



Skiers thrill crowds

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WATER skiers from across the globe came to Weston at the weekend for the annual European Cup water ski races.

The event, organised by Weston Bay Watersports Club with North Somerset Council, is the forerunner to the world championships at Hunstanton, Norfolk, in June.

Participants came from South Africa, America, Austria, Belgium, Italy, Germany and Spain.

The British team included two representatives of the Weston Bay Club, Cally Harvey who came second in the GB team in Formula One ladies and Clare Kirk in Formula Two ladies.

Organisers had originally hoped to stage races over two days, but the conditions were too rough on Saturday, so races were confined to Sunday only.

Spectators still got to see the boats speeding through Weston Bay on the Sunday though, as the event attracted large crowds.

Trophies were later presented to the winners by the North Somerset Council chairman Bob Cook.

The overall winner was the Italian Formula 1 skier Carlo Casson.

Results

Formula 1: 1 Carlo Casson, Italy; 2 Jamie Crabthorn, UK; 3 Chris Gaverau, Belgium.

Ladies: 1 Natalie Scott, Hunstanton; 2 Cally Harvey, Weston; 3 Claire Kirk, Weston.

Formula 2: 1 Tommy Klarenbeek, Netherlands; 2 Chris Cole, Hunstanton; 3 Richard Cooke, Weston.



THRILLS AND SPILLS: Boats and water skiers in tow made an impressive spectacle off Weston seafront on Sunday, but it was not all plain sailing for all who took part. Below, Cye Hayes, from Weston, is towed ashore by Rob Strick after his newly fitted engine broke down in the bay.

