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Off-Season in the Northern Hemisphere typically runs from some time in late-September to late-April/early-May. Of course, areas closer to the equator have shorter Off-season durations while those farther North have much longer ones. While the Southern Hemisphere enjoys their warmer months during Off-Season, since the bulk of the active online members Soakerdom are based in the North, online forum activity tends to drop. Of course, the other main factor influencing online board activity is simply the fact that school/college/university also typically runs from September to May/June. Assignments, tests/exams, etc. also end up requiring many members' focus, thus leaving them with less free time to soak and share their experiences with others.

Maintaining a base level of activity through the Off-Season months has always been a challenge. Of course, this time with lower forum activity means that a little more time can be devoted to overall site maintenance issues and upgrades. Of course, having a silent forum is not desirable, thus activity is sustained through a higher level of off-topic thread creation combined with non-water-warfare threads on subjects like soaker buying, repair, and thoughts of the future. Oddly, few enjoy a good ol' wintery-waterfight.



∴ Lots of Ammo; Wrong Format

Typically in mid-to-late December/early January, information and images of the upcoming new water blaster lines begin to appear online. As more information becomes available, forum activity tends to pick up again on discussions on new blaster looks, predictions on blaster

performance, and, of course, longing to be the first to get one's hands on a new soaker and share a review with the rest of the community.

At this point in time, we have had some glimpses of the future (i.e. the Super Soaker Quick Blast and the renamed Water Warriors Raven). What other stock soakers are coming our way, time will tell.

Fear NO soaker!

FAVOURITE SOAKERS (2007) ::

By: iSoaker.com | iSoaker.com Forum Members

Due to limited response to the voting thread on the forums, as opposed to ranking soakers in the different categories, soakers chosen by various individuals are simply listed pseudo-alphabetically with multiple nominations noted.

1) Favourite new stock soaker of 2007 (Soaker must have only been released in 2007; recolours/rereleased older model soakers and non-stock soakers are not eligible)

- (2) Super Soaker Arctic Blast
- Super Soaker Hydroblitz
- Water Warriors Tarantula
- Super Soaker Sneak Attack
- (3) Water Warriors Orca
- (3) Water Warriors Tiger Shark

2) Favourite overall soaker (stock, modded, built soakers all can be nominated; can be an older model)

- Super Soaker CPS 1500
- Super Soaker CPS 2000
- Super Soaker CPS 2700
- Super Soaker CPS 3200
- Super Soaker Monster (2001)
- Super Soaker SS 300
- Super Soaker XP110
- Super Soaker XP215
- Water Warriors Lightning
- CPS 10K [modded]
- (2) CPS 12K [modded]
- (2) CPS 15k/17k [modded]
- (2) CPS 21K [modded]
- APH (classic huge-ass one) [homemade]

3) Favourite pistol-sized soaker (stock, modded, built soakers all can be nominated; can be an older model; soaker must not be much larger than an Super Soaker XP240; an XP270 or Max-D5000 would be too large to be classified as pistol-sized.)

- Speedloader 1000
- Super Soaker Liquidator
- Super Soaker Max-D 3000
- Super Soaker SC 400
- Super Soaker SS 30
- Super Soaker SS 50
- (2) Super Soaker XP 15: 2000 Edition
- (2) Super Soaker XP 215
- Super Soaker XP 220
- Super Soaker XP 240
- Super Soaker XP 75
- Squirt Pistol
- Water Warriors Argon
- Super Soaker Defender [modded]
- Super Soaker XP 310 [modded]

4) Favourite air-pressure-based soaker (stock, modded, built soakers all can be nominated; can be an older model)

- (2) Super Soaker Max-D 6000
- Super Soaker SC 400
- Super Soaker SS 50
- (2) Super Soaker SS 300
- Super Soaker XP 110
- (2) Super Soaker XP 150
- Super Soaker XP 310
- Super Soaker XP 70
- (2) Super Soaker XXP 275
- APH [homemade]

5) Favourite CPS/elastic-pressure-based soaker (stock, modded, built soakers all can be nominated; can be an older model)

- Super Soaker CPS 1000
- (4) Super Soaker CPS 1500/1700
- Super Soaker CPS 2000
- Super soaker CPS 2100
- Super Soaker CPS 2700
- (2) Super Soaker CPS 3200
- Super Soaker Monster (2001)
- Water Warriors Blazer
- Water Warriors Lightning
- CPS 12K [modded]
- CPS 15K [modded]
- CPS 10K [modded]
- Max-Infusion Flash Flood [modded]

6) Favourite pump-action soaker (stock, modded, built soakers all can be nominated; can be an older model)

- Power Soaker Mini Cannon
- Power Soaker Pumper II
- Super Soaker Sneak Attack
- Water Warriors Steady Stream

- Water Warriors Gremlin
- (2) ZX1000 Yellow Jacket
- G2 PVC Piston Pumper [homemade]
- G1 PVC Piston Pumper [homemade]
- PPP [homemade]
- Squirt Pistol

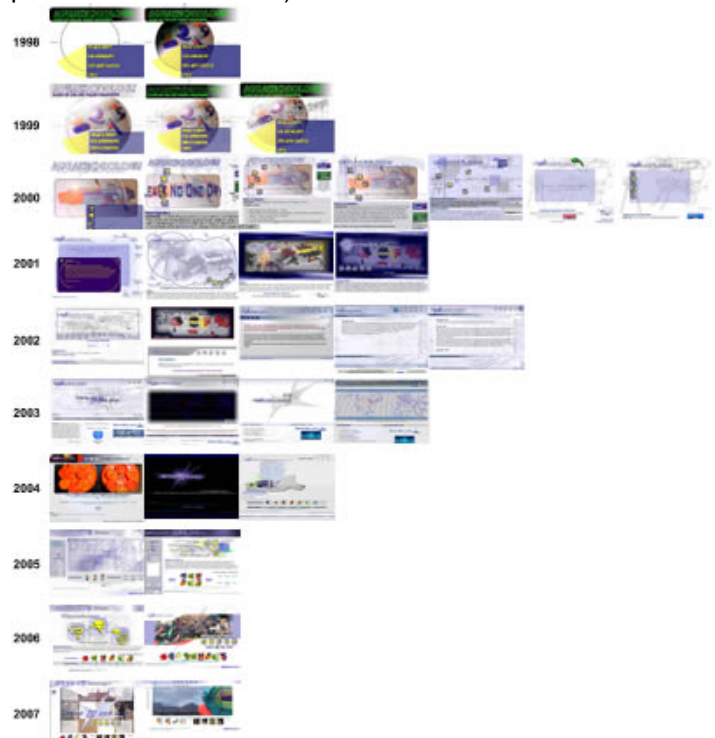
7) Favourite soaker design (stock, modded, built soakers all can be nominated; can be an older model; based solely on looks/feel and not necessarily performance)

- Power Soaker Junior Cannon
- (2) Super Soaker Defender
- Super Soaker Monster XL
- Super Soaker CPS 1000
- Super Soaker CPS 1200
- Super Soaker CPS 1500
- Super Soaker CPS 2000
- (2) Super Soaker CPS 2100
- Super Soaker CPS 2500
- Super soaker Max-D 5000
- Super Soaker SS 10
- Super Soaker SS 300
- Super Soaker XP 150
- Water Warriors Tigershark

INTROSPECTION (2007) ::

By: iSoaker.com

(The following is an excerpt from an upcoming article to be posted on iSoaker.com)



∴ *Splash Pages (1998 - 2007)*

The Splash page designs as can be seen above have gone through a variety of styles and colours over the years. From 1998 to 2002, one could say that the amount of information being presented on the first page of the site had steadily increased, peaking in 2002. From there, information content on the main page remained constant for a few months, then began to decrease back to a simpler, cleaner designs. This change reflects some of my thoughts in site-design preferences over the years, going from the idea that "more-is-more" to the belief that "elegance-is-more" when it comes to grabbing visitors' attentions. In the early years of site development, I held the belief that enthusiasts enjoyed seeing what was newly added to the site as soon as they visited the main page. While this may be true for repeat visitors, inundating a new visitor with a bunch of update info upon first visit is not necessarily the best way to grab their attention. Repeat visitors could make their way to the News page to find out what the latest change was, but I decided that it is still more beneficial to make a good first impression for any new visitors who stumble across the site. As such, the latest incarnations of the site now feature attention grabbing images. Some say visitors judge a website within the first couple of seconds they view it, thus interesting imagery is included to hopefully hold their attention just that bit longer such that they would then choose to explore further. Of course, compared to the main page of Aquatechnology, the latest clean-designs of iSoaker.com do offer many more deep links into the site. While main section links are most visible, the Flash Header offers some deeper linking to commonly accessed sections of the site. As well, thumbnail images are used as a visual link to some of the latest entries and submissions to the site.

Of course, splash page design is not the only thing that has been overhauled throughout the years. iSoaker.com has undergone a lot of sitewide file-reorganizations as well as sub-section reclassifications. The iSoaker.com review database was created back in 2003 and has been tweaked a number of times since then. Creating a database, while making some aspects of page creation a little bit trickier, has also allowed user-desired stat searching and sorting that would be impossible using static HTML pages alone. While the sorting and search features on iSoaker.com are still rather basic, the way products can be browsed and sorted has improved over time. In terms of statistics, Aquatechnology reviews featured a handful of blaster stats such as dimensions and capacities. Present reviews also include blaster output and ranges as well as the subjective iSoaker.com Ratings. There was a point I had considered doing away with the subjective ratings, but was convinced by visitors to the site to keep those ratings as well since certain blaster attributes cannot quite be measured and conveyed by raw statistics alone.

LAST DROPS ::

So ends the second issue of the next generation of Rogue Reports here at iSoaker.com. There are, without doubt, many more intriguing developments both site-related as well as stock-soaker-related that are brewing behind the scenes. Hopefully, by the time the next Rogue Report is released, we will have hands-on experience with some of the 2008 stock soakers as well as have some interesting tidbits on other things being developed. As always, keep an eye on the iSoaker.com Forums (<http://www.isoaker.com/cgi-bin/lkonboard/ikonboard.pl>) as new information will be posted as it can be made available. In the meantime, myself and fellow members of the iSoaker.com Rogue Group hope you have enjoyed the read and wish you outstanding future soaking experiences.

Soak on!

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