



Development Coach Report October 2023

Introduction

We started the 2023 season really excited with competitions, coaching/driving courses and coaching clinics already filling up the diary. It was great to see that after the success of the backyard competitions last year that we were able to keep the participation numbers up and even add trick skiing back into the mix. Congratulations again to our high-level athletes who once again managed to win medals at national and European levels.

Competitions

Wake

Scottish Wake Series: For this season we decided not to run the series and instead focus on running more fun competitions at each site. Loch Lomond Wakeboard were first up running the first wakesurf only competition in Scotland showing that there is an appetite for more surf events and content. Foxlake Adventures teamed up with Citizen Ticket, Redbull UK and Waterski & Wakeboard Scotland to host JibFest and the Scottish Open, a wakeboard competition and festival. As always at Foxlake we had a good number of participants competing at all levels and everyone had an amazing time at the big air jam after the main competition. To finish up the season Glasgow Wake Park are hosting a big air event on 21 October.

WWA Wake Park Worlds/Europeans: Unfortunately, due to some unfortunate injuries we didn't have any riders competing at these events this year. We are looking forward to taking part again next season.

WWA Nautique Wakesurf Series: Once again Raymond Colquhoun had a successful season.

BWSW Nationals: For this year we managed to send down four riders and managed to come away with three medals. Ali and Mia managed to come third and Kai second. Sadly, due to a bad crash in the first-round Glen had to drop out of the last chance qualifiers.

Waterski

Backyard Slalom Series: Continuing the success of last year's backyard competitions we decided to add trick skiing to the competition. Thanks to the help of Georgie, we were able to put together a simple trick run for beginners to follow along to. Congratulations to Ellie Morrison for winning the backyard competition, Chris Heron for slalom competition score men, Georgie Hutchison for slalom competition score women and Kim Johnston for the trick ski competition.

BWSW Nationals: We had another good showing at nationals this year with Ollie Jessop coming first and Chris Heron second in the Men's Over 35 category, Kevin Lochhead coming third in Over 55 and Matt Mills coming in second in the over 75's.

IWWF 35+ World Championships: Congratulations to Ollie, Kevin, and Chris for once again being invited to the GB squad to take part in the IWWF European & African 35+ waterski championships and helping the team come home with the silver medal.

Content

For this season we decided that everyone who signs up for Membership or E-Membership would have access to the online coaching library. This includes wake and ski coaching booklets, coaching videos, and observer/onshore helper training documents. Chris and I also filmed and uploaded a Live wake and ski Q&A.

Coaching

Wake 2 Wake Clinics: I was delighted to head up to Aboyne once again for another coaching clinic and to make it even better I was able to bring Chris with me to provide some high-end slalom coaching.

High-end Athletes: Before nationals this year we managed to head down south and get some effective on-site practice and coaching in at Whitemills before the competition. Throughout the season I have also been able to provide coaching at Glasgow Wake Park for Glen, Kai, Mia and Lotte.

Courses

As well as hosting SBD courses through the year we were also able to host a UKCC Coaching Course provided by Matt Crowhurst and a Tournament Waterski Judging course by Gavin Kelly.

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