLARD

RACE #: 141 **CLASSES:** Pro-Am Open, Veteran Open

ACHIEVEMENTS: 2008 WCWA Novice Women season overall winner; 2008 World Finals Novice Women 2nd place; 2010 WCWA Novice Ski season overall winner; 2024 WCWA Pro-Am Open season overall 3rd; 2024 WCWA Veteran open season overall 3rd.

HOW LONG JET SKIING: 20 years, with a 10-year break from racing from 2012–2022 (injuries and school).

AquaX



MONSTER ENERGY RIDERS CONQUER PRO ENDURO AT AQUAX ROUND 4

Story and photos: P1AquaX



Round 4 of the SBT P1 AquaX National Championship in St. Cloud, Florida produced some of the most exciting racing so far this season!

The venue for the eleventh time, East Lake Tohopekaliga, nestled quietly just south of Orlando International Airport, is a short distance from tourist attractions and world-famous theme parks in Kissimmee. The Experience Kissimmee-presented event proved to be a challenge for even experienced racers. "A lake race tends to lull the mind into thinking flat, calm water will mean fast and easy racing, but the lake is large with no shelter so when a rainstorm arrives the water can be very aggressive and unpredictable," said P1 USA Director of Operations, Michelle Petro. "Several new racers joined the AquaX series for this event, which was great to see," she added.

The AM 200 class saw Cooper Caldwell continue his dominance with Cayman rider, James Monroe clinching 2nd and Peruvian rider Enrique Chia picking up 3rd.

Todd Czarcinski took the top spot in race 1 for AM 300. However, races 2 and 3 were dominated by new rider Fedrico Hochman from Uruguay who showed blistering pace. Cayman Island rider, Cline Glidden took second overall with Ian Smith rounding out the top 3.

Pro Enduro kept the excitement high, with positions shifting throughout the weekend. Monster Energy athletes dominated the PRO Enduro podium, with Dustin Farthing taking 1st, followed by Chris MacClugage and Deven Farthing. **PR**



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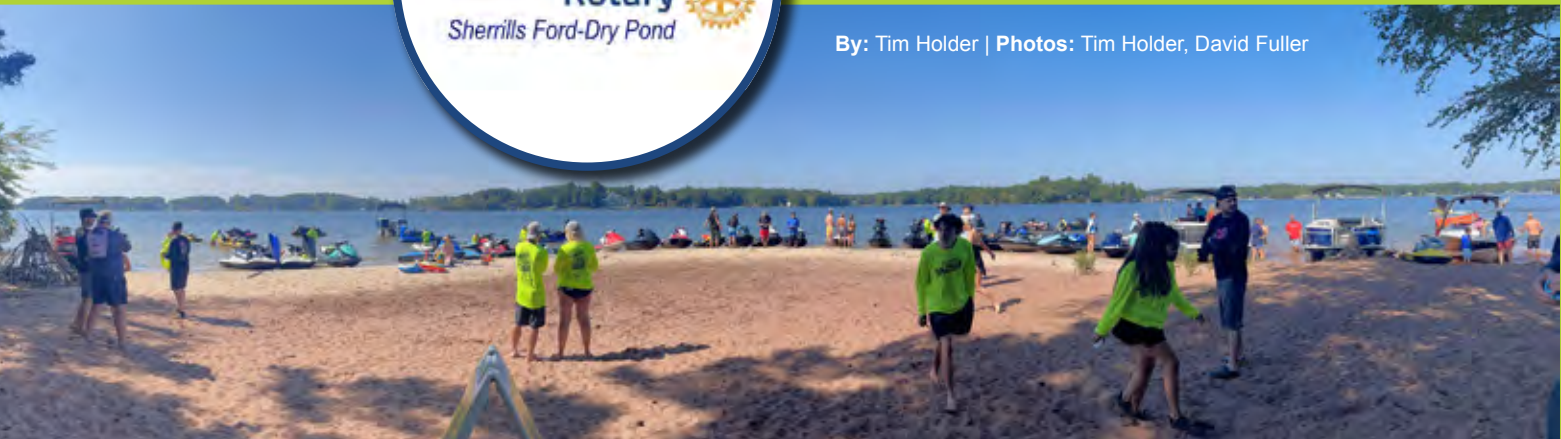
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Sherrills Ford-Dry Pond



By: Tim Holder | Photos: Tim Holder, David Fuller



Pro Rider recently connected with Tim Holder and David Fuller to learn the story behind the Lake Norman Dam2Dam Charity Ride launched 13 years ago by the Rotary Club of Sherrills Ford- Dry Pond in Denver, North Carolina.

The event began as a simple idea between friends and Rotarians Tim Holder and Dave Fuller. "We wanted to do something fun that would raise money for the community," Holder shared. As the owner of Purr Powersports & Performance, a powersports business in Lake Norman, Tim's first thought was, "How can we involve jet skis?" Dave suggested a "dam ride," sparking the idea for what would become the Dam2Dam event.

Though poker runs were common on Lake Norman, nothing similar existed for personal watercraft (PWCs) so we created the first-ever Dam2Dam ride, proposing it to our Rotary Club, which embraced the idea. The event was designed for participants to meet at Beatty's Ford Park, a local ramp, and begin the journey from there.

On the morning of the ride, participants gather at the park to check in and enjoy bagels and coffee provided by My Brothers Bagel. Each rider receives an official Dam2Dam shirt, courtesy of RightRock Sportswear. After a safety briefing and recognition of sponsors, the group rides 3.5 miles south to Cowans Ford Dam for the starting point. The riders set off in waves according to their preferred pace, with around four groups of PWCs heading north toward Lookout Shoals Dam.

The first leg of the journey covers 30 miles through Lookout Shoal Lake, with a scenic stop at Lookout Shoals Dam for photos and socializing. Riders then make their way south to Dog Island, 26.5 miles away, where they wrap up with lunch and a sponsor-supported raffle.

Dam2Dam has grown considerably, starting with 25 PWCs in 2012 and reaching 100 PWCs and 120 participants

this year. During the COVID-19 pandemic, while we didn't have a publicized event, we still did a ride dubbed the 'Dam Covid Ride.'

Spanning 60 miles from south dam to north dam, the ride takes participants through four counties. The final nine miles, approaching Lookout Shoals Dam, offer a dramatic change of scenery as the lake narrows into a river lined by forests, with smooth water where riders can push their crafts to full speed.

Over the years, funds raised by the event have supported a range of community projects. Initially, proceeds went toward the Rotary Club's park project. Once the park was completed, the club began supporting various causes, from assisting low-income communities to building basketball courts. Recently, the funds have been dedicated to an initiative known as "A Dam Scholarship." Each year, the club awards scholarships to three local high school students. Last year, three students each received \$2,000 scholarships, and the goal is to increase these awards as fundraising grows. This year's event raised over \$7,500 to support this cause. **PR**





ATV & Fritid Sweden AB was founded in 2004 by Torgny and Anders, in the countryside in a red barn. Sales grew and in 2012 Joel Ohlsson joined the company, Anders departed, fast forward to 2016 Joel became sole owner. Around this time, Sea-Doo business in Sweden took off.

Daniel started Jetskiparts.se with another partner in 2010, as the first real webshop for jetski and watercraft spare parts in Sweden. It progressed from selling parts in his apartment to getting a small warehouse and obtaining a distribution agreement with SBT. He worked at Mediamarkt (like Best Buy) where he met Joel. They connected over shared interests and discussed possibly starting a business together in the future.

In 2018 Daniel became sole owner of Jetskiparts.se and ATV & Fritid bought the company, and merged the businesses together, from that day Joel and Daniel were partners.

Late 2022 they started their 2nd store in Nyköping with units and workshop at the end of the pandemic when sales were booming, and they lacked capacity in Söderköping. Nyköping's proximity to the capital promised more customers.

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However, by the time they opened, the market slowed, and Sweden introduced a watercraft driving license. Despite these changes, they persevered, working to boost sales staying resilient, ready for the market to grow again.

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What makes Daniel happiest about their business is that he and Joel built it through hard work and ambition. Success wasn't handed to them; they earned it. They have excellent reviews on Google and Facebook and strive to operate like a family business, focusing on local, customer-oriented service.

When asked what sets them apart from competitors, Daniel shared, "it's challenging to pinpoint one thing. However, we maintain a small company mindset, emphasizing customer service, local engagement, friendliness, and trust. For example, we always return missed calls promptly, surprising many customers. To us, every customer is important. We strive for customer satisfaction and recommendations. Today, our team of 13 across both stores continues the tradition started by Torgny, who founded ATV & Fritid." **PR**



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By: Jaymi Bohat,
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The 2024 SBT Great Lakes Watercross tour reached a thrilling conclusion in Nekoosa, Wisconsin. Highly anticipated by all, the final round was packed with drama and excitement as season-long battles for points came down to the wire.

Spanning seven weekends, culminating in twelve rounds of intense racing the season finished appropriately where it began, at the picturesque Lure Bar & Grill, with the best weather of the year.

A poignant moment unfolded when Steve King, about to receive the Most Valuable Racer award, suffered an injury and was rushed to the hospital after a grueling race. In a heartwarming twist, he returned just in time for the awards ceremony. Tears of relief and joy filled the room as he took the stage, embodying the resilience and spirit that defined his journey to this prestigious honor.

Other special honors included the Sportsmanship Award, presented to Carson Petersen, whose positive attitude and selfless support for fellow racers and their families made a lasting impact throughout the season. Rookie of the Year was awarded to Kali Bohat, a standout in her first season, competing in every junior class and only missing the podium in two of the twelve rounds. Mason Puccio took home the Most Improved Racer award after a stellar season that saw him rise from a podium-less 2023 to dominating as a season champion in 2024.

The Ed Bohat Memorial Award was presented to Brad Bohat, in a poignant tribute to his late father. Brad's perseverance and strength mirrored the values his father embodied, making the award particularly meaningful.

Additionally, 11 racers were honored with dedication awards, recognizing their participation in every round of their respective classes, highlighting the grit and commitment it takes to compete consistently at such a high level.

Great Lakes Watercross looks ahead to 2025 with a 5-weekend, 10-round series already in the works, promising thrills and surprises. The future of watercross racing looks brighter than ever!

2024 CLASS DEDICATION AWARDS:

- Justin Eblin - Sport Spec
- Scott Trolinger - 1100 Limited
- Gina Cellucci - Vintage 550
- Vito Cellucci - Vintage 550
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- Kali Bohat - Jr Rec Lites
- Mason Puccio - Jr Rec Lites
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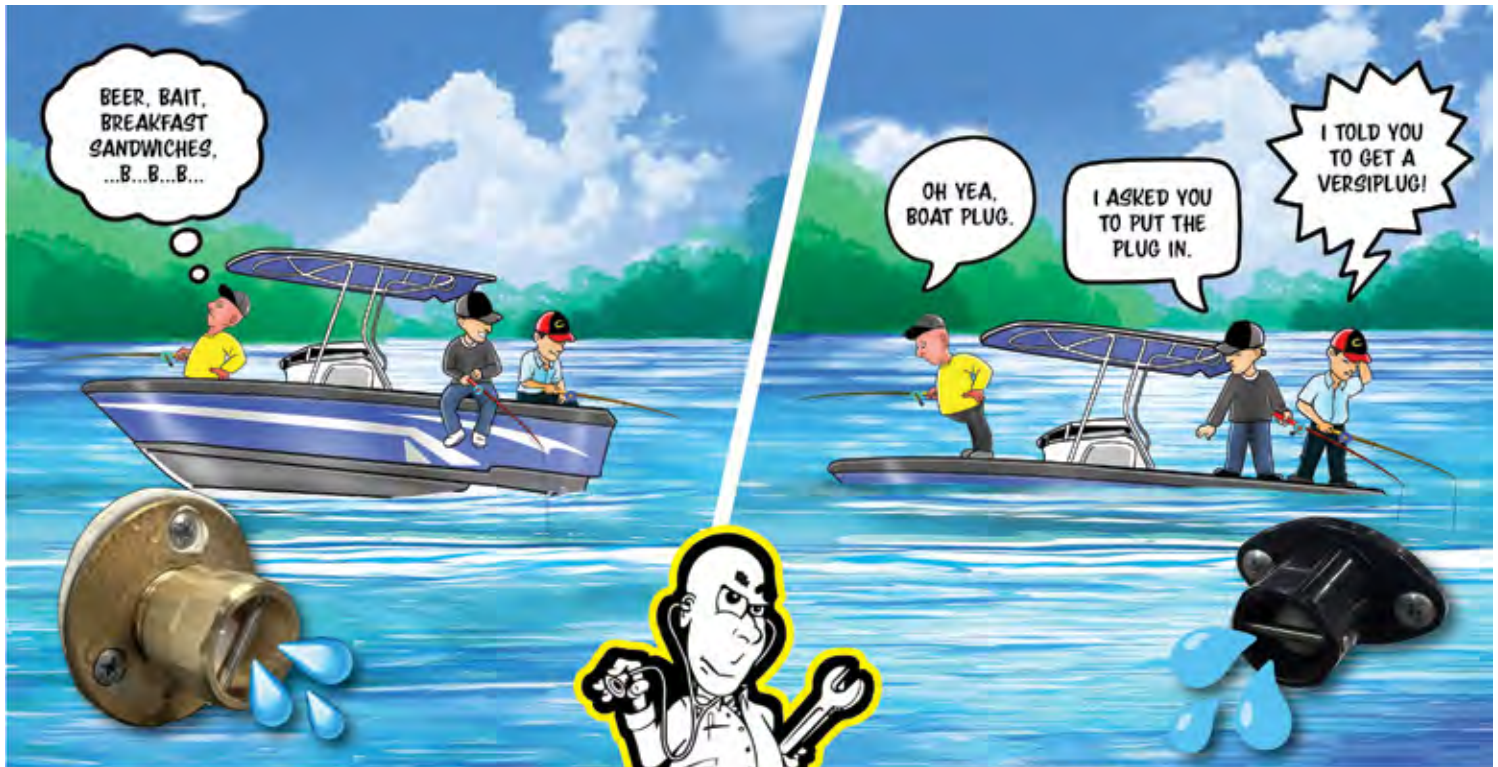


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PRO RIDER: Please share how you and your family got involved in the watersports industry.

DAVE WEEKS: My father had a broken wetbike in the garage when I was growing up. When I was 12, we got it running again and the rest is history. As a result of my passion for this sport, I went to school to become a Marine Engineer in 2011 and have been actively sailing on merchant vessels for the past 9 years, currently work as a Chief Engineer on an ATB Oil Tanker; I hold an Unlimited HP Chief Engineer license. My brothers and I originally started Weeks Brothers Watersports to interact with the community. From 2011 to 2018 we held small jetski gatherings "freerides" where we raise money for charity.

In 2022 to make things more official I formed Weeks Brothers, LLC. I focused on gaps in the industry and solving my own issues with organization, fitment, and creative solutions to problems that were just being accepted and not solved.

PR: With rapid advancements in watercraft technology, how does Weeks Brothers stay ahead of the curve?

DW: WBW's high tech 3d printers allow me to rapidly prototype parts and redesign or update parts quickly and efficiently. My background, training, on the job and in school, gives me a fresh perspective with a healthy dose of theory and engineering. Keeping an open mind allows me to adapt and innovate. I can bring people's ideas to life and solve those pesky problems that linger for years. I love it when I can bring someone's idea to life!

PR: What are you most proud of regarding Weeks Brothers Watersports?

DW: I am most proud of how far WBW has come in the past 3 years. Seeing our parts and organizers at rides, and events is one of the coolest things. We've helped normalize 3d



printed parts in the industry, which previously was not widely accepted. We are also starting to carry other 3D printing business's parts, for example, we stock Winger Race Team's spark plug cases, AB manufacturing carb covers, and Cycle Cynch tie downs.

PR: Describe an unforgettable experience or customer story that really stands out to you.

DW: Anytime a customer shares my stoke for our products! Most were designed specifically for my use and have undergone a lot of design changes to arrive at the end product. I test everything personally, and have my brothers, friends, or repeat customers give feedback to bring a product to the finish line. I often say a lot of love went into each product and it's true.

PR: Which personal watercraft do you currently ride, and do you have a favorite spot to hit the water when you're looking to unwind?

DW: It's a tossup between my highly modded 1979 Wetbike, 1200 Tigercraft XI at our nearby reservoir, or 760 Tigercraft V2/ Rickter Fr2 in ocean surf.



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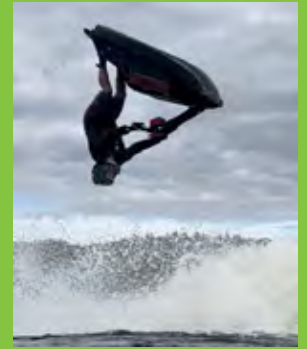
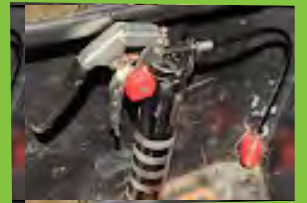


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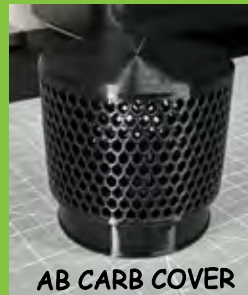
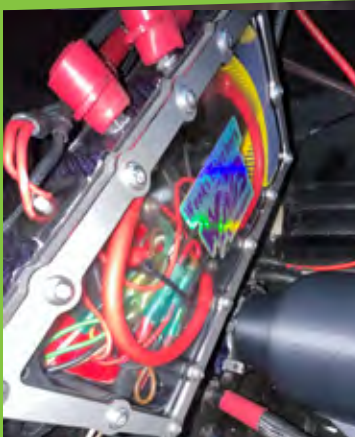
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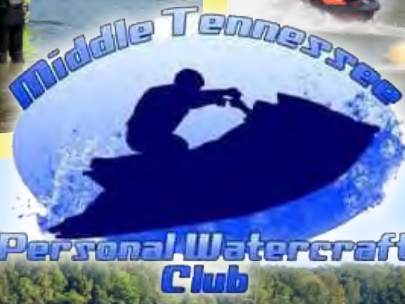
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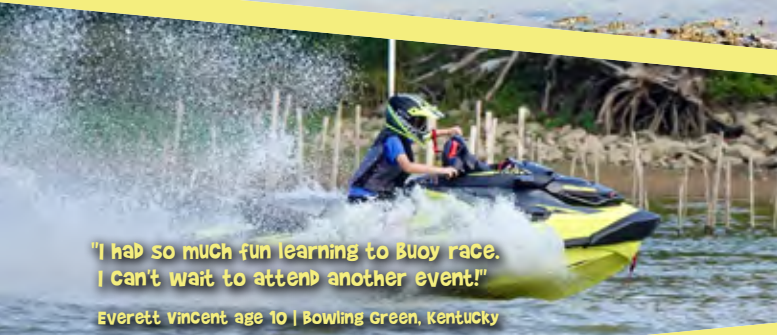


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Buoy Course Racing 101: A GATEWAY TO SPORTSMANSHIP AND SAFETY ON THE WATER

By: Robert Perry, Administrator Middle Tennessee Personal Watercraft Club | Photos: Ashley Vincent



"I had so much fun learning to Buoy race. I can't wait to attend another event!"

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Influencers included Doug Underhill with Junior Stars of Florida, Bobby Cardone 239 Raceboat, and Team Reckless Abandonment with sponsorship from Anchor Electric, Madison, Tennessee and Lake Life Marine, Paducah, Kentucky.

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AGE: 18

SKI: Yamaha 2 stroke Superjet

RACE #: 424

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS:

4th place over all for the season Women's Ski Lites; graduated high school May 2024; copy editor high school journalism class; work at the aquatic center as a lifeguard, swam for 9 years for the club and high school swim team; currently taking online courses at Mohave Community College.

MEMORABLE WATER MOMENT:

Unforgettable moment on the water was one of the last races of this season in Parker, AZ, it was a dream race. It was one of the first races I felt like I had so much in. I got to battle it out with some friends, the track was good, the water was smooth, and the ski was running great.

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RACING SIBLINGS: BRICE AND ZOEY CHAMBERS OF LAKE HAVASU CITY, ARIZONA

Photos: Ken Gallagher, Sarah Chambers

"I am beyond proud of my kids! Their faith and strength, going through the last four years of my husband fighting cancer, jetski racing kept him fighting to see the kids race the next race. After he passed last year Zoey and Brice worked to pay for racing and the jetski community of friends helped. I couldn't ask for a better family sport."

— Sarah Chambers



BRICE CHAMBERS

AGE: 15

SKI: Yamaha 4 stroke Superjet

RACE #: 424

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS:

Season Champion in 4 Stroke Lites 2024; 100-meter breaststroke 1.29. I play electric guitar and have done the National Anthem for jetski races; high school swim meets and speedway 95 track; all A's and B's; I work at Havasu Hardware Store.

MEMORABLE WATER MOMENT:

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"These kids are amazing. Unfortunately, their father passed away last year from cancer. They are working to pay for their own racing. It has been an honor to help them out with jet ski parts and installation. They are truly an inspiration."

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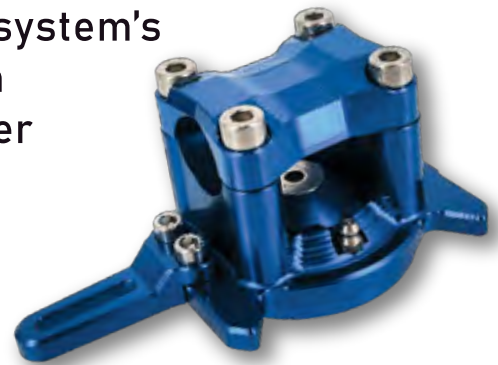
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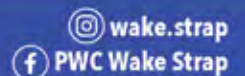


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Story and photos: Cory Eads



Kentucky PWC Riders took on a fresh adventure in Destin, Florida, trading rock and mountain landscapes for white sands and turquoise waters. Our plan was a ride from Destin to Panama City, but high winds made it too risky. Thankfully, we teamed up with new friends from the Emerald Coast Syndicate, who showed us a safer route.

Leading the way, Jeff Cook and Dan Pylate took us to our first stop — Spectre Island, named for the Lockheed Martin AC-130 gunship that often flies overhead. From there, we cruised to Manatee Point to catch a view of the Eglin Air Force Base Santa Rosa Island tower aka 'Space Needle' resembling the Seattle Space Needle. We made several fun stops including a waterside mailbox for exchanging treats and a swing set planted right in the water, perfect for some memorable photos.



After an incredible lunch at The Gulf restaurant, we headed into the Gulf of Mexico and spotted dolphins — a first-time experience for many. Watching them swim around was a definite highlight, and we wrapped up our first day at the iconic Crab Island.

Day two brought more wind, so we opted for a relaxed ride up the Choctawhatchee River. About 28 miles up, we reached Washington Blue Spring. Surrounded by cypress trees, the spring is an impressive 22 feet deep and 111 feet in diameter with crystal-clear water. We spent the morning soaking in the view, swimming, and snorkeling, with some of us diving to reach the bottom. Later, we headed back, with a few riders eager to return to Destin for another chance to see the dolphins.

It was an unforgettable adventure in an incredible spot, the perfect way to close out our 2024 season! Huge thanks to Dan Pylate and Jeff Cook for sharing their beautiful coast with us! PR





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

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