

National water ski race to be held at Weston

Around 30 of the country's top water skiers will be competing in Weston on Sunday, July 25. They will be in the resort to take part in round five of the National Water Ski Racing Championships.

Two races will take place in Weston Bay, the first starting from Knightstone at 11.30am and lasting about 50 minutes. The second race will be raced over 35 minutes. If water conditions are right, speeds in excess of 105 miles per hour will be achieved.

The event is being organised by Weston Bay Watersports Club in conjunction with North Somerset Council, Volvo Truck and Bus, The Pavilion Bar and the British Water Ski.

Competitors from all over the UK and Ireland will be battling it out and it is hoped that several teams from Europe will also be in attendance.

This event will also be the final Great Britain team selection race for the European Championships to be held in Austria during August.

Many of the high-powered boats will be on display at the Beach Lawns opposite the Tourist Information Centre the day before the races from 11.30am. A boat parade will take place at 4.30pm from the Beach Lawns along the seafront to Knightstone Causeway.

On the day of the races, Knightstone Slipway will be closed to all other users from 6am to 3pm.