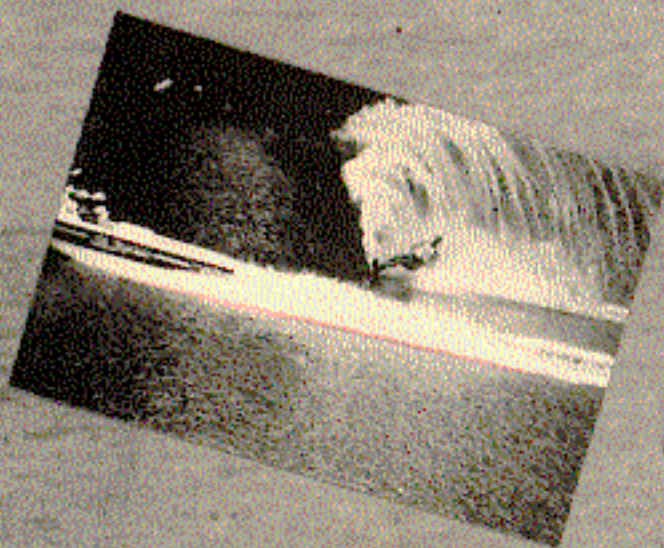


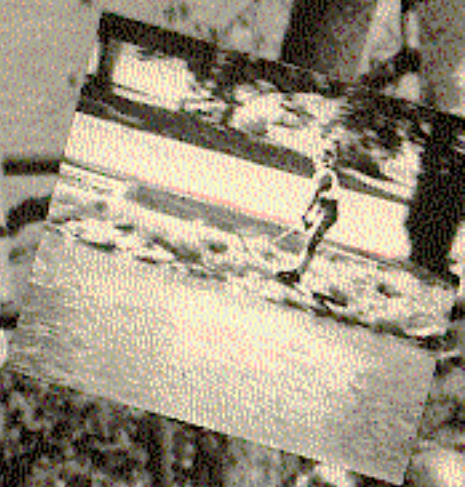
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Pro Tour Comes to Midwest
Think Tank Information
State Tourney Results

WWSF Pres. Jensen
in Action at Indy



OCT. 1985



Look for some new twists at Think Tank next year. We will have a totally new tank set aside for a meeting of the Midwest Region of the American Barefoot Club as well as a judges and drivers clinic.

On top of our list, we plan to have Dick Kennedy (ABC regional director), as well as footers, judges, and drivers from all the states in the region in attendance.

At every tournament this year, we noticed a good number of you asking about becoming tourney judges or drivers. This sparked the idea for a judges and drivers clinic to help you answer questions like: "What do I need to know to be a barefoot judge/driver?" or "How can I judge/drive in a barefoot tourney?" or "Where do I start, forms to complete... rules... etc.?"

Remember, you don't have to barefoot ski to be an excellent judge. Many of the top judges and drivers in the world cannot 'foot! You only need to know what to look for from the contestant and then start judging the easier age groups to get practice. So if your son or daughter, sister or brother, or friend is a footer, or if you are a footer, we invite you to become a rated judge or driver!!

Please spread the word to anyone you know that enjoys barefooting enough to become more involved than just a spectator. And if you are a barefooter, new rules will be discussed and all rules will be clarified.

Naturally we will continue to have the instructional clinic for beginner, intermediate, and advanced barefooting. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact me.

Thanks
Mike Gissibl
17855 Lincrest Dr.
Brookfield, WI 53005
414-781-1056

COUNCILMANS REPORT

It's been a long time since the last Federator so I'll be covering the last 2 Regional council meetings; the mid-winter in February and the meeting held in Decatur, Ill. on July 30th.

New National Qualifications Systems being considered at the national level were discussed. All were concerned about the impact on local tournaments of the systems. New rules, NOPS and ratings will be available next spring. There is a copy of the new ratings in this Federator.

December '85 will be renewal time for Judges, Scorers and Drivers. Remember to get your paper work in. Judges and Scorers Qualifications persons is Glen Ranney, Illinois councilman, Rt. 1, Box 262, Oakley, Illinois 62552 and Drivers Qualifications person is Fred Krueger, 1061 North Lakeshore Dr., Joliet, Illinois 62526. All judges, scorers and drivers please remember that if you work a novice or an intercollegiate tourney, it is worth 1/2 credit towards renewing your rating. If you are chief it will give you full credit.

Although AWSA membership in the Midwest Region is increased, Wisconsin was one of the three states which suffered a drop. Wisconsin had the largest loss of all — 44 members. Iowa had the second greatest drop with 6 and Illinois followed with a reduction of 3. Of course Illinois has 763 to our 361. Michigan is second with 574, followed by Ohio with 544. Indiana comes in with 383 and then Minnesota with 362. By the way Michigan had the greatest gain with 43 followed by Missouri with 42.

During the general meeting a presentation plea to help raise funds for the National Teams was made. I then pledged \$100 from WWSEF and many other states followed suit. Along with passing the hat, over \$1500 was raised.

COUNCIL. Both Sherm Schraft, EVP, and Bill Kosloski, National Director, were re-elected: Sherm for one year and Bill for three.

Council has donated \$1,000 to AWSEF of which \$500 is designated for scholarship.

REGIONALS AND NATIONALS. Regionals were held August 2,3 and 4 at Decatur, Illinois. Fourth Place trophies for Men I and Men II were given since these placements qualify those skiers to go to Nationals. Regional officials were: Chief Judge, Janet Piercy; Chief Scorer, Janice Prociw; and Chief Driver, Dean Chappel.

Nationals were held in DeQuoin, Illinois August 14-18. National Officials from our region were: Judges, Glen Ramey, Janice Prociw with Connie Kosloske as alternate; Scorers, Dale Coulter with Mary Jo Powers, alternate. Chief Judge was Joy Quitevis. This was the largest Nationals ever with approximately 557 contestants. Considering the delays caused by Thursday's storms, etc., Joy did an excellent job as Chief and she still had us out at a most reasonable time on Sunday. Participating at Nationals from Wisconsin were Tawn and Britt Larson, Bruce Nevin, Hope Hansen, Scott Gresens, Jeannie Belden, Jodi Joyce, Lisa Fitzgerald, Bob Badeau, Tim Schiek, Jim Mitchell and Warren Smallege, Jr. Hope I didn't miss anyone! With two sites it's easy to do. Just to be there to compete against winners which they all are is a real honor!

'86 Nationals will be near West Palm Beach, Florida. Regionals will be decided at the Midwinter meeting which will be February 15 and 16, at the Hyatt Regency, Woodfield, Illinois.

Wisconsin-ites making the 1984 World Standings List are: Steve Coon, slalom; Jim Mitchell, jump; Tawn and Brett Larson, tricks; and Lisa Fitzgerald, jump. The '85 list will come up after the 1st of the year.

Congratulations go to the Larson family — Leslie, Brent, Tawn and Brett — for their sportsmanship shown at the '84 Nationals. This was acknowledged in the form of a plaque presented by the Midwest Regional Council.

Another plaque was presented by Reg Barnes, Competition Program Director to Jack Lukes at Think Tank. This was AWSA's "Water Skiing Award of Distinction" in recognition of his many contributions and 37 active years in water skiing.

Congratulations also go to Ron Gresens who is now a regular driver as of last spring.

TRAVEL. When traveling to tournaments, you can save money in flight, motels, and ground transportation by belonging to USAmateur Travel Card. Contact AWSA, P.O. SHOW SKIERS work in the "off" season.

At the Chicago Boat, Sports and RV Show January 9-13, members of the Aquanuts performed several times daily in a special water tank to help promote water skiing. The Aquanuts then took their act to the Miami boat show in February. Thanks, Aquanuts!

BOATING FUEL ALERT. The National Boating Federation warns that it is dangerous to use gasoline containing alcohol in boats. Boating industry research has found that certain types of alcohol additives can cause severe deterioration of fuel hoses, corrode fuel tanks and possibly result in the accumulation of flammable or explosive fuel vapors in the bilges. The NBF advises against using any alcohol/gasoline combinations in boats.

The National Marine Manufacturers' Association reports that two proposed legislative bills in Illinois would work to the disadvantage of boaters. HB-16 and SB-4 would prohibit retail sale of fuel which contains more than 0.05 grams of lead per gallon or more than 0.005 grams of phosphorus per gallon, the ban becoming effective 90 days after the federal EPA gives approval to a new state air quality plan. Recreational boaters and industry oppose the bills because accelerating the phase-out of leaded fuel would increase use of alcohol additives, known to be harmful to marine engine components. Uniform national standards are favored over individual state actions.

INTERCOLLEGIATE. In the intercollegiate group, some schools now have scholarships, Northeast Louisiana, Florida Southern College, University of Central Florida, Rollins, etc. These are all for first time students and there are other schools following suit. Check with the water ski club at the school in which you are interested.

AWSER HALL OF FAME. Send your club's history, pictures, programs, past and present, T-shirts, patches, etc., or other items of interest to Carol Lowe, P.O. Box 191, Winter Haven, Florida 33882. There is an entire display waiting for you.

AWSEF memberships start at \$10 and go up. Donations and memberships go to the above address. All are tax deductible.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT. Dr. Robert King, Jr., Chairman of the AWSA Safety Committee, had developed an economical source for several types of safety equipment which clubs and tournament sponsors may purchase. The following safety equipment may be ordered from Counts Rescue Equipment, P.O. Box 903, Highway 76, Ballentine, SC 29002:

1. Cervical Collar (King recommends one called the "Philadelphia Stiff Neck"), cost \$17.00
2. Air Splint Kit (includes short, medium and long arm and leg splints), cost \$39.95
3. Back Board (marine-grade with two Velcro straps), cost \$95.00.

NEW RATINGS FOR



	EP	MASTER	EXPERT	1st CLASS	2nd CLASS
MEN I					
S	3@12m	14.25m	18.25m	32	28
T	4350	3300	2400	1400	700
J	150/35/5.5 156/35/6	136/35/5.5 141/35/6	112/35/6	81/35/4-6	62/35/4-6
MEN II					
S	3@12	5@14.25	4@18.25	4@32	4@28
T	4200	3300	2300	1200	600
J	143/35/5.5 150/35/6	131/35/5.5 136/35/6	105/35/6	74/35/4-6	57/35/4-6
WOMEN I					
S	4@14.25m	2@16m	32	28	24
T	3100	2200	1400	800	400
J	101/30/5 108/32/5	93/30/5 99/32/5	73/30/5	54/30/4-6	40/30/4-6
WOMEN II					
S	16m	4@18.25	3@32	4@28	24
T	2800	1900	1200	700	400
J	91/30/5 97/32/5	81/30/5 86/32/5	62/30/5	47/30/4-6	36/30/4-6
SR. MEN					
S	3@12m	14.25m	4@18.25m	28	24
T	3500	2700	1700	900	400
J	122/32/5	108/32/5	87/32/5	64/32/4-6	45/32/4-6
YET MBN					
S	4@13m	16m	5@34	28	24
T	2800	2050	1200	650	300
J	103/30/5	91/30/5	67/30/5	48/30/4-6	38/30/4-6
SR. WOMEN					
S	2@18.25	2@34	2@30	24	22
T	2100	1500	900	450	300
J	72/30/5	63/30/5	46/30/5	36/30/4-6	30/30/4-6
BOYS					
S	3@13	16m	36	30	4@26
T	3600	2600	1800	900	400
J	122/80/5	112/30/5	88/30/5	65/30/4-6	48/30/4-6
GIRLS					
S	2@14.25	2@18.25	2@32	26	22
T	2500	1800	1200	600	300
J	95/30/5	84/30/5	60/30/5	44/30/4-6	37/30/4-6
JR. BOYS					
S	5@16m	2@18.25	30	26	22
T	2300	1650	950	400	200
J	91/28/5	79/28/5	57/28/5	41/28/4-6	33/28/4-6
JR. GIRLS					
S	34	3@32	36	22	20
T	1900	1100	600	300	200
J	72/28/5	60/28/5	45/28/5	32/28/4-6	27/28/4-6
OPEN MEN			OPEN WOMEN		
S	6@36/12m		S	4@34/13m	
T	5800		T	4200	
J	166/35/6 158/35/5.5 136/30/5		J	121/32/5 112/30/5	

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The Federator will finally take on a new look. This issue cover is just a start. Watch in future issues for tips on all aspects of Water Skiing and expanded tournament coverage.

Congrats to Bruce Nevin who received the outstanding performance award at this years State J-Event reguery. His total rope score was 2585.

CONGRATULATIONS JERRY JENSEN on being elected our new President of the WWSF. We know you will do a great job and we are all looking forward to working with you.

WWSF

UPCOMING MEETINGS

NOV 2 MAR 8
 DEC 7 APRIL 5
 JAN 4 MAY 3
 FEB 1

**Holiday Inn S.E.
 Madison
 7:00 Pm**

MARCH 8-9

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THINK TANK NOTES

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you to attend the 10th Annual Think Tank. This yearly event, sponsored by the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation, will be held on March 8 & 9, 1986 at the Holiday Inn S.E., Madison, WI.

The WWSF Think Tank is a series of workshops, seminars and, informative exchanges, all of which are designed to enrich one's knowledge and understanding of the sport of water skiing. In addition to these "Think Tanks", there is a Banquet, Dance, and Auction on Saturday evening (last year almost 500 people attended), a fashion show, an informal get together on Friday night, and one of the finest displays of the latest boats and skis seen anywhere under one roof. For those of you familiar with previous Think Tanks you will be pleased at the new format of some of the Tanks.

Enclosed in your copy of this Federator is a reservation card for the Holiday Inn. Room rates are \$36.00 Single, and \$42.00 Double. Send this directly to the Holiday Inn (address is on the card) as soon as possible, we filled the entire hotel last year, and your early return is your only guaranty of a room.

On the opposite page of this Federator is the registration form for this years Think Tank. One difference this year is our new pre-registration policy. If you mail your pre-registration form so that we receive it prior to Feb. 1, 1986 we will save you the rigors of the Saturday morning registration table.

Here are a few other tidbits that will make your weekend at Think Tank more pleasant.

- *Bring along your swimsuit - the pool will be open late both Friday and Saturday night.
- *While not mandatory, it is suggested that anyone under the age of 18, be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.
- *Children under 12 eat free in the dining room if a parent eats with them.
- *We need models for the fashion show on Saturday evening. Anyone interested in helping out, contact my wife Anita.
- *There will be awards given for the largest single group in attendance (remember this when you register), and for the person travelling the furthest distance to attend.

See you in March,



Bill McSorley - Think Tank
Chairman

P.S. We would like to know who of you will be attending your 10th Think Tank.

Scholarships

Available

If you are a full-time student in good standing at any 2-year or 4-year accredited college or university and belong to AWSA or Awsef, you are eligible to apply for one of the American Water Ski Educational foundation scholarships. These are available to incoming sophomores, juniors or seniors. The scholarship program was established to help those aspiring to a higher education who are promoting, working and supporting water skiing as active ski members.

Many things are taken into consideration with special consideration given to handicapped skiers. Criteria for the selection are: Contribution as a skier (show, 3-event, pleasure, barefooting, intercollegiate, etc.). Financial need combined with work level, school and community activities, etc., academic achievement level and at least two letters of recommendation will all be considered.

Three \$500.00 scholarships were awarded this year at the National Water Ski Tournament in Zachary, Louisiana. Two of them went to the Midwest Region and one to the Southern Patrick Hill, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, attending Oklahoma State University; Kristi Hill attending Northeast Louisiana

University, and Ken Waite, Orlando, Florida, attending the University of Central Florida.

For applications, write American Water Ski Educational Foundation — Scholarship, P.O. Box 2957, Winter Haven, Florida 33883. Do it now because all forms must be in by March 1, 1986 in order to be considered this year. Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to the same address.

85 RECIPIENTS

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JUNIOR SKIERS

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Think Tank Package (includes Banquet, Breakfast, and all Tanks)

Adults	\$15.00	x _____	= \$ _____
Children 4-10	11.00	x _____	= _____
Children 3 & Under	00.00	x _____	= _____
Think Tanks Only	7.00	x _____	= _____
Late Registration	2.00	x _____	= _____

How many Think Tanks have you attended? _____

Tank. Those whose registrations are received after Feb. 1 will be able to pick up their tickets at Think Tank reservation. **ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 2/15/1986 TO AVOID A LATE CHARGE!**
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Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Club Affiliation _____

AWSA Member? _____

Family Members _____

STATE BAREFOOT TOURNAMENT

JUNIOR BOYS WAKES

D. Gray
M. Mieke
M. Brockley

JUNIOR BOYS TRICKS

M. Meike
M. Brockley
M. May

JUNIOR BOYS OVERALL

M. Meike

BOYS WAKES

D. Brockley
M. Hillstrand
T. Ryan

BOYS TRICKS

M. Hillstrand
T. Ryan
D. Brockley

BOYS OVERALL

M. Hillstrand

MEN I WAKES

S. Santacroce
T. Connel
T. Smith

MEN I TRICKS

S. Santacroce
T. Connell
T. Smith

MEN I OVERALL

S. Santacroce

MEN II WAKES

B. Mitchell
B. McFarlin
B. Alderman

MEN II TRICKS

B. Mitchell
B. McFarlin
D. Murn

MEN II OVERALL

B. Mitchell

SENIOR MEN WAKES

M. Gissibl
G. Malmstrom
H. Hubbell

SENIOR MEN TRICKS

M. Gissibl
G. Malmstrom
P. Foster

SENIOR MEN OVERALL

M. Gissibl

OPEN MEN WAKES

J. Strasser

OPEN MEN TRICKS

J. Strasser

GIRLS WAKES

C. Anderson
A. Axtell

GIRLS TRICKS

C. Anderson

GIRLS OVERALL

C. Anderson

WOMEN WAKES

M. Cohen
K. Nelson

WOMEN TRICKS

S. Carlson
K. Nelson
M. Cohen

WOMEN OVERALL

K. Nelson

OPEN WOMEN WAKES

J. Calleri

OPEN WOMEN TRICKS

J. Calleri

OPEN WOMEN OVERALL

J. Calleri

STATE SHOW TOURNAMENT

CLASS "A"

1. Rock Aqua-Jays
Janesville, WI
 2. Aquanats
Twin Lakes, WI
 3. Badgerland
Merton, WI
 4. Minnieska
Whitewater, WI
- Capitol City
Madison, WI
(Disqualified)

CLASS "B"

1. Shermelot
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9. Crititz

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STATE 3-EVENT TOURNAMENT

JR. BOYS SLALOM

Matt May
Dale Reberb
David Seelofe

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Andy Joseph
Matt May

JR. BOYS JUMP

Matt May
Andy Joseph

JR. BOYS OVERALL

Matt May

JR. GIRLS SLALOM

Jody Joyce
Angela Strub
Pat Crisman

JR. GIRLS TRICKS

Jody Joyce

JR. GIRLS JUMP

Jody Joyce

JR. GIRLS OVERALL

Jody Joyce

BOYS SLALOM

Kyle Ward
Warren Smallidge
Todd Clire

BOYS TRICKS

Warren Smallidge
Kyle Ward
Tim Schiek

BOYS JUMP

Tim Schiek
Bob Linn
Jeff Schmick

BOYS OVERALL

Warren Smallidge

GIRLS SLALOM

Lisa Fitzgerald
Turi Nevin
Hope Hansen

GIRLS TRICKS

Elsa Fitzgerald
Hope Hansen
Krista Ward

GIRLS JUMP

Lisa Fitzgerald
Turi Nevin
Hope Hansen

GIRLS OVERALL

Lisa Fitzgerald

OPEN WOMEN TRICKS

Tawn Larson
Britt Larson

MEN I TRICKS

Kurt Kuhlthal
Scott Kinzofogal
Kevin Bratton

MEN I SLALOM

Scott Kinzofogal
Bill Ross
Brian Jennings

MEN I JUMP

Scott Grossens
Bill Ross
Jim Rouchle

MEN I OVERALL

Scott Grossens

WOMEN I SLALOM

Jennifer Joyce
Sharon Grossens
Susan Alderman

WOMEN I TRICKS

Kathy Strachota
Sharon Grossens
Lisa Krause

WOMEN I JUMP

Jennifer Joyce
Sharon Grossens
Kathy Strachota

WOMEN I OVERALL

Sharon Grossens

MEN II TRICKS

Dennis Close
Mike Bauman
Tim Mower

MEN II SLALOM

Bob Pace
Todd Weber
Brian Keleny

MEN II JUMP

Tim Mower
Jim Mitchell
Jim Beklen

MEN II OVERALL

Bob Pace

WOMEN II SLALOM

Georgie Starz
Jeanne Bolden
Roxanne Close

WOMEN II TRICKS

Roxanne Close
Jeanne Bolden

WOMEN II JUMP

Jeanne Bolden
Georgie Starz

WOMEN II OVERALL

Jeanne Bolden

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Bob Badcau
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Bruce Nevin
Ron Johnson
Jim Kelnhofer

SR. MEN JUMP

Bruce Nevin
Jim Schiek
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Jerry Hanson
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Ron Grossens

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Ron Grossens

VET MEN OVERALL

Ron Grossens

B-MEN SLALOM

Jim Strub
Dennis Lutz
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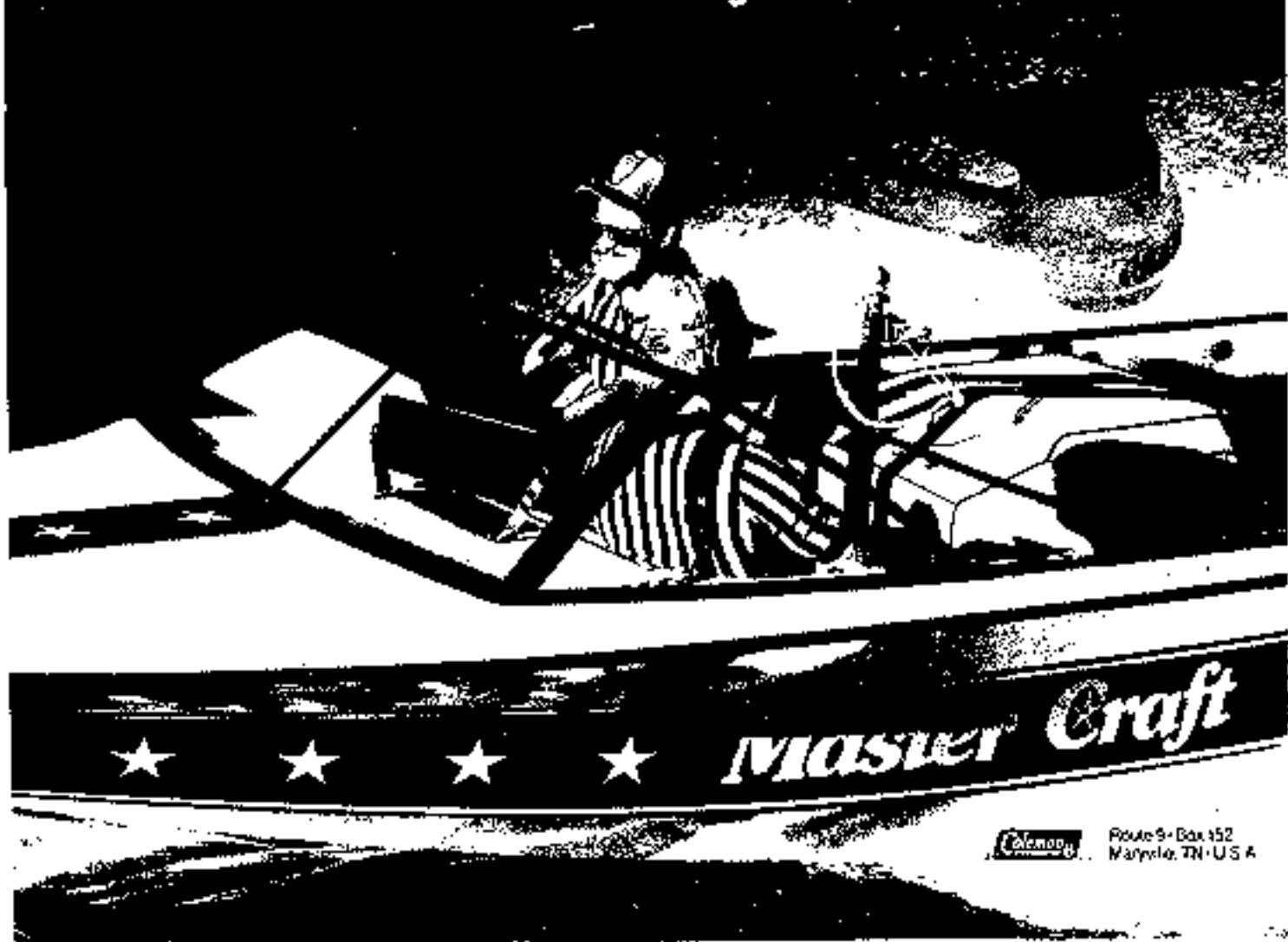
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Photos & Story
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For those of you who were there, it was an exciting-exhilarating event. For those of you who weren't, I can only say, you missed it, and don't let it happen again.

The Coor's Light International Water Ski Tour came to Indianapolis August 24 & 25 for the final tournament in its ten event schedule. The Coor's tour is big time (finally for water skiing), both in prize money, excitement, and crowds. If this were a box score for a baseball game the spot where paid attendance is listed would read 30,000 for Sunday's action. We are talking big crowds, and not the usual jaded veteran crowd that seems to know everything including what Bob LaPoint had for breakfast. The great majority of those in attendance were your average weekenders, who until this, thought that water skiing was something done at your Uncle Bob's cottage on the Fourth of July.

Add to this enthusiastic crowd, the very best water skiers in the world, and you have the makings of an unforgettable afternoon. That's right all of you veteran Tournament goers, I said afternoon. The entire event lasted all of four hours, something that still fascinates me even after hundreds of mental recollections.

I have to say this is certainly a great way to end the tournament season. I have enough memories from this one day to last me all winter. Whether it's our new WWSF President Jerry Jensen commanding the attention of the crowd as the on site announcer (See accompanying photo), or two former Wisconsinites, Mike Tolzman and Dave Dotter, competing in Freestyle Jumping, or the longest jump I had ever seen (Mike Hazelwood - 195 ft.), Michael Kjellander's slalom style (1½ @ 39½ off), or Camille Duvall being visibly better than her competitors. It's hard to pick out one thing that stands out in my mind as the most memorable; and so many other unforgettable things that I could probably run on like this for about three more pages.

I hope that the great feeling of euphoria I felt on my way home from Indianapolis gets to you, for that, and not the results of the tournament, are the reason for this article.

And don't forget, if an opportunity like this comes again, DON'T MISS IT.

These are the best he has seen and are easily handled which is not always the case. A contact at Counts Rescue Equipment is John Surles.

25th ANNIVERSARY. Illinois' winter meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, Decatur, Ill. on November 9 and 10, 1985 and should prove to be a "gala" event. With this year being the 25th anniversary, the IWSP is planning special activities. For additional information contact John Sheedy, President, 4110 South Second Street, Springfield, IL 62703, (212) 529-3977.

As always,

Belon



"Whatya mean, no water? I thought this was heaven!"



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