

Joseph Humphries



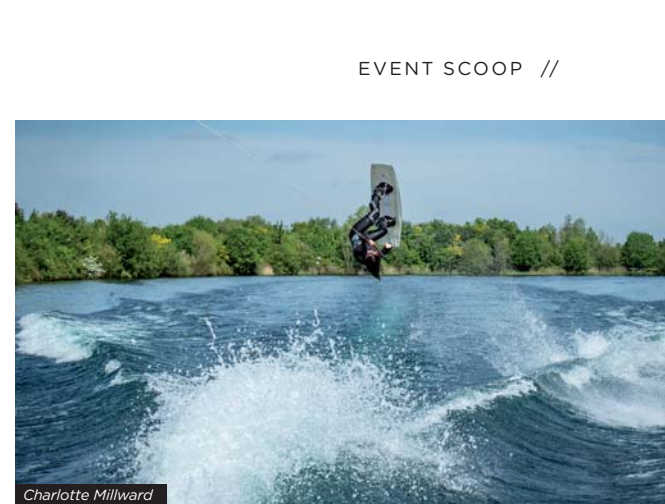
Travis Beaton



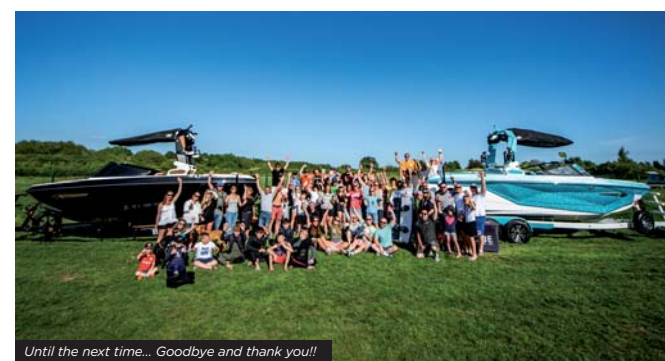
Mia Sewell



Colin Hart & Mark Goldsmith



Charlotte Millward



Until the next time... Goodbye and thank you!!

# 2022 Nautique Wake Open

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**W**ell...what a day that was! While we had to take an enforced break from UK Nationals for just the one year in 2020, we hadn't held a second UK ranking competition in the UK since the 2018 Wake Open, so we were delighted to be out on the water competing so early in the season at Cliff Lakes on Saturday 14th May.

Cliff Lakes is a boat owners' club in Tamworth, Warwickshire, and also home to the largest aqua park in the midlands. It was the venue for the IWWF 2018 ProTour stop.

With Midlands Nautique providing a brand spanking new G21 and with a Nautique 210 on hand for the Groms category the scene was set for the 2022 Nautique Wake Open.

Even the weather gods were kind to us, with the sun coming out to play on the Friday practice day and the wind dropping for comp day on Saturday.

Fresh off an IWWF judging course under the tutelage of Colin Hart, Mark Goldsmith and Melissa Lock stepped into the boat with him for official duties when they weren't competing in their own categories with Mark Goldsmith designated as Chief Judge for the event. The riding through the categories was unreal.

It's always good to see some fresh faces in competition and kudos goes to Mia Sewell who, spurred on by her brother Freddie's entry in the Groms division, entered the Girls' category after only a week on a wakeboard and stepped behind that mammoth G21 wake. Well done Mia!

We'd have loved to see how Team GB's Joseph Humphries and Travis Beaton would have fared against each other, but Joe is still eligible for Junior Men - crazy given his riding standard - and he took the win in that category, starting his run with his hoochie glide into orbit. And while Trav didn't show us the 900 he landed in practice, he took the win in Open Men.

In the Open Women category, Team GB's Charlotte Millward started off her season well with a great run to win.

A special mention goes to Ross and Ollie Phillips. It was a proud family moment with Ross winning Masters Men and Ollie winning Groms. Well done to all the riders and we look forward to seeing you at future competitions.



## MORE TO COME...

**The Malibu UK Wakeboard and Wakesurf Nationals on 2nd and 3rd July at Ellingham Water Ski and Wakeboard Club will have been held by the time of this publication so look out for an update in the next issue.**

Team GB wakeboarders head out to Rieti, Italy for the IWWF World Championships 25th to 30th July and then to Cologne, Germany for the IWWF Europe and Africa Championships 8th to 14th August.

And that won't be the end of the competition season. Whatever your level, why not enter the Malibu Virtual Wake Open? The format will be similar to last year's

event with wakeboarders submitting videos of a 5 trick run and wakesurfers a 45 second line of tricks. The deadline is not until September so there's time for you to get out on the water and get your run filmed. Find out more at [www.wakeboard.co.uk/Competitions/](http://www.wakeboard.co.uk/Competitions/)

And if you're looking to run your own competition, we've got that covered too. Head to [www.wakeboard.co.uk/Articles/Details/569](http://www.wakeboard.co.uk/Articles/Details/569) for our comp checklists.

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