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PRESS RELEASE

U.S. Athletes Regina Jaquess, Erika Lang Win Titles At 60th Nautique Masters Water Ski Tournament

U.S. athlete Kennedy Hansen wins tricks and overall at 27th Nautique Junior Masters

POLK CITY, Fla. – U.S. water ski athletes Regina Jaquess (Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.) and Erika Lang (Gilbert, Ariz.) won titles in respective events at the 60th Nautique Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament, presented by GM Marine Engine Technology, May 25-26, at Callaway Gardens’ Robin Lake in Pine Mountain, Ga.

Jaquess, the No. 4 seed for the finals of women’s slalom after scoring 1 buoy at 39-1/2 feet off in the elimination round, won her seventh career Masters women’s slalom title and first since 2016 by scoring 3-1/2 buoys at 39-1/2 feet off in the finals. Jaquess also finished runner-up in women’s jumping with a distance of 178 feet.

Lang, the No. 2 seed for the finals of women’s tricks after scoring 10,030 points in the elimination round, won her third career Masters women’s tricks title and first since 2015 by scoring 10,030 points in the finals.

Other champions from the 60th Masters were: Mexico’s Patricio Font, men’s tricks (11,330 points); Great Britain’s Freddie Winter, men’s slalom (2-1/2 buoys at 41 feet off); Australia’s Jacinta Carroll, women’s jumping (184 feet); and Canada’s Ryan Dodd, men’s jumping (231 feet). Font and Winter won Masters titles for the first time; Dodd won his fifth career Masters men’s jumping title; and Carroll won her seventh consecutive Masters women’s jumping title.

Among other highlights from U.S. athletes, Anna Gay (Winter Garden, Fla.), the top seed for the finals of women’s tricks after scoring 10,220 points in the elimination round, finished second in women’s tricks (9,140 points); Adam Pickos (Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.), the No. 2 seed for the finals after scoring 10,990 points in the elimination round, placed second in men’s tricks (11,320 points), just 10 points
behind Font; **Freddy Krueger (Winter Garden, Fla.),** the top seed for the finals of men’s jumping after soaring 222 feet in the elimination round, finished second in men’s jumping (227 feet); and **Taylor Garcia (Winter Garden, Fla.)** placed third in men’s jumping (218 feet).

U.S. water ski athlete **Kennedy Hansen (Milton, Fla.)** won titles in junior women’s tricks (6,570 points) and overall (2,806.5 points) on Friday (May 24) at the 27th Nautique Junior Masters Water Ski & Wakeboard Tournament. Hansen also placed third in junior women’s jumping (121 feet). Some of the world’s top junior water ski athletes (age 17 and under on Dec. 31, 2018) competed for titles in slalom, tricks, jumping and overall.

Other champions from the Junior Masters were: **Colombia’s Luisa Jaramillo,** junior women’s slalom (2-1/2 buoys at 38 feet off); **Colombia’s Federico Jaramillo,** junior men’s slalom (5 buoys at 38 feet off); **Peru’s Felipe Franco Belmont,** junior men’s tricks (10,210 points); **Australia’s Sade Ferguson,** junior women’s jumping (147 feet); **France’s Pol Duplan-Fribourg,** junior men’s jumping (180 feet); and **Argentina’s Tobias Girogis,** junior men's overall (2,866.5 points).

Among other highlights from U.S. athletes, 11-year-old **Jake Abelson (Holderness, N.H.)** placed second in junior men’s tricks (8,850 points); **Kristen Baldwin (Winter Garden, Fla.)** placed second in junior women’s tricks (6,160 points) and fourth overall (2,498.1 points); **Tianna Kosek (Buffalo, Minn.)** placed second in junior women’s jumping (134 feet); and **Blake Keller (New Hartford, Conn.)** finished third in junior men’s jumping (165 feet).

The 2019 Ski Nautique was the exclusive towboat. For complete results, visit [www.masterswaterski.com](http://www.masterswaterski.com).

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