



## ONE FOR THE BOOKS

By Jenna Curtis

The 2018 season has been nothing short of groundbreaking. Luca Kidd swept the Malibu Jr. Pro Series and went on to capture the Wakeboard World Title. Crowd favorites Meagan Ethell and Harley Clifford brought home both WWA WBWS and Wakeboard World Titles. Guenther Oka and Julia Rick each claimed back-to-back wins at Wake Park Worlds in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. Tom Fooshee celebrated 10 years on the WWA WPWS. Adaptive athletes began stomping tricks we could have never predicted. The USA Wakesurf National Championships elevated the sport to a new level of competition. Countless amateurs won local, National, and World Titles, and the WWA is officially celebrating 30 years on the scene!

Needless to say, it's been a season of many successes and milestones.

This season was especially huge for women's wakeboarding. Julia Rick was the first woman to land a toe back 1080. Eugenia DeArmas's boat double backroll went viral. Equal podium prize money for Pro Women debuted at this year's WWA Wake Park World Championships and USA Wakesurf National Championships, and young riders like Zahra Kell were seen atop many Pro podiums.

2018 was also the year of the amateur. With Malibu Rider Experience events touring the country and more grassroots, collegiate, and wakesurf contests than ever, there have been countless opportunities to get on the water and join the party this year.

The performances at each contest were better than the last, and we continue to see wake grow in size and skill. From Melbourne, Australia, to Acworth, Georgia, and Tomar, Portugal to Miyoshi City, Japan, wake sports have truly been global this season, embracing adventure-enthusiasts from every corner of the earth.

As we enter the WWA's 30th season, there is much to celebrate and even more to anticipate. Nautique has announced it's 2019 Surf Series and Pro riders are already looking towards the 60th Nautique Masters. With the offseason upon us, we encourage all to reflect on all the growth and accomplishment seen by each and every rider this year. We can't wait to see #WhereWakeTakesYou in the 2019 season! 🌍