

Jared Fisher

THE 4EVERDECK, DOCKPRO SKIING INVITATIONAL

Making waves

The 4Everdeck, Dockpro 2014 Invitational took place on the 25th and 26th of January 2014 at Bird Valley Estate, one of the most highly regarded water skiing venues in South Africa.

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Travis Fisher



Robyn Louw and Travis Fisher

Skiers took to the water on the Friday (24th) afternoon in “glass” conditions for a practice session. Skiers use this time to adjust to the change in water conditions and loosen up their muscles as many of them have travelled from far away. Skiers also use this time to adjust the tournament boat, and in this case the official boat was a 2013 Ski Nautique 200 sponsored by 4Everdeck®.

23 slalom skiers and 10 trick skiers took part with some coming from as far as the US to compete!

The Saturday and Sunday saw numerous great scores with about half the participants scoring personal bests. Even a new (pending) South African Trick record was potentially set despite the weather being windy and rainy on the Saturday. However, the Sunday was met with fantastic weather including glassy water and sunny skies.

KZN’s Robyn Lowe walked away with a 4Everdeck Cash Prize for the most improved skier with a 16 bouy improvement from her personal best prior to the tournament. Gauteng’s Richard Levy walked away with the top score of the weekend with a score of 1 bouy at the 10.75 m line at 55 km/h. Speaking to Richard he said that he was very happy with his performance and really enjoys skiing at Bird Valley Estate behind the Nautique 200. He also added that this score was very close to his personal best of 2 bouys at the 10.75m line at 55km/h.

Bird Valley Estate skiers and brothers, Jared and Travis Fisher, both managed to equal their personal bests with Jared Fisher having the second best score of the weekend with 2.5 bouys at 11.25m at 58km/h.

Travis, the tournament organiser, said he was pleased with his



RESULTS

Under 12 Girls Slalom

1st – Robyn Lowe 3/49/16m – New Personal Best (PB)

Under 14 Boys Slalom

1st – Nicholas Stegmann 4/55/14.25m } New Personal Best (PB)

2nd – Dylan Lowe 3/55/14.25m } New Personal Best (PB)

3rd – Jordan Silver 5/52/18.25m } New Personal Best (PB)

U17 Boys Slalom

1st – Tristan Silver 4/58/18.25m

U17 Girls Slalom

1st – Bailey Austin (USA) 2/55/12m

2nd – Robyn Viljoen 2/55/13m } New Personal Best (PB)

3rd – Hannah De Jongh 0.5/55/16m

Open Men Slalom

1st – Jared Fisher 2.5/58/11.25m } Tie Personal Best (PB)

2nd – Travis Fisher 1/58/11.25m } Tie Personal Best (PB)

Over 35 Men Slalom

1st – Richard Levy 1/55/10.75m

2nd – Marc Austin (USA) 1/55/11.25m

3rd – Wayne Cammidge 4/55/12m } New Personal Best (PB)

4th – Craig Gordon 5/55/14.25m

Over 45 Ladies Slalom

1st – Lizette Bekker 3/55/16m

Over 45 Mens Slalom

1st – Yves Saintviteux (BEL) 3/55/12m

2nd – Brett Smart 3.5/55/13m

3rd – Vaughan Adams 3/55/13m } Tie Personal Best (PB)

4th – Dennis De Jongh 3.5/55/14.25m

Over 55 Ladies Slalom

1st – Jan Johnson 1/52/12m

performance as organising an event like this is not easy while having to compete at the same time. The tournament went off well, with good organisation making the tournament run slickly and efficiently. Travis added that it was great to see that the younger kids are scoring personal bests at every tournament and improving quickly.

A treat for all the skiers was to watch Jimmy Siemers out from the US compete in the trick event. Although he is a professional three-event waterskier, Siemers only competed in the trick event. He has previously set two World Records in the Jump event with 233 and 236 feet respectively. He says his best skiing moment came when he set the Overall World Record. Siemers scored 10 510 points in the trick. Speaking to Siemers at the tournament, he said that he had just started skiing again and that he was preparing for Moomba Masters in Australia in March 2014. Siemers



was previously on the cover of Water Ski Magazine with the tagline 'Meet the Greatest Skier'. It was a privilege for all skiers involved in the event to have had the chance of seeing Siemers ski and meeting him.

Dennis De Jongh, tricking in the over 45 men set a new pending South

African trick record of 2 950 points.

For all the local Bird Valley estate skiers, it was also a rather sad time as their local driver Ian Darwent drove in his last SA comp as he is moving overseas. A big thanks to Ian Darwent for all his support to the sport over the past few years! **LB**



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