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FuelTech, founded on a passion for motorsports and innovation, has become a leader in high-performance vehicle control units and automotive electronics. Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine caught up with Nathalia de Leon, Marketing, Media & Design Manager, to learn more about FuelTech's groundbreaking work, its impact on the personal watercraft community, and its future in the world of watersports.

PRO RIDER: Please share some background information about the founding of FuelTech.

NATHALIA DE LEON: Founded on a passion for motorsports and commitment to innovation, FuelTech has established itself as a leading developer and manufacturer of high-performance vehicle control units and automotive electronics. With roots deeply embedded in the racing world, our mission is to provide cutting-edge technology and solutions that empower enthusiasts and professionals alike to push the boundaries of performance and efficiency. Our comprehensive product range is designed to cater to a wide array of applications, including drag racing, circuit racing, off-road, and watersports.

PR: Can you tell us about FuelTech USA's mission and training programs and how your products are shaping the world of high-performance engines?

NDL: At FuelTech, we are driven by innovation, performance, and unparalleled quality. Our mission is to empower motorsports enthusiasts and professionals with cutting-edge engine management systems and automotive electronics. We strive to push the boundaries of what's possible in high performance engines, ensuring every product we deliver is not only a leap in technological advancement but also user-friendly, reliable, and adaptable to the diverse needs of our customers.

FuelTech USA emphasizes education as a cornerstone of operations. Training programs include:

- Hands-On Training Courses
- Online Tutorials and Webinars
- Tech Support and Resources
- Racer Support Programs

FuelTech products are transforming the world of high-performance engines in several ways such as:

- Advanced Control and Precision
- Integrated Features
- Accessibility and Customization
- Supporting Motorsport Innovations

PR: How are FuelTech's innovations impacting the personal watercraft community, including events like HydroDrags?

NDL: FuelTech's innovations have significantly impacted the personal watercraft (PWC) community, including events like HydroDrags, by bringing cutting-edge engine management technology and tuning capabilities to high-performance watercraft. This has not only revolutionized the performance potential of PWCs but also elevated the competitive spirit and technique of watercraft racing.

At FuelTech USA, we understand that water sports enthusiasts are always looking for ways to enhance the performance and thrill of their watercraft. That's why we curated a wide range of top-quality components that not only boost your watercraft's power but also improve its overall performance and reliability.

PR: What are some of the most exciting projects FuelTech USA has been involved in especially with PWCs?

NDL: FuelTech USA has recently engaged in several groundbreaking projects within the personal watercraft (PWC) community, showcasing their commitment to innovation and performance enhancement. Notable endeavors include:

1. Plug-and-Play ECU Solutions for Jet Skis:

FuelTech has developed plug-and-play kits for Yamaha and Sea-Doo jet skis, enabling seamless integration of their FT550 and FT600 engine management systems. The user-friendly installation process means enthusiasts can upgrade their watercraft and be on the water the same day.

2. Compound Boost Yamaha SVHO Jet Ski:

In a pioneering project, FuelTech equipped a Yamaha SVHO 1.8L four-cylinder supercharged engine with an

additional turbocharger, creating a compound boost system. This setup significantly increases power curve output by combining the benefits of both supercharging and turbocharging.

3. Collaboration with Industry Leaders:

FuelTech has partnered with prominent figures in the PWC market, such as BK Built, Fizzle Racing, Cabrera Motorsports, Flyjets Sapinho, DDR Motorsports and several others.

4. Educational Initiatives and Community Engagement

To support the growing interest in high-performance PWCs, FuelTech has hosted training sessions and educational programs at their headquarters in Georgia.

PR: Your team is known to ride PWCs personally — can you share what you ride and favorite places to hit the water?

NDL: FuelTech's Compound Turbo Yamaha SVHO 1900 PWC project represents a groundbreaking innovation in PWC performance engineering. This project, spearheaded by FuelTech Founder and CEO Anderson Dick and driven by Luis de Leon, FuelTech's COO, showcases the potential of integrating advanced automotive technologies into the marine world.

In 2024 at Fizzle Racing HydroDrags World Championships, presented by FuelTech, in its inaugural run, it hit an incredible 105 MPH before reaching 111 MPH, the highest recorded for a compound PWC. Luis de Leon, FuelTech's COO, has a Sea-Doo RXP-X 325 heavily modified to be a good 90mph+ lake fun ski, sporting our FuelTech FT550 ECU and complete line of watersports developed products.

In 2025, FuelTech will deepen its commitment to the watersports community by proudly serving as the title sponsor of HydroDrags.

PR: Does FuelTech USA sponsor riders or racers?

NDL: FuelTech sponsors riders in various ways, including direct sponsorships, racer support programs, technical collaborations, and event participation. Our top priority is helping riders maximize their performance through our products, enhancing their racing programs, achieving their goals, and consistently reaching the winner's circle.



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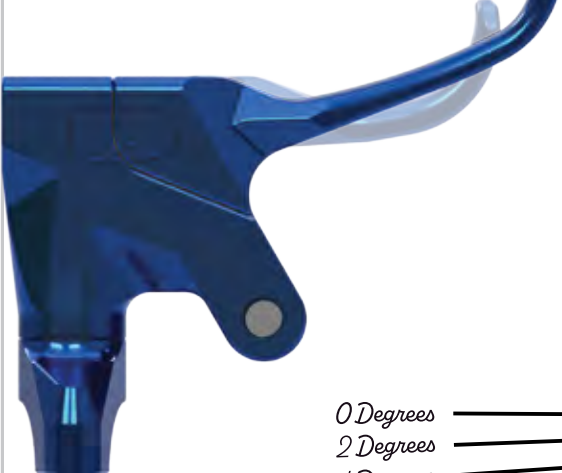
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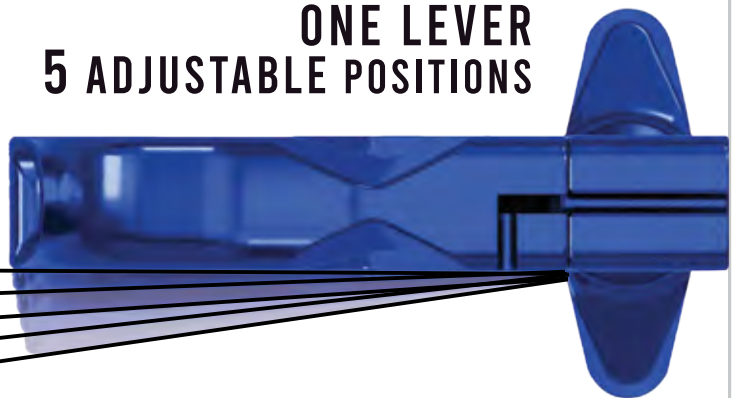
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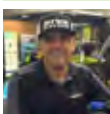
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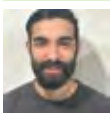
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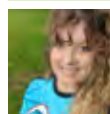
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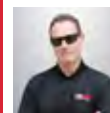
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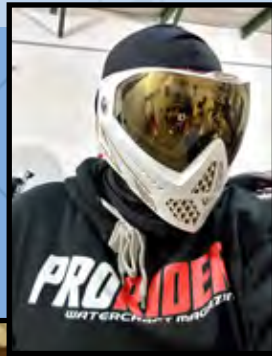
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The January February 2025 impressive cover shots were taken by longtime expert sports photographer Manual Valdes during the 2024 HydroDrags Championship in Boca Raton, Florida. "Shooting these pictures was so exciting as the riders get to make the pass really close to the shore. Hearing the engines rev up to full power and being able to capture those moments is just breath taking, and the best part is that beautiful sunset we get to experience while enjoying these races," shared Valdes. Congratulations to Carlito Del Valle and his team at CRT Racing for building these incredibly fast machines! Read how they did it on page 18.



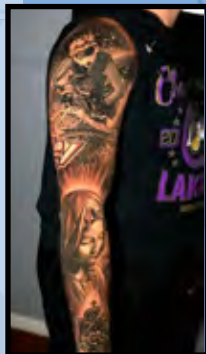
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Welcome to the first issue of 2025! This year promises to be filled with excitement, achievement, and innovation from across the globe in the world of personal watercraft.

We have big plans and high expectations for many accomplishments, breakthroughs, and collaborations throughout 2025. My family and I were fortunate to share many joyful experiences over the Christmas and New Year holiday period with our extended family from the *Cyber City Danger Zone Stunt Show*, produced by Showtime Entertainment Production, in Dubai, UAE.

As we begin this new year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible growth of this publication since its inception in 2011. What began as a recurring daydream during my time at a local magazine has become a global platform, giving voice to the past, present, and future stars of the jet skiing world.

Pro Rider has provided the PWC community with a unique outlet — a way to share our passion with newcomers and curious minds alike. It has become a pathway to success, offering promotion and exposure to the sport we love. This journey would not have been possible without our exceptional team and deeply loyal contributors, whose tireless dedication and shared enthusiasm have shaped this magazine into what it is today.

Many of those featured in, worked on, or collaborated with *Pro Rider* have gone on to achieve their own successes — a goal we hope to continue fostering within our community. If you'd like to be part of this world-class publication, please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of the *Pro Rider* team.

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From the entire *Pro Rider* family, we wish you a Happy New Year and hope to see you achieve all your goals in 2025! **PR**

Warm regards,

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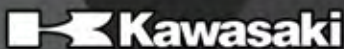
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DAYTONA TORRENT PUMPS FREERIDE 2025!

The Daytona Torrent Pumps Freeride 2025, presented by Hydro-Turf, is returning for its 20th year as the world's largest jet ski freeride event! April 3–6, hundreds of riders and thousands of attendees will gather on the beaches of Daytona, Florida, just behind the iconic Hard Rock Hotel. Stretching across a mile of beach, this four-day celebration welcomes riders, families, vendors, and spectators for nonstop action and community fun. Proceeds from registration fees and donations will benefit cancer research at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Volusia County Junior Lifeguard Program. For registration information follow Daytona Freeride / Jet Ski page on Facebook.



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MotoOption, a leader in motorsports apparel and lifestyle gear, is excited to announce the launch of its newly revamped Team MotoOption Sponsorship Program, designed to support passionate racers across all forms of motorsport who embody the spirit of MotoOption on and off the track. With 20 years of commitment to the racing community, MotoOption seeks athletes who will represent the brand with pride and a commitment to pushing the boundaries of performance. "Our goal with the Team MotoOption program is to bring together athletes who live and breathe the motorsport lifestyle," said Josh Klem, President of MotoOption. Interested riders can apply online for the Team MotoOption Sponsorship Program by visiting www.shopmotooption.com/pages/sponsorship. Applications are now open, and MotoOption encourages early submissions as space on the team is limited.





MYSTERY DIVER PHOTO SUBMISSION

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Christian Gaitán is a photographer with over 20 years of experience specializing in action sports, automotive, and commercial photography.

Shared Christian, "Regarding the photo, the diver is actually a mystery! I was enjoying a moment of relaxation after a day of shooting on Hobie Island in Miami when this scene unfolded before my eyes. The spontaneity of the moment made it even more special. The combination of the diver's perfect backflip, the luxurious yacht, and the backdrop of boats at sunset created a dynamic composition I couldn't resist capturing. There wasn't any specific occasion — it was

just one of those magical, unplanned moments where everything aligned perfectly."

Christian works as a photographer for Broward Motorsports. Alongside his photography career, he is deeply involved in sports leadership, particularly in skateboarding, where he's worked on developing programs, managing international teams, and organizing large-scale events.

Although this incredible photo doesn't qualify for our regular photo contest (reserved for amateurs), we're thrilled to share it with you. Thank you, Christian!



Dear Michael,

I want to congratulate you on the completion of publishing Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine for over fourteen years with eighty issues. The magazine has continually evolved over the years to address the evolution of personal watercraft from electric powered surfboards to 140 MPH drag skis. It's hard to believe it all started when I took you for your first ride on a standup ski when you were four years old. I have to thank all your supporters and advertisers for helping you create a world class magazine. Keep up the great work.

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CRT Racing's Journey to the FASTEST PWC SPEEDS



In an exclusive interview, Carlito Del Valle of CRT Racing shares the inspiration, teamwork, and engineering behind their groundbreaking achievement of recording the fastest speeds in the world on personal watercraft.

PRO RIDER: Congratulations on achieving the fastest speeds in the world! Can you share what inspired you and your team at CRT Racing to pursue this goal?

CARLITO DEL VALLE: We have been working on this for years but did not get the lucky day to do it in front of the complete world. All my team at CRT inspired us helping at any time, and the owners of those machines who trust in us Dani Romeo owner of black GP 146 MPH and Rubi Valerio la Mescla owner of La Cherry 145 MPH both skis on less than 4 second passes.

We want to give a big thanks to: JL Performance, Nipon Power, Karel Tuning, Gato Performance, Orange Boost, Charly la Fibra and Jetlife Miami.

PR: Please share the type of PWCs and what modifications or special equipment were key to the success of these record-breaking PWCs and any details about the process including type of fuel.

CDV: Yamaha GP 2022 y la cherry Yamaha GP 2019 full build By CRT Racing precision turbo 76/75 Halltech Ecu elite 2500 tune by the best Karel Tuning. Using VP fuel Gato billet intake manifolds and intercooler.

PR: How long did it take to prepare the PWCs for this event, and what were the biggest challenges you faced during that time? How many team members worked on the PWCs before and during the runs?

CDV: We have been working on research and development from all experience from 2011 when we started in this sport. The biggest challenge was to gain speed with stability, always taking care of the driver so that it wouldn't go ballistic and cause an accident. I personally was the one who built all the CRT and since Carlito del Valle have been flying off the PWC a couple of times over 110-120 mph. We have been working as a team hard for a couple of years. #teamCRT Hamsel Fernandez, Jorge Felix, Dani half a nut, Julio del Valle, Ismel Laza el bembá d chicle, Daivel Santana.

PR: Who were the drivers and how were they selected?

CDV: Samir Suarez was the driver on both skis, him and Joel Villa was first drivers to hold that trigger on the tuning passes so we decided that if they had the value of making them in the tuning process and setup, they were the ones chosen to make them in front of everyone. Joel did not make it due to an accident over 140MPH and broke his arm and he was resting. But it was also one of the keys to reaching that speed.



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RIDING THE COLD WAVES: Jet Skiing in Winter Weather

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When most people think of jet skiing, summer adventures under sunny skies come to mind. However, for the truly adventurous, jet skiing isn't confined to warm weather. Riding in winter conditions can be an exhilarating challenge — one that requires preparation, the right gear, and a bit of grit. Xtreme riders have even taken excursions as far as Alaska, using specialized ski sleds to carry extra fuel and provisions. Whether you're ready to tackle the icy waves or looking to winterize your ski until spring, here's what you need to know.

GEARING UP FOR WINTER RIDES

Staying warm is paramount when riding a jet ski in winter. The cold wind and water can quickly lead to hypothermia if you're not properly equipped. Essential gear includes:

- **Drysuit:** A high-quality drysuit is non-negotiable for winter jet skiing. Unlike a wetsuit, which traps a thin layer of water against your skin, a drysuit keeps you completely dry while insulating your body.
- **Thermal Layers:** Wear moisture-wicking thermal base layers beneath your drysuit to retain body heat without the discomfort of sweat.
- **Gloves and Boots:** Neoprene gloves and boots provide warmth and grip, protecting extremities from the biting cold.
- **Helmet and Goggles:** A helmet shields you from windchill, while goggles protect your eyes from freezing spray and glare from the snow or ice.
- **Face Protection:** Balaclavas or neoprene face masks can prevent frostbite and keep you comfortable in icy winds.

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PREPARING YOUR SKI FOR THE COLD

Jet skis need extra care and preparation to perform well in freezing temperatures. Here are some steps to ensure your ski is ready:

- **Check the Antifreeze System:** If your jet ski has a closed-loop cooling system, ensure it's topped up with the correct antifreeze mixture to prevent freezing.
- **Winter Fuel Tips:** Add a fuel stabilizer to your tank and top it off before heading out. This prevents moisture buildup and keeps the engine running smoothly.
- **Inspect the Battery:** Cold weather can drain your battery quickly. Test and charge it before every outing to avoid getting stranded.
- **Flush the System Post-Ride:** After riding in icy waters, flush the cooling system thoroughly to prevent ice formation and salt buildup.

STAYING SAFE

Winter jet skiing comes with increased risks, so safety should always be a priority:

- **Buddy System:** Never ride alone in winter conditions. Always have a partner nearby in case of emergencies.
- **GPS and Communication Devices:** Equip yourself with a waterproof GPS device and a marine radio to stay connected.
- **Emergency Provisions:** Pack essentials such as a first-aid kit, thermal blanket, and extra fuel.

WINTERIZING FOR THE OFF-SEASON

If riding in winter isn't for you, properly winterizing your jet ski is crucial to maintaining its longevity:

- **Drain the Water:** Flush and drain all water from the ski to prevent freezing and damage.
- **Stabilize the Fuel:** Add a fuel stabilizer and run the engine for a few minutes to circulate it.
- **Battery Care:** Remove and store the battery in a cool, dry place, charging it periodically to maintain its life.
- **Cover and Store:** Use a high-quality cover and store your ski in a dry, temperature-controlled environment.

CONCLUSION

Winter jet skiing isn't just about the ride; it's about the preparation and the thrill of conquering elements most wouldn't dare to face. For those who brave the cold, the rewards are unmatched. And for those waiting for warmer waters, proper winterization ensures your ski is ready for action when summer rolls around again. **PR**





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TAMMY RARICK

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RACE #: c11 (runabout), #7 (ski)

CLASS: Women's Runabout Ski c

ACHIEVEMENTS: Women's Runabout World Champion 2021; multiple second place finishes in Women's Runabout

START IN RACING: My husband, Cory Rarick, introduced me to the sport 20 years ago. In 2009 we started racing the WCWA series where I participated in my first race. I raced Women's Runabout at the 2012 World Finals, been racing ever since thanks to support from our sponsor A&E Racing and help from our family and friends. While I continue to race runabout, I've also been competing in Ski class the last three years.

LAUREN TURNER

PHOTO: Bas Hobson



RACE #: C49

CLASSES: Lites, Sport Spec, sometimes Open

ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE WCWA RACE

CIRCUIT: 2024: 3rd Pro Am Lites, 2nd Sport Spec; 2023: 3rd Pro Am Lites, 1st Sport Spec; 2017: 2nd Pro Am Women's, 3rd Sport Spec, 1st Women's Lites, 2017: 3rd Novice Lites; 2016: 1st Novice Open, 2nd Pro Am Women's, 3rd Sport Spec, 2016 Most Improved

HOW LONG JETSKING: Started rec riding in 2008. Dabbled in freestyle a few years, tried racing for the first time on a friend's SXR-800 in 2013. We built my first official race ski for the 2015 season, a Trinity Vector with a Kawi 1100 triple. Now I mostly race my SXR800 and Waveblaster and enjoy rec riding with the jetski family!

FAVORITE SKI: My Yamaha FX-1

ERICA SYNOWE

PHOTO: Brent Just Photography



RACE #: 261

CLASS: Beginner

STARTED RACING: 2023

ACHIEVEMENTS: 2nd place overall in Beginner class my 2nd season, quickly improving to 1st place overall (probably because my son moved up to Novice, so he stopped beating me).

BEST ADVICE: If you never simply just try, you will never know what you are capable of.

JANELL SETRAKOV

PHOTO: Morgan Victoria



RACE #: 15

CLASS: Beginner

ACHIEVEMENTS: 2024: 1st and 2nd beginner class rounds 1 and 2; 2023: 1st and 2nd rounds 5 and 6.

HOW LONG RIDING: This is my second year racing, though I've been part of the jetski community since 2014, cheering on my husband. My daughter started racing last year inspiring me to stop watching and join the fun!

FAVOURITE RIDING LOCATION: Makwa Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada

FAVOURITE SKI: 2022 Yamaha Superjet

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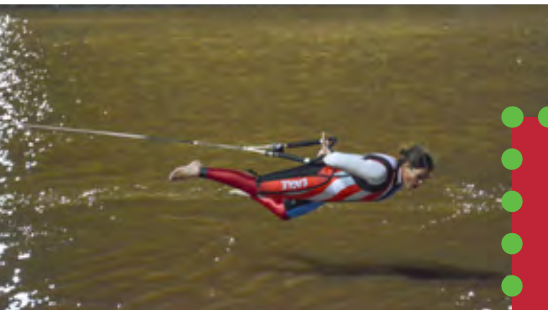
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The 2024 Annual Riversport Boat Parade in Oklahoma City drew more than 25,000 people who lined the shores of the Oklahoma City River in the Boathouse District. Riversport founder, Mike Knopp, stated, "The 2024 Holiday Boat Parade was the largest event ever on the Oklahoma River and truly underscores how far we have come in returning the Oklahoma River to the true community destination the river was at OKC's founding. It also is a showcase for the river culture we have been building over the past two decades, with community programs, sponsors, and volunteers coming together to create a joyous celebration of the season — and of our river which is now a true source of pride for the people of OKC. Innovation and community engagement have been the hallmarks to the success of the development of RIVERSPORT, and we see this, along with the popular skiing elves, propelling the river parade forward to be larger and more exciting than ever in the years ahead."

Fun fact: Riversport has hosted a variety of water-based competitions, including the 2024 IJSBA Junior Nationals. It is set to host the U.S. Olympic Trials and will serve as the venue for the 2026 Canoe Slalom World Championships. Additionally, Riversport is slated to host the canoe, slalom, and kayak cross events during the 2028 Los Angeles Summer Olympics!

The water parade started with pro water skiers, wakeboarders, hydrofoilers, flyboarders and yours truly on the mic. With so many good friends in attendance we decided to watch 'Dancing with the Stars,' featuring Mike Tyson and Jake Paul, and a disappointing Netflix run!

Pro Action Sports founder and 7x Foiling World Champion, Geno Yauchler, Winter Haven, Florida, put together a very talented team of athletes featuring Angela Yauchler in the star swivel, Kailey Koehler and Gabbie Tash in the ballet and barefoot, Ty Carson and Ty Walstead in the barefoot step off, wakeboard, barefoot, and Matt Oakland aka 'Mo', who dazzled everyone with his Flyboard skills, invented by former IJSBA Champion, Franky Zapata. AZN of the Street Outlaws showcased their 90+ MPH farm truck pontoon boat as the Pro Action Sports Team led the way for the Holiday Boat Parade, laser light show, and amazing fireworks display.

It was another fun show that has been running for 20 years. A very special thanks to Seth Stevenso and his team for the hospitality and a special thanks to Knotty Girl, Shauna Pasenen, and Stacy Griffin, our amazing boat drivers. We look forward to returning in 2025. Have a great holiday season from all of us at Pro Action Sports! **PR**

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RISE TO THE TOP: Reese Giese's Dominant Year in Jet Ski Racing

REESE GIESE #141

Photos: Tyler Reardon



At just 18 years old, Reese Giese has cemented her place among the elite in jet ski racing, claiming seven world titles and dominating the 2024 season.

Reese, of Scottsdale, Arizona has been on a stand-up jetski since she was 11 years old and racing since she was 13. Her dad, Jimmy Giese, has been involved in motorcycle racing most of his life; the desire to race jet skis was completely a desire of her own.

The love of the sport of jet ski racing and her competitive nature to exceed in whatever she does was the driving factor that motivated Reese to practice multiple days a week to be a champion!

"Becoming friends with the Webster family and our kids riding, practicing and racing together has helped give Reese the tools she needs to be the best," shared Jimmy. He continued, "Reese had a goal to win the Women's Pro Ski GP/Modified class at the 2024 IJSBA World Finals and she did so with convincing authority winning all three motos. Another driving factor was to defend her 2023 title in the Women's Pro Ski stock class which she did as well by winning all three of those motos.

Now a 7-time World Champion in both of the Premier Women's Pro classes, Pro Women's Ski Modified and Pro Women's Ski Stock, Reese not only won both of these classes, but she won all 6 motos between the two classes in dominant fashion. At Just 18 and having 7 World Titles to her name already, she has done more than most women in the sport. In fact, I believe the only woman to have more titles than her currently is Tera Laho."

For 2025 Reese will continue to race with the men in the local Expert GP class and perhaps race abroad in a European series in the Women's Pro class.

Reese Giese isn't just competing — she's commanding the sport and setting the standard for domination in jet ski racing! **PR**



MORE ABOUT REESE:

Skis: Kommander GP1, Kawasaki SXR1500, Yamaha Superjet
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WaveDaze Fall 2024: Honoring Landon Ward with Unforgettable Surf

By: Dan Swartz, Event Promoter | Photos: Tyler Reardon; Joseph Worst

Full in Virginia Beach, Virginia was an epic time to have the 2024 Fall WaveDaze Landon Ward Memorial Freeride with 4 foot plus surf all weekend and even cleaner sets in the late afternoon which made for an amazing surf event. Weather was slightly chilly, but outstanding surf conditions kept the cool weather off everyone's mind. The traditional pre-ride dinner was sponsored by Ghosts of the Battlefield. Friday was just as spectacular with late day surf that cleaned up and led to crisp riding conditions, and who can't forget the awesome party at Peabody's. Thanks to Paul Lehr and Harrison Lanford for sponsoring frosty beverages and food. Saturday was nothing short of a great time with Jimmi Blackwood, Chris Lewis, Chris McCarthy and James Juvet putting on a show of class and skill at sunset with the best surf in years at WaveDaze.

The raffle included a Watercraft Factory handle pole and other items. This year's big winner was John Francavilla, Suffolk, Virginia who took home the pole; congrats to David Gilmore for winning the 50/50 raffle.

Prep for the Spring 2025 WaveDaze April 10-13 is in full motion. Reach out to Fusion1977@aol.com for hotel info. The event will include 2 huge raffle items including a Tiger Craft surf hull and a drop in JSN 964 motor with carbs. There are only 400 spots available for this. Anyone interested please email me at fusion1977@aol.com. Friday night's party will feature the talented guys from Almost Gone, a 90's pop/punk/rock cover band. **PR**



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Nauti Girl Crew Hosts Tampa's Most Spirited Halloween Ride

The 3rd Annual Nauti Girl Crew 2024 Halloween Fun Run was an event to remember! The gathering, the biggest yet, drew jet ski enthusiasts from all over to the vibrant heart of downtown Tampa.

Known for spirited and friendly rides, the Nauti Girl Crew outdid themselves. Excitement buzzed as participants donned creative and colorful costumes from spooky spirits to whimsical water creatures. The sight of jet skis, decked out in Halloween decorations, cruising through scenic downtown Tampa was nothing short of spectacular.

Laughter, camaraderie, and festive spirit abounded as riders and spectators along the Tampa River Walk admired costumes. The event wrapped with an awards ceremony, presenting trophies for best costumes and decorated skis.

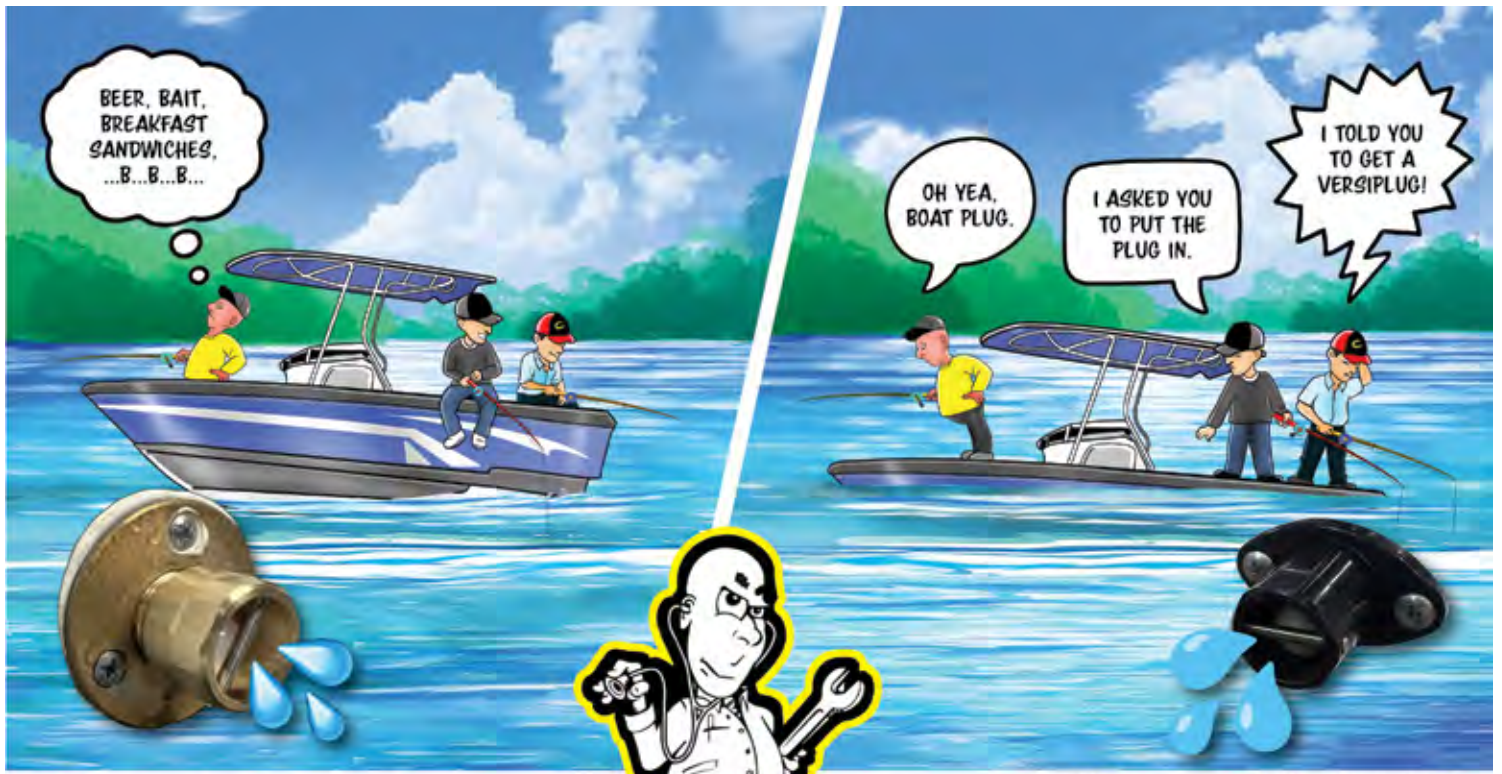
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Start planning your costumes for the 4th Annual Nauti Girl Crew Halloween Fun Run October 11th, 2025!



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Dennis Saulnier, 49, from Vancouver, Canada, began his FMX journey in 1999 on a 1998 CR125. Launching off a 100-foot tabletop at a local track, he built a steep 4-foot lip for maximum pop, hitting it wide open in 4th gear — and nailing it.

Dennis quickly became Canada's top builder for FMX ramps, creating custom setups for Red Bull and Monster athletes. "These ramps were game changers," he shared. In 2004, he and Jeff Fehr worked on landing backflips without foam pits or airbags. "After weeks of crashing, Jeff landed it first, and I became the first Canadian to flip a 450 four-stroke to dirt."

That success led to sponsorships, Arenacross shows, and air shows where Dennis even jumped over planes. Though invited to train with Cirque du Soleil, he declined the long commitment. "The first flip feels the same as the last — pure commitment and respect for the trick, with the fear of crashing always there." His favorite ride remains the 2007 CR250 for its two-stroke power and unmistakable charm.

Dennis continued, "I retired from FMX at 39 due to injuries, stopping after 65 broken bones, a broken back on my 37th birthday, and two amputated fingers. I pushed through to prove I could still ride but always knew 40 would be the cutoff.

Four years later, with no prior experience, I bought my first ski — a Krash 50 Cal — and began chasing a new dream. The learning

curve was steep, and while I thought FMX would translate to water, I quickly realized the only carryover was my tolerance for pain and full commitment. Riding solo, I studied videos and relied on calls and texts with others in the sport. Two years ago, I attended Blue's Birthday Bash in St. Cloud, Florida, where world-class riders shared invaluable tips, helping me grow. I'm forever grateful for their support."

Dennis currently rides two skis. His "Cadillac," a 2020 XFS G2 (Blowson) with a Dasa 1200 Ninja, Rap exhaust, MSD total loss from Freestyle Connection, a Torrent 160 Ninja pump with an 11/21 prop (thanks to Brian Sizemore), and a custom 103 Velociraptor trim by Phil Clemmons. His second ski, a Revolver V2, features a Bun 160 pump with an 11/17 prop, Bun trim from Lee Stone, and a new

Bun 1200 engine with exhaust and total loss from Joey Morneauult at High Speed Industries, ready to rip once spring arrives in Canada.

"FMX on dirt and freestyle jet skis are so different they're hard to compare. The only cross-over is mentally planning my trick or run, fully committing, and not being afraid of getting hurt. Body movement affects how the machine reacts, I still tip over in turns and need more tray time. I'm a 'huck it and send it' guy, so I miss a lot, but flipping a dirt bike is scarier because landing can go wrong — on a ski, I don't worry as much in the water."

Dennis entered the 2024 Virtual Freestyle competition to challenge himself, push his limits, and improve while riding solo. His snow-fled lake stays cold year-round, water temps only reach 65–70°F by late August, making the season short.

"I approached the event like an FMX show, planning just 2–3 runs on the final day of filming," Dennis shared. "I submitted my first run, even though kayakers cost me 30 seconds and reduced my trick count. I try never to repeat tricks, just like in FMX."

To anyone considering the sport, Dennis encourages, "You don't need to be world-class to enjoy this — it builds self-confidence and shows what the human body can adapt to. My motto: 'Sometimes fun costs blood.'" **PR**



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Upstate Standups Facebook page was established in 2017 to communicate within a small friend group when someone was going to Lake Hartwell to ride. The group started growing in 2020 during covid and began consistently throwing a buoy course and actively inviting people to join. A vintage based group, they almost exclusively ride 440/550, 650sx, and X-2s.

The group rides buoys on Lake Hartwell in Anderson, South Carolina, every summer weekend and regularly meets to work on jet skis and share love for vintage jet skis.

Upstate Standups Founder David Swan, owner of four 550s and an X2, shared what makes Upstate Standups unique compared to other PWC groups. "We try to know someone personally before adding them to our Facebook page or inviting them to the lake to keep the group close knit and welcome to openly sharing parts and knowledge. Not that we keep people out, but our rule of thumb is, add someone after you've shaken their hand. If someone has a hint of interest in jet skiing, the group will help get them on a ski, and if they have a ski, the group will give spare parts to fix the ski.

The group is all about affordability and camaraderie, freely sharing parts, knowledge, and enthusiasm—whether it's over a barn-find JS 300 or a carbon backflipper. Open to all skill levels, they're more than just a jet ski group; they're year-round friends, many bonded through other motorsports.

"We focus on keeping people on the water affordably, not on having the newest or priciest gear," David shared. "We take pride in maintaining some of the fastest vintage skis in the Southeast. On lake days with the group, you'll find mainly 550s and 650s from stock 440s to heavily modified 550s with 750 swaps -many of us have multiple skis some of our members are on the water for under \$500!"

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UPSTATE STANDUPS:

KEEPING VINTAGE JET SKIING ALIVE AND AFFORDABLE

Story and photos: David Swan, Founder, Upstate Standups



Upstate Standups has participated in the Southern Fried Free Ride, hosted by Paul Lehr, and the AJSA Summer Series 2024, where their boats represented half of the 23 skis in the largest Vintage class. On July 4th, they hosted a freeride featuring a barrel-style race and a drag race with one turn.

In 2025, they plan to keep jet skiing approachable and affordable by welcoming newcomers, hosting buoy days, and continuing their annual Freedom Freeride to grow the sport in upstate South Carolina. **PR**





From Tracks to Trade Shows:

How Kaila Clibourne Powers the Go Fast Girls Legacy

Kaila Clibourne, 25, grew up in San Diego, CA, spending time at the beach, in the desert, or at the track. After high school, she studied advertising at the University of Oregon. Growing up immersed in action sports like surfing, skating, and motocross, Kaila has always been drawn to adrenaline-fueled activities, whether on or off the grid!

PRRIDER: How has growing up with parents who founded Go Fast Girls influenced your passion for motorsports and your role as Marketing Manager?

KAILA CLIBOURNE: My parents encouraged me to try any sport I wanted, even if I was the only girl, which fostered my love for motorsports. When it came time to choose a career, the off-road industry felt like a natural fit.

In August 2023, I became the Social Media Specialist for PRP Seats, SpeedStrap, and Status Racing. I've since grown into my role as Marketing Coordinator at PRP, where my Marketing Manager, Justin Constant, and General Manager, Jay Crouch, have been instrumental in shaping me into a well-rounded businesswoman. I currently work at PRP and manage social media for Go Fast Girls, which I started in October 2024 after submitting a proposal.

Collaborating with my parents at Go Fast Girls has been incredible, as they've seen firsthand how I operate in the business world. Trade shows are especially rewarding, with the Sand Sports Super Show being my favorite, as both PRP and Go Fast Girls are there every year.

PR: You're an athlete and dirt bike racer — what drew you to dirt bike racing, and how has it shaped your outlook on competition and adventure?



KC: I grew up riding dirt bikes with my dad, spending weekends in the desert or the track. My first bike was a Honda 70, and last year, I reignited that passion by buying another dirt bike.

Being surrounded by off-road toys both at home and work inspires me to explore. In October 2024, I purchased a 1986 Toyota pickup truck, and my boyfriend and I are building it into a prerunner. Racing is thrilling, but off-roading is about enjoying the adventure, whether in Glamis, Ocotillo, or Lake Havasu.

PR: Do you ride jet skis, and how does the thrill of being on the water compare to your experiences on the track?

KC: I've ridden jet skis, but I'm not the best at it. My stepdad's advice, "The faster you go, the easier it is," applies to all terrains. While jet skiing focuses more on rhythm than the intensity of the track, the adrenaline rush and connection to nature are just as rewarding.





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RESOLUTION TO RESULTS

MAKE 2025 YOUR BEST RACE YEAR YET

The dawn of a new year offers a unique opportunity to set intentions, redefine goals, and shift gears toward achieving unparalleled success. For female racers and action sports enthusiasts, 2025 holds the promise of breaking barriers, setting records, and conquering tracks like never before. As Bear Scharbarth, founder of GoFastGirls (GFG), puts it: “Every lap, every jump, and every moment on the track is an opportunity to push your limits and redefine what’s possible.”

GFG is here to help you translate your racing resolutions into tangible results. Whether you’re gearing up for your first competition or aiming to dominate your league, here’s some tips for making 2025 your best race year ever.

1. Set Clear and Measurable Goals

Instead of vague aspirations like “get better at racing,” focus on specific objectives such as improving lap times by 10% or mastering a particular track.

Pro Tip: Write your goals down and revisit them monthly. Kristen Scharbarth, founder of GFG, emphasizes, “Visualization is key. When you see your goals on paper, it’s easier to create a roadmap and stay accountable.”

2. Elevate Your Training Regimen

Physical and mental conditioning are as critical

as the machines you ride. Include essential training strategies including strength training, cardiovascular fitness, simulated practice, and mental edge.

3. Optimize Your Gear and Equipment

Performance hinges on having the right gear. Ensure your equipment is functional and optimized for your needs. Keep your vehicle in peak condition with regular tune-ups and inspections. Invest in quality apparel designed for performance and durability.

4. Build a Support System

Success isn’t a solo endeavor. Surround yourself with a team that uplifts and supports you, from mechanics to fellow racers and mentors. Join racing communities, engage with groups like the GFG community to connect with like-minded

women. Seek mentorship from experienced racers. Leverage social media, share your journey, and draw inspiration from others in the motorsports world.

5. Embrace Failure as a Learning Tool

Every racer experiences setbacks, whether it’s a tough loss or a mechanical issue. The key is to view these moments as opportunities to grow. Analyze performance, review footage and data from your races. Stay resilient. Bear Scharbarth reminds us, “The true measure of a racer isn’t just how fast they go but how quickly they bounce back from challenges.”

6. Prioritize Nutrition and Recovery

Fueling your body properly is essential for peak performance. Adopt a nutrition plan tailored to your sport:

7. Compete with Confidence

Confidence is as critical as skill. Step onto the track with a winning mindset through positive self-talk. Replace doubts with affirmations like “I’m prepared, focused, and unstoppable.” Celebrate progress, acknowledge every milestone.

Kristen Scharbarth sums it up best: “The thrill of racing isn’t just about the speed — it’s about the journey, the camaraderie, and the moments that take your breath away.”

Make this year your fastest yet. Explore the latest GFG apparel and join a community that’s redefining what it means to go fast. Let’s turn your resolutions into results — because the finish line is just the beginning. PR

LEGENDS & HEROES TIME MACHINE

The Legends & Heroes Time Machine podcast celebrates the rich history of jet skiing by sharing untold stories and preserving the legacy of the sport's legends for future generations.



MEET THE CREATORS OF THE NEW LEGENDS & HEROES PODCAST

Mike "The Mauler" Yellich has been a force in the jet ski world since 1980. A former test rider for Kawasaki in the '80s and Yamaha's first watercraft national champion in 1991, he was inducted into the IJSBA Hall of Fame in its inaugural year, 2006, as well as three other Halls of Fame. As the host and leader of Legends and Heroes Time Machine, Yellich steers the ship while co-producing and selecting the show's interviews.

Adam Gruender began his racing career in 1985, competing professionally in the 550 open class, ranking in the top 10 for six years before retiring in 1991. After managing Big O Tire franchises, he shifted to the Lucas Oil Offroad Short Course Championship, winning the regional series from 2011–2013, finishing 2nd in 2015, later competing in Pro Buggy for six years. Gruender consistently ranked top 8 nationally and ran top 10 annually at the Crandon International World Championships on Labor Day weekend.

An award-winning branded content creator, Steven Reyes serves as co-executive producer, co-creator, producer, technical director, and video editor for the acclaimed show Legends and Heroes Time Machine, bringing inspiring stories of motorsports and water sports legends to life with passion and precision.

PRO RIDER WATERCRAFT MAGAZINE: What (or who) inspired you to create the Legends & Heroes Time Machine podcast?

HOST MIKE YELlich: The inspiration came from a deep desire to share the incredible history of our sport with the younger generation. Back in the day, we were like a traveling circus, filled with adventure, camaraderie, and challenges. There are so many untold stories —of struggles, triumphs, and sheer fun — that deserve to be heard and preserved.

CO-HOST ADAM GRUENDER: The idea struck me after seeing Clayton Jacobson III, son of the inventor of the jet ski, display two prototype watercraft at the "Run Whatcha Brung" event in Parker, Arizona. I thought if no one documents this history, it could be lost forever. That's when I turned to Mike and said, "We need to make this happen."

PRODUCER STEVEN REYES: Mike and Adam brought me the idea, and I was immediately on board. The name came from a blend of Chris Hagest's Jet Ski Time Machine and Mike's vision of Legends & Heroes Time Machine. It's a title that allows us to connect with a broader audience across Motorsports while still honoring the legacy of our community.

PR: Where do you broadcast from, and how often do you produce a show?



MIKE YELlich AND ADAM GRUENDER



Yamaha's First Watercraft Championship, and Kawasaki's first lost in Jet Ski Racing. And big thankz to my wife and Mike Furlong and Mike Belli and Adam Gruender. I could not have done it without you



SR: Our setup is flexible, allowing us to produce episodes on location and remotely using phones, laptops, or desktops. Each episode is pre-recorded and premiered on our YouTube channel, Throttle Junkie TV. For Season 1, we're producing one episode per month, culminating in a six-episode series.

PR: Who have been some standout guests, and what stories resonated most with viewers?

MY: Bob Phares, the marketing mind behind Kawasaki's JetSki launch in 1973, was incredible. Hearing how he introduced the Kawasaki 440 to the world and organized the first JetSki event at Mission Bay was inspiring and nostalgic.

AG: Chris Hagest, an industry pioneer, stood out for his multifaceted contributions as a racer, inventor of the Pro Force Hull, and co-founder of the junior racer program. His journey reflects the innovation and passion of this sport.

PR: What feedback have you received from the jet ski community?

MY: The response has been overwhelmingly positive. At the World Finals Hall of Fame dinner, people were excited about the concept, praising the podcast for capturing the Golden Era of the sport and giving legends a platform to share their stories.

PR: How would you describe the experience of hosting the podcast on YouTube?

SR: YouTube provides a powerful platform for reaching our community. Leveraging our existing channel, Throttle Junkie TV, we've expanded from event coverage to storytelling allowing us to connect with fans while showcasing the evolution of the sport.

PR: Is YouTube effective for reaching the jet ski community?

SR: Absolutely. With 2.5 billion active users, YouTube is part of Google's ecosystem, making it an unparalleled platform for global reach. Fans can access our show anytime, anywhere, on their favorite devices.

PR: What's in store for the podcast in 2025?

SR: We aim to continue educating and entertaining our audience by highlighting legends' journeys and fostering relationships with sponsors. Our goal is to create a sustainable cycle that benefits brands, fans, and the sport.

MY: Season 2 is on the horizon! We'll bring in more guests from across motorsports, from jet ski racers to dirt bikers. We're working to secure new sponsorships and expand our reach. Special thanks to Adam Gruender and Big O Tires in Tempe, Arizona, for their unwavering support.

AG: I'd love to see the Jet Ski Hall of Fame revived, even if we must take the reins ourselves. With your support — through likes, subscriptions, and shares — we can bring the recognition this sport and its legends deserve. Together, we can make Jet Ski history great again!





MAKING HISTORY AT SEMA:

JP Racing's Landmark PWC Debut



The SEMA Show is a trade-only event that enables automotive specialty equipment manufacturers to display alongside automotive manufacturers to showcase new, innovative products, and connect with industry buyers from all over the world.

Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine caught up with Julio Paula of JP Racing to talk about his groundbreaking debut at SEMA 2024, where he made history by showcasing the first-ever PWC at the prestigious event.

PRO RIDER: Congratulations on your participation in the prestigious 2024 SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association Show) held at the Las Vegas Convention Center! How did this opportunity come about? Was JP Racing the only PWC industry company invited?

JULIO PAULA: Thank you guys! We were actually approached by Vibrant Performance with an invitation to the SEMA show. We have partnered closely with Vibrant since our grand opening, they have been a huge factor in providing us with the best quality parts and support for our builds. YES! We indeed were the only PWC representing for the industry in the entire SEMA Show. It was a great opportunity and honor to be the first PWC ever to be featured at SEMA that still utilized factory running gear. We knew this had to be a showstopper. So, we did what we do and completely disassembled a perfectly running Turbo Sea-Doo RXP and started its transformation. We were only given a month and a half heads up, so we knew we had to get to work.

PR: How did you prepare for SEMA?

JP: We went all in! I decided to slow down the shop and put our focus on making sure we deliver the best possible product we can muster. We began with removing every single nut/bolt/hose etc. out of the ski to prep it for paint. Once out of the booth we were tasked with getting everything up to date. Remember, this ski was running so it was a matter of making things pretty now. We re-installed everything including new goodies from VIBRANT Performance and had a complete Billet Steering System Sponsored by RIVA Motorsports. Some details here and there with some damn good polishing and the ski looked like the showstopper we envisioned.

PR: What was the experience like for you? What stood out as the best part of the event?

JP: The experience was awesome, we met a lot of manufacturers, created new memories and really got to see how everything happens behind the scenes. SEMA is a heck of an operation with thousands of people and products all over the place covering these huge buildings where the event was held. The best part for me was being able to step back and take it all in. We were there 4 days, 9-4PM felt like a job itself but the reactions on people's faces and all the love and support from people that knew us that were there made it all worth it. Looking back now and having the people that support JP RACING as a company and me personally was very humbling.

PR: What did attendees get to see showcased from JP Racing at SEMA? Describe the reaction of attendees who stopped at your booth.



JP: On display was our Turbo Sea-Doo RXP, built from the ground up with a beautiful shiny engine, perfectly executed placement of everything inside the bay itself; sleek carbon accents we had with the hood and our tunnel reinforcement; Vibrant products scattered through the entire build, and everything powered by the FuelTech FT550 — it is something you need to see in person.

It was funny to see all the reactions honestly. People walked up to the booth and the first thing they noticed was the Carbon Fiber Hood which hooked them and got them to walk over, once they got closer and had the right angle, they were immediately blown back by the COMP TurboCharger sticking up and out to the side of the ski. It was game over then. Right away you see the pointing and huge smiles as people who aren't exposed to that style of PWC are in awe of what they are standing in front of.

PR: How do you think JP Racing's presence at SEMA influenced the crossover between PWC enthusiasts and the broader motorsports world?

JP: I'm very confident the caliber of PWC we had at SEMA is definitely going to get the gear heads thinking and wanting to create their unique build. I'm proud we put our hearts into this build, not only to represent for JP RACING and what we are capable of, but to also represent for the ENTIRE PWC community. There were thousands of people taking pictures, videos, doing interviews with the ski it was amazing. SEMA was a lifetime experience for myself, my team and my business.

HUGE Thank you to VIBRANT PERFORMANCE for trusting JP RACING to deliver the HEAT at the 2024 SEMA SHOW!



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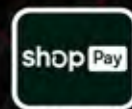
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Our first year as new owners of the amazing East Coast Watercross Region 8 series was nothing short of amazing! As a racer in multiple ski classes I have raced with R8 for 13 years; 2024 was my first year at the helm as owner/promoter/race director and I can say I learned a lot that I never knew went into putting on races to this caliber!

With the help of passionate people, we executed a well-orchestrated season with intense battles on extremely competitive and unique courses.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire ECW team for all their support, especially my wife, Cassandra, my right-hand man and co-race director, Kelly Wilcox, as well as my brother, Joey Dudek, and the 'Wicked Princess,'

Shelly McCloskey, for making every race weekend a success! We experienced unforgettable racing action every day and faced weather and water conditions that will stay with us forever!

We hosted the IJSBA Two Stroke Nationals as well as the 1100 Triple Crown and watched competitive racing at every round from the novice classes to the experts.

Our R8 family showed up in force at the 2024 IJSBA World Finals in Lake Havasu, AZ and took home a few world championships and a lot of other trophies.

Overall, we could not be happier with our first season as the new owners of East Coast Watercross. We have big plans for 2025 to grow the sport of jet ski racing on the east coast and provide the highest level of racing possible! **PR**



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Welcomes the Series with Record Crowd

By: Luis Centeno Fragoso,
Freeride Portugal Organizer
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Moto Surf/Freeride brought together thousands of people at Praia da Areia Branca during the event. The event was organized by the Portuguese Jet Sports Boating Association in partnership with the Portuguese Motorboat Federation and with the support of the Municipality of Lourinhã to promote and expand Freeride in Portugal.

Anthony Burgess was the big winner of the inaugural stage of the Moto Surf World Series 2024 with the Portuguese athletes, in their absolute debut in the competition, being eliminated in round 16.

The English driver, who maintained a very high performance throughout the days of the race, faced in the final Mexico's Abraham Hochstrasser, current defending champion, in a duel of titans decided at the limit. Burgess thus won the Portuguese stage, adding 15 points in the Moto Surf World Series 2024.





The modality, which stands out for the emotion and adrenaline of the spectacular maneuvers of the jet skis in the air, attracted thousands of visitors to Praia da Areia Branca, in Lourinhã/Portugal.

The Moto Surf World Series 2024 marked the debut in the competition of Portuguese athletes Nuno Gomes and Nelson Santos who, despite elimination in round 16, demonstrated quality indicators for the rest of the World Championship.

Good weather and the spectacularity of the sport attracted thousands of people. It took 8 months of preparation to make Praia da Areia Branca the perfect spot for this event again. The success of the Portuguese stage is based on the collaborative work with the Municipality of Lourinhã, which reinforced the importance and future potential of this partnership.

João Duarte de Carvalho, Mayor of Lourinhã, shared, "Events such as the World Motor Surf Series 2024 are fundamental to leverage and project the territory, in a period when the bathing season has already ended. This edition was a success, with a lot of participation from the public who, over the course of the days, went to Praia da Areia Branca to watch the spectacular maneuvers the pilots of various nationalities provided us. For the municipality it is an honor and the certainty of duty fulfilled to hear the Portuguese Jet Sports Boating Association affirm this was the best edition ever, motivating us to receive and co-organize all events that value the municipality," concluded the mayor. **PR**



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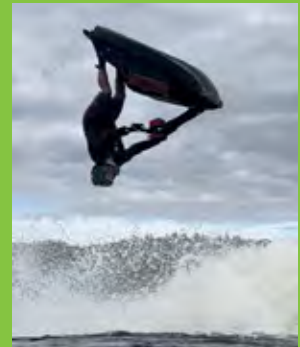
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HYDRODRAGS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

NEW CLASS: TURBO NO NITROUS!

By: Billy Tew, Event Promoter | Photos: Manuel Valdes MVP Production



The 2024 Fizzle Racing HydroDrags World Championships, presented by FuelTech, went down at the Sunset Cove Amphitheater in Boca Raton, Florida, on November 23–24. With the support of the Palm Beach County Sports Commission, this year's event broke records in both racer turnout and spectator attendance — it was the biggest and best HydroDrags yet!

Day 1: The action kicked off with Speed Alley, where riders battled tough water conditions thanks to another cold front, just like last year. While no new records were set, some came close. #69 Jose Luis Hernandez's 142mph Unlimited Class Speed Alley record still stands strong. We rolled into the **Pro Stock Division** with tight competition:

- 1st: LMR JR #34
- 2nd: Angelica Gonzalez Caputo #912
- 3rd: Lazaro Cabrera Medina #12

As daylight rapidly faded, we wrapped up the **Pro Spec Division**:

- 1st: Miguel Espinet #5
- 2nd: Carlos Perez #10
- 3rd: Damian Garcia #9

Day 2: With warmer weather and calmer waters, we kicked off with HydroDrags' newest class, **Turbo No Nitrous**. This division is perfect for recreational riders, offering a more affordable entry into the drag racing scene. Only rules are no superchargers only using turbos, no split/gutted hulls, and no nitrous systems in the skis. The top spots went to:

- 1st: Cuco Performance #1212
- 2nd: Sandor Blanco #40
- 3rd: Yunior Roman #18

Next up, the **Super Stock Division** brought emotional moments as Isel Pupo #28 took 1st place, dedicating the win to his late teammate Omar "Roy" Rodriguez.

- 2nd: Carlito De Valle
- 3rd: Angelica 'Golden Girl' Gonzalez Caputo #107



Finally, we closed the event with the **Unlimited Class**, featuring the fastest builds in the world! Carlito De Valle, a HydroDrags legend, passed the title to Cuco Performance #5:

- 1st: Cuco Performance #5
- 2nd: Carlito De Valle #22
- 3rd: Samir Suarez #63

The weekend wrapped with an epic awards ceremony with Mikey Young as MC, celebrating the incredible performances and community that make HydroDrags what it is. And each class's first place winner walked away with a cool \$1,000. Already counting down to 2025 — let's make it even bigger!

I would like to thank those that made the 2024 season successful:

Fizzle Racing, FuelTech, Palm Beach County Sports Commission, IJSBA, Wavedek Miami, Riva Racing, Jettribe Racing, Provalve Racing, DDR Marine, Calas Performance, JL Performance, Millenium Customs, LSPowdercoating, Kingdom Creationz, Broward Motorsports, Redbull, Mikey Young, KD, Eileen & Steve Rothenbuehler, Amanda and Garrett Pitman, Frequency Sounds and Events, Andy Hodgen, Shan Sharp, Palm Beach Sheriffs, Donald Perez, Rebecca Cruz.



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See you April 5–6 and November 15–16, 2025 at Sunset Cove Amp Boca Raton, FL!



How to Measure Top Speed

Every performance enthusiast wants to know the actual top speed of their modified watercraft. Unfortunately, the data displayed by the stock speedometer isn't accurate and can be off by as much as 3mph. Use of a handheld GPS will provide a more precise measure of speed but can be deceiving because most only provide peak top speed which includes inaccurate spikes. At RIVA Racing, we recommend the use of phone-based apps to measure the top speed. An external Bluetooth GPS receiver can be added to your phone for even more precise speed data.

The first step in modifying a watercraft is to record your "baseline" top speed prior to installing any performance upgrades. Doing so allows you to confirm that you're starting with the expected stock speed and can identify possible issues with the stock craft before the modification process begins.

Standardized speed testing procedures are critical to ensure accurate results. When testing parts for top speed and acceleration, the conditions that existed for the baseline test should be duplicated as closely as possible for subsequent runs. If using a phone-based GPS app to establish a baseline, make sure to use the same app for all future runs. Consecutive runs should be made in opposite directions for more accurate speed averaging purposes. Other factors such as altitude, air temperature, humidity, water conditions, and water type (salt or fresh) can make major differences in top speed readings and change the conditions of the test.

Make sure to always use the same rider for all speed passes and don't overlook important factors such as consistent fuel level, foot placement and rider positioning, all of which contribute to the accurate measurement of top speed. **PR**



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Here's a list of the key factors that influence top speed:

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

1. Elevation
2. Temperature (Air & Water)
3. Humidity
4. Water Conditions
 - a. Chop/Wave Action
 - b. Current
5. Water Type
 - a. Fresh
 - b. Salt/Brackish

WATERCRAFT OPERATING CONDITIONS

1. Engine
 - a. Running Hours/Excessive Wear/Break-in Period
 - b. Compression
 - c. Supercharger Clutch
 - d. Intercooler
 - i. Holds Pressure
 - ii. Free of Contaminants
2. Fuel System Pressure
 - a. OEM Fuel Pump
 - b. OEM Fuel Pressure Regulator

FUEL

1. Octane
2. Quality
3. Level

CONDITION OF JET PUMP

1. Drive Shaft
2. Wear Ring
3. Impeller
4. Intake Grate
5. Pump Shoe/Transom Plate
6. Stator & Reduction Nozzle Vanes
7. Pump Bearings

TRIM

1. OEM Adjustment
 - a. Level in Neutral Position

HANDLING COMPONENTS

1. Intake Grate
2. Ride Plate
3. Sponson Settings
4. Trim Tabs
5. Steering Nozzle

RIDER POSITION

1. Foot Placement
2. Body Location
3. Body Form

CRAFT LOAD

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HULL CONDITION

1. Damage
2. Repairs

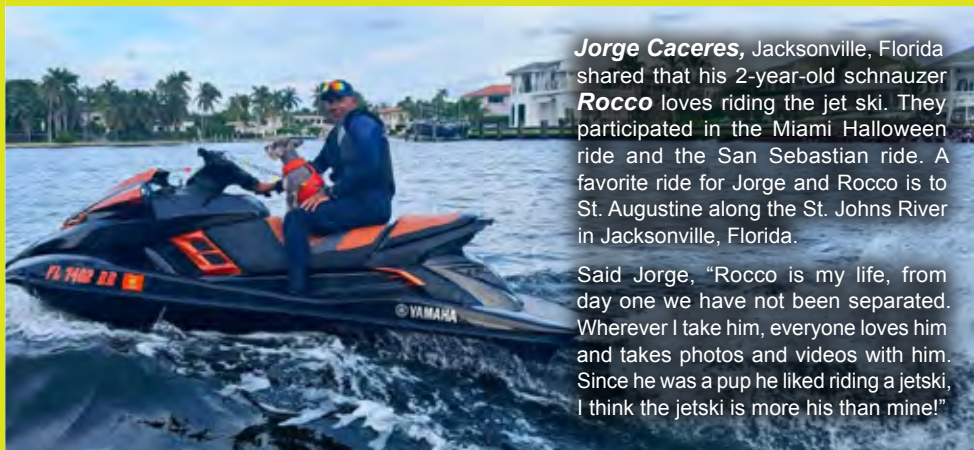


Did you know? Starting off as just a small mom and pop shop for retail consumers in the motor scooter world, RIVA Racing draws its roots back to the beginning of RIVA Motorsports. In 1979, New Jersey couple Steve and Lynn Bamdas, with their 14-year-old son Dave and his 3 siblings, traveled south to Pompano Beach, Florida to start a small motorsports business.

At first, the business, called Lambretta South, sold product lines consisting of scooters, mopeds and go karts. In the early 1980's, the shop acquired a new Yamaha "Riva" scooter line and changed the business name to Riva World. This particular line of scooters is what would cement the RIVA name in the history books by contributing to the company's now iconic and most recognizable name.



From Westminster, Massachusetts, meet Freestyle Competitor **David Oski** and his 6-year-old English Lab **Maudie**. "She really loves riding the ski for a few minutes although she actually prefers the Kawasaki Superchicken. She also loves swimming in Wyman Pond and barking 'hello', at the ducks!" said David.



Jorge Caceres, Jacksonville, Florida shared that his 2-year-old schnauzer **Rocco** loves riding the jet ski. They participated in the Miami Halloween ride and the San Sebastian ride. A favorite ride for Jorge and Rocco is to St. Augustine along the St. Johns River in Jacksonville, Florida.

Said Jorge, "Rocco is my life, from day one we have not been separated. Wherever I take him, everyone loves him and takes photos and videos with him. Since he was a pup he liked riding a jetski, I think the jetski is more his than mine!"



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Bryce Watson and **Dusty**, a pure-bred Border Collie are from Perth, Western Australia. "At 8 years young, Dusty loves to try bite the water when it splashes on the hull." Bryce was motivated to introduce Dusty to jet skiing after seeing YouTuber Brodie Moss take his dog on the ski. "Now I can never get him off it. Every time I have the ski hooked up to the back of my car, Dusty's at the door waiting for an invite to come out," said Bryce.

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Francois Medori



Rashid Al Mulla





Aquabike World Endurance Championship and Closed Circuit World Championship, Lake Toba, Indonesia, 2024

For the second year in a row, Lake Toba hosted the UIM-ABP Aquabike World Championships. The pinnacle of the Aquabike racing year, Lake Toba's primal allure, mirrors the inner desires of racers to dominate their class and the unpredictable waters of an ancient lake. 80 riders from 30 countries descended in this secluded picturesque region of North Sumatra, to claim their medals for Indonesia and the rest of the 2024 racing season. Thousands of spectators cheered and enjoyed traditional festivities by the lake's edge.

Racing began with Endurance, where 33 riders had to conquer three cups and six transfers from base camp in Pangururan, totaling 400 kilometers or 248 mi for transfers and course racing. Karo Cup champion Lino Araujo made a triumphant return after acute health issues. The Dairi Cup went to Francois Medori, and the Simalungun Cup to Hajime Isahai, another delightful comeback for the Japanese rider. The World Championship went to Francois Medori, who took his second Endurance title in 2024 after winning the European leg in Vichy. In second place, Anthony Radetic had strong finishes in the Dairi Cup, followed by Isahai in third just 5 points from Radetic. This is not the last we hear from these riders, which brings us to closed course racing.

In Ski Ladies, Jessica Chavanne defended her GP of Lake Toba 2023 title and took the overall win with great technical finesse and nerve. A mere three points away was Valkyrian Estonian, Jasmiin Ypraus, in second, and Norwegian young gun, Benedicte Drange, in third. For the world championship, Jasmiin proved she was indeed the first of her name and was crowned World Champion of 2024. Chavanne was just 9 points behind her in second, and Drange, having the best year of her rocketing racing career, in third.

In Ski GP 1, all eyes were on the red bib of Quinten Bossche, a convenient target for a talent-heavy lineup. For GP of Lake Toba, Kevin Reiterer pulled ahead for the championship aboard a new boat courtesy of a new sponsor, XBJ. Jeremy Poret said, "What shoulder injury?" and finished in second followed by Bossche in third. For the world championship, Bossche defended his top podium spot, yet another title in his collection of accolades for Belgium. Reiterer took second, and Morgan Poret, the 2023 GP of Lake Toba champion, third.

In Runabout GP 1, Sweden's Samuel Johansson was the one to watch. The young Swedish rider, no novice to the class, has been making waves for several

years. After three stops in 2024 and tense battles with veteran Francois Medori, Samuel won the GP of Lake Toba AND the world championship title in an emotional conclusion. Medori, despite finishing the New York City Marathon days before his racing week, managed to stay in second overall, tying in points with Samuel. Jeremy Perez had a stellar week and finished third for the GP of Lake Toba. Lino Araujo, no doubt ecstatic, finished third in the world championship. This was also Johan Johansson's final year of racing, choosing to step back to focus on Samuel and Janina's racing careers.

The showmen in Freestyle did not disappoint. Rashid Al Mulla retook the GP of Lake Toba and the world championship, followed by Roberto Mariani in second and Paulo Nunes in third.

This was a strong Aquabike year, thanks to great racing destinations, fun course designs, and, most of all, unbelievably fast and talented riders. If this is the template for jet ski racing, I say... bring on 2025! **PR**



Jasmiin Ypraus



3rd Annual Nauti or Nice Ugly Sweater Christmas Ride

By: Renee Hill, Founder Nauti Girl Crew | Photos: Zee Khan Zee Picture Perfect

The Harris Chain of Lakes in Florida sparked with holiday cheer during the 3rd Annual Nauti or Nice Ugly Sweater Christmas Ride. Despite cold temperatures, a brave but spirited group of jet ski enthusiasts gathered to spread Christmas joy on the water. Even with the chilly start, everyone was in high spirits, and the day soon turned pleasantly warm.

Riders embraced the holiday spirit with comical ugly sweaters and skis decked out as sleighs, adorned with Christmas trees, and candy canes, creating a floating holiday parade as Christmas tunes from the skis added to the festive cheer.

The adventure took the group around the scenic lakes, through a lock as a cheerful laughing group, and continued through the enchanting Dora Canal. Onlookers smiled and waved, shouting Merry Christmas greetings to riders.

The ride concluded in the picturesque town of Mt. Dora with a cozy lunch, exciting giveaways, and awards for best-decorated ski and most outrageous sweaters, a perfect celebration, bringing friends together to kick off the Christmas season!

If you would like to join in future NGC adventures, you can find them and their calendar on Facebook at Nauti Girl Crew - Jet Ski Group. **PR**







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RYAN RILING



2024 VIRTUAL FREESTYLE COMPETITION

WHO KNEW WHAT YOU COULD DO - ON A SEA-DOO!

By: Paul Hewitt, Founder Virtual Freestyle Championships



HENRY LI

2024 VIRTUAL FREESTYLE SCORES:

DIFFICULTY	VARIETY	EXECUTION	FLOW	TRICK COUNT

JUDGES: Michael Ratti, Marc Sickerling, Jessi Verheij, Mark Curtis, Martin Pearce

The Fifth Virtual Freestyle Championships set new benchmarks, both in diversity of craft and depth and breadth of talent.

The biggest diversity was seen in the 800cc class, creating an even bigger headache for the judges in what is always a highly competitive class.

Professional Stuntman Tommy Nuttall captured the hearts of many, with his mesmerizing sequence of tricks previously unseen on a Sea-Doo. Equally captivating in this class was 6-year-old Brock Doberstein, smashing the record for the youngest ever competitor in this competition, and giving us a glimpse into the future.

However, it was the UK's Steve Riley who took the 800cc Class title the second year running. Steve tells us he's "only in it for the T shirt", however his intricate, fast paced and on point routine was clearly underpinned by a huge amount of dedication and practice.

Rapidly ascending German prodigy Claire Hartung took the runner up position, and Luke Stocks took third with a much-improved routine on last year's event.

Henry Li took the most trophies this year, grabbing both 900cc and 1200cc titles with two high octane routines submitted on two different engines, and the Best Trick competition in those classes. Second place in the 900cc class went to Jack DuBois and Belgian newcomer Staf de Pooter who took third place in his first ever freestyle competition.

Ryan Riling took the 1200cc Novice class title and 1200cc Novice Best Trick trophy, impressive in his first competitive appearance. Runner up in this class was Colin Morrison, also of the USA, and Dennis Saulnier of Canada took his first ever freestyle placing, showing that persistence really does pay off.

In the 1200cc Class we were honoured to have world renowned freerider Tanner Thomas, who pushed Henry Li hard. Tanner took the runner up position making it a USA 1-2, and Adam Reynolds of the UK took third.

The judges unanimously voted young gun Brock Doberstein as Virtual Freestyle's Most Inspirational Newcomer for 2024, and we can't wait to see how this talented young boy, trained by his father Ryan, progresses with his freestyle career.

Virtual Freestyle is now well established as a global event that offers a unique opportunity to compete against those from any continent of the world, without the expense of travel and is a comfortable entry point for those looking to begin their competitive freestyle career.

Like all freestyle competitions this one relies on your support to keep it running and safeguard it for future years. With that in mind we invite early applications from any companies interested in being the headline sponsor for 2025. Please contact Paul Hewitt directly. More information at virtualfreestyle.tv.

Huge thanks to everyone who took part and made the 2024 Virtual Freestyle event so special, including pro flyboarders James Curtis and Zane Nuttall who warmed up the virtual crowds, and to all our sponsors for ensuring such an amazing prize haul. **PR**



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FULL RESULTS

800CC CLASS

- Steve Riley, *UK*
- Claire Hartung, *GERMANY*
- Luke Stocks, *USA*
- Gary Burtka, *USA*
- Tommy Nuttall, *USA*
- Brock Doberstein, *USA (Junior Champion)*
- Alex Youngs, *AUSTRALIA (Novice Champion)*

900CC CLASS

- Henry Li, *USA*
- Jack DuBois, *USA*
- Staf de Pooter, *BELGIUM*
- Bobby Diabolical, *USA*

1200CC NOVICE CLASS

- Ryan Riling, *USA*
- Colin Morrison, *USA*
- Dennis Saulnier, *CANADA*

1200CC CLASS

- Henry Li, *USA*
- Tanner Thomas, *USA*
- Adam Reynolds, *UK*
- Yohan Dremaux, *FRANCE*
- Cedric Potvin, *FRANCE*

BEST TRICK CLASS

- Best Trick 800 – Steve Riley, *One-handed rodeo*
- Best Trick 900 – Henry Li, *Madonna flip*
- Best Trick 1200 Novice – Ryan Riling, *50-50 grab backflip*
- Best Trick 1200 – Henry Li, *No hand 540*



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WRT'S BRIGHT FUTURE



WRT 2024 LINE UP FEATURING JOSH DEILKE ON THE #149 LIMITED X2 AND KYLE WININGER ON THE #95 LIMITED X2

Kyle Winger, Turlock, California, founder of Winger Racing Team, shares how he combines a rich family racing heritage with innovative craftsmanship, turning a backyard passion for jet skis into a thriving business in the PWC community.

PRO RIDER: Please tell us about your background and what led you to become involved in jet skiing and the Winger Racing Team.

KYLE WININGER: Winger Racing Team LLC on one hand is the name of the business I started in 2024 to bring parts I was making to the public. On the other hand, Winger Racing Team was the name of my dad's racing team back before I was even a thought. Just before I was born, my dad hung up the suit and sold his IMCA modified. 10 years later, my parents had my brother and me on the track racing quarter midgets. After aging out of quarter midgets, we raced mini cup stock cars. When the mini cup series dwindled, WRT paused, only to be continued later in the mud racing circuit with a pair of backyard built K5 Blazers. We just like to race; we'll race whatever we can.

Getting into jet skis was a Covid project. I saw a 1988 JS440 online, picked it up on my way home from work and the rest is history. After a few years riding, repairing, and rebuilding jet skis, racing them was a natural progression. I had the opportunity to work as a prototype fabricator at a tech start up where I learned how to TIG weld, operate 3D printers & plasma tables, and CAD in programs like Fusion 360 and NX. With newfound skills and knowledge, the quality of the parts I was able to produce went dramatically up.

PR: What inspired you to start your business, and how did you decide to focus on spark plug covers?



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REMINISCING ON THE 2024 SEASON, HERE IS OUR FRIEND GABRIEL COWLEY AT THE WILD WEST WATERCROSS SEASON FINALE IN SPARKS, NEVADA.

WRT is staying busy this winter designing more Jet Ski parts and products, so stay tuned!

PHOTO: CHRIS LIU (@ChrisLiu1)

KW: I started the LLC for Winger Racing Team when the spark plug cases took off. They started the same way as most WRT parts in our catalog, I was filling a need for myself, people saw them and wanted a set. When I originally drew the cases up in CAD I had no intention of starting a business anytime soon. I was just tired of my cardboard spark plug boxes getting wet when I backed the ski trailer into the water. Now WRT has our spark plug cases carried by three major online jet ski retailers!

PR: How has your personal experience in jet ski racing influenced the development and design of your products? What type of PWC do you ride and what are your favorite riding locations?

KW: Honestly, I've only participated in one jet ski race so far in my life, the season finale of the 2024 Wild Western Watercross series in Sparks, Nevada. I attended the entire 2024 season of races and met many great people and a community that pulled me into the world of aftermarket support for jet skis. My favorite jet ski to ride is a Kawasaki X2. Favorite ride spots include Hogsback access ramp, Camp Far West, and Lake McClure.

PR: Please share your future plans for the business, and can we expect any new products or innovations?

KW: The future for Winger Racing Team is bright! There are many products coming soon from WRT both solely from our camp and with various collaborations and projects with other jet ski related parts companies. Be on the lookout for WRT trim delete spacers for Kawasaki 140mm pumps and a whole line of WRT parts for Superjets and Wave Blasters!



TRIM DELETE SPACERS COMING SOON



WAVE RAVE 2024:

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Story and photos: Jim Kwiatkowski





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Another successful WaveRave freeride is in the books for 2024! WaveRave, Michigan's freeride, is held annually in August along the shores of Lake Michigan at the Claybanks Township campground, New Era, Michigan.

The 2024 event saw more people arriving earlier in the week, with the number of jet skiers at the campground and beach reaching levels usually seen on Friday afternoons or Saturdays. The steady flow throughout the week kept crowds and water access smooth. Early arrivals enjoyed sunny skies and calm waters.

By Friday morning, 100 skis lined the beach! As the wind picked up riders were treated to 3–6 ft waves.

WaveRave continues to see a growing number of young families, with more kids (and pets). The event maintains its "chill" atmosphere for riders of all levels allowing everyone to catch up with familiar faces, meet new riders and experience a full range of jet skis. The campground information booth was quite popular offering shirts, hoodies, and freebie candy for the kids with plenty of free WaveRave swag including frisbees, wristbands, and Pro Rider Watercraft magazines.

Lake Michigan's stunning backdrop and breathtaking sunsets continue to fuel the tradition of sunset rides. This year's event drew riders from the East Coast, Georgia, the Midwest, and even South Dakota, where a group of great guys brought their energy and enthusiasm.

Special thanks to our sponsors, including Pro Rider Watercraft Magazine, for supporting our event and contributing to our raffle, with proceeds benefiting the Township and campground. A big shoutout to Chad Rankin from Crankin' Customs for his year of planning and effort to make this event better every year!

WaveRave celebrates 20 years of freeride in Michigan in 2025! Mark your calendars for August 7–10. Plans are underway to make this milestone unforgettable! **PR**





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HOW TO REDUCE LOW BACK PAIN FROM RIDING JET SKIS

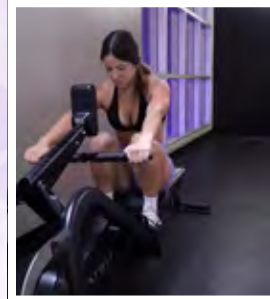
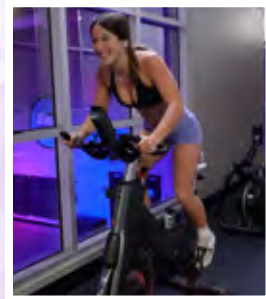
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Jet skiing is an exhilarating sport, but often leaves riders with low back pain due to the repetitive motions and posture required. Whether you're racing or cruising, the combination of leaning forward and bouncing over waves can put strain on your lower back. Fortunately, incorporating the right exercises and movements can help reduce pain and prevent injury, keeping you on the water longer.

WHY DOES JET SKIING CAUSE LOW BACK PAIN?

Jet skiing often requires a hunched position, placing stress on the lumbar spine and overloading lower back muscles. The constant jarring motions from waves can create tension, leading to stiffness and discomfort. Over time, muscle imbalances — where the core and glutes are weak while the lower back and hip flexors become tight — can exacerbate this low back pain.



1. STRENGTHEN CORE

A strong core supports your spine and helps absorb the impact of bouncing on the water. Focus on exercises like:

- **Planks:** Hold for 20-30 seconds to build core strength.
- **Bird Dogs:** Engage your core while extending opposite arm and leg.
- **Dead Bugs:** Alternate extending arms and legs while keeping your lower back pressed to the floor.

2. IMPROVE FLEXIBILITY

Tight muscles, particularly in the hips and hamstrings, can contribute to low back pain. Regular stretching can help:

- **Hamstring Stretch:** Reach for your toes or use a strap to gently pull your foot toward you.
- **Hip Flexor Stretch:** Perform lunges or a kneeling stretch to release tightness.
- **-Cat-Cow Stretch:** Alternate arching and rounding your back to increase spinal flexibility.

3. STRENGTHEN GLUTES AND LEGS

Weak glutes and legs can lead to overuse of your lower back. Exercises like:

- **Squats:** Build leg strength while engaging the core.
- **Bridges:** Strengthen the glutes and lower back.
- **Walking Lunges:** Target the quads, hamstrings, and glutes.
- **Deadlifts:** These work the low back, glutes and hamstrings.

4. FOCUS ON POSTURE

Proper posture is key to reducing back pain. Keep a neutral spine, engage your core, and bend at the hips leaning forward. Regularly check your posture and take breaks when needed to reset.

5. CROSS-TRAIN FOR BETTER ENDURANCE

Low-impact activities like rowing, cycling, and yoga can improve strength, and endurance, helping prevent overuse injuries.

6. RECOVERY IS KEY

After riding, stretch, foam roll, hit the jacuzzi, and use heat or ice to reduce muscle tension and prevent stiffness.

7. RIDE STRONGER AND PAIN-FREE

Incorporating these exercises into your routine can help reduce low back pain, enhance your performance, and keep you riding longer.

If you want a personalized fitness plan to target your specific needs, I offer coaching designed to improve mobility, strength, and endurance for action sport enthusiasts. Let's work together to keep you pain-free and riding at your best! Direct message to start your journey to stronger, pain-free jet skiing! @offroadingky **PR**

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WATER JET WORLD GRAND PRIX



HIGH STAKES AND HIGH SPEEDS

in the WGP#1 Triple Crown Finale Thailand

By: Robert Sand, Tech Director | Photos: Robert Sand; Rain Porter; WGP#1



The 2024 WGP#1 World Cup final round of the Triple Crown and Asia Cup Championship returned to Jomtien Beach, Thailand. For the second consecutive year, the city enhanced the beach area with offshore sand pumper boats, creating the largest event layout to date, spanning over 2km with expanded grandstands, media zones, and an impressive VIP section.

Major brands Yamaha, Sea-Doo, and Kawasaki set up vendor tents, with Kawasaki unveiling the all-new SX-X 160 watercraft. Jet Pilot and Freedom Motorsports anchored the vendor area, joined by smaller exhibitors and club racing teams from various countries. The Asian Association of Waterjet Federation (AAWF) held its year-end meeting, announcing that jet ski racing will be part of the 2025 SEA Games in Pattaya, Thailand.

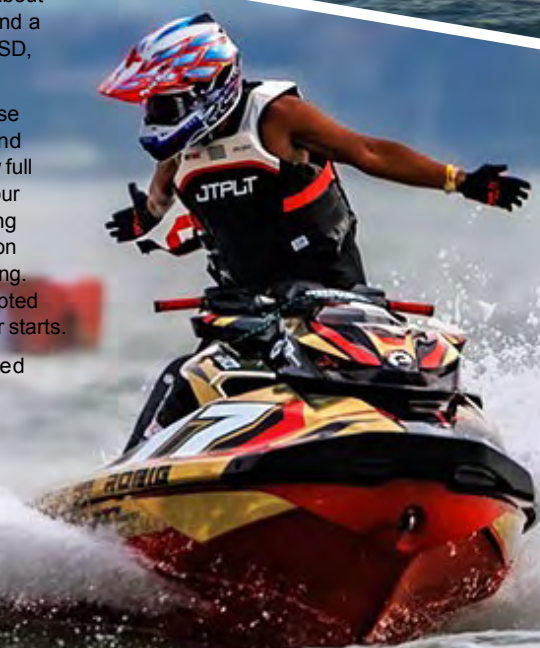
WGP#1 assembled a global team of race officials and marshals, with Race Directors from the USA, Australia, Belgium, and the UK, supported by Course Marshals from the UAE, USA, and Germany. Thailand's highly acclaimed Skywave Rescue Team collaborated closely with top-notch medical staff to ensure safety.

The event kicked off with two days of pre-race inspections, registration, and open practice, followed by controlled practice and qualifiers for high-participation classes like 1100 Runabout Stock and Runabout GP. With 40 countries competing and a prize purse exceeding \$375,000 USD, competition was intense!

The event featured 22 closed-course classes, four Junior classes and Freestyle. Premier GP classes drew full lines of elite racers battling across four motos, but the randomized starting light system led to 18 red flag starts on day one as racers adjusted their timing. By the end of the event, racers adapted to the system, resulting in smoother starts.

Post-moto inspections ensured compliance, with checks ranging from craft observation to crankshaft teardowns for top-tier classes.

The 2024 World Cup once again showcased the pinnacle of jet ski racing on a global stage! **PR**



FIRST PLACE FINISHERS

PRO Ski GRAND PRIX:

Kevin Reiterer, *Austria*

PRO Sport GP:

Settura Supak, *Thailand*

PRO-AM Runabout 1100 OPEN:

Footrakul Suphathat, *Thailand*

PRO Runabout GRAND PRIX:

Mohammad Albaaz, *Kuwait*

PRO Freestyle:

Taiji Yamamoto, *Japan*

PRO-AM Endurance OPEN:

Francois Medori, *France*

PRO-AM Women Ski Modified:

Siiri Salonen, *Finland*

PRO-AM Ski Stock:

Tanawid Molee, *Thailand*

PRO-AM Runabout Stock:

Permphon Teerapatpanich, *Thailand*

EXPERT Ski GP:

Mattias Reinaas, *Estonia*

EXPERT Ski Modified:

Akin Nipatcharoen, *Thailand*

EXPERT Runabout 1100 Stock:

Nils Wittling, *Germany*

EXPERT Runabout 1100 Superstock:

Kasidit Teeraprateep, *Thailand*

EXPERT Runabout Superstock:

Khalid Almohannadi, *Qatar*

Women Runabout 1100 Stock:

Chanapa Phollamai, *Thailand*

Veterans Runabout Limited:

Attapon Kunsu, *Thailand*

Veterans Ski GP:

Jonathan Phan, *United States*

NOVICE Ski Stock:

Cody Lorenzo Pontino, *Philippines*

NOVICE Runabout 1100 Stock:

Mustan Min, *Cambodia*

NOVICE Runabout Stock:

Salman Alawadhi, *United Arab Emirates*

JUNIOR Ski 13-15 4 Stroke Lites:

Intouch Longniyom, *Thailand*

JUNIOR Spark 13-15 Stock:

Intouch Longniyom, *Thailand*

JUNIOR Ski 1100 8-13 1 Lap Slalom:

Tanatham Kulkumthorn, *Thailand*

JUNIOR Woman Ski 1100

8-13 1 Lap Slalom:

Thamonwan Suwanwetsa, *Thailand*

JUNIOR Spark Standard 8-13 1 Lap

Slalom:

Tanatham Kulkumthorn, *Thailand*

JUNIOR Women Spark

Standard 8-13 1 Lap Slalom:

Nattanitcha Ngamchalee, *Thailand*

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TRAVIS BILLINGS

A young rising jet ski racer and freestyle, Travis Billings is an adventurous, outdoorsy, social kid who enjoys building, racing, and getting his hands dirty. With two and a half years of competitive wrestling under his belt, Travis took up jet skiing this past summer at the age of 9 and practices every weekend.



AGE: 10

HOMETOWN:

Lake Havasu City, Arizona

SKI: Superjet SJ2/SJ4

RACE #: 7

LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 2nd Place Overall Wild West Watercross Round 2 Class 8–9 Lites Bakersfield, CA
- 1st Place Overall Wild West Watercross Round 3 Class 8–9 Lites Sparks, NV
- 2nd Place Series Overall Championship Wild West Watercross Class 8–9 Lites Sparks, NV
- 2nd Place Overall IJSBA Jr. Nationals Class 8–9 Lite Altus, OK
- 4th Place Slalom IJSBA Jr. Nationals Class 8–12 Lites Altus, OK
- 3rd Place Best of the West Western Nationals Race 8 Class 10–12 Lites Parker, AZ
- 3rd Place Best of the West Western Nationals Race 9(Aug 5, Class 10–12 Lites) Parker, AZ
- 6th Overall Lake Havasu City Water X Series Rounds 10–11 Class 10–12 Lites Lake Havasu City
- 5th PWC US Freestyle Championship Beginners Lake Havasu City, AZ
- Nauti Water/IJSBA 2024 Young Guns Nedra Atwood #1 Fan Award (October 6) Lake Havasu City
- 3rd IJSBA World Finals Class 10–12 Stock Lake Havasu City, AZ
- 2nd Wrestling Clash Bullhead Rookie 8U Bullhead City, AZ

MEMORABLE WATER MOMENT: Going to my first RWB (Run Whatcha Brung) Regatta in Parker, AZ and riding my ski from Pirates Den to the Parker Dam all day. I really like to go fast. I love to ride with family and friends

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

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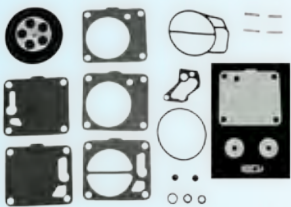


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