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# MALIBU VIRTUAL WAKE OPEN 2022

The Malibu Virtual Wake Open was the UK's third annual virtual wake competition, organised by Wakeboard UK with the support of Malibu Boats UK.

The competition was first held during the pandemic when it was not possible to get together for more traditional competitions and, given its success, Wakeboard UK has kept it going. Whilst it's a relatively new format for wakeboard competitions, it's the longest running wakesurf competition in the country!

This year the competition was run from the beginning of August through to the first week of October. The event was open to all BWSW members who could film their run anywhere in the world. IWWF wakeboard/wakesurf rules applied with wakeboard runs scored on Execution, Intensity



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and Composition, and wakesurf runs scored on Execution, Intensity, Difficulty, and Variety. But, in a change from the normal competitions, wakeboard runs constituted a maximum of five tricks and wakesurf runs were a maximum of 45 seconds.

The event was judged by a panel of IWWF qualified judges and Wakeboard UK representatives, with three judges for each category. We were delighted that the wakesurf judging panel this year included Maria Bulgakova, Chairperson of the IWWF Wakesurf Committee, judging remotely from Ukraine. A big thank you to all the officials who helped with this event.

## PODIUMS

### WAKEBOARD

#### Junior Men

1	Jake Williams	47.11
2	Louie Brown	23.56
3	Max Reakes	14.78

#### Junior Women

1	Isabelle Lloyd	40.44
2	Baye Hooctor Duncan	39.45
3	Emily Holt	30.56

#### Ladies Intermediate

1	Kasey-Marie Tuck	26.11
2	Isabella Williams	17.89

#### Open Ladies

1	Charlotte Millward	46.33
2	Melissa Lock	40.22
3	Emilia Shillito	35.45

#### Open Men

1	Luca Kidd	68.34
2	Mitchell Wise	54.11
3	Mark Osmond	21.34

### WAKESURF

#### Men Skim

1	Anthony Edwards	77.92
2	Tom Peterson	43.50
3	Rick Sopher	38.33

#### Men Surf

1	Edward Slater	49.92
2	Wesley Williams	39.17

#### Women Skim

1	Jennifer Edwards	71.33
2	Sam Buckles	48.42
3	Isabella Williams	36.42

#### Women Surf

1	Emilia Whitehouse	37.58
2	Isabelle Lloyd	23.58

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Winners in the Open categories in wakeboard were familiar names – Team GB riders Luca Kidd and Charlotte Millward, with fellow Team GB rider Isabelle Lloyd taking the win in Junior Women. And it was great to have new names as winners in Jake Williams, Junior Men, and Kasey-Marie Tuck, Intermediate Ladies.

In wakesurf, Ed Slater and Emilia Whitehouse took the wins in surf style with Ant and Jen Edwards once again taking the wins in skim style. With the UK Nationals also featuring wakesurf for the last two years, Wakeboard UK will be looking at selecting our first ever Team GB wakesurf squad. It was great also to see some new entrants from around the country and we'd love to see more people entering next year. Look out for news on the Virtual Wake Open in 2023. Wakeboard UK are hoping to run it through the entire season.

Full results are available at [www.wakeboard.co.uk](http://www.wakeboard.co.uk) and check out some of the video submissions on the website or on Instagram at @ukwake and on Facebook @WakeboardUK