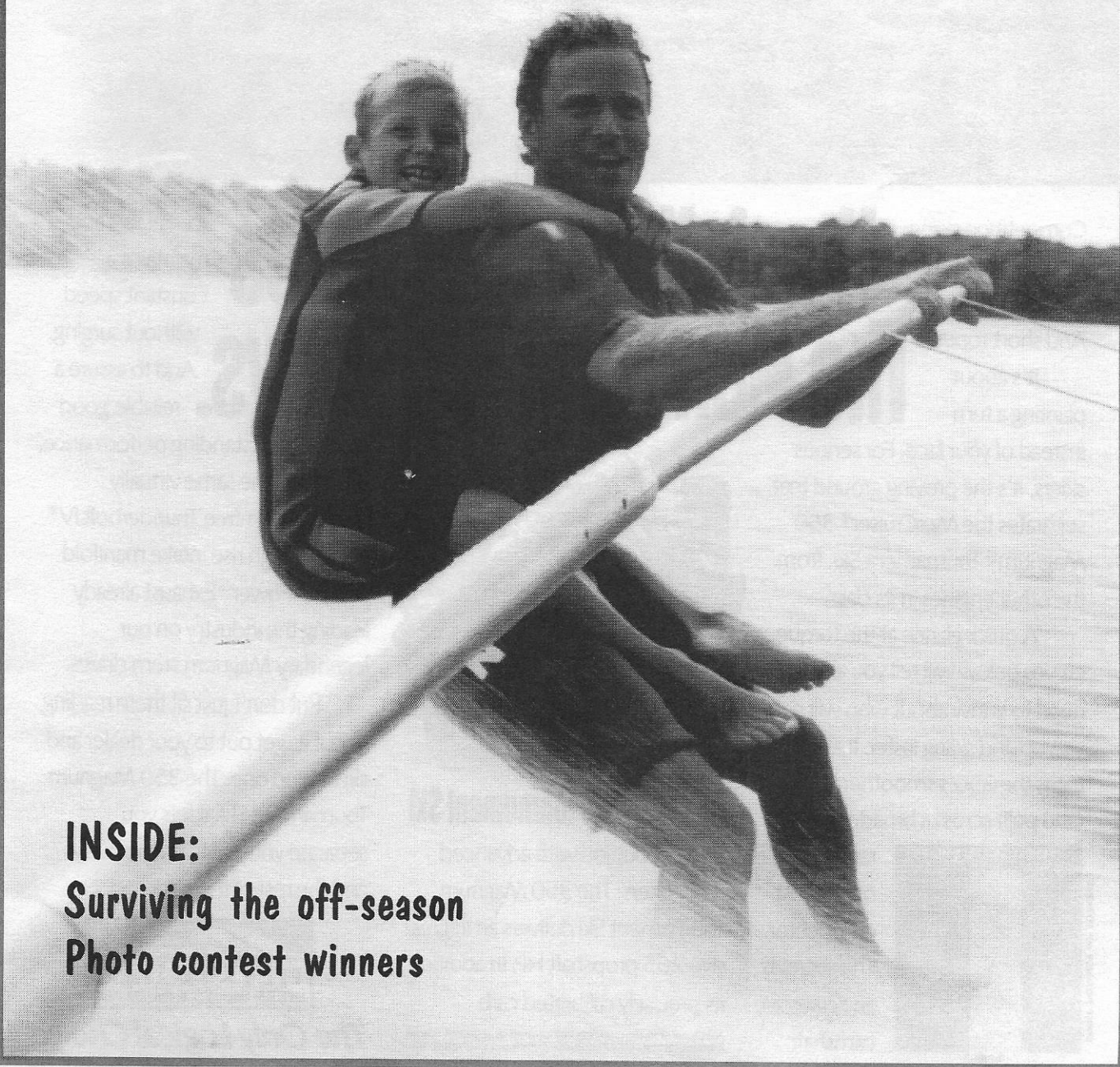


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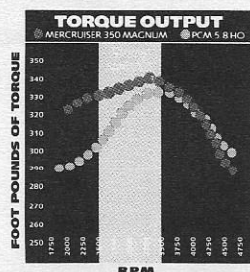
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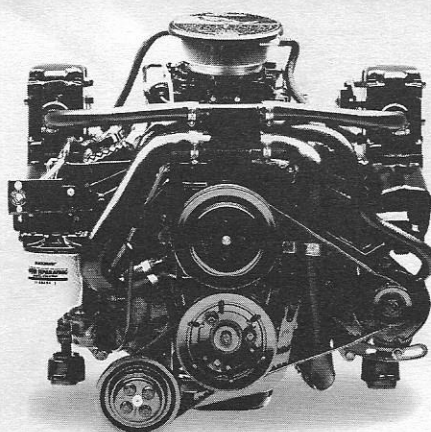


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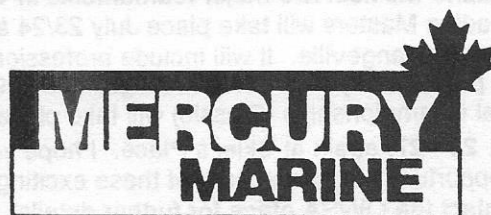
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# Adventures in Cyberspace

By Paul Jurbala

I went to visit Terry Jones at work the other day. Terry is an OWSA member who works at University of Toronto in a computer lab; he called me up to ask if I could provide some basic information about the OWSA to put on the Internet, and ended up inviting me down to see the on-line universe in action.

What does Internet have to do with the OWSA? The OWSA is, first and foremost, a provider of information. We have a magazine and handbook, clinics for skiers, coaches, officials and instructors; we have a skills development program; you can call us up and find out where the closest ski school/tournament/shop/club is. The majority of our members are transient - in any given year about 50% of our

membership is new. They join looking for information, and they either leave fulfilled or disappointed, but they leave quickly. For these people, the OWSA is like a reference book: not something you use everyday, and the information only flows one way, but when you need it, good to have around.

The OWSA does have other functions. To the competitive skier, the OWSA is not only a source of information but also an essential part of the infrastructure of competition. By developing officials, helping organize events, obtaining funding for athletes and event organizers, we keep competitive water skiing viable in Ontario. Our competitive members are far less transient, and for that reason, tend

to end up running the organization.

All this raises three questions. First, if the OWSA was less like a reference book and more like the Internet (an open meeting place, a place to chat) would it be more popular? Second, by recognizing the differences between our transient and more permanent members, can we reorganize our services to give both groups what they want, only better and easier? Third, if you could get basic water ski information on the Internet, would we get the message out to those millions of people?

While you're pondering, check out water skiing on the Internet. Just the thing for getting you through those long winter days!

## PRESIDENTIAL THOUGHTS

By Tom Stacy, President, Ontario Water Ski Association

The 1995 water ski season seems so far away. By the time you read this, the OWSA will be busy preparing for the upcoming Toronto International Boat Show, and organizing the events, programs and tournaments for the 1995 season.

Ontario will host two major tournaments in 1995. The Canadian Masters will take place July 23/24 at Skier's Place in Orangeville. It will include professional skiers with prize money and TSN coverage. The 1995 National Championships (Classic) will take place from Aug. 23 - 27, again at Skier's Place. I hope you will get an opportunity to attend both of these exciting events! (Contact the OWSA office for further details). In addition, there will be many sanctioned and novice tournaments for classic skiing, barefoot and wakeboard events. Please plan to not only attend these events, but participate in them as well.

To help add to our junior ranks, the OWSA and Water Ski Canada have added a new division for boys and girls up to 9 years of age. This will allow very young skiers an opportunity to ski in tournaments with ratings set at levels appropriate for their age group. We hope

this will help encourage our young skiers to enter tournaments.

I hope you'll take advantage of our Pro-Clinic in 1995. We ran a very successful program in 1994. The clinic travels to sites around Ontario, providing an opportunity for many OWSA members to ski behind a tournament ski boat, with top quality instruction in all aspects of skiing. Please book the clinic at your ski club, cottage or lake for 1995 early, as we expect full booking for the clinic.

I would like to thank Craig Rutherford, our past president of the OWSA, for his hard work over the last three years. He dedicated a huge amount of time and energy to water skiing in Ontario. The OWSA is privileged to have Craig represent us on the WSC Executive Board as well as continue on our OWSA Executive. On behalf of all Ontario water skiers, thanks again, Craig.

The '95 water ski season will be upon us soon and I hope that both 1995 and ski season will be good for all. See you on the water.



# TIME TO RENEW

Your 1994 OWSA membership expires with this issue! Please take a moment to fill out the membership form below and give yourself a gift for the holidays – a 1995 OWSA membership.

Despite further cuts to our government grant, Regular Membership fees stay at \$12 for 1995, while Competitive Membership increases only \$5 to \$55 indi-

vidual, \$75 family (same for barefoot competitors). And now our Christmas gift to you – if you renew your Competitive Membership before January 31, 1995 you pay the lower 1994 fees (\$50/\$70 for Competitive and family respectively)!

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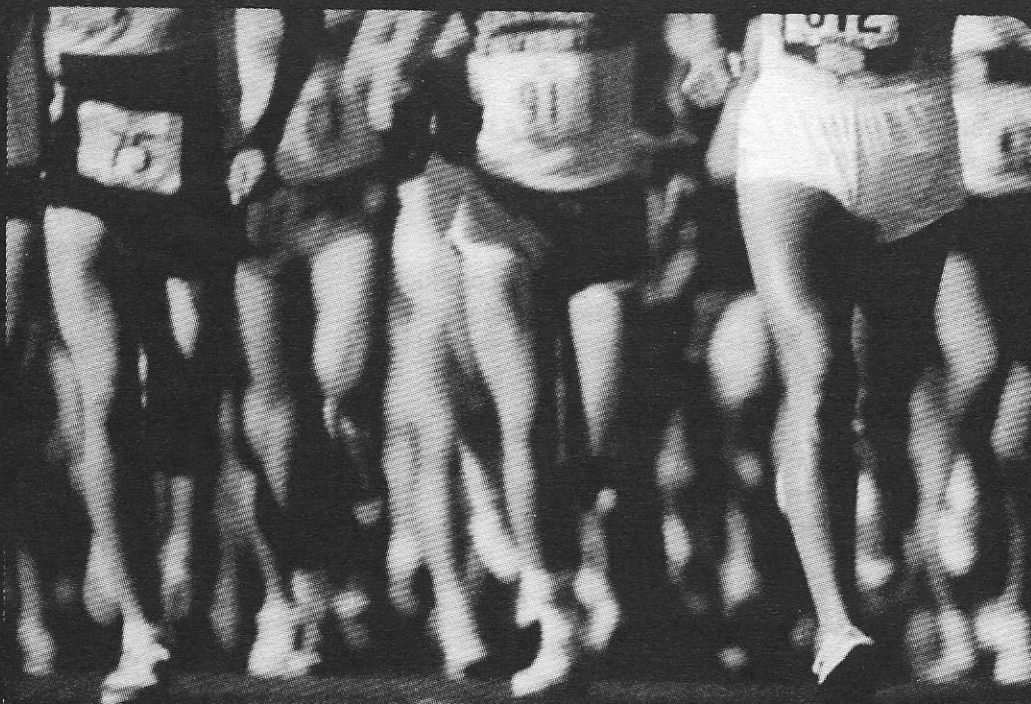
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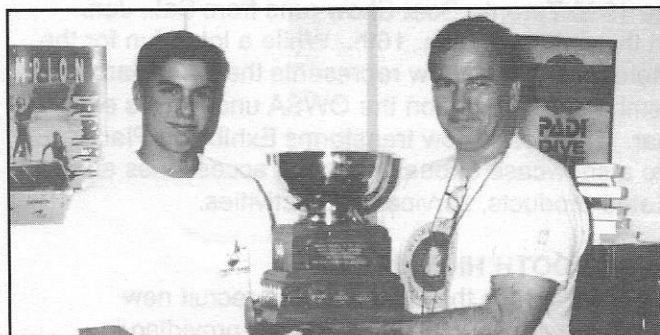


# HALLMARK WINNER: Tony Boswell

Tony Boswell, 14-year-old winner of the 1994 Hallmark Cup, is planning to go a long way in water skiing. He certainly goes a long way to get to tournaments, or to the OWSA AGM where the Cup was presented to him this year - the Boswells live in Arnprior, on the Ottawa River north of Ottawa, and it's a five-hour drive to virtually any event. That hasn't dampened Tony's enthusiasm, though.

The OWSA has presented the Hallmark Cup for 19 years to Ontario's most improved tournament skier. To qualify, skiers under 25 years old must enter three Ontario tournaments in the previous and current year. Points are calculated based on the difference between last years' and this years' best scores in each event, compared with the current world record - a step which prevents novice competitors (whose scores improve fastest) from winning each year.

Tony got started in skiing at age 5 when the family moved to their home on the river. The Robertson family (well known to tournament skiers) have a cottage nearby, and they were responsible for encouraging young Tony, and pointing him toward tournament skiing. He won his first tournament, the Kawartha Novice event held annually in Peterborough, at age 11 and the following year began entering sanctioned events. The Grade 9 student says his favourite events are slalom and jump; his mother says he's out on the water as soon as the ice breaks in spring, combining water skiing with competition in



*OWSA President, Craig Rutherford, right, presents Tony Boswell with the impressive Hallmark Cup.*

track (summer) and hockey (winter).

Tony, who gets coaching at Rini's Ski School near Kingston, has his sights set on the 1997 Canada Summer Games. He's off to a promising start!

Our thanks to Hallmark Cards Canada for continuing to sponsor this important award for Ontario water skiers.

## 1994 Hallmark Cup standings

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| 1. Tony Boswell  | 526 points |
| 2. Colin Ellis   | 523 points |
| 3. Sara Townsend | 491 points |
| 4. Jim Townsend  | 330 points |
| 5. J.J. Woodley  | 285 points |

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The 1995 Toronto Boat Show runs from Sat., Jan. 6th through Sun., Jan. 16th. While a lot of fun for the whole family, the show represents the single largest membership promotion the OWSA undertakes each year. The Boat Show transforms Exhibition Place into a showcase of boats, boating accessories and related products, services and activities.

### OWSA BOOTH HIGHLIGHTS

The OWSA uses the Boat Show to recruit new members with special draws and by providing information on water skiing in Ontario. It's also a great opportunity to talk to new and current members.

### '94 MEMBERSHIP RATES

New members, or those renewing, at the Boat Show will receive 1994 rates – \$50 for competitive or \$70 for competitive family memberships. The regular membership is still just \$12.

### SHOW HOURS

Saturdays (10 am – 9 pm)  
Sundays (10 am – 6 pm)  
Weekdays (noon – 9:30 pm)

### HELP WANTED

As always, help is needed to staff the booth and help promote the sport and the OWSA. Come out and talk water skiing, barefooting, kneeboarding and ski boarding with visitors to the booth.

Help make this show the best ever – we've got more programs and products than ever before!

Interested individuals should contact Paul Jurbala at the OWSA as soon as possible. Telephone: (416) 426-7092.

## COTTAGE LIFE SHOW

### Toronto – Mar. 31 – Apr. 2, 1995

If you can't help out in January, how about March? The OWSA is attending the Cottage Life show again and could use your help there.

The show is sponsored by the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations and is held at the International Centre. It's just one weekend – we have to work fast!

## FUND RAISING

# MARKETPLACE

*The OWSA carries a selection of water ski-related merchandise and books. Orders are accepted by mail (cheque or money order) or in person at 1185 Eglinton Ave. E, North York M3C 3C6.*

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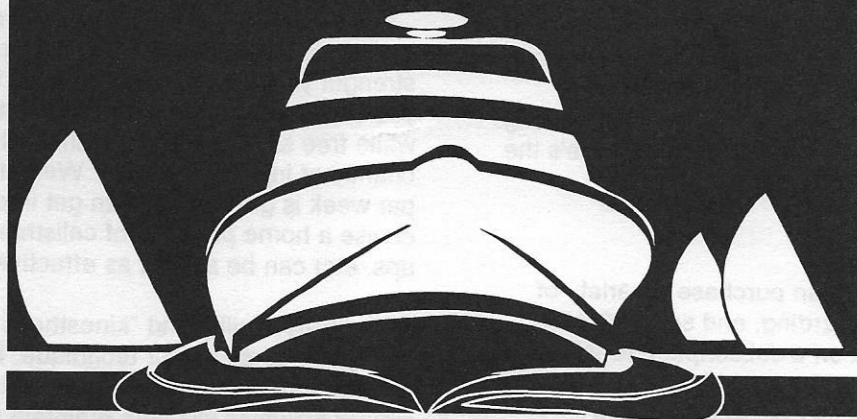
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# HOW TO SURVIVE THE OFF-SEASON

By Paul Jurbala

*Bears hibernate. Birds migrate. Water skiers just wish it would go away...but don't despair. Winter can be a productive time for water skiers- it's just a matter of approach. Here are 8 tips for making the most of the dark months between water ski seasons.*

## 1. Build something

What does your ski site need? Winter is the perfect time to get out those tools and tackle those neglected projects.

You can fix your dock (maybe) or put together a ski and rope rack (definitely). It's far more convenient to measure out a slalom course and drop it through the ice than to install one in the summer: Contact the OWSA for an information kit on slalom course building.

## 2. Hit the Slopes



Why do you suppose so many water skiers are downhillers in the winter? It's still water, really, just frozen. Snow skiing provides a great workout for your timing, balance, agility and muscle endurance: it's perfect cross training. And for wakeboarders, there's the snowboard.

## 3. Read up

Through the OWSA, you can purchase a variety of books on water skiing, boarding, and so on. OWSA members get a discount on a subscription to WaterSki magazine. And if you're not in a buying mood, drop in to the OWSA office - we've got back issues of WaterSki, The Water Skier (the AWSA magazine), Ontario Water Skier (what you're reading now), and Ski Nautique (Water Ski Canada's newsletter) going right back to the beginning of time (twenty years' worth, anyway). Feel free to visit and leaf through our library!



## 4. Get Fit

This is the time to build a solid foundation for your on-water work next spring and summer. In particular, your winter program should include three components: aerobic workouts, strength/power workouts, and agility and "kinesthetic sense" workouts (a fancy word meaning "the sense of what your body is doing as it moves"-important in learning the movement skills of skiing).

Aerobic power is important for all-around fitness and to improve recovery time after short, hard efforts (a ski pass). In winter, aerobic workouts also help in body weight control. Choose any activity which lasts 20 minutes or more and increases your heart rate near the



"target heart rate" (as a guide, take the number 220, subtract your resting heart rate, subtract your age, multiply by 0.7 and add back to your resting heart rate. For the average 30-year old, the result will be near 155). Try to do this on alternate days, three times per week.

Strength workouts will help you maintain correct technique while skiing; in other words, with more strength you'll better withstand the forces which pull you out of shape in the course, on the jump, or just while free skiing. Improved strength will also lessen the chance of injury after a fall. Weight training three times per week is great if you can get into the gym, but otherwise a home program of calisthenics (sit-ups, push-ups, etc) can be almost as effective.

Flexibility, agility and "kinesthetic sense" workouts help you maintain your technique. In sports like water skiing, technique and timing are critical, and practice in similar activities will help maintain your sharpness. Choose cross-training sports which require agility, movement of your body in various positions, and timing, like snow skiing, gymnastics or trampoline.

An elite skier can put together a twice-per-day, six-days-per-week schedule out of the above activities; a casual skier can maintain fitness with, say, a mix of complimentary sports and calisthenics spread over 3 or 4 days per week. The important thing is, stay active!





## 5. Be a Couch Potato

The OWSA also has a video library with over 30 titles, including instructional and entertaining videos on slalom technique, wakeboarding, kneeboarding and barefooting. Videos rent for under \$ 6 for a two-week period, and we'll even courier them right to your home if the snow's piled against the door and you can't come to us. Get the popcorn out and learn some new skills!

Another option for those looking to conserve energy while accumulating information is the Internet. All you need is a suitable-equipped computer to find out what's happening in the world of water skiing. See Terry Jones' article in this issue (page 24).

## 6. Go South

The southern United States, Florida in particular, offers an embarrassment of riches for the water skier. There are ski schools to suit almost everyone. Before you go, though, think about the following: Do you want a 'hard core' competition environment, or something more relaxed? Do you need to be near alternate activities, tourist attractions, and so on, or will you be happy in a more isolated setting? Do you want to learn from a 'big name' skier? Will only the newest tow boat and equipment do?



Every ski school has its own speciality. Some offer gourmet meals and have an international clientele; some are more 'down home'. Some promise a 'big name', but when you arrive you find the assistant coach actually does all the work. Call before you go, and ask detailed questions - it can make the difference between a great learning experience and a frustrating one. The OWSA can provide a list of U.S. ski schools to help you make your contacts.

## 7. Go to a Show

In Ontario, the Toronto International Boat Show is the place to be between January 6 and 15. It's the biggest in Canada, sprawled across Toronto's CNE grounds, with lots of opportunities to drool over new ski boats and pick up skis and accessories. The OWSA will set up our booth for the 20th straight year in the Upper East Annex; drop by and join up for 1995! Better still, volunteer to help at the booth!

If you miss the Toronto Show, or even if you don't, you might want to check out the spring boat shows in London or Ottawa, or drop in at the Cottage Life Show in March. Don't miss a great chance to talk skiing and see the new gear for '95!

## 8. Train Your Brain

Any sport which requires the participant to wait for a long period, then perform with perfect technique for a brief period (sound familiar?) places a premium on strong mental skills. Take the winter to develop your own "mental training toolkit" which you can use in competition and (believe it!) in everyday life.

Here are some examples. When was the last time you blew a pass because you were too anxious and tense, distracted or just "not focussed"? **Relaxation training** is a learned sequence of thoughts and mental images, sometimes aided by listening to a tape of music or voice reminders, used to reduce anxiety and maintain focus before competition. Do you get all the on-water time you need to learn new skills? **Mental rehearsal**, concentrating on cue words to remind yourself of key elements of the movement, has been proven to improve the learning and retention of new skills faster than physical practice alone. Look for books like *Psyching for Sport* by Terry Orlick, or *Psyching for Slalom* by David Benzel to get an insight into some mental training techniques.


Another aspect of the mental side of skiing is **performance analysis**. When did you ski well this year, and when did you ski badly? What were the factors (training, mental state, health, surroundings) associated with each? What techniques or regimen could you choose to duplicate the "good ski days"? And, of course, there is the technical side, analyzing how various ski adjustments, etc. affected your performance.

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# SHREDDING THE FROZEN WAKE

By A couple of boardheads from Surf Paradise, Grant & Mike

It's late afternoon in November. The clocks have been turned back for over a week now and you're still trying to get used to it being dark at 5:15 pm. On your way home from work, the weather dude on the radio ruins your prospects for a good weekend. Forecasts of falling temps and possible snow are pretty much putting an end to your hopes of one last session on the water. Looks like there's no chance of beating Ma' Nature this year!

If the end of your season comes with the arrival of Ol' Man Winter, then stop reading ... enjoy your hibernation. On the other hand, if you're looking for something to keep you stoked during the "off-season", **snowboarding** might just be the ride you are looking for. Snowboarding has come a long way in the last 25 years, from an illegal way of riding ski hills to being accepted at almost every resort all over the world. Now, as its own sport, snowboarding is leading the progression in 'extreme' and 'freestyle' disciplines way past the limits set by skiers. It is no wonder that boarders often outnumber the skiers at

many hills. This season promises to be no different. More and more hills are expanding their terrain by building halfpipes and snowboard parks.

Since the tricks in wakeboarding are often the same as snowboarding, any wakeboarders looking for a winter fix should head to the hills. A nice halfpipe or table-top jump will yield just as much, probably more, air as a big wake. Even a nice rooster-tail you can rip on a wakeboard can also be done by a snowboard in some nice powder. The two sports are so similar in stance, style and tricks, that crossover wakeboarders will immediately pick it up. Snowboarding is also great because you don't need an expensive boat - just a small hill and a few shovels.

So don't dread the winter. Strap on a board and pray for snow.

**Editor's Note:** Mississauga's Surf Paradise will sponsor the 1995 Ontario Boarding Championships.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO TEACH WATER SKIING? LET US TEACH YOU HOW!

By Katie Mills, Director Ontario Water Ski Instructors' Course

You don't have to be a 'superstar' skier to become a great ski instructor. In fact, the 34th annual Ontario Water Ski Instructors' Course (OWSIC) will teach you everything you need to know.

All OWSIC participants become fully certified Level 1 coaches under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP). In addition, students are evaluated through written, oral and practical examinations to be eligible for Level 1, 2 or 3 OWSIC certification. Many camps in Ontario and Quebec require their water ski instructors to hold at least a Level 1 OWSIC certification.

### CURRICULUM

Teaching safe boat driving for water skiing is OWSIC's #1 priority. Participants also learn how to teach beginner 2-ski, slalom, kneeboarding, tricks, jumping and barefooting. Other topics include instructor psychology, boat care/maintenance and how to organize a ski show.

Course curriculum is presented through lectures, audio-visual aids, printed materials and practical training.

### REQUIREMENTS

1. A strong desire to impart knowledge of water skiing to general public.

2. Minimum age 16 as of June 1, 1995
3. Royal Life Saving Society Bronze Medallion certification is strongly recommended. The ability to demonstrate the Bronze Medallion swimming requirement (ie. 400 yds of continual swimming) is required.
4. Membership in the OWSA.

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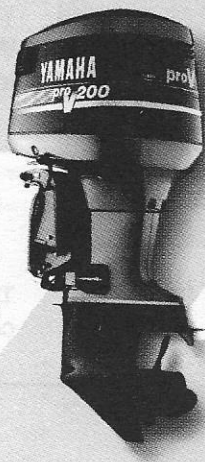
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## 1994 WINNERS

### COMPETITION CATEGORY:

**Winner:** Ted Draper  
**Honourable Mentions:** Paul Roberts

### ACTION CATEGORY:

**Winner:** Beverly McConnell  
**Honourable Mentions:** Doris Huebner

### ATMOSPHERE CATEGORY:

**Winner:** Paul Roberts  
**Honourable Mentions:** Lisa Bray

The OWSA's photo contest closed on Nov. 1st and while we weren't swamped with entries, we did have more than 30 to choose from – and it wasn't easy to pick the winners!

Winners will receive a \$25 OWSA Gift Certificate – and just in time for Christmas gift-giving too!

## ACTION

The winning action shot, of Jon and James McConnell, submitted by Beverly McConnell, is on this issue's cover. Other entries were of family members in action on skis and boards and barefooting.

## COMPETITION

In the Competition section, entries included traditional slalom and jump shots (but not tricks for some reason!). One photo jumped out as the clear winner, if only for the myriad of captions it elicited from the panel of judges!

The winner, submitted by Ted Draper, was taken at the Welland Rating Tournament in July 1993 when the starting dock flooded during the event.

## ATMOSPHERE

This category was the hardest to judge because it contained so many different types of shots, ranging from families to sunsets, incredible slalom shots to mug shots!

The winner was this Paul Roberts shot of the sun rising over a surreal Bond Lake.

### JUDGING CRITERIA:

Entries were judged not only on technical quality, but on originality and composition.

The panel of judges included: Paul Jurbala, OWSA executive director; Craig Rutherford, now OWSA past president and Wendy Rutherford, OWS editor.



*"I know that jump's somewhere around here!"*

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# Short Lines

## OWSA OFFICE MOVES

The OWSA office moved to its new location on Hallowe'en - and it was certainly no treat! OWSA staffers Paul Jurbala and Nazneen Dhalla arrived that morning to find boxes and furniture stacked up right to the front door. Within three days everything was settled and business was underway again.

The OWSA, along with 42 other sport associations, were forced to move when the Ontario Sport and Recreation Centre's lease at the 1220 Sheppard building expired. Masterful negotiating by OSRC allowed the Centre to move to what had previously been the Nestle Building, at lower rent, and with Nestle providing moving costs and furniture!

Drop by and see the new OWSA office at 1185 Eglinton Avenue East (at Don Mills Rd.), Suite 502, North York M3C 3C6. Our new phone number is (416) 426-7092 and FAX is -7378. We're open Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, except Wednesday mornings when we operate our bingo.



*Nazneen Dhalla in the new OWSA digs.*

## PSST! WANT TO BE A TOURNAMENT STAR?

In order to recruit new skiers for tournament competition, the OWSA will be hosting a Talent Identification Clinic in 1995. The purpose will be to have prospective Canada Summer Games competitors seen and helped by Ontario coaches. This clinic is made possible by a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation.

Initial invitees for the clinic will come from the ranks of the Gold Slalom, Trick and Jump winners from the O'Brien Water Ski Skill Awards program. This program, now in its 19th year, provides over 3,500 awards annually to summer camps and ski schools in Ontario and across Canada.

Here are the 1994 GOLD award winners as forwarded from Ontario camps:

### Camp Iawah

Casey Billett	Slalom
Lucas Billett	Slalom

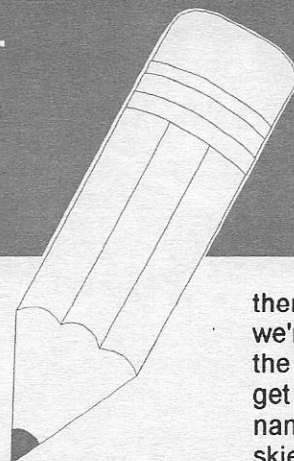
### Canadian Adventure Camp

Andrew Murdison	Jump
Andrew Murdison	Slalom
Louis Mazurette	Jump
Mark Fujiki	Jump
Mark Fujiki	Slalom

### Hockey Opportunity Camp

Michael Macdonald	Basic
Matthew O'Malley	Basic
Steve Stein	Basic

Thanks to these camps for forwarding their camper's names. We know there are more winners out



there, and we're calling the camps to get all the names so the skiers can be considered for

the Talent Identification Clinic program.

## CANADIAN MASTERS

The 1st Canadian Masters Water Ski Tournament will be held at Skier's Place in Orangeville from July 21 - 23, 1995.

The event will be patterned after the US Masters and the same invitation criteria, with the inclusion of the Canadian Nationals and Canadian Open tournaments as qualifiers, will determine the field of Junior and Open skiers to be invited to attend.

Peter Heenan, the tournament director, announced that event will offer a \$50,000 Canadian purse. The Junior Masters will award scholarship monies to first place overall finishers in the Girls and Boys divisions.

"We're delighted to be able to utilize the Masters format, known throughout the world as the most prestigious and efficiently-run water ski tournament in the world," Heenan said. Correct Craft, producers of the US Masters, will assist in the production of the Canadian Masters as well.

Watch for more details and plan on attending this incredible event.



## SHORTLINES *con't*

### VOICE MAIL COMING

By Dec. 14th, the OWSA office will also provide a voice mail service when the staff can't answer the phone. In the spring, this advanced system will also allow us to take registrations and fax OWSA materials direct from voice mail.

### NEW CLASSIFIED AD RATES

Beginning January 1995, classified ad rates increase to \$15 plus (GST (\$16.05) per year (four issues, starting with the date of insertion). This is an unbeatable deal - Ontario Water Skier is Ontario's ONLY water ski magazine.

### CORRECTION

Some of the photos of the Ontario Championships were not identified as having been taken by Paul Roberts. Thanks for the help, Paul.

### CBA BECOMES PART OF WSC

The Canadian Barefoot Association is pleased to announce that it has become part of Water Ski Canada, Liise Keeling told OWS recently.

Over the past several years, barefooting has gained much popularity and world-wide recognition. The Canadian team has been well represented at the World level, winning overall medals as well as individual gold, silver and bronze.

At the National Championship in Manitoba last August, a vote was taken regarding the absolving of the CBA and the formation of a special WSC committee to represent barefooters. It was an easy majority and the following committee members were elected: Richard Gray (BC), Liise Keeling, Bruce Lonneberg, Mike Terry and Frank Vallee (all Ontario).

Water Ski Canada has a great deal to offer barefooting because of its experience, political power and size of organization. Over the past few years, it became obvious that one governing body is much more powerful and effective. In the US, the

## 1994 OWSA ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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AWSA governs all the disciplines of water skiing, and it's very exciting to see the same happening in Canada.

### ONTARIO SKIER SCORES BIG AT US COLLEGIATE NATIONALS

Ontario's Colin Ellis won the Men's trick event at the US Collegiate Nationals held mid-October in Georgia. He finished 12th in slalom and 17th in jump for 6th place overall.

Other Ontarians competing included: Kelly Bates, Karen and Kevin Marcelissen and Tom Muir, who finished 5th in slalom.

Proud father, Dave Ellis, served as one of the judges for the tournament. He also provided us with the results. Thanks, Dave.

### ELLIS WIN RECOGNIZED BY HOMETOWN MEDIA

Colin's win at the US Collegiate Nationals was reported by the Oakville Beaver, complete with an action photo. Great coverage for both the sport and Colin!

### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS UPDATE

The organizing committee for the National Championships to be held at Skier's Place, Orangeville, Aug. 22-27, has had a number of meetings preparing for this major event.

In November, the committee named the Nottawasaga Inn as the official hotel for the event. The Nottawasaga has upscale rooms and will be the site of the banquet. It is approximately 35 minutes from the tournament site.

Skiers are free to stay at the hotel of their choice and a list of accommodations and prices is available from the OWSA office.

Design Travel of Toronto (416-235-1212) will handle all reservations for the event. Special rates have been arranged which can only be obtained through Design Travel. All skiers should note that the Organizing Committee is not booking blocks of rooms - all bookings will be on a first-come basis, and when they're gone, they're gone! The Orangeville area has limited hotel



space and is a popular summer destination, so if you want to have a room at the Nationals, you must book as soon as possible!

### IN THE WORKS FOR '95

What's coming in the new year for OWSA members? Here are a few of the projects we're working on:

The Water Ski Pro Clinic will expand in '95 to include an optional "Learn To Slalom" clinic. We'll bring a portable slalom course out to your lake and devote the day(s) to getting you going around the balls. A fun mini-tournament will cap things off. For those who still want the basics, the Pro Clinic will continue to offer low-cost, at-your-dock instruction in everything from getting up the first time through boarding, barefooting and more.

Dates are limited (only July and August) and will fill up fast - contact us for a registration form!

The successful first wakeboard tournament held in 1994 will also be expanded into a full series for 1995. Plans are in place for a five-event schedule culminating in the first Ontario Championships at Safari Lake, August 20th. The first four events will follow the format established at Schreinners' Open in '94 - a morning "learn-to" clinic, an afternoon fun tournament and evening social with BBQ. The Ontario Boarding Championships will be a full day of competition followed by the social. The emphasis will again be on relaxed fun competition for wakeboarders and kneeboarders, although things may heat up a little at the first-ever championships!

Big tournaments are on the horizon for the '95 season at Skier's Place, Orangeville. Host Peter Heenan is expecting to bring the world's top skiers to his site for the first Canadian Masters, July 21-23rd. This will be a Pro Tour-style event comparable to the U.S. Masters, held each spring at Callaway Gardens, Geor-

gia. Tickets for the event will be available from the OWSA office. Later in August, Canada's best will be on display at the National Championships. Come on out!

Barefooters also have something to look forward to in 1995. The National Barefoot Championships will be held in mid-August, likely at Bush's Ski Centre in Bala. Look for

more details in the next issue.

### KOVAK THIRD IN WAKEBOARD WORLDS

Jeremy Kovak finished third in the Pro Freestyle event at the 1994 Budweiser Wakeboard World Championship held Nov. 18 - 20 in Isla Morada, Florida. Fellow Canadian Jeff Heer was 5th.

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# 1994 ONTARIO RECORDS

	SLALOM	TRICKS	JUMP
<b>Juv. Girls</b>	Judy Messer 1½ @ 14.25m/-28' (43½ buoys) '76 Easterns	Sara Townsend 3240 points '93 Hank's Pond	Barbara Graham 24m (79') '74 Nationals
<b>Juv. Boys</b>	Ryan Bush 3 @ 13m/-32' (51 buoys) '89 World All Stars	Ryan Bush 6040 points '88 Welland	Ryan Bush 33.5m (109.9') '89 Supreme
<b>Girls</b>	Judy Messer 3 @ 13m/-32' (39 buoys) '79 Nationals	Judy Messer 4380 points '80 Nationals	Judy Messer 37.4m (122.7') '80 Trent
<b>Boys</b>	Jeremy Kovak 2 @ 11.25m/-38' (50 buoys) '90 Nationals	Ryan Bush 6510 points '91 Bartow, Fla.	Jeremy Kovak 46.8m (153.5') '90 Ontarios
<b>Women 1</b>	Susi Graham 1 @ 10.75m/-39½' (55 buoys) '90 Lantana, Fla.	Judy Messer 7170 points '85 McCormick Open	Judy Messer 43.1m (141.4') '88 Pan Am Championships
<b>Men 1</b>	Drew Ross 1 @ 10.25m/-41' (61 buoys) '93 Wellington	Matt Rini 8710 points '93 Ontarios	Dan Rini 56.7m (186') '93 Charleston, SC
<b>Women 2</b>	Susi Graham 2.25 @ 10.75m/-39½' (56.25 buoys) '94 Trophy Lakes	Judy Messer 6950 points '91 Easterns	Judy Messer 41.5m (136.1') '90 Pan Am Championships
<b>Men 2</b>	Joel McClintock 6 @ 11.25m/-38' (54 buoys) '92 Easterns	Jeff McClintock 6810 points '91 Ontarios	Jeff McClintock 47.7m (156.5') '91 Nationals
<b>Women 3</b>	Erika Heenan ½ @ 14.25m/-28' (30.5 buoys) '83 Easterns	Ann Kajander 2650 points '87 McCormick, Fla.	Erika Heenan 18.8m (62') '84 Nationals
<b>Men 3</b>	Dan Anderson ½ @ 10.75m/-39½' (50.5 buoys) '94 Sweet Water Open	Jim Stacy 3850 points '93 Easterns	Tony MacDonald 36.3m (119') '90 Ontarios
<b>Men 4</b>	Dave Kovak 6 @ 12m/-35' (48 buoys) '91 Bush's	Harold Townsend 2920 points '94 Ontarios	Dave Clarke 29.9m (98.1') '93 Summer Finals
<b>Men 5</b>	Gerry Wiedel 5 @ 14.25m/-28' (35 buoys) '92 Easterns	Chris Martin 2140 points '93 Ontarios	Rob Bockock 28.4m (93.1') '93 Nationals

## 1995 Tournament Calendar (Tentative)

<b>June 24/25</b>	Season Opener (Bond Lake)	Trad. Rating
<b>July 1</b>	Welland #1	Trad. Rating
<b>July 1</b>	Muskoka Store Open (Gravenhurst)	Wake/kneeboard
<b>July 1/2</b>	Slalom Challenge (Ottawa)	Trad. Rating
<b>July 8/9</b>	Safari Classic (Millgrove)	Trad. RC *
<b>July 8/9</b>	Ont. Barefoot Champs. (Cambridge)	Barefoot Rating
<b>July 15</b>	McClintock's Open (Cambridge)	Trad. Rating
<b>July 16</b>	McClintock's Wakeboard (Cambridge)	Wake/kneeboard
<b>July 21/23</b>	Canadian Masters (Orangeville)	Trad. RC* Invit.
<b>July 29/31</b>	Ontario Championships (Bond Lake)	Trad. RC*
<b>Aug. 5</b>	Ski Pro Shop Open (Welland)	Wake/kneeboard
<b>Aug. 11/13</b>	Eastern Canadian Champs.	Trad. RC*
<b>Aug. 11/13</b>	Canadian Barefoot Champs. (Bala)	Barefoot RC*
<b>Aug. 12</b>	Schreiner's Open (Huntsville)	Wake/kneeboard
<b>Aug. 19</b>	Welland #2	Trad. rating
<b>Aug. 20</b>	Ontario Wakeboard Champs. (Millgrove)	Wake/kneeboard
<b>Aug. 22/27</b>	Canadian Championships (Orangeville)	Trad. RC*
<b>Sept. 9/10</b>	Season Finale (Bond Lake)	Trad. rating

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# INNOVATIVE SLALOM TOURNAMENTS

by Judy Bush

This summer, we hosted two slalom tournaments for novice/recreational skiers designed to encourage slalom skiers of all ages and all levels to enjoy competitions and to encourage family participation.

The first tournament, with 40 male and female skiers, was held on our private ski lake in Bala on Saturday, July 30, 1994. The competitors ranged in age from seven to over sixty. And the performances were exciting. Everyone skied two rounds and could choose to ski in the half course, the full course without gates or the full course with gates. Some of the competitors skied in the course for the first time. The scores from this tournament and our September 1993 tournament were used to seed the entries in the Muskoka Challenge.

Our best performances in the July tournament was skied by Colin Ellis of Oakville. Colin completed his 12m (35 off) pass. His final score was 1 buoy at 11.25m (38 off) @ 58kph (36mph).

Adrienne Sciberras of Terra Cotta was the top scorer in the beginner division with 2 buoys @ 43kph (26mph). Greg Martin of Penetang skied 2 buoys @ 49kph (30mph) to top the intermediate division and David Gray of Toronto finished with the top score of 4.5 buoys @ 58kph (36mph) in the advanced division.



*Chief calculators, Carolyn and Pat Donaldson.*

## MUSKOKA CHALLENGE

Saturday, August 27 we held our final tournament for 1994, the Muskoka Challenge Slalom Tournament. The tournament was open to everyone of every age and level of ability. The same division format was used: beginner, intermediate, advanced and open.



*Ryan and Jim Bush, Colin Ellis and a few of the Muskoka Challenge skiers.*

Gerry Weidel, a Men's 5 skier from Port Carling is the Muskoka Challenge Slalom Champion for 1994 with the best individual and combined score of the tournament. He had a total score of 53.5 buoys, and individual scores of 2.5 and 3.5 @ 14.25m (28off respectively). Andy Andreoli of Gravenhurst was second and Blake Johnston of Bala, third.

David Gray of Toronto won the advanced division. He said, "There are a lot of really good skiers in Muskoka that you never see out on the lakes and it was great to see them ski in the tournament." Greg Tarr of Stouffville placed second and Bill Ramsay of Burk's Falls was third.

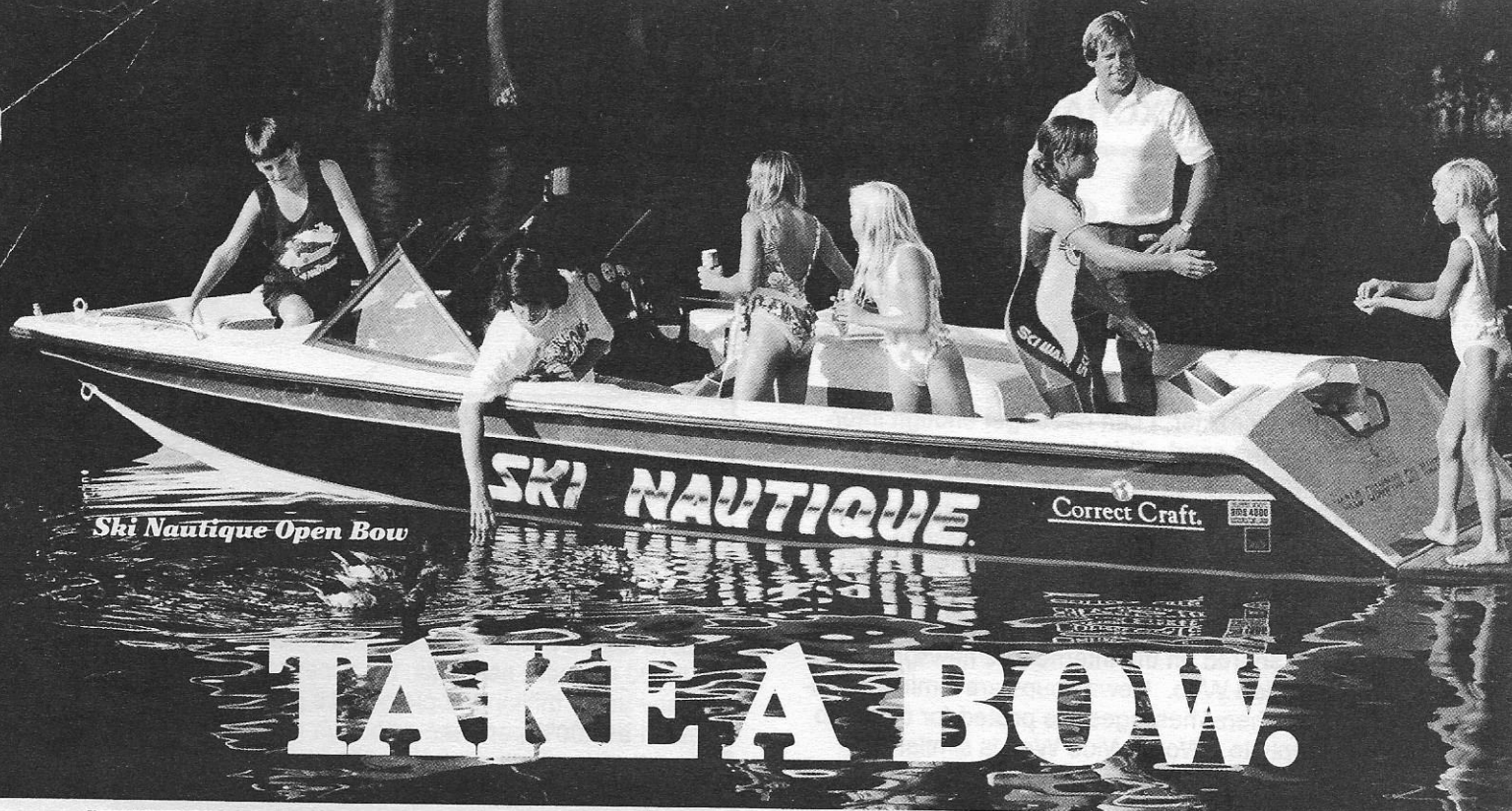
Greg Martin from Penetang skied in the advanced division in the first round and moved to the intermediate division in the second round. His combined total won him first place in the intermediate division. Ted Collins of Carlisle placed second and Drew Morrison of Toronto was third. Drew said, "It's my first tournament. It's fun and everybody is really friendly, but it is still competitive."

Matt Weatherall from Woodbridge was the youngest competitor. He won the beginner division with a total score of 72 buoys. Jennifer Sciberras of Terra Cotta was second and Fraser Cameron of Penetang, third.

Awards were presented to the first, second and third place winners in each division. The day ended with a hip of beef barbecue at the ski center.

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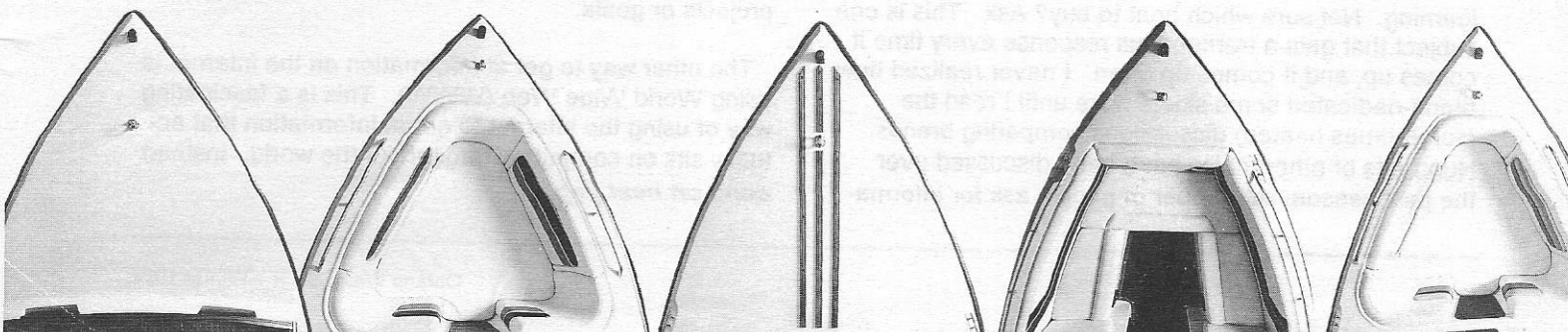
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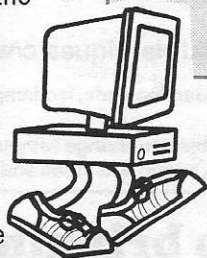
By Terry Jones

As an avid water skier, I can never get enough information about the sport. Printed publications like this one, are welcome mail and are read cover to cover. But they can't provide immediate information. Computer networks make this sort of thing possible.

I use what is known as the internet to retrieve water ski information (see sidebar). Two common ways information is shared on the internet are newsgroups and World Wide Web. Newsgroups are similar to bulletin boards where messages are posted for others to read and reply to. World Wide Web is similar to libraries and inter-library loan systems.

Just before the end of the water ski season in fall 1993, the water ski newsgroup was created (rec.sport.waterski). The newsgroup is an information free for all related to "boat pulled activities" including water skiing, barefooting, wakeboarding, ski boats, slalom courses, tournaments, parasailing etc. You post a message to a newsgroup and it gets passed around the world for others to read. Replies also get passed around the world. After a while, older messages (a few days usually) are deleted.

So what exactly do you find on the water skiing newsgroup? As I write this in late November, the topic is how to winterize your boat. Information such as the number of drain plugs on specific inboard motors, how to get all the water out, how to flush and fill with antifreeze, and oil change information was all provided. In the past, there have been discussions about ski selection, including discussions on various models, size selection and skier styles. Throughout the ski season, national, regional, college and local tournament results are posted for the world to see. Canadian National results were posted and information on the Worlds results often arrive on the same day. Want to learn how to barefoot? Just ask. There are some expert barefooters with great advice for newcomers as well as tips for advanced footers. I could have avoided many painful face plants if I had this available to me when I was learning. Not sure which boat to buy? Ask. This is one subject that gets a tremendous response every time it comes up, and it comes up often. I never realized how brand-dedicated some skiers were until I read the (some-times heated) discussions comparing brands. Hundreds of other topics have been discussed over the past season. A number of people ask for informa-



## AN 'INTERNET' PRIMER

By Paul Jurbala

The Internet is a world-wide computer network which can be accessed (for a fee) by anyone with a PC and a modem. In fact, the Internet is more than a network: it's the link between some 15,000 different networks, it's accessed by as many as 30 million people and it's growing at as much as 100% per year. Although navigating the Internet is complicated, it has become a sort of world wide online telephone party, with user groups springing up for all sorts of interests. Would you like to talk about the '95 line of skis with an enthusiast from Oslo or Djakarta? You can, on the Internet.

That's one reason for its popularity. People have an innate need to chat. In the old days, if you wanted news, you'd go to the town square or the tavern. In our increasingly suburban, work-to-commute-to-home-to-sleep-to-commute-to-work lives, that interaction was lost. Television and newspaper are one-way media. Not the Internet, or its smaller local components like electronic bulletin boards or the new Toronto Free Net; you can "talk" to someone about whatever you're interested in.

tion about national, regional or local organizations. Usually someone is able to reply within a day with appropriate information. The internet is also responsible for getting many local skiers together to ski, including a couple of skiers that have skied with the

Toronto Water Ski Club after reading my ramblings on the internet! Ski schools, ski sites, safety and waterway legislation are also common topics. Often the internet newsgroup will only be the initial contact. Electronic mail can then be used for more specific discussions between individuals with similar interests, projects or goals.

The other way to get at information on the internet is using World Wide Web (WWW). This is a fascinating way of using the internet to get at information that actually sits on computers throughout the world. Instead **can't on next page**



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of the information being passed around for those that are interested to read, the information is stationary until someone interested request it, using what is known as browser. In contrast to newsgroups that pass around plain text postings, WWW information can be in virtually any form, including text, pictures (graphics), sound, video and even programs. Unlike newsgroups, not everyone can put information on the WWW. People run "servers" that store the information and provide it when a person requests it. The person running the server must make the information available.

Presently there are two WWW servers that provide water ski information that I am aware of. One is managed by Jeff Odell in Arizona and I manage one here in Toronto. Both sites are quite new and are growing and changing almost daily. Presently they provide information such as tournament results, pictures of skiers and barefooters, the start of the Frequently Asked Questions list, world and national records, and information about water ski organizations. Accessing information at a WWW site begins at the "home page" that contains text and pictures. Some of the text or pictures may be highlighted, indicating more information is available about that particular topic or item. Normally you use your computer mouse to simply point at the highlighted item. The browser program figures out where the related information is located, then retrieves and displays it.

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# BOND LAKE WATER SKI CLUB

by Paul Roberts

We have now enjoyed two spectacular summers of skiing at Bond Lake. I am positive everyone who has visited the lake will agree that it's paradise for water skiers. This year was another very successful season with excellent weather. With the addition of the jump, the site began to host its first tournaments.

The site's first tournament was the Bond Lake Invitational on June 25/26. This was a small record capability (RC) event organized to provide a real tournament environment for the Officials' Super Clinic. A great deal of work had to be done to prepare the site for its first tournament, let alone requiring it to be up to RC standards. The construction of the jump and initial set up of the jump course took a substantial effort. The slalom course had to be modified to a combination cable and anchor system and the forested shoreline had to be cleared in several areas to facilitate jump meter stations. The excellent result was specifically due to Dave Kovak and his wealth of knowledge and construction skill. The members of the Safari Lake Association generously loaned us their slalom towers for the event.

The jump was constructed of steel with a fibreglass surface built by J-Craft Boats and is reported by everyone to be extremely fast. There were many personal bests set on this jump.

## THREE TOURNAMENTS FOR '95

The tournaments we held established Bond Lake as one of the premiere sites in Canada. The general membership didn't seem to mind the lack of access to the site for a few weekends and, in fact, it was good to see so many club members participating in the tournaments. Next summer, we'll host the Ontario Championships on July 29/30 as well as two regular tournaments, the Season Opener on June 22/23 and the Season Finale on September 9/10.

We had 47 members in the club this year, who invited a total of 116 guests to ski at the site, plus the 37 competitive skiers who attended our tournaments. More staff worked the site this year to handle the larger membership and I would like to thank Deborah Haslam for all her hard work. She did a great job of keeping the skiers organized to minimize the delays in the activity. I would also like to thank our excellent volunteer boat drivers, Mark Watt and Marc Vaillancourt, for their tremendous support and hard work. The addition of the jump and the hot tub were both significant facility improvements. The hot tub especially improved everyone's enjoyment of the cooler days.

## IMPRESSIVE STATS

We were open a total of 172 days and enjoyed 167 days of skiing with only 5 rain days. We pulled 2309 ski runs and put 590 hours of running time on the boat. That's an average of 15 minutes/ski and an average of 46 skis per member. The Ironman Award goes to Cliff Singer with a record 172 skis.

Next year, I plan to operate a small pro shop for skis and clothing. This pro shop will provide a comprehensive product demonstration program, with a wide variety of skis. Skiers will have a convenient opportunity to test a variety of products before purchasing. This service will include expert advice on choice of ski best suited for the individual's ability, as well as binding placement and fin adjustment.

Under consideration for next year are better change rooms and improved washroom facilities, as well as screened-in area around the hot tub.

## WILL THERE BE A NEXT YEAR?

I am confident there will be one more year, but I firmly believe that there is a very high possibility that the lake will be donated to the city in the very near future unless we move quickly to acquire it ourselves. The only way we can keep the dream alive is by purchasing the site.

The plan is to first purchase the lake and the surrounding land. The ski club will be structured like a private golf club. Those who wish to be members of the ski club will purchase shares in the corporation and pay their share of the operating costs, less any revenue generated by the site. The ski club shares will be \$50,000. Without golf clubs, there would be nowhere to play golf and without sites like Bond Lake, the sport of water skiing has a dim future. This site is what our sport needs to promote development and to facilitate convenient participation.

Estate lots are a future consideration and only ski club equity members will have the option to purchase. The lots will become available for purchase from the present owner when his subdivision plan is approved.

Those who have been to Bond Lake know what an extremely perfect site this is. If you can't join the club, maybe you know an avid skier who would be interested. For more information, please contact Paul Roberts immediately at 905-453-1470. **Together we can make this site a permanent facility.**



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## OWSA Annual General Meeting Report

# A GOOD YEAR AND A BRIGHTER FUTURE

By Paul Jurbala

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held October 23 at Waterline Sports in Toronto. Although mid-day showers kept the crowd down, a number of members did participate in the yearly opportunity to transact association business, learn about current issues and provide feedback to the board of directors. For those of you who missed the meeting, here is a brief report.

Following the introductions, early discussion centered around how to increase participation in this important annual event. Some members mentioned that the meeting notice could be improved: for 1995, more emphasis will be placed on the opportunity for discussion and planning the AGM provides and less on the dry business aspect. The '95 meeting will be held at the new Ontario Sports and Recreation Centre (the OWSA was scheduled to move to new offices a few days after the AGM), and this should also prove appealing. Bottom line: we need participation by OWSA members to make the meeting a success!

President Craig Rutherford and Executive Director Paul Jurbala presented their report on the 1993-94 year. Here are a few excerpts from the meeting book (available on request from the OWSA office):

"Regular and Competitive membership is stalled at 823, virtually the same figure as 1993...the OWSA created a new Associate Member for category for 1994 which offered a low cost 'mini membership' (and) there were 236 in 1994, primarily Pro Clinic participants. Together, Regular, Competitive and Associate memberships number 1,059 (up 28% from the 1993 membership total). In addition, Corporate Memberships (clubs, companies and related organizations) were up significantly to 109 in 1994, compared with 69 in 1993."

"A sharp decline in government grant (22% cut in 1993-4) combined with increased costs passed on from the Ontario Sports Centre where the OWSA is resident, the drop in interest rates over 1993, and low membership revenues put the OWSA in a difficult position and accelerated the erosion of the OWSA's accumulated surplus. Although spending was cut...there was insufficient self-generated revenue to cover core areas, primarily office staff and overhead." (This relates to the Financial Statement to March 31, 1994.)

"Eight sanctioned traditional tournaments were held in Ontario in 1994, up from six last year. This represents

the highest number of sanctioned events, and the highest number of Record Capability events, ever held in Ontario... For 1995 and beyond, the outlook for more, higher profile events in Ontario is bright. The traditional National Championships has already been awarded to Ontario (Orangeville) for 1995, and hosting of the National Barefoot Championships, probably in Bala, seems likely."

"For the first time in nearly 20 years, the OWSA operated a travelling instructional program in 1994, the Water Ski Pro Clinic...The O'Brien Water Ski Skills Awards sold over 3,900 crests (up 13% from 1993)...The Ontario Water Ski Instructors' Course was held for the 33rd time this June...The OWSA's recreation programs were the main source of solid growth in 1994, and opened new opportunities for the future."

"The OWSA has been moving at top speed over the past year to develop programs which will attract new members and increase the profile of the Association among non-members. In so doing we will both attract sponsorship and generate new revenues from the sale of services. The challenge is to develop this revenue base faster than the rate of decline in government revenue."

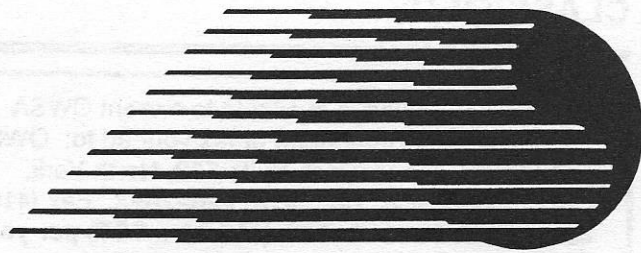
Following the reports, awards were presented. The **Walter Sokolowski Special Recognition Award** was presented to Dave Kovak of Safari Lake for his untiring efforts and assistance in organizing tournaments all season. The **Hallmark Cup** was presented to Anthony Boswell of Arnprior. And, plaques were presented to OWSA sponsors **Mercury Marine, E-Z Group (MasterCraft/O'Brien)** and **Summit Ford**.

Finally, the new board was ratified. Although the members of the 1994 board stayed on, Tom Stacy became president, Craig Rutherford moved to past president, and Jim McClintock became secretary-treasurer. In his brief speech, new president Tom Stacy expressed his optimism for the future and thanked Craig Rutherford for his three years of hard work.

The Annual General Meeting is the place where members can get involved, find out how their association runs, and make input. Don't miss out! Join us next year for the all-new, all-singing, all-dancing 1995 OWSA AGM!



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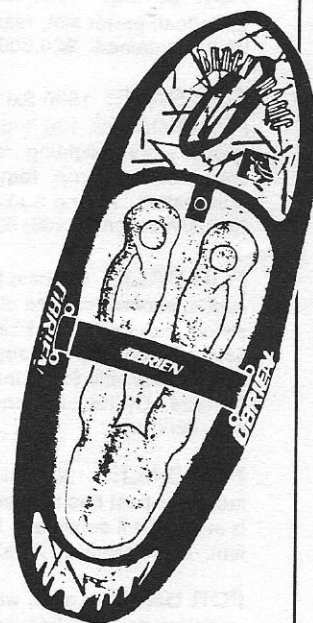
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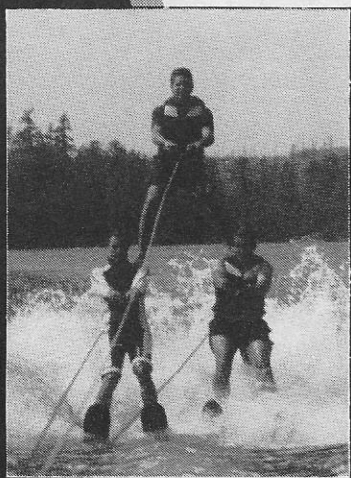
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