

**WetRacer** : Where are you from?

**Zack** : Born & raised in Lancaster, CA

**WetRacer** : Who got you into Jet Skis ? What was the first ski you rode and where?

**Zack** : I basically got myself into it really. I went and bought my first ski (FX-1) by myself and learned at the lake while my friends wakeboarded. I haven't stopped since. The first ski I rode was a 650SX right in front of Crazy Horse Campground in Lake Havasu, AZ. I think I was 11. I knew I wanted one then and there.

**WetRacer** : Where is your favorite riding spot?

**Zack** : I'd have to say my home turf, Ventura, CA. It's where everything began, but I also love Oceanside and Pismo, CA. How long have you been riding?

**WetRacer** : Since the Joe Kenny Freeride, October, 2008  
What is your most memorable experience riding?

**Zack** : Um....so many haha. One that sticks in my head is riding monsters at Todos Santos, Mexico.... and then sinking the ski there....7 mile tow...I don't think I'll ever forget that!

**WetRacer** : What ski did you start out riding and what do you ride now?

**Zack** : I started out riding a beat up 96 Superjet. It was a great ski for learning. I put it through paces and it held up. I just recently built a Fiberglass Rickter FR-2 and I'm absolutely in love with the ski. It's like a short board surf board compared to a Superjet being like a longboard. It has opened the doors to a lot more possibilities for surf riding and has really helped me become a better rider all around. The Rickter has a Yamaha 701, 62T/61X. 00 cylinders, no porting, stock bore, Cold-Fusion billet head, Cold-Fusion billet lightened Kawi-style couplers, Cold-Fusion billet mid-shaft assembly, Cold-Fusion billet internal fuel filler, Cold-Fusion billet battery cage, Cold-Fusion billet o-ringed flywheel cover, ATP billet single carb intake manifold, single 46 Jetworks BlackJack carb, Factory B-pipe limited, billet 145 Skat-Trak Mag pump, RRP billet handpole with steering, two tone Hydro-Turf, One11Ink.com Vinyl Wrap....my ski is basically billet hahahaha!

**WetRacer** : What are your accomplishments?

**Zack** : Finished 4th place in Amateur class in The Blowsion Surf Slam in '09. That was my first competition ever.

Got invited out of 20 International riders, to compete in The Australian Freeride Open at Goldcoast, Australia. I didn't do too hot, but ANYWAY hahaha, it was my first pro contest. I was involved with Nasency Project's "Obscurity & Divinity" Film in January and also with Liquid Militia/Hypnotic Films' "Rise Of The Tide" film in February.

I finished 2nd place in the Grayland AM contest, and also got sickest trick award and the carnage award.

This year I finished 9th Place at the 2010 Blowsion SurfSlam and got 1st Place in the K&S Kuwait Big Air competition at the 2010 Blowsion SurfSlam.

**WetRacer** : How did you feel not making it into the final round at Surf Slam this year?

**Zack** : Well, considering Darrin qualified 2nd and I qualified 4th, I knew it was going to be tough. Darrin is an amazing rider and his amplitude is always to the moon. I tried to match his amplitude and wasted a lot of time looking for ramps....that never came..... and next thing you know, the yellow flag was out. I blew it! I rode the worst in that heat than I did the entire trip and Darrin deserved the win completely! I was definitely bummed that I didn't go any farther though, because I felt I really didnt get to show my stuff. Next year...

**WetRacer** : I saw your ride that won you the K&S Kuwait Big Air contest at Surf Slam and thought to my self how incredible you did. How did you feel about it?

**Zack** : Man I was so stoked! I was upset about things and just said screw this, I'm gonna pin this thing and just go for it! I did four tricks on three flips, three of them I learned the day before, went pretty big and handled it. I really had nothing to loose at that point, so I just let it all hang out and did it for the crowd! I have never been so stoked in my life though, to be riding back to shore and see everyone going crazy.... I'll never forget that! It was kind of like my introduction to the sport. It changed my life for sure.



**SKI: RICKTER FR-2**

**MOTOR: YAMAHA**

**MODS: ITS BILLET!**



**WetRacer** : What you want to accomplish with your riding?

**Zack** : Keep progressing at the rate I have. Win a pro contest. Win a World Championship. Get this Superflip out of the way so I doesn't haunt me any more hahahaha!