

RACING ATHLETES OF THE YEAR 2005

TODD HAIG, USA

2005 Men's World Water Ski Racing Champion Todd Haig has proven himself as the absolute best in the sport in 2005. The 26 year old from Redlands, California, USA was unquestionably the most dominant male skier on the circuit throughout the year.

This past June in Hunstaton, England, Haig's awesome display of total racing domination earned him his first ever World Title. Haig won all four rounds of competition outright and lapped the field in two of the four events. It was the first time since 1997 that all four rounds had been won by a male skier at the World Championships and the first time ever the winner had lapped the entire field.

Haig's World Title in June was immediately followed by his winning of the Men's Overall Title in the Belgian Diamond Race. Two weeks later, Haig went on to win his 5th overall title in the World Famous Catalina Ski Race.

These accomplishments earned Haig recognition as USA Water Ski Male Athlete of the Month for June 2005.

During the US season, Haig was the absolutely the best of the best winning 6 marathon events outright leading him to the Men's Open Series Overall Title, his 3rd US Marathon Series Title. The three marathon series titles are in addition to his four US National Championship Titles. Most recently, the US's National Water Ski Racing Association, recognized Haig as Male Athlete of the Year for the second time.

With the success he enjoyed in 2005, Todd Haig has become one of the most recognizable names in our sport and etched himself a place in history as one of the elite.



KIM LUMLEY, Great Britain

23 year old Kim Lumley became the IWSF World Water Ski Racing Champion in June 2005. This fine British athlete only began competing in 1996 and from 1997 she has represented Great Britain at every world championship event.

Kim has won the prestigious Diamond Race four times, America's Catalina race three times, she has carried the British title for the last seven years and been European Champion since 2002.

As a result of her achievements, the freelance fitness instructor from Cambridgeshire has been honoured by British Water Ski with the coveted General Lascelles award and was recently nominated for the Sunday Times sports woman of the year champions award. Kim has also been enjoying a good deal of Radio and prime TV coverage in a variety of programmes.



The IWSF welcomed Kim onto the World Racing Council in June when she was elected as the IWSF Athlete's Representative for Racing.

These are only the highlights of the tremendous achievements by one of the most likeable people in our sport.