



Another summer season has come and gone as quickly as it started and I hope for many of us that meant more time with family and friends on the water!

Every year I become more aware of how important everyday on the water is and whether you ride, surf, ski, or just love to hangout in the boat while others partake, I would like to thank you on behalf of everyone at Waterski Wakeboard Ontario for being apart of this incredible community. Simply put WSWO does not exist without each and every one of our members and we are working every year behind the scenes to try to improve the experience of our members through funding, advocacy and support

In the past I have written about the accomplishments of our different disciplines, athletes, and officials but this year I am going to leave that to each of our discipline chairs as there has been so much going on in Ontario this summer on the water. Perhaps you were lucky enough to see the Show at the CNE or happened to get out to one of our wake parks to witness the incredible grassroots programs but either way I hope you will enjoy the rest of this magazine and learn what's happening through all the exciting ways to participate in WSWO sanctioned events.

I would like to mention briefly that the relationship between WSWO and Waterski Wakeboard Canada is perhaps the most unified I have seen it since becoming president. We have clear avenues of communication and on a weekly and monthly basis we are working to tackle issues that arise while also looking to be proactive and prepared for the future. This is something I am extremely excited about moving forward.

As always, I would be remiss not to thank every member of the Executive board all of their tireless efforts are what allow WSWO to continue to function and work with the Ontario government in the best interest of all our members. Additionally, I could not be more grateful for our Office Administrator, Jaclyn Cavasin. She has truly become an indispensable part of the WSWO team.

Thank you for taking the time to flip through these pages and see what WSWO is all about. Enjoy the magazine and stay warm this winter!

Sincerely,

Andrew Bergman

Water Ski Wakeboard Ontario - President

With seven Class 1 tournaments, eight RC/WRL tournaments and one world record tournament, the Traditional arm of Water Ski Wakeboard Ontario once again lead all other provinces in every class of tournaments. Thanks to a dedicated group of core volunteers, our tournament schedule gave skiers at all levels the opportunity to participate in well organized and well managed events spread over some of the best water ski venues anywhere.

Crowning the season was the Canadian Water Ski Championships, held at Safari Lake in Millgrove. Our thanks to the Safari Lake community - the Kovak, Pepper, Berry, Barnett and Fraleigh families for their support in making their site available to WSWO for this event. And to an exceptionally hard-working group of volunteers who made it all possible. Without Andrew, Tom, Laz, Wendy and Kyle from our Board and the exceptional efforts of volunteers Dan and Suzanna Hron, Mike Kuntz, Mike Cox, Brody Cox, Ted Collins, Jason McClintock, Jeff McClintock and his crew, along with the support of Krista, Katie and Kyle from Water Ski Canada the 2024 Championships would not have been successful. To the many others, too numerous to list, thank you for your help in making this Nationals memorable.

On the 2024 International stage, WSWO saw Rebecca Ramsay, Chantal Singer, Ethan Kuntz, Matthew Baxter, Anna Wheeler and Jonah Shafer compete as part of the Canadian team at the Pan Am Championships in Bogata Colombia. Seb Hron and Reuben Mednick competed as part of the Canadian team at the U17 World Championships in Calgary. At the over 35 World Championships in Spain, Ontario skiers Bob Wink, Kate Ryan, Alex Pennington, Danny Anderson, Wendy Durigon, Michele Riordon, Francis Leboeuf, Derek Kirby and Jim Stacy skied for Canada. Congratulations to all of these athletes who proudly represented WSWO Traditional.

The equipment purchased in 2023/24 was fully integrated into our tournament support program and was used at the majority of our RC/WRL events in 2024. The ease of set-up and the ability to adjust as necessary throughout the day confirmed that our purchases were well worth the investment. Given the number of sites that host our events, portability and ease of set-up is critical to our continuing success and our equipment fills the bill. Once again, the work of our Traditional "A-Team" – Ted Collins, Jeff McClintock and new addition Dan Hron ensured that we were state-of-the-art and on schedule every day. Our equipment and our tech crew are world class.

The WSWO Board of Directors continues to provide unconditional support and guidance to Traditional. Thank you to everyone for their efforts. Behind the scenes, the WSWO Office Administrator Jaclyn Cavasin continues to provide the support we need to be successful. Jaclyn's efforts are remarkable and Traditional cannot thank her enough. As announced last year, 2024 was my last year as Chair, Traditional, on the WSWO Board. Taking the reins will be Dan Hron, Rebecca Ramsay and Mike Kuntz. These are three very capable and committed volunteers who bring new vision and energy to Traditional Water Skiing in Ontario. I look forward to continue serving our sport as an Official and Technical advisor as WSWO Traditional continues its leadership in Canadian Water Skiing.

Thank you to all of you who made 2024 another remarkable year - the athletes, the parents, the officials and the hosts.

Let's do it all again in 2025!

On behalf of the Traditional Committee,

Stephen Collins, Chair (retiring), WSWO Traditional





Jaclyn Cavasin 15 Year Anniversary

Jaclyn Cavasin joined WSWO on April 27, 2009, when she was still Jaclyn Stocki, in the position Office Administrator. She quickly established herself as a valuable asset to Water Ski Wakeboard Ontario bringing her skills and abilities into the office administrator position.

Jaclyn is the backbone of our organization, and has remained so through numerous President and Board member changes. The level of independence in her work with minimal direction that has been maintained over the years, all while patiently chasing down everyone for information, decisions and feedback is admirable.

Congratulations on 15 years with WSWO on behalf of the Board of Directors of WSWO and all of our members, THANK YOU for your support and dedication to the organization!!

















ADAPTIVE ARTICLE

For many, the thrill of waterskiing is a symbol of freedom, adventure, and pure joy. But for individuals with spinal cord injuries, this exhilarating experience often seems out of reach. This summer we once again hosted an Adaptive high performance adaptive camp combined with our annual Spinal Cord Injury Ontario (SCIO) "give it a go" day. With the nationals taking place at Safari Lake, we once again selected nearby SummerSki as the location for the camp. Location owner Paul Roberts has made the site even more accessible providing great lake access to those with mobility challenges.

This years "give it a go" day welcomed a record 28 skiers, including a few national ski team members training for the nationals. The overwhelming response forced SCIO organizers to close registration after one week, leading to a waitlist. We made every effort to accommodate everyone, some of which were able to attend multiple days converting a few new skiers into competitive prospects.

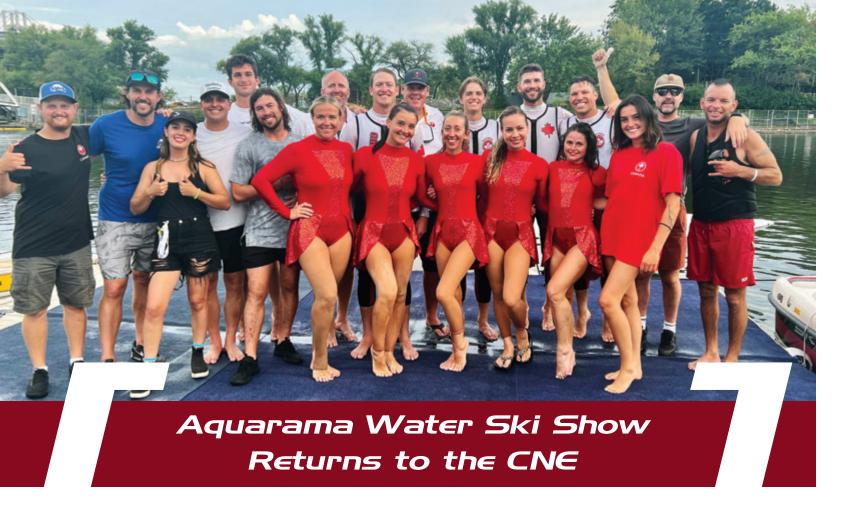
Participants had nothing but praise for the experience, many expressing exhilaration and a renewed sense of freedom. "Being on top of the water was amazing," one participant shared. "The thrill of doing something different, something I never thought I'd be able to do, was incredible." Others echoed this sentiment, emphasizing the importance of such events in making waterskiing accessible. Many first-time participants share this sentiment, often amazed by the feeling of liberation on the water. Being in the water is a zero-gravity sensation which can be very therapeutic to anyone with physical challenges. One of the skiers at this year's event remained in the water for 30 minutes after her ski just to keep floating around the lake.

The message is clear for those who have never tried waterskiing. You don't need any prior experience to give it a try. The equipment is adjustable, and we have experienced side skiers who ensure the safety of everyone in and on the water.

Special thanks go out to WSWO and the Ministry of Ontario for their continued support of this program. As a result, we had record adaptive skiers at this years national championships strengthening a team with high hopes of another team podium at the world championships in 2025. Thanks to Paul Roberts for the use of his boats and lake, as well as to Team Canada coaches Dave Wassill, Lisa Williams, and Rae-Lee Colcleugh.

What made the day even more special for me personally was having friends help out who used to run a travelling water ski school and show ski team together. Some of the next generation were also there to lend a helping hand. Special thanks to side skiers Kelly Picard and Carrie Thomas, Jeff Barnes and his son Nate, Christy Demmig and her son Bodie. The team of volunteers were outstanding, providing support both on and off the water. It was a true team effort.

Jake Thomas WSWO Committee Chair – Adaptive



After a five-year hiatus, the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) saw the return of the much-loved water ski show, dazzling fans and drawing full crowds over two weekends. Held along Toronto's Lake Ontario waterfront, the 30-minute spectacle brought together world-class athletes performing daring feats and high-energy acts, with an iconic Canadian boat brand, J-Craft, providing the power to pull key segments of the show.

The lineup of acts included gravity-defying jumps, with skiers executing thrilling maneuvers like the single-ski fill twisting backflip, known as a "Mobius," alongside helicopter spins and flips Fans were also treated to barefoot skiing, a 3-tier pyramid, intricate swivel routines, and dynamic strap doubles, all executed with breathtaking skill. Adding humour to the adrenaline-filled show, an 'unwanted guest' clown made an appearance on water skis, much to the delight of the crowd.

"The CNE Aquarama water ski show is more than just a performance; it's a celebration of Canada's water sports heritage on an incredible waterfront stage," said Show Director Charlie Newlands. "It's been amazing to bring this experience back to the CNE

Summer Water Sports and Members of the Show Ski Canada Council spent countless volunteer hours working to put on this show.

With the stunning Lake Ontario waterfront as its backdrop, the CNE Aquarama water ski show offered fans an up-close view of elite water skiing, flyboarding, and unforgettable stunts.

- Charlie Newlands





For over half a century, the Tuesday night water ski shows in Bala, Ontario, have been a hallmark of summer in Muskoka. Since their debut in 1972, these dazzling performances have brought families and visitors together at Windsor Park for an evening of breathtaking entertainment.

In the summer of 2024, SWS Muskoka and Show Ski Team Canada kept the tradition alive with a fresh twist: a vibrant 'Finding Nemo' theme. Against the stunning backdrop of Bala's serene waters, skiers performed an array of high-energy acts that left audiences in awe.

The show featured everything from barefoot skiing and flag lines to jaw-dropping wakeboard flips, elegant ballet acts, gravity-defying pyramids, strap doubles, comedic routines, thrilling jumps, and the grand finale - a signature "Muskoka shower" - where kids are invited down to the dock to be sprayed by pro flyboarder and announcer Geoff Hulet as he soars above them.

Notably, many of the skiers performing in Bala are members of Team Canada, who are gearing up for the World Water Ski Show Tournament in Mulwala, Australia, in March 2025. These local shows serve not only as entertainment but also as vital preparation for the team's international competitions.

The continuation of this beloved tradition is made possible by WSWO and yearly support like Splash Blast, whose support over the past two years has provided essential funding for equipment, training, and overall show enhancements.

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The Bala water ski shows represent much more than thrilling acts—they're a heartfelt tribute to the community, the joy of water sports, and the magical essence of Muskoka summers. With each dazzling performance, the skiers uphold a tradition of local pride and inspire future generations.

Mark your calendar for next summer and join the crowd at Windsor Park. Whether you're a long-time fan or a first-time visitor, the Tuesday night water ski show is a Muskoka experience you won't want to miss!

- Charlie Newlands





Sisterhood Sessions, Canada's largest women's-only wakeboard clinic took to the water this year for its 17th season! With operations out of Railyard Wakepark in Mt Albert on Thursday nights, we welcomed lots of new and old faces this season. The progress and dedication in the ladies did not disappoint - seeing all of them throwing down and learning new skills. Programming ran from 4-8, where coaching was provided, access to Slingshot demo gear, prizes and nightly reels were created by Dani Brown. In addition to our Thursday Night programming, we were able to host a Women's Wakeboard Appreciation Day in August, prior to our Ontario Wakepark Provincial Championships. We wanted to provide a completely free-day for women to come out, shred, learn, eat, and enjoy riding with like-minded women who love the sport as much as we do! Sisterhood was able to host 14 women that came out and took part regardless of the stormy start to our day. With coaches Kori Gorra, Kat Shirriff and Leslie Sparkes out to help the girls with tricks and technique. Coaches were also able to help with lines for the Ontario Provincial Championships that happened that same weekend. The women all passed the handle, pushed each other, and tried new tricks all while cheering each other on! It was such an amazing day for everyone to come together and celebrate the amazing women we have out there pushing the limits.

Sisterhood Sessions would like to thank WSWO, Ministry of Ontario, Slingshot Wake, Mystic and Nothline Sports for supporting the clinics with great gear, The Railyard/the Frankruyter Family for hosting us at your amazing place, Jordan Sullivan for the tips all season long, all the park staff, Mom's, and lady's for making this year another great success. See you next season!

- Leslie Sparkes







DARE TO GET BARE

2024 ONTARIO BAREFOOT SEASON

By Mike Spence & Terry Jones

The 2024 season was both challenging and rewarding for the barefoot community. Challenges with weather and site access but rewarding in the performances of many of our competitors.

JUDGING CLINIC

The Ontario Barefoot Council hosted a judging clinic on April 7th to qualify new judges and to help existing judges polish up their skills. Thanks to Andrew and Becky Meyer for their hospitality in hosting this event.

ICEBREAKER

The season kicked off on June 23rd with a fun slalom, boom trick and trick tournament at Pine Lake in Gravenhurst. This event has been going on for several years and the Pine Lake community always welcomes the barefooters with open arms. Special thanks to the Spence, Henry, and Goddard families for the use of their boats and facilities.

CANADIAN NATIONAL BAREFOOT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

The 2024 Canadian Barefoot Championships were held on August 16-18, 2024, at Canal Soulanges in Les Cedres, Quebec. While originally planned to be hosted at Dream Lake in Napanee, loss of that site access resulted in us pivoting to Canal Soulange. This site has hosted numerous events over the years. The organizing team led by Daniel Lariviere with the help of the Ontario organizers once again delivered a world class event. Daniel (with help and support from his wife Chantel, family and parents worked diligently with the municipality of Les Cedres and local sponsors to gain access to the site and pull together a successful event. Special thanks to the Lariviere and Brunet families for providing their personal Sanger towboats. The format was adjusted to include clinic time on Friday with Canadian Team members Becky Meyer, Brem Allen, Marcel Burnet, Duane Godfrey, Gordie Croteau and Richard Gray providing coaching to many of the competitors. The gold medal winners were:





Duane Godfrey setting up for a 1 foot turn (photo credit Daniel Lariviere Sr.) Brem Allen in a full flight inverted jump (photo credit Daniel Lariviere Sr.)







Nolan Goddard

Division	Competitor	
Boys	Tristan Lariviere	
Men's 1	Mathis Lariviere	
Men's 2	Joey Cecutti	
Men's 3	Phillipe Malouin	
Men's 4	Daniel Lariviere	
Men's 6	Mike Spence	
Men's 7	Andre Berthiaume	
Men's 9	Ross Holden	
Women's 1	Christina Nadalin	
Women's 5	Betsy Gilman	
Open Women	Becky Meyer	
Open Men	Brem Allen	

These events never run on their own. The strong volunteer base in the barefooting community really came through. Thanks to Richard Gray for his world class boat driving and our world class judging crew, Al Moynes, Duane Godfrey, Becky Meyer, Terry Jones, Mike Spence, Gordie Croteau and Brem Allen. This also included judging training with some of the newer skiers getting in the boat to learn from the experienced judges. This year we once again opted to make our events World Ranking List events for all the barefooters. We used the IWWF Event Management System as well as the IWWF (Lion) scoring program. Both the IWWF EMS and the scoring program worked extremely well for us after continued numerous challenges with the barefoot element of the WSWC Event Management System. Results were immediately posted on the IWWF site and automatically integrated into the Barefoot World Ranking List which was a huge hit with the skiers seeing where they place among the best in the world!!

2024 IWWF Open, U23 & Junior World Barefoot Water Ski Championships

Canada was well represented at this event with competitors Brem Allen, Becky Meyer, Nolan Goddard, Taylor Nullmeyer, Christina Nadalin, Marcel Brunet. Mathis Lariviere Alex Sickinger, Alex Medina and Simon Sickinger, Also on the officials front, Richard Gray as Chief Driver and Duane Godfrey judging. Hurricane Helene had other ideas for a smooth running event with events being rescheduled or canceled. Team Canada placed 4th overall in both the under 23 and open teams. All results are available at www.iwwfed-ea.org.

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DARE TO GET BARE

2024 ONTARIO BAREFOOT SEASON

By Mike Spence & Terry Jones

Becky Moynes Meyer Places 2nd Overall at the 2024 IWWF Open, U23 & Junior World Barefoot Water Ski Championships

Congratulations to Becky Moynes Meyer on her 2nd place overall win with scores of 11.60 in slalom, 2400 in tricks and an 11.6 meter jump. This is the first women's overall medal in barefooting since the late 1990s.

2025 SEASON PLANS

While the final dates are still to be confirmed, we are planning the following:

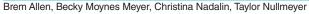
- The Icebreaker in late June at a potential new site north of Napanee.
- Clinics at Canal Soulanges and Buckhorn Lake
- Weekend tournament at Canal Soulanges
- 2025 Barefoot National Championships at lower Buckhorn Lake near Peterborough

Watch WSWO.ca for final details.



Brem Allen















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Wake sports growth continues to soar across the province! From **boat** and **cable** pulled **wakeboarding** and **wakeskating**, to **wakesurfing** and most recently a surge in **wake foiling**, the options for summer board sports fun on the water has never been greater! by Steve Jarrett

Ontario boasts the largest number of wake sports schools / wake parks in the country – over 55 at last count, offering a multitude of opportunities to get started and progress with expert guidance. Check the instagram links @www.wswo.ca for a school near you!

2024 RECAP @WAKEONTARIO SERIES

Ontario has a long, proud history of producing the top wake sports riders in the world, from talented up-and-coming "grom" kids through to world champions. The one thing they all have in common is their participation in the Wake Ontario Event Series!

With skill categories from first timers to pros and age categories to accommodate everyone from 6 years old to 60+, the Series offers an amazing opportunity to meet other enthusiasts in the wake sports community. If you're looking to boost your riding to the next level, the encouragement and camaraderie of fellow riders, friends and families can't be beat! Whether you ride or not, everyone is welcome to hang out on the beach, park, dock or boat.







Last year the Wake Ontario Series enjoyed one of its biggest seasons to date with nine events. The Series kicked off the with the Canadian Indoor Wakeboard Championship at the Toronto International Boat Show in January, the largest indoor wake sports event of its kind in the world. Not to mention one of the coolest, featuring many of Canada's and the world's best! An amazing show, not to be missed! Ontario's Kori Gorra and Riley Dillon claimed the Pro Women and Men titles, respectively, in front of a crowd of thousands.

The summer portion of the Wake Ontario Series opened in June with the annual "Own The Stone" contest at Bluestone Wake Park in Clinton, Ontario. Canada's largest wake park with three separate cable set-ups (novice, intermediate and advanced), Bluestone's signature feature is its multi-rail "road gap" on the advanced course. Event standouts included Olivia Watson in Super Grom Girls; Bode Badger in Super Grom Boys; Hannah Gilbert in Junior Girls; Noah Waybrant in Junior Boys; Sydney McHugh in Pro Women; and Liam Brearley in Pro Men.

July kicked off with another annual favourite, the "Grasscutter Classic" at Planet Bayou Wake Park in Dufferin County featuring its legendary start pool. Standouts included Brooke-Lynne McGinn and Noah Waybrant in Junior Girls and Boys respectively; Justin Larue in Legend Men; Shaine Edward in Pro Wakeskate, Kat Shirriff in Pro Women and Dary Znebel in Pro Men.

Next up, the Series headed to Timmins Wake Park for the 2nd annual "So North It Hurts" hosted in conjunction with Rock On The River music festival featuring "Live" and "Bret Michaels". The "Queen of the North" was won by local standout Brooke-Lynne McGinn. "King of the North" title went to National Team rider Riley Dillon.

July wrapped up with a Muskoka double-header featuring the 2nd annual "Muskoka Lakes Wake Championship" boat contest presented by Pride Marine and Nautique and the new "What Competition?" cable contest at What Wake Park. The "Muskoka Lakes Championship" was also the boat provincial championship for Wakeboarding, Wakesurfing, Wakeskating and Wake Foiling pulled behind the Nautique S23. Standouts included Baye Hoc-

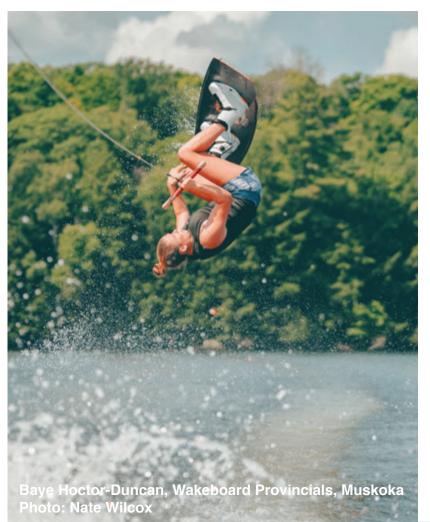
tor-Duncan in Pro Women Wakeboard; Sam Wilson in Women Wakesurf and Wakeskate, as well as Pro Women Wakeboard (2nd). Sam took the Overall Queen of the Wake title. Cam Mordue grabbed the Pro Men Wakeboard title. Jamie Thompson topped the Pro Men Wakesurf podium. Brennan Grange took the Pro Men Wakeskate. Charlie Newlands snagged the Pro Men Wake Foil. Jon McTavish scored the Overall King of the Wake. Shoutout to Muskoka Wake, Glen Orchard General Store, Algonquin Outfitters, O'Brien, Hyperlite, Phase 5, Mystic Boarding, Ronix, Follow for their support!

The "What Competition?" cable event followed the next day at What Wake Park /Bush's Watersports, supported by Wake Hui wake camp, Indian River Trading, McMorran Electric, First Nation Liquidation and Muskoka Beer Spa. Standouts included Olivia Watson & Bode Badger in in Groms 9-13 Girls and Boys respectively; Allan Martin in Advanced Men; Kyle Johnson in Rad Dads; Coti Scaglia in Pro Women; and Mickey Henry in Pro Men.

August kicked off the with the Wake Park Provincial Championship at Rail Yard Wake Park in Mount Albert, featuring their multi-pool set-up and a weekend-long livestream. In Pro Wakeskate in was local legend Jordan Sullivan besting his upcoming protege Shaine Edward. Topping the Pro Women Wakeboard was Dani Brown edging out Sam Wilson. In Pro Men it was Connor Gilbert getting the best of Marcus Ellis!

The Wake Ontario Series wrapped up with the Canadian Wake Park Championship at Bluestone Wake Park featuring a global livestream and the largest turnout on record for the Nationals. Several Ontario standouts from earlier season events capped off their season with national titles. Braxton Clayton – 9 & Under Boys. Olivia Watson – 10-13 Super Grom Girls. Bode Badger – 10-13 Super Grom Boys. Jordyn Schoonings – 14-18 Junior Girls. Braedan Babenko – 14-18 Junior





Boys. Jordan Sullivan – Pro Wakeskate. Sam Wilson – Pro Women. Riley Dillon – Pro Men. Shoutout to Slingshot Sports for their support! Full results can be found at @wakeontario.

ONTARIO ON NATIONAL & WORLD STAGE

Ontario's Rail Yard Wake Park hosted the tour finals of the Professional Wakeskate League in August featuring the world's best including Ontario's Jordan Sullivan, Austin Farr, Shaine Edward and Riley Dillon. The livestreamed event was a summer season highlight! Shaine took the Open Amateur title, followed by Riley. In the Pro division it was an exciting battle to the finish with several NBDs thrown down on the Rail Yard's pool drop. When the spray cleared in was Thailand's legendary Daniel Grant standing tall for the win, followed by France's Maxime Giry and United State's Travis Belsito in 3rd. Jordan Sullivan closed out the PWL Tour with a 6th at the Rail Yard stop and a 5th overall.

Meanwhile Ontario National Team rider Dary Znebel competed in the week long interna-

ST Riley Dillon, Wake Park Nationals, Bluestone Wake Park Photo: Steve Jarrett

tional Wakeboard Street Jam in Netherlands taking 1st Overall and Best Trick. Fellow Team rider Riley Dillon scored 3rd in Pro and Fan Fav at Denmark's Wake Park O'Fest.

On the national stage, Ontario's Baye Hoctor-Duncan won Open Pro Women at the Wakeboard Boat Nationals in SK and Ontario's Timmy McNamee grabbed 2nd in Open Pro Women Surf at the Wakesurf Nationals in BC. Baye went on to rep Canada at the IWWF Pan Am Wakeboard Championship scoring 3rd in Open Women and helping Canada to qualify for this summer's Junior Pan Am Games in Peru.

At the IWWF Wake Park Worlds in Paris, Jordan Sullivan took 3rd in Open Pro Men Wakeskate. Jordan wrapped up his outstanding season as part of the winning team at the Valdosta Yardsale 6 in Georgia, USA.

Stayed tuned to @wakeontario to follow all of the latest wake sports news, photos, videos, top riders and events for the 2025 Wake season, including the National Wake Park Championships coming to Rail Yard Wake Park in August.







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