



**CWSA**  
COMPETITIVE WAKE SURF ASSOCIATION

## THE ANNUAL CWSA WAKESURFING AWARDS

**Legend Award (Lifetime Achievement)**: A person who has consistently contributed in a meaningful way to competitive wakesurfing for a minimum of 10 years through competing, coaching, video/photography, promotion of the sport, innovation, events, and/or organizationally.

**Wakesurfing Person of the Year**: The person who has provided the greatest overall contribution and/or impact to the sport of competitive wakesurfing for the year.

**Wake Surfer of the Year (Male and Female)**: The rider who has competed at the highest level of competition during the year, and to a lesser extent, has contributed to competitive wakesurfing in its promotion, sportsmanship, mentoring/coaching, innovation and progression.

**Up and Coming Athlete of the Year (Male and Female)**: The most exciting new rider or existing rider who has shown the greatest improvement and/or potential to impact competitive wakesurfing.

**Junior Athlete of the Year**: The most exciting young rider (under 12 years old as Jan 1st) who has shown the greatest improvement during the competition year and the best attitude/sportsmanship in competition.

**Best Maneuver (Male and Female)**: Innovative, never seen before, never done before, or exceptionally well executed (the maneuver must be on video and link must be provided).

**Wakesurf Video of The Year**: Tricks, Action, Lifestyle, Music, Video Editing, event, team, or individual.

**Event of The Year**: The Event was well organized for all competitive aspects. Judge and volunteer assignments were clear. Good wave. The Event location was well planned, body of water deep enough, with fun or interesting activities in addition to wakesurfing. Food or catering available at the event, or close by. Dining and lodging close to the venue. Other factors that made the event extraordinarily fun, such as nightlife, event format, location, scenery or people.

**Event Organizer of The Year**: Before the Event: Hit each deadline the CWSA has set forth (Contract Date, Opening of Registration, created a well thought out Rider Running Order and Event Format, and correctly sets up Scoring Toolbox. During the Event: Demonstrated proficiency in Scoring Toolbox use, timely with posting results onsite or to the CWSA website. Ensures all judges and volunteers understand when and where their duties will be held. After the Event: Uploads Results to [competitivewakesurfing.com](http://competitivewakesurfing.com) as soon as the event ends, uploads photos to our OneDrive and website within a few days of the event, has a highlight video created and posted. Overall hosts a fun event on and off the water that represents the CWSA and wakesurfing as a sport in a positive manner for athletes, families and spectators.



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## 2024 ANNUAL CWSA WAKESURFING AWARDS

- **Legend:** Joan Roulier (SUI)
- **Wake Surfing Person of the Year:** Svetlana Belova (RUS)
- **Male Wake Surfer of the Year:** Ryan Jung (KOR)
- **Female Wake Surfer of the Year:** Varvara Dzemidziuk (BLR)
- **Male Up and Coming Athlete of the Year:** John Cheung (KOR)
- **Female Up and Coming Athlete of the Year:** Chaeyeon Kim (KOR)
- **Junior Athlete of the Year:** Timofey Vikhrov (RUS)
- **Event of the Year:** Kalinka Wakesurf Cup (RUS)
- **Event Organizer of the Year:** Candy Cup (TPE)



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## 2023 ANNUAL CWSA WAKESURFING AWARDS

- **Legend:** James Walker (USA)
- **Wake Surfing Person of the Year:** Sang Han Jung (KOR)
- **Male Wake Surfer of the Year:** Anthony Edwards (GBR)
- **Female Wake Surfer of the Year:** Jennifer Edwards (GBR)
- **Male Up and Coming Athlete of the Year:** Tae Eun Kim (KOR)
- **Female Up and Coming Athlete of the Year:** Varvara Dzemidziuk (BLR)  
Hye Jin Lim (KOR)
- **Junior Athlete of the Year:** Rena Abiko (JPN)
- **Best Maneuver Male:** Jaeho Lee (KOR)
- **Best Maneuver Female:** Bailey Rush (CAN)
- **Video of the Year:** Bailey Rush (CAN)
- **Event of the Year:** 2023 CWSA Asian Championship  
Taijiro Nakamura (JPN)
- **Event Organizer of the Year:** 2023 CWSA European Championship  
Tatiana Bosshard (SUI)



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## 2022 ANNUAL CWSA WAKESURFING AWARDS

- **Legend:** Shell Buchner (USA)
- **Wake Surfing Person of the Year:** Alexandra Tunenko (RUS)
- **Male Wake Surfer of the Year:** Tyler Stewart (USA)
- **Female Wake Surfer of the Year:** Whitley Stewart (USA)
- **Male Up and Coming Athlete of the Year:** Jett Lambert (USA)
- **Female Up and Coming Athlete of the Year:** Bailey Dunn (USA)
- **Junior Athlete of the Year:** Makenzie Hickey (USA)
- **Best Maneuver Male:** Jett Lambert (USA)
- **Best Maneuver Female:** Anastasia Romanova (RUS)
- **Video of the Year:** Jett Lambert (USA)
- **Event of the Year:** INGRAD Wakesurf Cup 2022  
Alexander Vaynshteyn (RUS)



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## 2021 ANNUAL CWSA WAKESURFING AWARDS

- **Legend:** Jeff Walker (USA)
- **Wake Surfing Person of the Year:** Svetlana Belova (RUS)
- **Male Wake Surfer of the Year:** Sean Silveira (USA)
- **Female Wake Surfer of the Year:** Kristina Kolesnikova (RUS)
- **Male Up and Coming Athlete of the Year:** Jett Lambert (USA)
- **Female Up and Coming Athlete of the Year:** Makenzie Hickey (USA)
- **Junior Athlete of the Year:** Jett Lambert (USA)
- **Best Maneuver Male:** Jake Caster (USA) – Finger Flip  
<https://www.instagram.com/p/CTSlh6qpZgM/>
- **Best Maneuver Female:** Kristina Kolesnikova (RUS) – 3 Shuv  
<https://www.instagram.com/p/CNvPqv0nH57/>
- **Video of the Year:** Ohana Vienna “The Cage Surfer”  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1tQBdlfFe8&ab\\_channel=OhanaVienna](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1tQBdlfFe8&ab_channel=OhanaVienna)
- **Event of the Year:** 2021 Kyiv City Swell
- **Event Organizer of the Year:** Alexander Vaynshteyn (RUS)  
INGRAD Moscow Wakesurf Cup 2021



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## 2020 ANNUAL CWSA WAKESURFING AWARDS

- **Legend:** Caro Villeneuve (CAN)
- **Wake Surfing Person of the Year:** Angie Viland (USA)
- **Male Wake Surfer of the Year:** Sean Silveira (USA)
- **Female Wake Surfer of the Year:** Whitley Stewart (USA)
- **Male Up and Coming Athlete of the Year:** Keegan Hodgson (CAN)
- **Female Up and Coming Athlete of the Year:** Kristina Kolesnikova (RUS)
- **Junior Athlete of the Year:** Brynlee Hall (USA)
- **Best Maneuver Male:** Keenan Flegel (USA) - Heel Side Back Big Spin in the flats
- **Best Maneuver Female:** Ashley Inloes (USA) - Switch Backside Big Spin in the flats
- **Video of the Year:** No Award (COVID-19)
- **Event of the Year:** No Award (COVID-19)
- **Event Organizer of the Year:** No Award (COVID-19)



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## 2019 ANNUAL CWSA WAKESURFING AWARDS

- **Legend: Drew Danielo (USA)**
- **Wake Surfing Person of the Year: Sang Han Jung (KOR)**
- **Male Wake Surfer of the Year: Kenta Nakayama (JPN)**
- **Female Wake Surfer of the Year: Sun Hwa Kim (KOR)**
- **Male Up and Coming Athlete of the Year: Evan Hudson (CAN)  
Keisuke Hoshimoto (JPN)**
- **Female Up and Coming Athlete of the Year: Maki Yamamoto (JPN)**
- **Junior Athlete of the Year: Sofia Sokolova (UKR)**
- **Best Maneuver Male: Keenan Flegel (USA) - 360 Shuv or HS Backside Big Spin**
- **Best Maneuver Female: Angie Viland (USA) - 900 to Switch Front Shuv**
- **Video of the Year: 10,000 Lakes (10k Lakes recap)**
- **Event of the Year: 2019 Centurion Wake Surfing Korea Open**
- **Event Organizer of the Year: Alexander Vaynshteyn (RUS)  
INGRAD Moscow Wakesurf Cup 2019**



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## 2018 ANNUAL CWSA WAKESURFING AWARDS

- **Legend:** Sean Cummings (USA)
- **Wake Surfing Person of the Year:** Nicole Hudson (CAN)  
Sean Silveira (USA)
- **Male Wake Surfer of the Year:** Sean Silveira (USA)
- **Female Wake Surfer of the Year:** Jodi Grassman (USA)
- **Male Up and Coming Athlete of the Year:** Taylor Swanson (USA)
- **Female Up and Coming Athlete of the Year:** Sara Tallon (CAN)
- **Junior Athlete of the Year:** Samuel Goncalves (USA)
- **Male Trick of the Year:** Connor Burns (USA)
- **Female Trick of the Year:** Lily Anderson (CAN)
- **Video of the Year:** World Series of Wake Surfing 2018
- **Event of the Year:** Tommy's US Wakesurf Open
- **Event Organizer of the Year:** Nicole Hudson (CAN) - Canadian Wakesurf Nationals





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## 2017 ANNUAL CWSA WAKESURFING AWARDS

- **Legend: Dominic Lagace (CAN)**
- **Wake Surfing Person of the Year: Mike Viland (USA)**
- **Male Wake Surfer of the Year: John Akerman (USA)**
- **Female Wake Surfer of the Year: Jodi Grassman (USA)**
- **Up and Coming Athlete of the Year: Connor Burns (USA)**
- **Junior Athlete of the Year: Evan Hudson (CAN)**
- **Male Trick of the Year: Chris Wolter (USA) – Frontside Big Spin**
- **Female Trick of the Year: Jodi Grassman (USA) – 540 Shuv**
- **Video of the Year: Kooanusawakesurfing.com Challenge 2017**
- **Event of the Year: Nautique Canadian Wakesurf Championship**
- **Event Organizer of the Year: Rocky Mountain Wakesurfing Association**



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## 2016 ANNUAL CWSA WAKESURFING AWARDS

- **Legend: Rick Lee (USA)**
- **Wake Surfing Person of the Year: Scott Culp (USA)**
- **Male Wake Surfer of the Year: Keenan Flegel (USA)**
- **Female Wake Surfer of the Year: Jodi Grassman (USA)**
- **Male Breakout Wake Surfer of the Year: Jake Caster (USA)**
- **Female Breakout Wake Surfer of the Year: Jennifer Edwards (GBR)**
- **Trick of the Year Male: Keenan Flegel (USA) - Switch 540 Big Spin**
- **Trick of the Year Female: Jodi Grassman (USA) - 540 Big Spin**
- **Event of the Year: Nautique USA National**
- **Event Organizer of the Year: Alena Pischulina (RUS) – European Wakesurf Tour**



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## 2015 ANNUAL CWSA WAKESURFING AWARDS

- **Wake Surfing Person of the Year: Caroline Villeneuve (CAN)**
- **Male Wake Surfer of the Year: Drew Danielo (USA)**
- **Female Wake Surfer of the Year: Jodi Grassman (USA)**
- **Male Breakout Wake Surfer of the Year: Mike LaMacchia (USA)**
- **Female Breakout Wake Surfer of the Year: Hailey Cox-Smith (USA)**
- **Trick of the Year: Grant Witherell (USA) - 720 Big Spin**
- **Event of the Year: Russian Open Wake Surfing Championship**
- **Event Organizer of the Year: Alena Pishchulina (RUS) – European Wakesurf Tour**