Corsair - Tidecaller PC

I built this water-cooled PC for the 2017 LANFest Sacramento Case Mod Contest. The theme came from Nami, my main in *League of Legends* and still the best support champ as far as I'm concerned. I used blues, greens, and pinks throughout the case to give it the same underwater glow as the Nami artwork on my monitors.

Some of my favorite details are easier to spot in the build photos. I designed the pump and reservoir stand in CAD and 3D-printed it as one solid piece. I also designed and printed the cable combs that keep the sleeved wires lined up. For the lighting, I made custom LED loops, including a strand tucked behind the motherboard so the light traced its edge. That gave the board its own glow, and I could use different colors to pick out individual parts.

The PC didn't place. After judging, one of the judges came over and told me I shouldn't enter another case where I'd just painted it and thrown parts in. I showed him the stand, the cable combs, and the lighting, and explained how I'd made each one. **He told me that if the judges had known I'd made those parts and understood how much work went into the build, I would've won.** He also said there would've been a multi-page feature on the PC and what I was doing with the Garage LAN.

Corsair took an interest in how everything fit. This was one of the early builds in their then-new Crystal Series cases where the RAM cleared both the radiator and the case. They roped off the area for a 30-minute photo shoot and later shared the build on Facebook. Representatives from MSI, ASUS, and ASRock also noticed the LED strand behind the motherboard. It was pretty cool to see boards from those companies later turn up with lighting built right into the edge.






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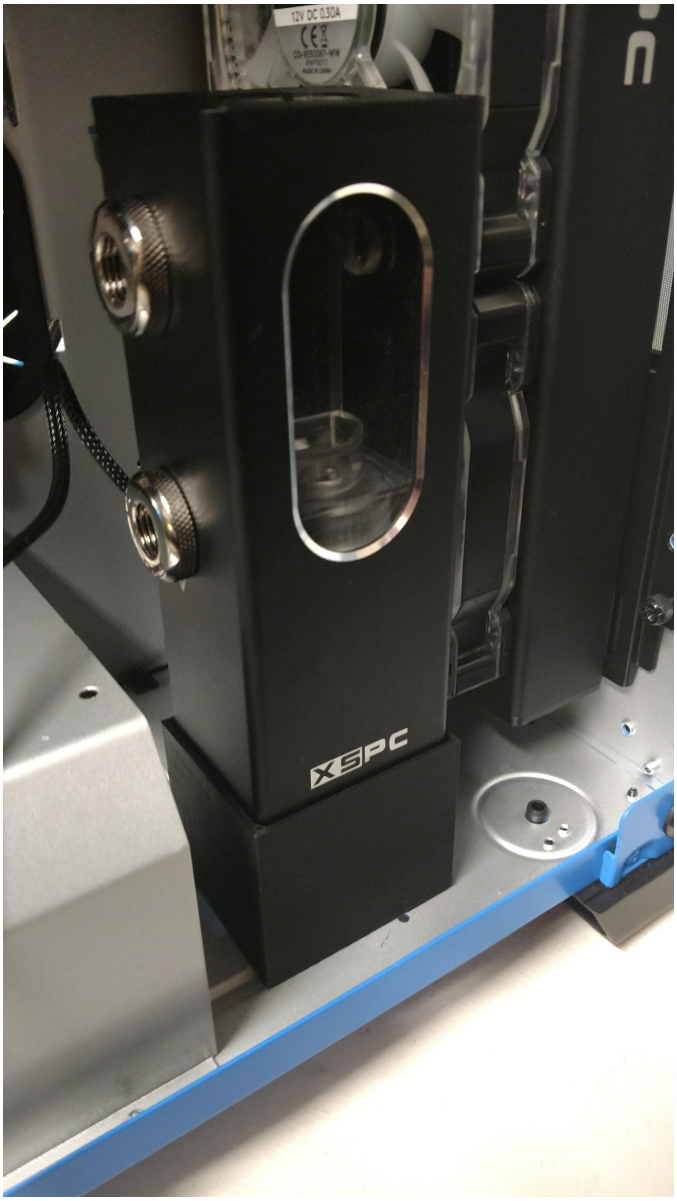

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