



## Men's Irish Tournament Waterski Records and Record Holders

As the sport has developed so have skis, binders, ropes, boats, ramp surfaces etc. To keep abreast of these developments and the increase in skiers' skills, there have over the years been a number of rule and technical changes. (This should be borne in mind when comparing early records with later ones.)

Hand timing, requiring someone to hang over the side of the boat with a stopwatch, timing boat buoys as they pass them, is gladly no more. The advancement in smart boat technology has been a major development. The boat's 'brain' linked with GPS navigation now controls the speed of the boat and re-acts to the pull of the skier and ensures that boat speeds are accurately achieved and maintained.

**Slalom** - Originally a clear pass scored 8 points (6 buoys & 2 gates); junior men's start speed 22mph (38kph), senior 26mph (43kph); boat speeds increased by 2mph up to 38mph; rope length was the full length of 75ft (23mts); (The men's world record in 1963 had not exceeded the 38mph pass, so no rope shortenings yet.) Over the years, as the sport progressed and skiers standards increased, technical changes were made:- a full pass scored 6 points; the starting rope length was shortened from 23m to 18.25m; rope shortenings were introduced; start and base speeds were changed; boat speeds increased from 2mph to 3kph; boat speed was restricted to 58kph (36mph); pre-gate 55m buoys were introduced.

**Tricks** - 'Ride-out bonuses', 'Form bonuses' and 'Ski overhead bonuses' could all be originally awarded and added to the trick points. Over the years the points value of some tricks have changed and additional tricks have been added i.e. 1968/69 rule changes awarded 250 points for a toe hold side slide held for 2 secs, but 150 points if held for 1.5 to 1.9secs.

**Jump** - The original jump height was set at 5ft 10ins. A standard height of 6ft was adopted. In later years a 5ft 6in (1.65m) ramp height and 5ft (1.5m) were introduced. Originally to score a jump the skier had to ski over the jump and continue to ski to a 100m ride-out buoy without falling. In the early years up to 10% 'form' points were awarded.

The early days of jump measurement was by visually aligning the splash on landing against a floating plank with markers every foot. This was improved using trigonometry when jump stations (3) with large protractors and sighting arms, 2 to a table, one above the other, were introduced. The stations were located along a pre-measured baseline facing the area where the skier would land and the angle where the skier landed was taken from each station. These were then plotted on a master board. The point of landing was where the 3 angles intersected allowing a jump distance to be worked out. This has been greatly advanced by 'SplashEye', using cameras linked to a computer program. 'SplashEye', was developed by Donal Connolly (Golden Falls WSC) and is used and accepted worldwide.

**'Native' records**, as set by Irish qualified skiers at homologated competitions held in Ireland are recorded in black.

**'Overseas' records** as set by IWWF skiers at homologated competitions outside of Ireland are recorded in blue.

All Current records (both Native and Overseas) are recorded in RED.

## Men's Open Waterski Records

Key to clubs:

Ballscadden (B) Cork (C) Golden Falls (GF) Killaloe (K) Lough Aghery (LA) Meteor (M)

Mid-Ulster (MU) Muckno (MK) Omagh/Baronscourt (O) O'Brien's Bridge (OB) Sligo (S)

Year	Slalom	Tricks	Jump
1959	26 Buoys Gerry Doyle (K)	140 Roger Johnson (B)	52ft John Poynton (B)
1960	44 Buoys Roger Johnson (B)	435 Roger Johnson (B)	76ft Roger Johnson (M)
1961	21½ (5½ @32mph) Roger Johnson (B)	545 Roger Johnson (B) 630 John Poynton (B) at Scottish Open	76ft John Glover (M)
1962	27½ buoys John McDowell (M) at Cold Water Champs, Amsterdam	850 Noel Hogg (M) 1640 Alan Murray (S)	91ft @6ft Tony McCleery (M)
1963			92½ft @6ft David Johnson (GF) 109ft@6ft Tony McCleery (M) at Ruislip, England 111½ft@6ft Tony McCleery (M)
1964	14½ Buoys Alan Murray (S)	2000 Alan Murray (S)	112¼ft @6ft Alan Murray (S)
1965			
1966	15 Buoys John McDowell (M)	2556 Alan Murray (S)	
1967	27 Buoys Alan Dagg (GF)		118ft @6ft Alan Dagg (GF)
1968	33½ (3½@36mph16m) Alan Murray (S)	2744 Alan Murray (S)	119¼ft @6ft Alan Dagg (GF) 124¾ft @6ft Alan Murray (S)
1969	36 Buoys Alan Dagg (GF)		
1970			128ft @6ft Alan Dagg (GF)
1971	? Buoys Alan Dagg (GF)	2692 Alan Dagg (GF)	133ft 10ins @6ft Alan Dagg (GF)
1972		2770 Alan Dagg (GF)	134ft @6ft Alan Dagg (GF)
1973	25 Buoys Alan Dagg (GF)	"	134¾ft (41.1m) @6ft Alan Dagg (GF)

1974	31 Buoys Alan Dagg (GF)	“	
1975		“	
1976		“	
1977	46 Buoys Alan Dagg (GF)	2970 Alan Dagg (GF)	
1978		“	
1979	2½@14.25m/58kph Robin Gordon (O)	“	
1980	3@14.25m/58 Robin Gordon (O) & Alan Dagg (GF)	3180 Robin Gordon(O)	36m@1.65m (5ft 6ins) Alan Dagg (GF)
1981	1@13m/58 Robin Gordon (O)	“	36.2m @1.65m Gavin Wright (LA)
1982	“	“	38.6m @1.65m Carl Cautley (GF)
1983	“	“	“
1984	“	“	“
1985	“	“	38.7m@1.65 Cormac Fitzpatrick (M) 40.5m @1.65m Chris McBrinn (M)
1986	“	“	40.7m@1.65 Cormac Fitzpatrick (M) 35.3m @1.5m(5ft) Barry C Galvin (C) at Irish Nationals, Baronscourt 41.1m @1.65m Damien Murphy (MK) at McCormick's, Florida, USA
1987	“	3250 Barry C Galvin (C)	41.9m @1.65m Chris McBrinn (M) 42.8m @1.65m Barry C Galvin (C) 43.5m @1.65m Barry C Galvin (C)
1988	“	3290 Barry C Galvin (C)	46.0m @1.65m Barry C Galvin (C) 48.5m @1.65m Barry C Galvin (C) 52.3m @1.65m Barry C Galvin (C) at Jump Classic, Golden Falls
1989	2@13m/58 Barry C Galvin (C)	“	“
1990	4@13m/58 Barry C Galvin (C) 5@13m/58 Barry C Galvin (C)	3430 Barry C Galvin (C) 3570 Barry C Galvin (C) 3700 Barry C Galvin (C)	“
1991	1¼@12m/58 Barry C Galvin (C)	“	“
1992	2½@12m/58 Barry C Galvin (C)	“	“
1993	3@12m/58 Barry C Galvin (C)	“	“
1994	3½@12m/58 Barry C Galvin (C)	“	“
1995   1999	“	“	“

2000	4@12m/58 Rodney Watson (LA) 5@12m/58 Rodney Watson (LA)	“	“
2001	1@11,25m/58 Rodney Watson (LA)	“	“
2002	1½ @11,25m/58 Rodney Watson (LA)	“	“
2003	2@11,25m/58 Rodney Watson (LA)	“	“
2004	“	“	“
2005	2½ @11,25m/58 Rodney Watson (LA)	“	“ <a href="#">31.8m@1.5m (5ft) Jake Bridges</a> at E&A Championships, Ukraine
2006	<b>3@11.25m/58 Rodney Watson (LA)</b> at Golden Falls	“	“
2007	“ <a href="#">3@11.25m/58 Rodney Watson (LA)</a> at World Champs, Austria	“	“ <a href="#">53.2m @1.65m Barry C Galvin (C)</a> at McCormick’s, Florida, USA
2008	“	“	“
2009	“	5250 Barry T Galvin (C)	“ <a href="#">56.0m@1.65m Jake Bridges</a> at E&A Championships, Norway
2010	“	“	“
2011	“	“ <a href="#">4270 Barry T Galvin (C)</a> at U14 E&A Champs, Ukraine	“
2012	“ <a href="#">4@11.25/58 Jake Bridges</a> at Beareix, France	“	“
2013	“	“	“ <a href="#">62.6m@ 1.65m Jake Bridges</a> at Hazlewood’s, England
2014	“ <a href="#">2@ 10.75/58 Jake Bridges</a> at Tri-Lakes, L.A, USA	“	“
2015	“	“	“
2016	“	“ <b>5330 Barry T Galvin (C)</b> at Nationals, Cork	“ <a href="#">53.6m@1.5m(5ft) Jake Bridges</a> at Collegiate Nationals, USA
2017	“	“	“
2018	“	“ <b>5210 Daniel Galvin (C)</b> at U21 E&A Champs, France	“
2019   2023	“	“	“

**NATIVE - Current Men's Open Irish records, as set in Ireland by IrWWF skiers**

SLALOM	TRICKS	JUMP
3@11.25m/58 Rodney Watson (LA) at Golden Falls. 2006	5330 Barry T Galvin (C) at Nationals, Cork. 2016	35.3m @1.5m Barry C Galvin (C) at Irish Nationals, Baronscourt.1986  52.3m @1.65m Barry C Galvin (C) at Jump Classic, Golden Falls. 1988

**OVERSEAS - Current Men's Open Irish records, as set outside of Ireland by IrWWF skiers**

SLALOM	TRICKS	JUMP
2@ 10.75/58 Jake Bridges at Tri-Lakes, L.A, USA. 2014	5210 Daniel Galvin (C) at U21 E&A Champs, France. 2018	53.6m@1.5m Jake Bridges at Collegiate Nationals, USA. 2016  62.6m@ 1.65m Jake Bridges at Hazlewood's, England. 2013