



2009 WORLD WATER SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS OFFICIAL RESULTS

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The 2009 World Water Ski Championship Festival took place August 3rd to August 9th 2009 at Lakes of KastynStone (Predator Bay Water Ski Club) in Calgary, Alberta. A total of 175 competitors from 35 different countries competed in the championships, of which twelve athletes represented the Canadian team. Of the twelve competitors, half were athletes from Ontario that included Whitney McClintock, Jason McClintock, Kevin Melnuk, Richard Abelson, Drew Ross, and Doug Ross.

Our very own Canadian athletes reigned over the competition proving to the world that Canada has outstanding talent. In particular, nineteen-year-old Whitney McClintock of Cambridge, Ont., was on top of her game during the whole competition. She was the gold medalist in tricks, slalom and overall; therefore allowing her to conclude the world's event as a triple world champion! McClintock tabulated 2,861.04 points in the Women's Overall standings with Lucine Clementine of France second at 2,701.14 and Marion Mathieu of France third at 2,654.60.

In men's slalom Jason McClintock, claimed the 7th spot coming very close to a medal while scoring 3.75 @ 10.75; Doug Ross came in 19th, and Drew Ross finished in 38th for the slalom competition after recovering from a recent injury. Kevin Melnuk placed 9th in the jump competition, and Richard Abelson took 19th place in tricks scoring 7,830 points.

The Canadian athletes performed exceptionally well, allowing Canada to win the overall team gold for the first time since 1993. Canada lead a triumphant win over the U.S. by a reigning 495 points with an overall final score of 8,373 points. The U.S., placed in second with 7,878 points and France trailed close behind in third with 7,858 points. Overall, the competition was fierce; nonetheless, it allowed for Canada to end with the team title and three gold, one silver and two bronze medals.

Water Ski Wakeboard Ontario, the provincial governing body for towed water sports in Ontario, could not be more pleased with the performance of our Ontario athletes. Congratulations to all Canadian competitors!