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# 2026 KAWASAKI JET SKI® STX® AND ST® 160 SERIES PERSONAL WATERCRAFT LINEUP

## AMPLIFIED FUN

What's already great gets even better. For 2026, Kawasaki's Jet Ski® STX® 160 and Jet Ski® ST® 160 series set the new benchmark for runabout personal watercraft, blending proven engineering, performance thrills, and bold style. Every model built is built on the legendary Jet Ski® name and on the Jet Ski STX reputation: a powerful 1,498 cc normally aspirated inline-four engine, comfortable riding position, and the signature hull for confidence-inspiring handling.

The Jet Ski STX 160 models feature refreshed designs for 2026, including sleek new front hatch covers, enhanced front trim, bold accent lighting, and pop-style graphics inspired by Kawasaki's premium Jet Ski® Ultra® 310 and Jet Ski® Ultra® 160 models. These styling cues reflect the high-performance experience riders can expect, backed by modern tech such as Kawasaki Smart Reverse with Deceleration (KSRD), Power Mode selection, adjustable Electronic Cruise Control, improved splash control, and a 7" TFT display.

Built for riders who crave excitement, the Jet Ski STX 160 series combines high-performance thrills with intuitive handling and all-day comfort. Spacious, contoured seating and an ergonomic design make every ride enjoyable, while aggressive styling ensures these Jet Ski models turn heads on any body of water. With multiple models in the lineup, riders can choose the Jet Ski that fits their style and the way they want to experience the water.

The 2026 Jet Ski STX 160 series isn't just a personal watercraft lineup — they're Kawasaki's new standard for fun, performance, and style on the water. Ready. Set. Amplify Fun.



### **JET SKI® STX 160 SERIES HIGHLIGHTS**

- High-Performance 1,498cc Engine
- Balanced & Responsive-Handling Hull
- **NEW** Dynamic Modern Styling
- **NEW** Kawasaki Smart Reverse with Deceleration (KSRD)
- **NEW** Electric Trim Control
- **NEW** 7-in TFT instrumentation with Smartphone Connectivity & Multiple Display Modes

### **JET SKI® STX 160X HIGHLIGHTS**

- **NEW** Power Mode Selection
- **NEW** Reverse Assist
- **NEW** Non-Slip Deck Mats
- **NEW** Taller Front Seat Position for More Comfortable Riding Position
- **NEW** Increased Splash Protection
- **NEW** Larger Central Storage
- **NEW** Built-In Side Cleats
- Adjustable Electronic Cruise Control
- Kawasaki Smart Steering
- Triple Kawasaki Splash Deflector (KSD)
- One-Touch 5mph Mode
- 2 Cup Holders and 32 Gallons of Storage

### **JET SKI® STX 160LX HIGHLIGHTS**

- **NEW** JETSOUND® Integrated Audio System Feature
- **NEW** LED Accent Lights and Rearview Camera
- **NEW** Extended Rear Deck with Multi-Mount System
- **NEW** Taller Front Seat Position with Added Hip Support
- **NEW** Meter Vision
- LXury Seat

## **ENGINE**

The 2026 Jet Ski® STX® 160 and Jet Ski® ST® 160 are powered by a liquid-cooled, 1,498 cc 4-stroke in-line-four engine based on Kawasaki's Ninja® supersport platform. Producing 160 hp at 7,500 rpm, the engine delivers responsive, smooth, and family-friendly power while maintaining excellent fuel efficiency. Its DOHC, 16-valve, fuel-injected design includes corrosion-resistant valves, tapered piston pins, and electroplated aluminum cylinders for lightweight durability and optimal heat dissipation. A single 60 mm throttle body, high-flow fuel injectors, and digital transistor ignition provide precise power delivery, while a 20.6-gallon fuel tank extends the range for long rides. Jet Ski STX 160 models also feature a silent engine-flushing system located under the rear seat for noiseless maintenance without removing the front seat.

New to 2026, the Jet Ski STX 160 models add an electric trim-control system with seven positions, allowing riders to adjust the hull angle for rough or calm water conditions. Electronic Cruise Control now includes UP/DOWN speed adjustment on both models, while a One-Touch 5 mph mode makes navigating “No Wake” zones effortless. Riders can also choose from Full, Middle, or Low Power modes, with Smart Learning Operation (SLO) available to help riders learn handling at a relaxed pace.

The propulsion system features a high-speed jet pump with a 155 mm three-blade stainless-steel impeller, a robust drive shaft with sealed bearings, and a cast aluminum steering nozzle for efficient thrust transmission. New to the Jet Ski STX 160 models, Kawasaki Smart Reverse with Deceleration (KSRD) allows one-handed thrust control when reversing, with a neutral mode that holds the watercraft in place. Reverse Assist enables fine engine rpm adjustments while backing out of a trailer or tight dock spaces.

On the Jet Ski STX 160 models, additional rider-assist features include the Kawasaki Smart Steering system which helps maintain engine speed during turns and provides smoother, more intuitive handling. These innovations make the Jet Ski STX 160 models a powerful, precise, and versatile personal watercraft with a range of new technologies designed to enhance control and comfort on the water.

## **HULL**

The 2026 Jet Ski STX 160 models feature the tried-and-true STX hull, a lightweight and nimble-handling design. With a deep forward section and strakes to reduce wave shock, the hull delivers agile handling and precise control. Its high-performance keel line reduces friction while enhancing maneuverability, and the lightweight yet strong Fiber Reinforced Plastic (FRP) construction improves durability. Integrated flotation cells provide added buoyancy, and the full-circumference three-piece bumper protects the hull from impacts. Riders also benefit from a tight turning radius, giving excellent low-speed control.

The STX hull features a deep forward section for reduced wave shock on the Jet Ski STX 160 models. Its superior design delivers agile handling characteristics for sports riding. High-performance keel line reduces friction while enhancing manoeuvrability and rider control. Hull material is light yet strong Fiber Reinforced Plastic (FRP). Integrated flotation cells assist with buoyancy. Sturdy, full-circumference three-piece bumper design protects the hull. Tight turning radius for excellent low-speed control. On the Jet Ski STX 160 models, the Triple Kawasaki Splash Deflector (KSD) is a lateral strip on the forward section of the hull that dramatically reduces water splash, especially at speed and in rough water. Injection-moulded sponsons give sharp, clean turning performance and a very solid feel when banking. Side bumper fins are installed at the bottom of the bumper, which runs around the outside of the deck. The fins act to improve riding stability by helping to balance the watercraft.

## **DECK**

The new Jet Ski STX 160 Series introduces a “dynamic and futuristic” design that builds on the previous model’s compact and agile styling. The refreshed front end features a higher nose, sleeker lines, and larger, smooth deck cover surfaces inspired by the Jet Ski Ultra 310 and 160 Series, giving the Jet Ski STX 160 models a sharp, sporty, and modern appearance. New to the Jet Ski STX 160LX, accent lights and distinctive deck mat designs enhance its cutting-edge look. An extended rear deck with a multi-mount system and a three-piece modular bumper allows unique color and design variations

for each model. Each Jet Ski STX 160 model has its own styling cues and mirror treatments to appeal to a wide range of riders. The Jet Ski STX 160X is offered in Metallic Surf Blue/Crystal White, and the Jet Ski STX 160LX in Crystal White/Metallic Phantom Silver.

## **DISPLAY**

On the Jet Ski STX 160 models, new instrument and tech upgrades include a large 7" full-color TFT display with multiple display modes, Bluetooth® connectivity, infotainment functions, waypoint navigation, and rearview camera support on the LX model. Riders can now adjust screen brightness automatically or manually, and view at-a-glance indicators for speed, fuel, trim, drive mode, and notifications from connected smartphones. The Jet Ski STX 160LX adds the JETSOUND 2-speaker integrated audio system feature with Bluetooth, a jog-dial controller, and splash-protecting speaker placement for convenience and style.

## **ERGONOMICS**

Riding comfort and ergonomics have been improved with features new to the 2026 Jet Ski STX 160 models, including higher front seats on the Jet Ski STX 160X and LX for more knee and elbow room, non-slip deck mats, and enhanced hip support. Splash protection has been increased with a front bumper that sits 100mm higher and 115mm further forward, reducing water entry into the foot wells.

## **STORAGE & CONVENIENCE**

Storage and utility upgrades on the Jet Ski STX 160X include a new central waterproof compartment, additional bottle storage, a 2.6-liter rear pocket, and an Extended Rear Deck on the LX model that is 110mm longer than the standard Jet Ski STX 160 model. New to the 2026 Jet Ski STX 160, the rear deck accommodates multi-mount bars and rails for accessories, built-in cleats for docking, and a retractable re-boarding step. These enhancements make the Jet Ski STX 160 models more stylish, functional, and versatile for a wide variety of recreational and sporty riding experiences.

## **JET SKI® ST 160**

Also joining the Jet Ski lineup is the new Jet Ski ST 160. Based on the previous generation of the Jet Ski STX 160 models, the Jet Ski ST 160 line shares that same DNA of performance and fun, delivering adrenaline-pumping rides for open-water cruising or tight turns and a more approachable price. While the Jet Ski ST 160 shares the same 1,498cc powerplant and Jet Ski STX hull design, the deck is more streamlined. Above the water line, the Jet Ski ST 160 features a light and sleek front hatch cover design, as well as a slide-and-lift two-tone seat with rear storage, a premium painted deck, and an enhanced comfort handle grip for improved control and style. New pop-style colors and graphics position the Jet Ski ST 160 as an approachable, fun model within the Jet Ski lineup. While the new latch, hatch cover, and front trim cover create a 3D effect and help define distinct appearances for each colorway. On the Jet Ski ST 160, the Metallic Surf Blue/Crystal White and Pearl/Neon Yellow options combine subdued coloring with neon yellow accents to convey a stylish, sporty character.

## 2026 Model Variations

### **Kawasaki JET SKI® ST® 160X**

Color: Metallic Bluish Gray/Pearl Neon Yellow  
MSRP: \$11,999  
Availability: TBD

### **Kawasaki JET SKI® STX® 160X**

Color: Metallic Surf Blue/Crystal White  
MSRP: \$13,899  
Availability: TBD

### **Kawasaki JET SKI® STX® 160LX**

Color: Crystal White/Metallic Phantom Silver  
MSRP: \$15,999  
Availability: TBD

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