



Waterski Council Report

The Council held several zoom meetings in 2023 and had physical meetings at the Officials Seminar held in the UK in March and at the November Meetings in Budapest in November.

Waterski Calendar 2023/4

Calendar 2023

The full calendar can be accessed on EMS here: <https://ems.iwwf.sport/>

EMS lists 218 Waterski events in Europe for 2023 out of a total of 298 for all disciplines. (73.1%) Successful Confederation Championships took place this year as follows:

- 28/07 – 30/07 E&A Open Championships, San Gervasio, Italy
- 09/08 – 13/08 E&A Youth Championships: Botaski, Sesena, Spain
- 17/08 – 20/08 E&A U21 Championships, Beurech, France
- 11/09 – 17/09 E&A 35+ Championships: Cazaux, France

Our thanks go out to all the Organisers, Federations and Officials who made these events possible.

We are relying largely on a small group of Officials to staff the Titled events each year and need to find a way to encourage more Officials to come forward and enjoy the experience of being part of these events.

Calendar 2024

- 30/07 – 04/08 World U17 Championships, Calgary, Canada
- 14/08 – 18/08 E&A 35+ Championships, Botaski, Sesena, Spain
- 21/08 – 25/08 E&A Youth Championships, Recetto, Italy
- 03/09 – 08/09 World 35+ Championships, Botaski, Sesena, Spain

Officials Seminar 2024

This will take place near Athens on 12th to 14th April 2024. Bulletin 1 has been issued.

Records

Waterski Records continue to be broken in all disciplines. During the 2023 season the following new Waterski World Records have been set and approved:

IWWF World Open Men Tricks Record

Patricio Font

Masters Qualifying Series I

May 12, 2023 - Lake Ledbetter, Winter Garden, FL

Round 2 - 12690 points

IWWF Open Women World Tricks Record

Erika Lang

Sunset Cup-MLCQ

May 19, 2023 - Sunset Lakes, Groveland, FL

Round 1 - 11360 points

IWWF Open Men Overall Record (also E&A Overall Record)

Joel Poland

2023 Florida Cup - WWS Overall Final

Lake Grew, Polk City, FL

September 02, 2023 - Round 2

Score: 1.00@58/10.25 - 11680 points - 69.8 mt = 2664.16 points



IWWF Open Women Slalom Record

Regina Jaquess
Malibu Open
September 15, 2023 - Lymanland, Tuscaloosa, AL
Round 2 - Score: 5.00@55/10.25

IWWF Open Men Overall Record (also E&A Overall Record)

Joel Poland
Malibu Open
September 16, 2023 - Lymanland, Tuscaloosa, AL
Round 2 - Score: 2.00@58/10.25 - 11680 points - 69.3 mt = 2670.62 points

IWWF World Under-17 Boys Tricks record

Martin Labra
Miranda Record
February 24, 2023 - Lago Los Morros, Chile
Round 1 - 12060 points

IWWF Under-17 Boys Overall Record

Martin Labra
XXXIX Campeonato Latinoamericano de Esqui Acuatico
April 7, 2023 - Asociacion Deportiva de Esqui Acuatico Lacus
Round 2 - Score: 1.00@58/11.25 - 11960 points - 54.4 mt = 2654.14 points

IWWF Under-17 Boys World Tricks Record

Martin Labra
Masters Qualifying Series I
May 13, 2023 - Lake Ledbetter, Winter Garden, FL
Round 2 - 12310 points

IWWF Under-17 Boys Overall Record

Martin Labra
Sunset Cup-MLCQ
May 21, 2023 - Sunset Lakes, Groveland, FL
Round 2 - Score: 3.50@58/11.25 - 11760 points - 55.2 mt = 2703.46 points

IWWF Under-17 Boys World Tricks Record

Matias Gonzales
Polk City Open
July 15, 2023 - Lake Grew (USAS0001), Polk City, FL
Round 3 - 12440 points

E&A Open Women Tricks Record

Giannina Bonnemann
Botaski ProAm Tricks
June 23, 2023 - Sesena (ESP)
Round 1 - Score: 10470



Medals

The 2023 season began with the:

IWWF Under 17 World Championships, where our athletes won **7 medals** (3 silver and 4 bronze); followed by the:

IWWF Under-21 World Championships, where our athletes won **4 medals** (3 silver and 1 bronze);

And ended with the:

IWWF Open World Championships, where our athletes won **6 medals** (2 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze).

Congratulations to all of you!

Great appreciation also to all our European champions in the various categories for their impressive results – thank you all very much!

Technology

Waterski technology continues to evolve, and in 2023 Donal Conolly has had his innovative Trick Judging system, eyeTrick, approved for use in all competitions subject to judges being adequately trained. The system provides the potential for trick scores to be given in real time after each skier has skied and uses a predictive system with uncanny accuracy.

There are 300 Judges around the world who have signed up to undertake the training required and the system has already been used in a small number of events. We expect the adoption of the system to accelerate over the next few years.

Donal is also completing the development of a new mobile jump measurement system that uses Lidar (Light Detection and Ranging), a laser-based measurement device. This is expected to be submitted for approval soon and will remove the necessity of cameras, and cable installations.

Around the Buoys

Five Waterski Officials Newsletters, “Around the Buoys”, have been published since their inception in Spring 2022. These have been circulated to all E&A International Officials as well as National Federations for distribution to National Officials. It is hoped that these occasional Newsletters will keep all Officials updated with Waterski Council news and activities.

WSC Website

The Waterski Council website has been renewed and updated and can be found at www.waterskieurope.eu

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