

Jet-Ski Spring Prep and Summer Fun!

By Alex Salomatoff



Lex: Hi Alex and welcome to April! We are so close to the beginning of boating season 2013 now! We've previously discussed how to get your boat ready for the season however, we haven't talked about the other side of boating which is currently exploding! That side of course is jet-skiing and you know a thing or two about that don't you Alex?

Alex: Yes Lex, I know a thing or two about them.

Lex: Great, well I know my personal jet-ski has been pretty trouble free except

for the time it was struck by lightning and I put a hole in the bottom of my hull and sunk it twice. Fortunately, I had a really good mechanic.

Alex: Yeah, what's his name?

Lex: Seriously Alex I believe it is you and you're the man who resurrected my 2000 Sea-Doo GTX back from the dead 3 times.

Alex: Oh yeah, that's right!

Lex: Now Alex, I know my experience is not typical of course, but what are some things a person needs to do

to get their jet-ski ready for the season, as well as maintain it for a trouble free year?

Alex: Well Lex, jet-skis are a lot like boats where you have to check the batteries, the fluids, the engine, the pump, check the hull, check the cables, check the impeller etc.

Lex: So Alex, what are some specific things a person can do?

Alex: Number one, make sure you have a good battery. Very important. All fluids need to be checked

and serviced if needed that includes the engine and the pump. Also, if it's a 2-Stroke you need to check your injection oil. If it's a 4-Stroke then check your crankcase oil. Also, make sure all of your cables are free and working properly and make sure your ski is running well BEFORE you put it in the water so you can enjoy your ride without wondering if your ski will konk out on you. One more thing, make sure you get out on the water and ride because one of the worst things you can do to your jet-ski or your boat is to let it sit.

Lex: So true Alex. And you know unfortunately so many people don't create the time to get out on the water and what I've found is even though so many people live very active lives, if they plan some time each week to get on the water, the rest of their life just seems happier and they ending using their ski instead of letting it sit. Another question, some people wonder what to do and where to go once they get on the water, because they sometimes get bored riding around in circles. Any advice?

Alex: Well, you could always find someone else on the water whose riding as most jet-skiers are very friendly and welcome the company and you could just pull up to them, strike up a conversa-

tion, make some new friends and ride together. The more the merrier! You could also come down to our races at The Newburgh Waterfront where no experience is necessary and you'll enjoy an incredible time!

Lex: By the way Alex, when and where are the races this year?

Alex: They are on the waterfront in Newburgh, NY at The Riverfront Marina, at Billy-Joe's, Captain Jakes and The River Grill and they will be held once a month starting in May. Go to Alex's Marine Plus on Facebook for the dates and times of the upcoming races.

Lex: That will be great fun Alex! I know that there will be prizes and bikini contests and even kayak races and yours truly Lex will be the Master of Ceremonies for the festivities. By the way Alex, what are some of the fun adventures we enjoyed last summer?

Alex: We had a whole group of us that went out and new people kept joining us all the time. We would do jet-ski runs both South and North on The Hudson River and go to different restaurants for great food and fun and well as explore some to the many nooks and crannies of the Hudson and also we'd practice and learn some new

racing skills and the more the merrier!

Lex: Yes and if you want to find out about some of our upcoming fun runs simply find Boating On The Hudson on Facebook or go to Alexs-MarinePlus.com and check out his Facebook. Anything else you'd like to share this month before we go Alex?

Alex: Yes, Lex, if anyone has any questions about buying a jet-ski or a boat or your not sure where to ride or just want some new ideas, I'd be happy to talk with them.

Lex: What's your number Alex?

Alex: 845-565-9199. I'm always happy to help my fellow jet-skiers and boaters.

Lex: Great! Thanks again Alex and make sure everybody to stay tuned for next month's article where we'll be talking about Fishing and the funny thing is we both know very little about fishing. It will be entertaining for sure!

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