



Development Coach Report October 2022

Introduction

After an amazing 2021 season, We came into 2022 really excited and with a calendar full of competitions, coaching clinics and driving courses. After a slow start to the season for everyone due to some horrible weather thankfully the sun came out and the wind died down for the summer. I am incredibly proud of how well everyone did from the backyard competitions where we had the best number of participants in about 10 years at Town Loch up to our high-end athletes in slalom, cable wakeboard and wake surf.

Competitions

Wakeboard

Scottish Wake Series: For this season we ran a smaller series than pre-covid with stops at Loch Lomond Wakeboard (LLWB), Foxlake Dunbar and Glasgow Wake Park (GWP). During the LLWB stop, we were happy to see the high numbers for both the male and female categories for the wake surf competition. Although still not as high as the pre-covid numbers both Foxlake and GWP managed to put up good numbers with a high level of riding across all categories.

WWA Wake Park Worlds (Liquid Leisure): Probably the highlight of my year was watching the Scottish riders compete at the worlds. Orla Winn managed to come first in traditional and second in features. Charlotte Docherty and Dave Morgan both came third in features and Eve Smith-Lang just missed out on the podium coming fourth in the women's traditional open competing against pro riders.

At the same time as the wakeboard competition was happening the Nautique European Wake Surf Championship was taking part where Raymond Colquhoun managed to come first.

IWWF Europeans (Denmark): Due to their amazing results at the WWA Wake Park Worlds Eve, Orla and Lotte were all invited to join the GB Cable Team. Sadly, due to poor weather conditions the girl's training days before the competition were cancelled but they all managed a good showing. Eve and Orla managed to make it through to the quarter-finals and Lotte made it through to the finals.

BWSW Nationals: For this year we managed to send down four riders to nationals who all came away with podium spots. Both Lotte and Orla came first and Glen and I came third. Sadly, due to knee injuries both Eve and Dave weren't able to compete this year.

IWWF Worlds (Thailand): As part of the GB Cable Team Eve, Orla and Lotte will be competing at the IWWF Worlds this month in Thailand.

Waterski

Scotland Nautique Backyard Slalom Series: Continuing the success of last year's backyard competitions we decided to make a tour of it for 2022 with two stops each at Kyle and Town Loch. Each stop of the tour would have a winner for the Backyard Event and a winner for the traditional slalom competition. Our backyard event winners were Alisdair Rodger, Calum Reid, Amy Johnson and Oliver Quigley/Emanuele Fanesi. The Slalom winners were Kevin Lochhead, Carter Taylor, Kevin Lochhead and Chris Heron. For the overall series Alan Yeoman came out on top for the backyard event and Chris Heron won for the competition series.

BWSW Nationals: We had another good showing at nationals this year with Ollie Jessop coming first and Chris Heron third in the Men's Over 35 category and Kevin Lochhead coming second in Over 55. Georgina Hutchinson came sixth in Open Slalom and fifth in Open Trick. To make the results even better both Ollie and Kevin set new Scottish Records at the event!

IWWF 35+ World Championships: Congratulations to Ollie, Kevin and Chris for taking part in their first international competition and helping team GB come home with second place.

Content

For this season we decided that everyone who signs up for the membership or e-membership would have access to the online coaching library. This includes the wake and ski tutorials. Over the winter we will be expanding the library.

Coaching

Wake 2 Wake Clinics: I was delighted to once again host wakeboard coaching clinics at both Town Loch and Aboyne throughout the year. Partly due to the amazing weather I always seem to get at Aboyne I loved every trip up there this season and I am very impressed with the number and level of riders they have. Really looking forward to more Wake 2 Wake Clinics next season and bringing Chris up for some Slalom Clinics as well.

High-end Athletes: Before worlds and nationals this year we managed to head down south and get some effective on-site practice and coaching.

Courses

Ski Boat Driver Qualification: We managed to host 4 SBD exams throughout this season at Town Loch. Over the winter we will be putting together an SBD driving lessons package.

Advanced Driving Training Modules: This season we were able to host advanced Wakeboard and Slalom Training Modules at Town Loch hosted by myself for Wakeboard and Stuart Wood for Slalom. We are looking to do these again for next season and will potentially add an Intro to Slalom Driving course as well.

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