

Welcome to the first of what promises to be many publications of a newsletter addressing your needs as an Air Chair Junky. Yes, I know you are out there because I have traveled the country and world meeting with you and sharing experiences of flight. There's one thing for sure, once the bug hits you, you are hooked. I have been writing articles for various publications around the world for over ten years, and now seems like the time to take the next step...publishing. With the advent of the computer, and access to many of the best riders in the world, *Flight* was the next logical step. Inside you will find a wide assortment of news from *your* sport. Since this is the beginning I need your input to make each issue better than the one before. But most of all I need you to subscribe today. Enjoy!

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Sport For the Ages



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At 78 years young Mary Murphy is still flying high.

Sit down and get ready for the ride of your life. The Air Chair is expanding the limits of what is possible on and above the water. In the five years since its introduction, the world's first flying ski has become an exciting contender in the world of water skiing. It's fun to ride, entertaining to watch, and is still new enough to be on the cutting edge.

Riders have discovered that the Air Chair has many advantages over other types of skiing devices. The foil slashes through the water with so little drag that long rides are possible without getting tired. Less drag also makes the Air Chair attractive for personal water crafts and boats with as little as 25 hp. If that weren't enough, rough water is no problem because the ski glides smoothly above the turmoil below. When it's too choppy to enjoy anything else, you can still have a blast on the water.

More good news is that you don't need a wake to make big air jumps. Lift is generated by a combination of speed and technique; it is not dependent on leg strength or wake size. Once a rider has acquired the skills, jumps and flips can be performed anywhere behind the boat. And even coming down from all that air has its benefits. The foil breaks the water first, decreases the shock, and makes for cushy landings.