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PRESS RELEASE

U.S. Water Ski Racing Teams Selected
For 2019 Water Ski Racing World Championships

*Teams will compete in 21st biennial event,*
*Sept. 7-15, in Vichy, France*


Water ski racing athletes from nearly a dozen countries will compete in six divisions – Men’s Formula 1 and Women’s Formula 1; Men’s Formula 2 and Women’s Formula 2; and Junior Boys and Junior Girls – for world titles at the biennial event, which will consist of four races. Men’s Formula 1 and Men’s Formula 2 competitors race for 1 hour, plus 1 lap; Women’s Formula 1 and Women’s Formula 2 competitors race for 45 minutes, plus 1 lap; and Junior Boys’ and Junior Girls’ competitors race for 30 minutes, plus 1 lap.

The federation overall standings are determined by the top-four placements (regardless of division) from each of the four rounds of racing. Individual overall placements are determined from the athletes’ three best rounds of the four rounds of racing.

Athletes selected to the 2019 U.S. Formula 1 Water Ski Racing Team were: **Todd Haig** (Redlands, Calif.), **Cameron King** (Torrance, Calif.) and **Brian Samaniego** (Fullerton, Calif.).

Athletes selected to the 2019 U.S. Formula 2 Water Ski Racing Team were: **CJ Ferguson** (San Pedro, Calif.), **John Kompaniez** (Huntington Beach, Calif.), **Erica Leonard** (Aliso Viejo, Calif.).
Cheryl Ruston (La Palma, Calif.), Amy Threlfall (Palmdale, Calif.) and Martie Wells (Colton, Calif.).

Dave Chandler (Henderson, Nev.) and Julia Williams (Long Beach, Calif.) were selected as reserves.

Athletes selected to the 2019 U.S. Junior Water Ski Racing Team were: Jason Davison (Long Beach, Calif.), Matthew Klee (Harbor City, Calif.) and Sophia Rivera (Seal Beach, Calif.).

Jared Cooper (Huntington Beach, Calif.) will serve as the team captain and Terry Cooper (Huntington Beach, Calif.) will be the assistant team captain.

At the 2017 Water Ski Racing World Championships in Tacoma, Wash., Australia won the gold medal, the United States earned the silver and Austria claimed the bronze.

The National Water Ski Racing Association is one of nine sport discipline organizations of USA Water Ski & Wake Sports, which is affiliated with the International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation (world governing body) and is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and Pan-American Sports Organization as the national governing body of organized water skiing and wakeboarding in the United States.

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