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Welcome to the 8th World Barefoot Water Ski Championships

Barefoot water skiing has taken giant steps towards its development in the last few years. The love and dedication of many people around the world for this discipline of water skiing is very worthy to be mentioned.

In order to pursue higher goals, I proposed to the organisers of the World Games in The Hague to have Barefoot Water Skiing as a demonstation sport in 1993. The idea has been approved and for the first time in the history of Barefooting the discipline will be incorporated into the International world of sports. A marvellous showcase for our sport.

I wish you the best of luck in England and lets all keep on working to make our sport the greatest on earth!

Andres Botero - President I.W.S.F.



It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to the Lakeside Shopping Centre.

I know that we will see some high quality competitive sport and I would like to wish all competitors and officials a very successful event. I am sure that the spectators will really enjoy both the Barefoot Water Skiing and the other attractions we have here.

Brian Lucas, Centre Manager, Lakeside Shopping Centre.

As chairman of the British Water Ski Federation and the Organising Committee, it is a great honour on behalf of the organising 'team' to welcome skiers, officials and spectators to Lakeside, for what we expect to be the greatest water ski competition ever held in Great Britain. I am confident that everyone will enjoy our traditional warm welcome and we hope this extends to the weather!

This competition is the culmination of five years work, and I would like to thank everyone involved for their enthusiasm and devotion over this period. Without their huge voluntary input, this event would not be taking place. We hope to provide the very best arena for our top athletes.

A huge thank you to BBC Television for their innovation and support in helping us to share this spectacle with millions. Thank you also to the many sponsors who have helped us return to Lakeside and provide this championship with the dignity it deserves.

The organising committee wish all participants and spectators a wonderful sporting week and fond memories for years to come.



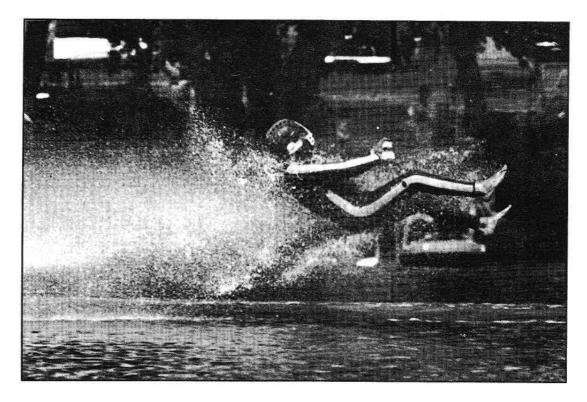


This is my first World Barefoot Championships as Chairman of the WBC and I am extremely proud that it is being organised in my own country. Thanks are due to the British Federation for their organisation and I am sure we will have a Worlds to remember.

But Worlds are about the skiers, not the officials or the organisers - and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all competitors personal success. We, the spectators look forward to seeing you all performing to the highest level and to spectacular competition and some new records.

Gillian Hill, Chairman World Barefoot Council

Barefoot Water Skiing A potted history



The sport of Barefoot Water Skiing began in America in the 1950's. Dick Pope Jnr. was the first person to be officially recorded as achieving this technique, although there is some doubt as to whether he was actually the first person ever to water ski without skis on his bare feet. The Australians were the first to really take it seriously and make it a competitive sport.

The first World Championships were held in Canberra, Australia in 1978 and the Australians won it hands down, with New Zealand second and the USA a close third. Ten teams took part. The championships have been held biennially ever since, Australia reigning supreme up until 1986 when the championships were held for the first time in Europe at Kelheim, Germany. Here too for the first time, the Americans took the team title away from the Australians and maintain their World dominance to this day. At these, the 8th World Barefoot Water Ski Championships, a record 18 countries are expected to take part and for the first time, the total number of competitors is expected to exceed one hundred Barefoot water skiers.

In Europe, the first European Championship was held in London during 1976, where eight countries took part. The championships have been held annually ever since with up to 14 countries now participating.

Barefoot Water Skiing has been well established for many years now and is Internationally recognised and acknowledged by sporting bodies such as the International Olympic Committee. For the first time, Barefoot Water Skiing is to be a demonstration sport at the up and coming World Games in Holland during July 1993. This is a great step forward for the sport of Water Skiing as a whole but is extra special for the Barefoot water skiers around the world.

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Saturday Question 2. What is the nick-name of the U.S. Barefoot team manager?

a) Angel.
b) Sonny.
c) Foot.

Saturday Question 3. On which level of Lakeside Shopping Centre is T O R Q the Jewellers? a) Level 4. b) Level 1. c) Level 3.

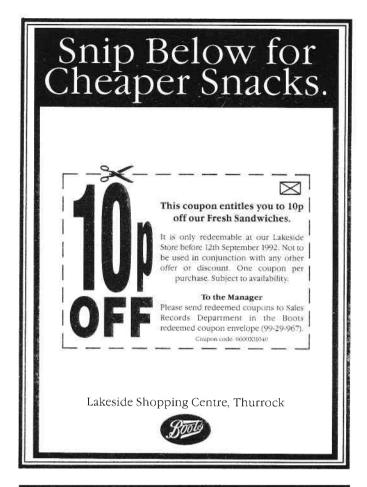
Sunday Question 1. Is it more common to wear a watch on the left or right wrist?

a) left. b) right.

Sunday Question 2. What is the current Ladies World Barefoot Water Ski Jump record? a)16.60m. b)13.60m. c)16.30m.

Sunday Question 3. Which of the following items are not available from TORQ the Jewellers? a)Watches. b)Earings. c)Water Skis.

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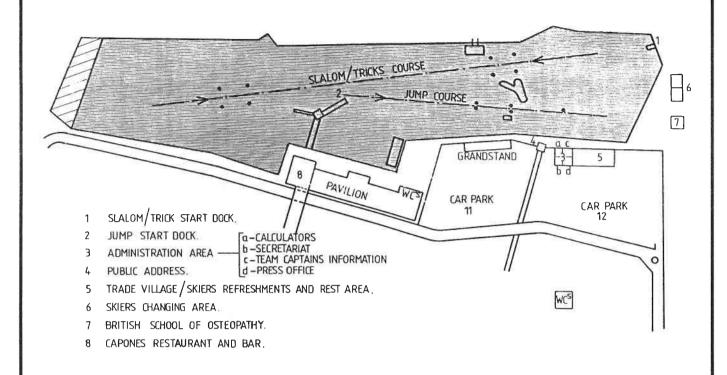
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Thursday 3rd September

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Preliminary Rounds

Friday 4th September

0900 - 1915

Preliminary Rounds

Saturday 5th September

0900 - 1600

Preliminary Rounds

1615 - 1840

Final Rounds

1615

1430

Ladies Trick Final

Mens Jump Final

Mens Slalom Final

Sunday 6th September

1000 - 1	1730 Final Rounds
1000	Ladies Slalom Final
	Mens Trick Final
	MEDAL PRESENTATIONS
1300	Ladies Jump Final

MEDAL PRESENTATIONS 1630

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The Champions

The Mens Overall Champion, Rick Powell remains a good bet to retain the overall title which has been in his possession for the past four years. He excels in all three disciplines and is one of the "cleanest" trickers on the circuit earning him the celebrated nickname of "Tricky Ricky." Aged 21, from Lakeland, Florida, and coming from a family of Barefoot Water skiers, at the 1988 Worlds in Australia he took the Overall mens title alongside his sister Lori who won the ladies overall. His career began at the tender age of 8 where an early introduction to trick skiing by his father has seen Rick emerge as the trick events top crowd pleaser. He joined the US team for the first time in 1986 where his contribution saw the US team capture the World overall team prize that had for so long eluded them. Rick operates his own ski school in Florida where he is able to pass on his great talents to his students. Watch for his super-quick one handed 180 degree tik-tok turns during his trick run, but don't blink or you'll miss them! Rick hopes to retain his world overall title for a 3rd successive term and with his firm and methodical approach should prove a tough nut to crack!

Jennifer Calleri, the current ladies overall champion started skiing when she was 10 years old, and has come along way since then, achieving her ultimate goal in 1990 at only 20 years old. After achieving good results in the open womens division at a young age, she found herself selected as a reserve for the US team. Now 22, Jennifer knows there is plenty of strong competition out there just waiting to move in and take her title from her but she thrives under the pressure of competition, this being a major factor during her winning career. Jennifer is more than just a barefoot water skier. She is a member of the Cypress Gardens Water Ski Show Team and is studying hard for a business degree. Living right by the lakes at her Winter Haven, Florida home, it's clear that Jennifer works hard both on and off the water. When she does get some spare time, Jennifer likes to ride her bike, play tennis and snow ski. Rest assured, it will have to be very strong skiing indeed from her competitors to take her titles from her.

Our World Barefoot Slalom champions both come from down-under. Sharon Stekelenburg has been Barefoot water skiing for many years. Her brother John skied for the Australian team during the first world championships back in 1978 and Sharon admits that he was her inspiration during those young years. She is the current World Jump record holder and a particularly powerful force in slalom.

Brett Sands has been a member of the Australian Barefoot team for seven years. He started skiing at a very early age and has emerged as one of Australia's top trip and slalom skiers.

It's **Jennifer Calleri** who is the current world trick champion in the ladies division. This is her favourite event being able to demonstrate toe turns and high scoring multiple turns to true perfection. Jennifer's perfection in the tricks event has been nurtured and groomed by none other than the current world mens trick champion **Ron Scarpa**. Ron took the mens title for the first time at the last world championships and has now managed to perfect a style of continuity and consistency that is unrivalled by his fellow competitors. The "Raging Bull" as Ron is known carefully plans and executes his trick runs with confidence and flair; he loves a wild crowd cheering him on and will always perform well. Check out Rons two flips that he starts with on his second pass. Ron has the skill and dexterity to get these two high scoring tricks under his belt before going into a routine of mind blowing tricks that leaves everyone screaming for more.

Barefoot jumping has undergone a real transition over the past three years. Skiers had been perfecting their styles leading to distances in the low 20 metre range. Two years ago, **Mike Seipel** the reigning world barefoot jump champion shook the world by perfecting and demonstrating yet another new style of barefoot jumping, utilising gymnastic type techniques to propel himself through the air, smashing the then world record by some 2 metres. Now his style has been fine tuned even more and distances of 25 metres plus can be expected over the coming days of these championships. The current world record is held by Mike's protege and fellow U.S. team member John Kretchman at 26.3 and both John and Mike have gone further than this in training. Mike Seipel, the oldest member of the U.S. team at 33 has been barefoot water skiing since he was 6 years old and now runs a thriving ski school business in America together with his whole family. He has been World Overall champion twice in his career. The Ladies jump title is up for grabs, the reigning Champion, **Amy Lawler** of the USA having retired from competition skiing.

In the **World Team Championship**, it's been a close encounter for 1st and 2nd place between Australia and the U.S. for many years now, with the Americans managing to clinch the title for the past 3 World meets. The bronze medal has been held here in Great Britain for the past 6 years and with strong skiing expected from the South Africans, Belgians, Canadians and New Zealanders, this 5 horse race is always the one to keep an eye on.

THE MENS CHAMPIONS

YEAR	SLALOM		TRICKS		JUMP		OVERALL	
1978	Brett Wing	AUS	John Stekelenburg	AUS	Greg Adams	AUS	Brett Wing	AUS
1980	Brett Wing	AUS	Brett Wing	AUS	Brett Wing	AUS	Brett Wing	AUS
1982	Mike Seipel	USA	Brett Wing	AUS	Ron Scarpa	USA	Brett Wing	USA
1985	Ron Scarpa	USA	Mike Seipel	USA	Peter Wellham	AUS	Mike Seipel	USA
1986	Ron Scarpa	USA	Mike Seipel	USA	Gavin O'Mahney	AUS	Mike Seipel	USA
1988	Ron Scarpa	USA	Rick Powell	USA	RodTrevillian	AUS	Rick Powell	USA
1990	Brett Sands	AUS	Ron Scarpa	USA	Mike Seipel	AUS	Rick Powell	USA

THE LADIES CHAMPIONS

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1978	Colleen Wilkinson	AUS	Gillian Shipp	AUS	Not Held		Colleen Wilkinson	AUS
			Kim Lampard				Kim Lampard	AUS
		AUS	Debbie Pugh	AUS	Not Held		Kim Lampard	AUS
1985	Kim Lampard	AUS	Debbie Pugh	AUS	Not Held		Kim Lampard	AUS
1986	Kim Lampard	AUS	Kim Lampard	AUS	Michele Doherty	GBR	Kim Lampard	AUS
1988	Jennifer Calleri	USA	Lori Powell	USA	Steffi Hermann		Lori Powell	USA
1990	Jennifer Calleri	USA	Jennifer Caller	i USA	Amy Lawler	USA	Jennifer Calleri	USA

The Current World Records

It's no mean feat getting your name into the record books and each application undergoes very strict scrutiny before being finally approved. There is every chance that all these records wil be old hat by the time Sunday's finals have taken place!!

Slalom		
Jennifer Calleri	USA	15.5
Brian Fuchs	USA	19
Brett Sands	AUS	19
Tricks		
Jennifer Calleri	USA	2630
Rick Powell	USA	6770
Jump		
Jon Kretchman	USA	26.3m
Sharon Stekelenburg	AUS	16.6m

THE TEAM CHAMPIONS - PAST AND PRESENT

1978 Australia 1980 - Australia 1982 - Australia 1985 - Australia 1986 - United States 1988 - United States 1990 - United States



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WHAT IS BAREFOOT WATER SKIING?

An Introduction

Barefoot Water Skiing is a sport for all the family and can be attempted at any age; we know of skiers as young as 4 years old and as old as 80! Modern coaching methods together with sound, professional equipment ensures safety levels are maintained to the highest standards.

A question that is often asked of many Barefoot Waterskiers is, "does it hurtyour feet?" Believe it or not the best way to describe the sensation is that it tickles, and that's the truth! Sometimes, when Barefoot skiing on glass calm water, skiors have reported a welcome feeling of warmth, which can be attributed to the friction between the skin and the water. Of course you will see some skiers (hopefully not many) taking what look like to be rather nasty falls while they are skiing. Don't worry, these falls are occupational hazards of the sport and when you learn to Barefoot water ski, one of the first things you are taught is how to fall correctly and above all, safely. Regrettably there are injuries but these are few and far between, even in the jump event. In fact, skiers will confirm that the surface of the Barefoot ramp is even more slippery than the water itself and it is estimated that a skier's feet are only in actual physical contact with the surface of the ramp for 0.09 of a second. Safety is of course paramount during the jump event and no skier may take part in any Barefoot jump event without wearing a specially constructed crash helmet. In addition, a skier taking partin any barefoot competition must wear specially protected and padded wet-suits to ensure that the body is guarded against any hard knocks. Any skier not complying with these important rules is not allowed to compete and regular checks are made by the tournament safety director.

An Explanation

As the name implies, Barefoot water skiing is simply water skiing without the aid of skis, or any other device attached to the skiers bare feet. Speed is the all important factor with most skiers requiring 62-65 kph (39-41 mph) compared with 48-58 kph (28-36 mph), being sufficient for anyone using the traditional water skis. Calm water conditions are also important for Barefoot Water Skiing.

Competitive Barefooting falls into three disciplines, all of which have similarities to conventional Water skiing.

In the **SLALOM** event, the competitor has to cross the wake as many times as possible within two 15 second passes. Points are awarded for the number of whole or partial crossings completed. Each skier makes one pass in the forwards barefoot skiing position, the other in the backwards position. Crossings, forwards or backwards, may be on one foot, scoring one point or two feets coring half a point. Barefoot slalom is all about rhythm and timing, each skier aiming to get a good "pendulum" motion going as they enter the course. Many skiers you will be watching here will be attempting one foot crossings.

Coordination is the order of the day in the TRICK event; the blue-riband event of Barefootwater skiing. Each trick must be executed to the satisfaction of the judging panel riding in the tow-boat who operate under strict guidelines laid down by the sports governing body, the International Water Ski Federation. Some examples of tricks are: tumbleturns, toe holds, line steps, 180 and 360 degree turns and for the top skiers, 540 and even 720 degree combinations are possible. Again, each skier receives two 15 second trick passes. You will

hear the competition announcers calling the skiers trick runs as they come through the course. Something that confuses people, especially if they are watching for the first time is reverse tricks. For example, you will hear the commentator say "there's a one foot and a one foot reverse." What does he mean when he says this? It's really quite simple. The reverse of a trick is the same trick but completed in mirror immage. In the case of a one foot trick, the skier raises his left foot, returning it to the water and then raises the other foot. When two similar tricks are performed like this one after they other, we refer to them as the basic and the reverse. Similarly turn tricks are done in mirror image, clockwise and anticlockwise. Some tricks have long and complicated names and we tend to shorten them for the purposes of speedy, snappy commentary. A 180 degree toehold turn from the front position to the back position. is simply shortened to a toe-back. A 720 degree one foot surface turn is referred to as a one foot 7 and so on. Skiers also earn extra points for tricks performed as they begin their runs from each end of the course. Again, here we say a deepie, which means a deepwater start. At the end of the skiers two 15 second trick passes, the points are tallied to give the skiers score, 3 judges ride in the tow-boat to record and judge the validity of the trick runs, backed up by a video camera, just in case they get lost, which can sometimes happen! If you're witnessing Barefoot tricks for the first time you'll see why.

The most demanding and exciting, is the only way to describe the Barefoot JUMP event. As the skiers are towed to a maximum speed of 70 kph (44 mph) over the Barefoot ramp, which is 45 cms (18 inches) above the water line, at an angle of 20 degrees, they must time their spring off the ramp to obtain maximum distance which is calculated by computer over three attempts. The barefoot jump is rigidly constructed using the latest composite materials and its super smooth gel-coat surface is even more slippery than sking over water itself. Running parralel alongside the ramp is the jump course which provides the boat driving lane. Some skiers have radically changed their jumping styles and you will easily recognise the difference as the new style sees the skiers launch themselves into a horizontal position and literally fly through the air, bringing their feet down underneath them for landing. Each jump is measured using trigonometry and computers to calculate the distance to the nearest 10tcm. You will see the 3 meter stations each fitted with protractors very accuratley set which have sight arms attached enabling the meter-readers to sight where they see the skiers first touch the water after flying the ramp. They radio their readings to the computer in the control room and in a second a distance is announced,

Of course, safety is of paramount importance at the 1992 World Barefoot Water Ski Championships. During the slalom, trick and jump events we have fully trained immediate response teams in boats, standing by to assist anyone who gets into difficulties, although this rarely happens. Land based ambulance crews are also standing by. It has to be said that Barefoot Water Ski has an excellent safety record and we thank all our rescue and safety crews under the watchful eye of our Tournament Safety Director and on-site doctor for their valuable assistance and help all this week.

Event Scoring

We have over 100 competitors entered for these championships. There are two open divisions, these being men and women with no age restrictions

applying. The men are seeded into groups according to their current world ranking. This allows skiers of similar ability to ski together. Every skier will participate in the firstround of the tournament known as the elimination round. We say elimination because, in fact the top twelve scores in the mens division and top eight women, go into the final rounds. During the elimination round, you will hear the commentators refering to the "bump-spot." This is the score that "bumps" a skier out of the top 12 men or 8 women's positions, and therefore, a place in the final rounds.

Once the battle of the elimination round is over, we then have our final rounds left to complete and the fight for the event medals can begin. As far as the event score is concerned all finalist's scores become zero and the challenge for the winners podium sees each skier with a clean score sheet as they go for the medals. Obviously, the top 3 scores in the final round take the gold, silver and bronze medals in slalom, tricks, and jump.

Overall Scoring

There are also medals for the overall title of World mensor womens Barefoot Champion. Overall scoring is calculated on the skiers best performance during the comptition and each skiers best score from either the elimination or final round is used to calculate the overall. There is only one condition that skiers must satisfy to be included in the overall which is that they must have registered a score in each of the 3 events. Briefly, the overall scoring system works like this. The skier that scores the highest score in either round is awarded the maximum number of overall points available which is 1000. Each skiers event score is then awarded a percentage of that 1000 points according to the performance of the skier. So, for example, if the best score of the elimination round in jumping is say 24 metres, a skier who jumps 12 metres will receive 500 overall points and so on. The same applys in tricks and slalom with say the top scoring skier registering a score of 6000 trick points; (and earning the 1000 overall points), therefore, a skier with 2000 points receives 333.3 overall points. Once a skier has all 3 overall scores from the 3 events, they are added together to give the skier's overall score for the championships. It goes without saying that a skier with an overall score of 3000 points cannot be beaten and will be overall world champion.

Team Overall Scoring

At all Championship events held under the auspices of the International Water Ski Federation, Team medals are also up for grabs. The team title is a very notly fought contest for all three places. First and second places are usually left to the Australians and Americans to sort out, but the real fight is for third place with no less than 5 teams in contention. This is Great Britains claim to fame at World level, with our team taking the world bronze for the past 3 world meets. With the support of our home fans here this week we know that Great Britian can do it again and hold on to third place for a fourth successsive time. Each team consists of a maximum 8 skiers. The coveted team medals places are determined by adding the best four individual overall scores (men or women) registered by each team in slalom, tricks and jump. There are no overall team medals for each separate event. The best four scores from the three events are summed to give the total team overall score. Each team member receives a medal as well as the team manager if placed in the top three team overall positions.

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Richard Crossland Our team captain and a member of the British team for 11 years. Richard's speciality is the slalom event, being the British record holder for several years. Aged 24 and living in Watford with his wife Patricia and young son Anthony, Richard has to combine his heavy business commitments (he runs his own computer programming company) with his skiing and training programme. He is no stranger to World competition and seems to be able to deal with the stresses and strains that all the competitors face at this level of competition without any hint of concern whatsoever. In his first full season as team captain, lets hope he can instill the same confidence in to the other members of our team.

(Michele) Shelley Nutt comes from a family of Barefoot Water Skiers. Her greatest influence has been her father John whose name you can find in the Guiness Book of Records as the current holder of the British Barefoot Water Ski Endurance record of over one hours duration. Shelley is the longest serving member of the team and was crowned World Jump Champion at the 1986 Worlds. She continues to dominate the Ladies division in Europe and is the current British and European Slalom and Trick record holder. Shelley's marriage to her husband David, who has been a member of the British team himself for nearly ten years, stemmed from their time spent skiing and training together. Aged 28, she lives in Standlake, Oxon and works for Barclays Bank in their customer services division. At the last world championships, where she set her current trick record, Shelley had the whole crowd on their feet as she peformed one of the most difficult barefoot start tricks in the book that even some of the guys steer clear of. In fact, that Backwards tumblestart to a one foot stand up probably secured the team bronze for us as well, so what we have in Shelley Nutt is greatly envied by all our competition.



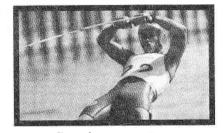
Dean Carpenter also hopes to see himself and the team, achieve new heights at these championships. Aged 26 and living in Bromley on the South-East London/Kent border, Dean



Shelley Nutt - Bankable Talent



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runs his own construction company and also deals in used, quality motor cars. He takes his skiing very seriously and can often be found training hard during the summer months at Kent Boat and Ski Club on the River Medway, where he and a few hardened barefoot water ski fanatics ski at first light which is around 4 a.m. on a good day. Skiing for Great Britian for the first time in 1985, Dean suddenly found himself wearing the European Trick Gold medal at his first European Championship. The team can always rely on Dean for maximum effort no matter what the conditions and he particularly favours the jump and trick events. Dean and his girlfriend Gill are expecting their first baby at the end of September. Dean privately admitting that he intends to make sure his son or daughter makes it to the team in the years to come, following in Dad's footsteps. He hopes Gill will agree!!

Lucy Scopes to our knowledge, the youngest ever competitor at World level, is just 11 years old. She lives and goes to school in Harold Wood, Essex. Lucy is the product of the BWSF's youth training programme which has seen a wealth of new talent emerge over the past two seasons here in the UK. Recently crowned National Dauphin (under 14) Champion the selectors chose here primarily for her talent in the trick event. At such a young age and with a very promising future in front of her, Lucy looks to be a strong contender for the European Junior titles later this season.

David Nutt has been a member of the Great Britain Squad for nearly ten years now. He married fellow team member Shelley just over a year ago and is curently building a house for them both near their present home in Standlake. David apprenticed as a joiner and carpenter and is obviously putting his skills to good use, but it is his skills on the water that earn him a place as a good allrounder on the team. He is capable of trick runs approaching 3000 points, high 18's in jump, and slalom well into the 15's. He skis and trains at his local club in Standlake. Almost anything is possible from David at these championships and he is known for spped at which he expedites his trick runs. Blink and you could miss them!

Benjamin Goggin is making the most of his British Team selection which dates back to 1989 when he was first picked to represent his country. The name Goggin is synonymous with British Barefoot Water skiing and Ben is a shining example of following in fathers' footsteps. Father Alan coaches Ben who enjoys the luxury of a training lake literally at the bottom of his garden at the Goggin home in what Alan claims to be "sunny St.Osyth" near Clacton, Essex. Ben has made his mark in the event in which his Dad also had many claims to fame, Jumping. At over 6'3" tall, Benjamin seems to be able to wind his body like a spring and extend it to its full each time he flys the Barefoot ramp. He broke the old British Jump record of 19.3 by 0.4 metres back in 1991 and has since broken his own record at the first competition of the year to set the new national standard at 20.40 metres. After returning from the states recently, spending three weeks with none other than Mike "the matador" Seipel, Ben is now ready to bring everyone to their knees with even further jump distances, marked improvements in his tricks paas well as respectable slalom offerings. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled on Ben as he skis hard here at Lakeside. Ben is aged 18 and studying for his 'A' levels.



The British Barefoot Water Ski Team

We don't have enough room in the souvenir programme to tell you about Richard Mainwaring and his barefoot water ski career. Although 1992 has already been Richard's year, but not on the water. Together with his wife Jo, who also plays a very active role in the sport, two months ago saw the arrival of young Eleanor Louse Mainwaring. At the age of 38 years old Richard Mainwaring wears the accolade of being Great Britain's best ever ambassador to the world of Barefoot Water Skiing. During his carrer spanning some 17 years, Richard actually first started in water skiing as a ski racer. But it wasn't long before he'd bitten the barefoot bug and, like everything he does, was soon tackling the sport with an attitude of professionalism, thoroughness and dexterity. Richard has attended every World championship held except the first one, earning himself the title of GB Worlds team stalwart from the early 80's on. His list of achievements is long and includes 9 times British National Champion and 4 time European champion. He also holds many National records, some of which will never be broken. His life is centred around two things, his family, and his sport, hobby, pastime and now too, his full time business, Barefoot Water Skiing. I know Richard won't mind us saying that the thing he really does enjoy doing is chatting about the sport and he will always find time to talk to anyone about the sport in general and rest assured, this guy knows what he's talking about!

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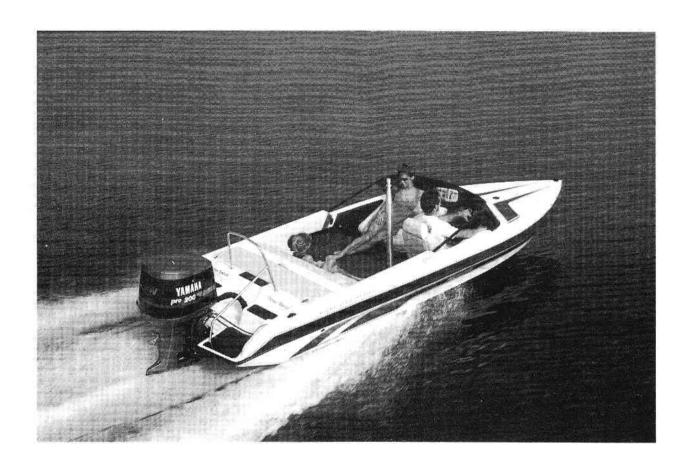


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