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ONTARIO'S FIRST FULL CABLE COMING TO BLUESTONE WAKE PARK 2026



Thank you so much for enjoying this edition Wakes Magazine with us! Each year the team at WSWO tries to provide a unique perspective into the summer on the water here in Ontario!

I am so grateful to have all of you as members and I cannot express enough that WSWO exists to improve your enjoyment of towed water sports during the summer months. Whether you prefer to ride the cable on a wakeboard, fly through the air on a pair of jump skis or prefer no skis at all, WSWO is constantly searching for ways to help you find your next adventure!

As always, my heartfelt thanks goes out to the WSWO Executive Board of Directors. Erika, Wendy, Tom and Laz are instrumental in keeping our organization running smoothly and ensuring that it can maintain a strong trajectory for years to come. I would also like to thank our WSWO Committee Chairs for their organizational guidance as well as their support in planning and running our 2025 summer tournaments, clinics, and workshops. Similarly, without Jaclyn at the helm of our board's administrative efforts things like this magazine and day to day operations would not come together. If you have ever emailed our office, you know what an incredible and professional job she does for us.

This year we saw the transition of our Traditional committee chair to new hands thus ending Steph Collins long time tenure in that position. Steph has poured his heart and soul into this role for many many years. Without his influence I would never have ended up in the position I am today and he has left a legacy of growing the sport that many of us love so dearly in his wakes!

Enjoy the rest of the magazine as each discipline walks you through the past summer! And thank you for your continued support!



Until the lakes melt,

— **Andrew Bergman**
Water Ski Wakeboard Ontario - President

2025 WATER SKI REPORT

Dear members,

Almost as soon as it started, it seems that our year has come to a close. 2025 has been once again an incredible year full of great results, lots of tournaments, medals, and loads of enthusiasm on the part of our younger athletes, more seasoned ones and parents alike.

As a start, I would like to thank Steph Collins for his work over the course of many years in developing traditional to the level we currently have. Without him and Jeff McClintock, we would not be where we are today as the leading Canadian provincial association. We are in a great position for the future, both in a technical aspect, as well as with the support of our membership and a growing base of junior athletes.

Once again, we were able to put on the country leading amount of competitions. Almost all of which, where at the ranking list or record capable level. This came with a lot of work from our athletes and their parents. We would like to thank each and every one of them for their hard work in assisting at each and every competition.

In addition, I would like to thank my cochair's, Rebecca Ramsay and Mike Kuntz for the hard work that they did throughout the season and continue to do alongside me. Congratulations to both of them for taking positions at the national level of Canadian Waterskiing. It is fantastic when we can grow from our team into a national level.



Sebastian Hron // Photo Credit: Rob Baxter @rbaxphoto



Emma Tamblyn // Photo Credit: Rob Baxter @rbaxphoto



Matthew Brekalo // Photo Credit: Rob Baxter @rbaxphoto



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We also had a long-standing Canadian record broken in the boys under 14 category where Ethan Kuntz was able to take away the record away from great skiers such as Jason McClintock, Charlie Ross, and Jonah Shaffer. In addition, we saw Charlie Ross gain Canadian records in the open men's and Men's under 21 categories. Scott Marshall established a Canadian record in the 70+ men's category. This is an amazing accomplishment and congratulations to all of these Ontario athletes.

A great note of thanks has to go to our judging pool in Ontario. Over the course of the last few years we have been able to elevate a large amount of our membership base to be able to judge record capable, and ranking list tournaments. Once again, this allows us to develop our athletes to a continuously higher level and hold more competitions that can be used for international and team Canada scores.

The 35+ international world's were held recently in Florida. Team Canada was represented by a majority of skiers from Ontario. Congratulations to all who competed and medalled at those championships. In the next few months, we will be seeing more information and a ramp up to the U 17 Worlds taking place in South America. We fully expect Ontario athletes to once again dominate the roster of attending participants. We wish them all well as they embark on this exciting experience.

Next year promises to be another record-breaking year for Ontario. We will once again have a full roster of tournaments and we do hope that we are even able to have more tournaments later in the summer as well.

Our focus next year will be to continue in developing all of our athletes to a higher competitive level. We will also focus on developing more drivers in the Ontario base for championship level competitions as well as to increase our participation in growing the grassroots field of the top junior program in Canada.

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2026.

— **Daniel Hron**
Chair, WSWO Water Ski



ADAPTIVE ARTICLE

The 2025 adaptive water ski season was in full swing as new athletes and programs took to the water across the country. Paul Roberts and SummerSki once again served as exceptional hosts for Spinal Cord Injury Ontario's "Give It a Go" Day, followed by a national adaptive training camp. With ideal weather throughout, participants were welcomed off the dock with enthusiasm, many experiencing adaptive water skiing for the first time. National team athletes were also on hand, with coach Dave Wassill demonstrating to onlookers what is possible at the highest level of the sport. This event continues to be a highlight of the summer, and its growing impact is evident not only in the joy of first-time skiers but also in the return of athletes who have chosen to continue developing their skills. Special recognition goes to side skiers Jeff Barnes and Jim Gardner, as well as Carrie Thomas of Nimbus HR and Janet Kay, whose generous sponsorship made the event possible.

To the east, Skiability Ottawa lead by Chris Holden continued with their programs as well as the development of adaptive wakesurfing. Until recently, wakesurfing has predominantly been an able bodied sport so its great to have this now added to the mix.

To the north at the Longford Mills Ski Club on Lake St. John near Washago, the club launched its first-ever adaptive program, "Dock Days." Running every Thursday throughout the summer, the program introduced more than 30 participants to adaptive water skiing, with many returning week after week for both on-water instruction and time spent building community on the dock.



To close out an impressive season, six Canadian athletes travelled to Mulwala, Australia, to compete at the World Disabled Waterski Championships. Despite fielding a small roster, the team produced outstanding results winning 8 medals. Ashley Baerg captured gold in both slalom and jump, Kendra Erhardt won bronze in tricks, Jonathan Sieswerda earned bronze in vision impaired tricks, while Blake Lamontagne earned bronze in tricks and secured second place overall. Additional congratulations go to teammates, Chloe Giroux, Todd Hubbs, as well as coaches Dave Wassill and Lisa Williams, for their contributions and dedication on the world stage. Team Canada placed 3rd overall which is amazing considering how short our season is.

With momentum building, the adaptive water ski community is already looking forward to continued growth and development in 2026.

— **Jake Thomas**

WSWO Adaptive Committee Chair



2025 ONTARIO BAREFOOT SEASON

By Mike Spence & Terry Jones

The 2025 season was quieter this year on the competitive front with 2 events held. Access to suitable sites remains a challenge but our core team of volunteers who organize and run these events remain in place to deliver well organized events open to seasoned and new competitors.

ICEBREAKER

The season kicked off on June 21st 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, and Henry families for the use of their boats and facilities.

CANADIAN NATIONAL BAREFOOT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

The 2025 Canadian Barefoot Championships were held on September 5-7th at the Woodland Campsite on Lower Buckhorn Lake in the Kawartha Lakes region. The organizing team led by Brem Allen and his family with the help of the Ontario organizers once again delivered a world class event. The entire group worked diligently to ensure the Woodland Campsite was ready for competitors and spectators. Our primary sponsor, Dian Motors Inc. (dianmotors.com) had a display of their Sava (sava.ca) durable and high-quality bikes. Special thanks to Phillipe Malouin and Ross Holden for providing their personal Sanger towboats. The overall gold medal winners were the following:



Gold sponsor, Dian Motors with SAVA bike on display

Division	Competitor
Boys	Alex Sickenger
Men's 1	Mathis Lariviere
Men's 2	Joey Cecutti
Men's 3	Phillipe Malouin
Men's 4	Daniel Lariviere
Men's 5	Dean Goddard
Men's 7	Mike Spence
Men's 9	Ross Holden
Women's 3	Carly Jones
Open Women	Becky Moynes 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 Mike Spence and Morgan Allen for their boat driving and our world class judging crew, Al Moynes, Becky Moynes Meyer, Terry Jones 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!!



Taylor Nullmeyer, Nolan Goddard, and Christian Richards preparing for the jump event.



2025 ONTARIO BAREFOOT SEASON

By Mike Spence & Terry Jones

2025 Masters World Barefoot Water Ski Championships Gold Medal Performance

Canada was well represented at the 2025 Masters World Barefoot Water Ski Championships held in Chartres France with competitors Gordie Croteau, Marcel Brunet and Bennett Pearl competing. Gordie is the longest serving member of Team Canada stretching back to 1990. Additionally on the officials front, Richard Gray was the Chief Driver for the World Championships. Congratulations to Gordie Croteau on his gold medal performance in the Senior Men's 3 jump event with a winning jump of 15.1 meters as well as taking the bronze medal in slalom. Marcel Brunet won bronze in Men's 3 tricks.

All results are available at www.iwwfed-ea.org.

2026 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 Buckhorn Lake
- National Championships and Clinic at Canal Soulanges in Quebec in mid-August. This is the site of the 2023 Nationals.

Watch WSWO.ca for final details.



Marcel Brunet on the podium to receive his bronze medal in Men's 3 Tricks

Gordie Croteau on the podium to receive his gold medal in Men's 3 Jump



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SHOW SKI CANADA

On summer Tuesday nights, Windsor Park in Bala turns into a waterfront grandstand. Music carries over the bay. The towboat rolls into position. Then the lake erupts into motion-lines, pyramids, barefoot runs, and tight choreography that somehow holds together at speed.

For many in Muskoka, it's simply a summer tradition. For the athletes, it's training – performed in public.

The Summer Water Sports (SWS) shows run weekly through the season at 7:30 p.m., rain or shine, with admission by donation. This year, the Tuesday-night series also had a prominent boost: Jack Link's Canada served as the premier sponsor, helping keep the production rolling week after week.

That local rhythm connects to something much bigger. In March 2025, Team Canada travelled to Mulwala, Australia, to compete at the 1VWF World Water Ski Show Championships – one of the sport's top team events. Canada finished fourth overall, a strong outcome in a field packed with seasoned programs and deep rosters. It was a long trip and a high-pressure stage. It also felt like a marker of progress.

Show skiing is part sport, part theatre. Think synchronized water skiing, built into a live performance. The difficulty is real – timing, boat driving, safety, technique, and trust all have to click at once. There's nowhere to hide in a pyramid. One wobble can ripple across the entire line.

young athletes grow. Special thanks also go to Longford Mills Ski Club and Fern Resort, whose generous clinic hosting has provided crucial training environments for skiers to develop their skills and confidence.

Canada's next generation is being built just as deliberately as its routines. Development-team activities over the past seasons have focused on building depth: skiers gaining reps, trying new disciplines, and learning how to deliver under the pressure of crowds and competition settings. The path isn't always glamorous. It's a lot of early mornings, long sets, and repeated drills that look simple until you try them. None of it would be possible without the dedicated volunteers who give their time, expertise, and steady encouragement to help young athletes grow. Special thanks also go to Longford Mills Ski Club and Fern Resort, whose generous clinic hosting has provided crucial training environments for skiers to develop their skills and confidence.



Ballet // Photo Credit: Heather Dowsett

Muskoka has also become a hotspot for one of the sport's most crowd-pleasing disciplines: swivel. It's the routine that looks like dancing on water-spins, steps, shapes, and sudden changes of direction on a specialized ski. It requires balance that can't be faked and control that takes years. This summer, that discipline got a jolt of energy with the Knotty Girl's Flaunt it world tour swivel ski competition, held on Gull Lake in Gravenhurst. What began as a training clinic transformed into a full showcase event - one supported by an impressive roster of partners, including Longford Mills Ski Club, Summer Water Sports, Muskoka Extreme, Fern Resort, Navigator Visuals, and Show Ski Canada. The event drew attention not just for the talent on the water, but for what it represents: more structured development, more entry points for new athletes, and more opportunities for experienced skiers to sharpen their craft close to home. If the energy on Gull Lake was any indication, the future of swivel skiing in Canada isn't just bright - it's accelerating.



3 Man Jump // Photo Credit: Heather Dowsett

Freestyle jumping is also experiencing a surge of momentum in Canada, driven largely by the tight-knit and relentlessly creative community known as the Gangsters of Flight (GOF). This group of jumpers has been pushing the discipline forward with a mix of innovation, camaraderie, and pure enthusiasm for airtime. This season, the GOF crew travelled to Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, to host the second-ever GOF Invitational during Corn Fest-a growing freestyle tradition built not around height or distance alone, but around style, individuality, and the art of flight. Their passion is helping reignite freestyle's presence in Canada, and Show Ski Canada extends a heartfelt thank-you to every jumper contributing to this revival. Through events like the GOF Invitational, these athletes are expanding what's possible on a jump ramp and inspiring the next generation to take flight.



Charlie // Photo Credit: Heather Dowsett

Behind the scenes, the sport is also reorganizing. A newly elected show ski council-now formalized as a show ski committee within the national sport structure-signals a renewed focus on leadership, athlete development, and planning across Canada's show-ski community. These roles rarely make the highlight reel. They matter anyway. Governance is how small sports protect safety standards, create clear pathways, and keep momentum when the summer crowds go home.

And momentum is exactly what Canada needs, because the next major target is already on the horizon.

The world show-ski calendar points to 2027, when the next international championship is scheduled for Indiana, USA. For Canadian teams, that date is both a countdown and a call-up. It means more roster building. More training cycles. More chances for athletes who are currently "just" part of a Tuesday-night show in Bala to become the skiers who carry Canada onto a global dock.

That's the quiet truth of this sport. It isn't built only at championships. It's built at home, in front of everyday spectators, in places like Muskoka where the lake is a stage and the community is part of the act.

On a warm Tuesday in Bala, it feels like summer entertainment. For Team Canada, it's also the start line.



Ballet // Photo Credit: Heather Dowsett



SISTERHOOD SESSIONS

Sisterhood Sessions hit the park in full force this year, celebrating an action-packed 18th season!

From mid-June to mid-September, we ran our weekly Thursday-night sessions at the Rail Yard Wake Park in Mt. Albert. As coaches, nothing makes us happier than welcoming returning riders and meeting a new crew of like-minded female shredders. Week after week, we watched the ladies conquer fears, learn new tricks, and build on skills from seasons past—it's always such a blast to witness that kind of growth as both coaches and shred buddies.

Each Thursday, riders enjoyed discounted sessions, hands-on coaching from our incredible team, access to demo gear thanks to Slingshot Wake, and awesome prizes from our sponsors.

This summer also featured a special Women's Development Day hosted at the Rail Yard ahead of Wake Park Nationals. Huge thanks to WSWO and Hardcore Candy for making it a free event, giving women the chance to learn directly from some of Canada's top female cable riders: Coti Scaglia, Kat Shirriff, Dani Brown, and Leslie Sparkes. Together, they broke down tricks, techniques, and lines to help riders fine-tune their skills for Nationals—all while cheering each other on. It was truly an unforgettable day celebrating the incredible women pushing the boundaries of the sport.

Sisterhood Sessions sends a massive thank-you to Slingshot Wake, Hardcore Candy, and Northline Sports for providing amazing gear and support; to the Rail Yard and the Frankruyter family for hosting us; to the park staff; and to all the moms and riders who made this season another huge success.

See you all next year!

— **Leslie Sparkes**
WSWO Wakesports Committee Chair



Geordie Kurtz // Photo: Kim O'Hara



Andrew Bergman // Photo: Rob Baxter



Riley Newlands //

WSWO MEMBERS IN ACTION!



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Connor Gilbert // Photo: Rachel Ivey



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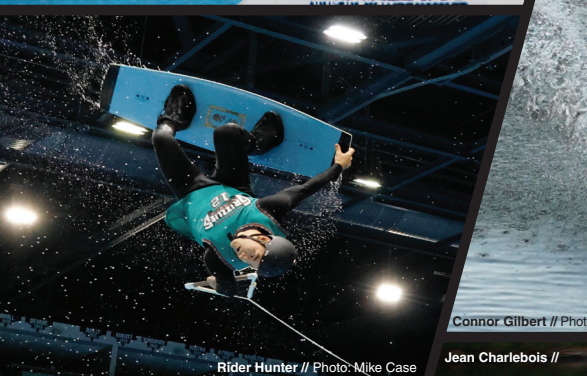


Ben Wheeler // Photo: Rob Baxter

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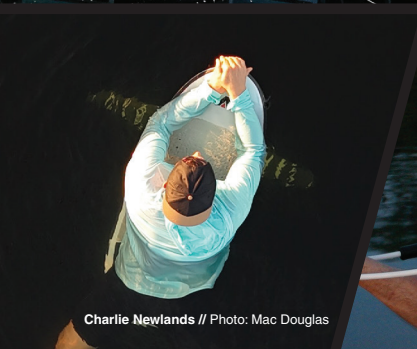
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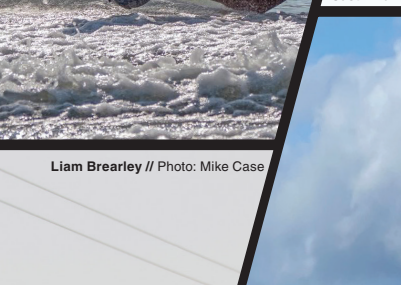
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WAKES COMING FULL CIRCLE

COMING FULL CIRCLE: Words by Riley Dillon

When I was growing up in wakeboarding, I had people ahead of me who changed everything. Riders like Drew Austin weren't just local heroes, they were the ones who slowed down for the younger kids, offered a tip at the dock, or gave just enough encouragement to make a trick feel possible. Those moments shaped me far more than I understood at the time. They gave me direction, confidence, and a sense of belonging in a sport that would eventually become such a huge part of my life.

From Drew Austin, to Melissa Kurtin, Erika Langman leading the roots, Derek Brown and the Outhouse crew, to Andy Oke chaperoning Liam Brearley and me on early trips, and so many more names, it's incredible how this community steps up to support the next generation. Now, as I'm getting a little older, I'm finding myself on the opposite side of that equation.

This past season, I spent a lot of time coaching up-and-coming riders, as well as leading a development day with Jordan Sullivan and Wake Ontario. Seeing the amount of athletes and talent we have in our communities these days is truly special. Working with them, all of them, feels like coming full circle. I see pieces of my younger self in each kid: the curiosity, the energy, the nerves, the breakthroughs. I'm constantly reminded how inspiring this new generation is, and I feel a responsibility to give them the same support, encouragement, and opportunities that were once given to me. I want them to keep dreaming, and I want to be there to help them find their path.

Launching my pro model with Mad Tuna Boards, the Pisces, this year made that feeling even stronger. It's surreal to put something into the world that represents my riding today, while also releasing a kids board, the Little Fish, that represents the riders who are coming up right behind me. I didn't expect it, but the timing lined up perfectly with a brand that truly cares. Having a kids board out there at the exact moment I'm investing more into the next generation feels like one of those full-circle moments that only make sense in hindsight. Together, they feel like two sides of the same story, the present and the future of what wakeboarding can be.

I got to share the first Little Fish model with one of my athletes, Lukas Spaicys, one of the most passionate, driven young riders I work with. He said it was a dream of his to get on a Mad Tuna, and when my kids board was launching, it seemed like the perfect fit.

Watching him chase progression the same way I did at his age has been surreal. He shows up early, stays late, asks questions, is hard on himself, and puts in the work when no one is watching. He reminds me of myself, hungry, curious, and in love with the process.

Growing up, I never imagined I'd one day have a pro model, let alone one designed for young riders just starting their journey. Seeing Lucas ride it made it feel like we're building something bigger than just a new board. We're building momentum, culture, and opportunity.

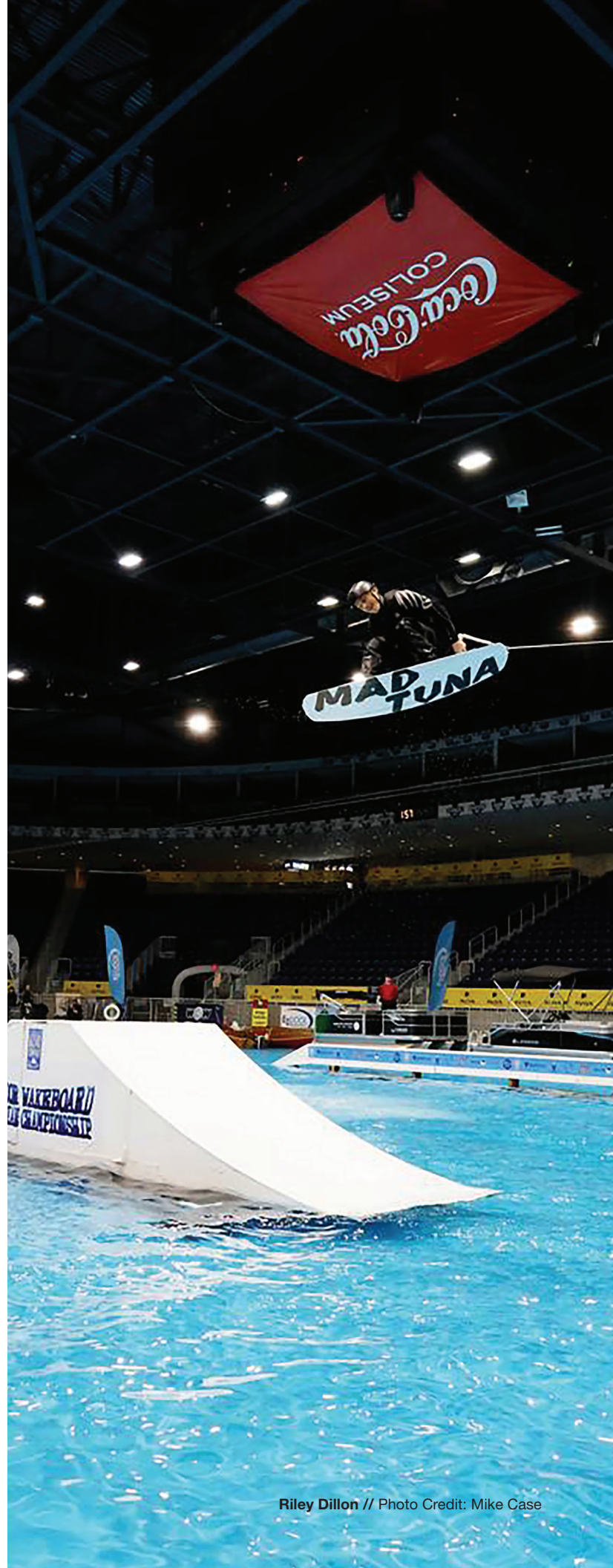
Wakeboarding has given me so much, community, travel, friendships, purpose. And now, being able to pour that back into young riders, and into a kids board that represents the next wave of Canadian wakeboarding, feels like closing a loop that's been open since my own childhood.

Wakeboarding moves forward because each generation passes the handle to the next. I got mine passed to me by people like Drew Austin and countless others who shaped my path. Now I'm in the stage of my career where I get to be that person for someone else, and honestly, that feels like one of the greatest achievements I could have hoped for in this sport. I hope all the groms out there know they can come to me, and I'll do my best to help them on their path.

To the kids who are coming up: keep going. You're the reason this sport has a future, and it's a bright one!

— **Riley Dillon**

Team Canada Athlete | Coach | Mad Tuna
Wakeboards Pro



WAKE SPORTS RIDING NEW WAVE OF POPULARITY!



Dary Znebel, at VWC Yard Sale, enjoyed a standout year on the international stage. Photo: Brennan Grange

It's an exciting time for the growth of wake sports in Ontario and around the world. Ontario athletes continue to be a force on the national and global stage as the wake events scene hits new heights, while significant new developments to support and grow wake sports provincially are in the works for 2026. From **cable** and **boat** pulled **wakeboarding** and **wakeskating**, to **wakesurfing** and a surge in **wake foiling**, the options for board sports fun on the water has never been greater! by Steve Jarrett



ONTARIO ON WORLD STAGE

In 2025 the wake sports events soared to greater prominence worldwide with the debut of wakeboarding in the Junior Pan Am Games and the inclusion of wake park cable, wakesurf and wakeboard boat in the IOC affiliated World Games, a showcase for future Olympic sports. At the same time the number of independent pro events flourished with contests like the exotic Niti Island Treasure Hunt in Indonesia; joining pioneering events like the VWC Yard Sale in Georgia, USA and Munich Mash in Germany, alongside upstarts like Wakeboard Street Jam in Netherlands and Red Bull Wake The City in Norway; all shining a brighter spotlight on wake sports progression and popularity.

Ontario's Dary Znebel was a standout at Street Jam; Niti Island and Yardsale where he scored Best Trick and 3rd in Best Line, cementing his stature as one of the world's most creative and progressive riders.

Ontario's Riley Dillon similarly furthered his reputation as one of the planet's top young wake park talents at Munich Mash in Germany. Ontario's Jordan Sullivan left little doubt that he is one of the preeminent wakeskaters taking the wakeskate crown at VWC Yardsale and 3rd at the Pro Wakeskate Tour at Black Water Junction, USA. Both Riley and Jordan also repeated as National Wake Park Champions in Wakeboard and Wakeskate, respectively.

At the Junior Pan Am Games in Paraguay, Ontario's Baye Hctor-Duncan finished 7th in her first major international event. Then went on to win Pro Women at Canadian Nationals for the 2nd year in a row. Ontario's Harmony Meirik followed in 2nd.

Other Ontario women making their mark include Coti Scaglia winning Pro Women at Wake Park Nationals and a finalist at VWC Yardsale; and Timmy McNamee scoring 3rd in Pro Women Surf at the Wakesurf Nationals and 7th at CWSA Wakesurf Worlds.

Ontario's Gavin Fisk attended the WWA Wake Park Worlds in Florida where he took the title for Men 30-39.



Jordan Sullivan VWC Yardsale Photo: Brennan Grange



Riley Dillon, Nationals at Rail Yard Photo: Brennan Grange



Baye Hctor-Duncan, Provincials Muskoka Photo: Nate Wilcox



Timmy McNamee, Provincials Muskoka Photo: Nate Wilcox



Coti Scaglia, Provincials Muskoka Photo: Brennan Grange

2025 RECAP @WAKEONTARIO SERIES

Last year the Wake Ontario Series enjoyed one of its best seasons to date with six events, culminating with the Canadian Wake Park Cable Championship at Rail Yard Wake Park in Mount Albert. 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 Riley Dillon claimed the Pro Men's title and American Rivers Hedrick the Pro Women, 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. Event standouts included Lauren Ellis in Super Grom Girls; Bode Badger in Super Grom Boys; Alan Martin in Junior Boys; Justin Larue in Men's Legends; Shaine Edward in Pro Wakeskate; Sam Wilson in Pro Women; and Wake Purdy 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 Olivia Watson and Bode Badger in Super Groms Girls and Boys respectively, Jordyn Schoonings and Alan Martin in Junior Girls and Boys respectively; Justin Larue in Legend Men; Dary Znebel in Pro Wakeskate; Kat Shirriff in Pro Women; and Riley Dillon in Pro Men. An exciting new night Rail Jam was added to the program with Liam Brearley taking the inaugural title and Kyle Johnson winning Best Trick.

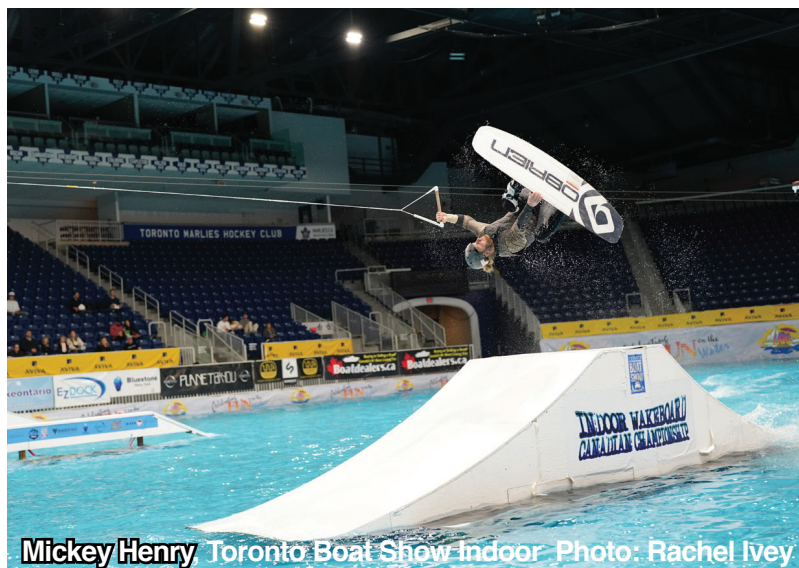
July wrapped up with a double-header in Muskoka featuring the 3rd annual "Muskoka Lakes Wake Championship" boat contest presented by Pride Marine and Nautique and the "What Competition?" cable contest at What Wake Park. The "Muskoka Lakes Championship" was the boat provincial championship for Wakeboarding, Wakesurfing, Wakeskating and Wake Foiling pulled behind the Nautique G23. Standouts included Baye Hctor-Duncan in Open Women Wakeboard; Timmy McNamee

in Open Women Wakesurf. Lauren Kuhn took the Overall Queen of the Wake title. Patrick Haynes grabbed the Open Men Wakeboard title. Alan Cao topped the Open Men Wakesurf podium. Charlie Newlands snagged the Open Wake Foil. Derek Brown took the Open Men Wakeskate and the Overall King of the Wake. Shoutout to Muskoka Wake, Glen Orchard General Store, Proline Rentals, Algonquin Outfitters, O'Brien, Hyperlite, Phase 5, Ronix, Liquid Force and Follow for their support!

The "What Competition?" was the Wake Park Cable Provincial Championship supported by Bush's Watersports, Wake Hui Wake Camp, Indian River Trading, McMorran Electric, Bear Creek Express, Whata Twenty Four, Muskoka Beer Spa, Kelo, and Bala Falls Pub. Standouts included Nick Nags in Legends Men; Mickey Henry in Pro Wakeskate; Sam Wilson in Pro Women; Dary Znebel in Pro Men; Coti Scaglia in Pro Women Night Rail Jam; and Liam Brearley in Pro Men Night Rail Jam. Special shoutout to Grom rider Erikas Spaicys who made it through to the quarter-finals of the Pro Night Rail Jam, taking down some big names along the way.

The Wake Ontario Series wrapped up with the Canadian Wake Park Championship at Rail Yard Wake Park featuring a global livestream. Two of the most exciting additions to the Nationals was the Pro Pool Jam; and the Adaptive category with incredible performances from all four riders! Several Ontario standouts from earlier season events capped off their season with national titles. Erikas Spaicys – 9 & Under Boys. Olivia Watson – 10-13 Super Grom Girls. Lukas Spaicys – 10-13 Super Grom Boys. Jordyn Schoonings – 14-18 Junior Women. Alan Martin – 14-18 Junior Men. Phil Kerr - Adaptive. Jordan Sullivan – Pro Wakeskate. Coti Scaglia – Pro Women Wakeboard & Pool Jam. Riley Dillon – Pro Men Wakeboard & Pool Jam. Shoutout to Rail Yard, Hyperlite, Canadian Wake Mag, Northline Sports, Outhouse Wake and Province of Ontario for their support! Full results can be found at @wakeontario.

With skill categories from first timers to pros and age categories to accommodate everyone from 6 years old to 60+, the Wake Ontario Series offers an amazing opportunity to meet



Mickey Henry, Toronto Boat Show Indoor Photo: Rachel Ivey



Shaine Edward, Bluestone Wake Park Photo: Rachel Ivey



Kat Shirriff, Planet Bayou Wake Park Photo: Brennan Grange



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Charlie Newlands, Muskoka Provincials Photo: Nate Wilcox



Phil Kerr, Nationals, Rail Yard Wake Park Photo: Rachel Ivey

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.

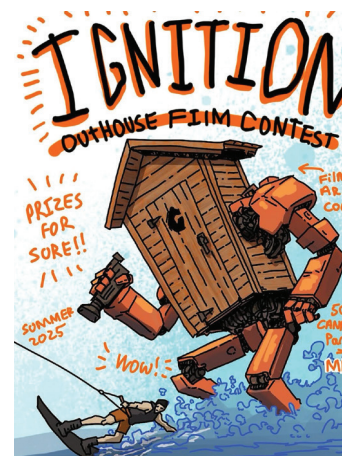
WAKE ONTARIO SCENE

The Ontario scene enjoyed several initiatives supporting the sport in 2025. The Sisterhood Sessions at the Rail Yard Wake Park and Ladies Nights at What Wake Park and Planet Bayou all boosted women's wakeboarding with a fun inclusive mix of social and coaching for all levels featuring discounted riding rates. Likewise the Hyperlite Men's Nights at the Rail Yard and Planet Bayou Men's Nights offered an encouraging, fun community vibe geared to support newcomers and recreational riders.

Last summer Slingshot Wake brought their "Summer Of Sling" tour to several of Ontario's wake parks, with their pro rider team offering free demos and tips. It offered an awesome opportunity to hang and ride with some of the best riders in wakeboarding!



Perhaps the most exciting initiative was Derek Brown's "Out-house Wake Ignition" Video Contest supporting the art of filming and producing edits. Congrats to "Salty Dogs" edited by Ethan Lawson, featuring Ethan, Kurtis Spencer, Marcus Ellis, Jake

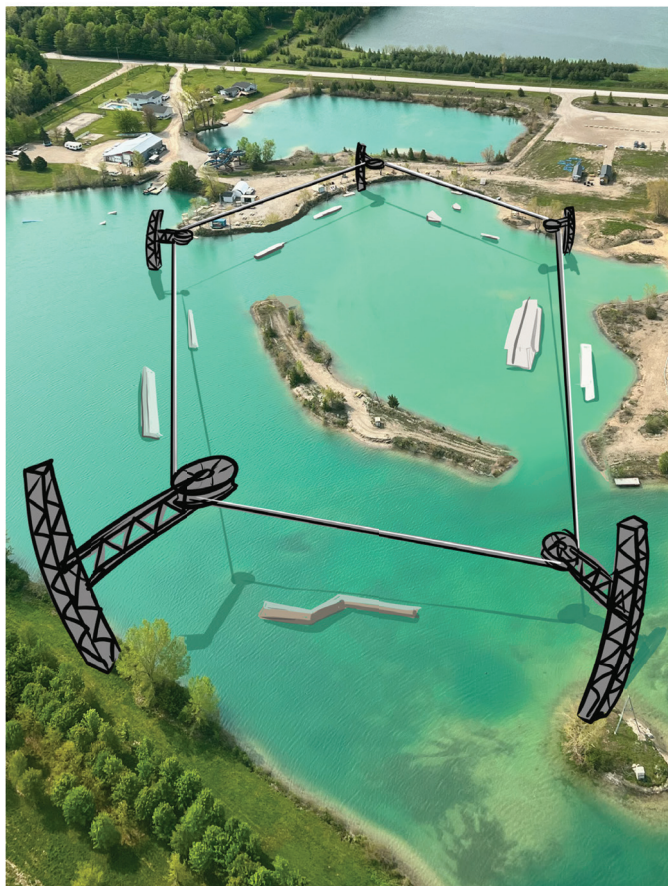


FULL SIZE CABLE COMING TO BLUESTONE WAKE PARK 2026

A five tower “full cable” system is set to debut at Clinton, Ontario’s Blue-stone Wake Park in June 2026. It will be the only one of its kind in Canada!

While Bluestone has had on offer three “straight-line” cable systems, the “full size” will be a game changer, accommodating seven riders at a time versus just one.

The counter-clockwise spinning “full size” cable will have multiple floating features to accommodate all levels of wakeboarders from novice to advanced. There will also be two pools integrated into the lake course making it a



world class wakeboard and wakeskate facility.

Bluestone will continue to offer two additional “straightline cables”, one dedicated to beginners and the other to intermediate riders.

The “full cable” system will truly make Bluestone a destination wake park. It offers a well stocked rental and retail shop and provides instruction, weekly summer camps and season passes. Bluestone will host the 2026 Canadian Wake Park Championship, expected to be the country’s largest ever!

and Dave Matthews, winning the top prize. Shutout to Harmony Meirik for the most creative!

Ontario boasts the largest number of wake sports schools and wake parks in the country – over 55 at last count, offering a multitude of opportunities to get started and progress with expert guidance. Several wake parks and schools offer a special on “Pass The Handle Day” for first-timers, typically in mid-July.

In related wake school news, Planet Bayou Wake Park will be expanding with the addition of a second cable geared towards novice to intermediate riders.

Stayed tuned to @wakeontario for all of the latest wake sports news, photos, videos, top riders and events for the 2026 Wake season, including the National Wake Park Championships coming to Bluestone Wake Park in August!





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