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Venue

Ontario Place West Channel

Venue acronym

OPW

Landmark status

The Ontario Place West Channel is part of CIBC Pan Am Park, which is composed of the facilities at Exhibition Place (site of the annual Canadian National Exhibition; includes the homes of the American Hockey League's Toronto Marlies and Major League Soccer's Toronto FC, plus various buildings for expos, banquets, etc.). The Ontario Place West Channel is located along a man-made channel across Lake

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Shore Boulevard and named for nearby Ontario Place (a multi-use site that formerly included a theme park and is now under redevelopment).

Other events at venue

Athletics, road cycling (Pan Am and Parapan Am), open water swimming, triathlon

Transit options

CIBC Pan Am Park is served by a number of buses and streetcars:

- 509 Harbourfront streetcar from Union Station (subway Line 1)
- 511 Bathurst streetcar from Bathurst Station (Line 2)
- 29 Dufferin bus from Dufferin (Line 2) and Wilson (Line 1) stations
- 193 Exhibition Rocket temporary

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ary express bus from Dundas West Station (Line 2)

You can also take the GO Train to the Exhibition stop on the Lakeshore West line. If you must drive, you might find yourself frustrated by road and parking lot closures and Pan Am-related traffic.

For exact directions, try:

Triplinx.ca

[TTC trip planner](#)

Schedule

July 20-21 Men's and women's water ski slalom, tricks and jumps preliminary rounds

July 21 Men's wakeboard semi-finals

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July 22 Men's and women's water ski overall finals and men's wakeboard final

July 23 Men's and women's water ski slalom, tricks and jump finals

[See the full competition schedule at the Pan Am website](#)

How it works

Water skiing is basically regular skiing, but on water and powered by a boat instead of downhills/gravity. And they only use one ski, so maybe it's more like snowboarding. And the water skiing events at the Pan Am Games match up pretty well with the type of skiing and snowboarding you're used to seeing at the Olympics: slalom (skiers weave through a series of buoys), tricks

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(skiers perform 12 to 18 — you guessed it — tricks, like the water version of freestyle skiing) and jump (skiers jump off a ramp in the water and glide in the air), plus an overall medal. In wakeboarding, athletes use a shorter board to perform tricks.

The slalom course consists of six buoys; the objective is to weave through as many buoys as possible, with the length of the rope changing — ramping up the difficulty — with each pass. Athletes in water skiing's trick competition and in wakeboarding are awarded points based on the flips, twists, etc. that they perform, while the winner of the jump competition is determined on distance alone.

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Men and women compete in water skiing, while only men compete in wakeboarding.

Nations competing

Women

Argentina, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, United States

Men

Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, United States, Venezuela

Canada's team

Water ski, women

Whitney McClintock, Cambridge, Ont.

Water ski, men

Water ski: Ryan Dodd, Olds, Alta.; Jaret Llewellyn, Innisfail, Alta.; Jason McClintock, Cam-

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bridge, Ont.

Wakeboard

Rusty Malinoski, Humboldt,
Sask.

Tournament format

In water skiing there are preliminary rounds for slalom, tricks and jump followed by a final for slalom, tricks, jump and overall. The wakeboard competition consists of semifinals and a final.

Results from 2011 Pan Ams

Men

Tricks 1. Javier Julio, Argentina;
2. Jason McClintock, Canada; 3.
Felipe Miranda, Chile

Slalom 1. Jonathan Travers, U.S.;
2. McClintock; 3. Carlos Lama-
drid, Mexico

Jump 1. Fredrick Krueger IV,

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U.S.; 2. Rodrigo Miranda, Chile;
3. F. Miranda

Overall 1. Julio; 2. F. Miranda; 3.
R. Miranda

Wakeboard: 1. Andrew Adkison,
U.S.; 2. Marcelo Giardi, Brazil; 3.
Alejo de Palma, Argentina

Women

Tricks 1. Whitney McClintock,
Canada; 2. Maria Linares, Colom-
bia; 3. Regina Jaquess, U.S.

Slalom 1. Jaquess; 2. McClintock;
3. Karen Stevens, Canada

Jump 1. Jaquess; 2. McClintock; 3.
Stevens

Overall 1. Jaquess; 2. McClintock;
3. Stevens

Why it's worth watching

Water skiing and wakeboarding

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are not Olympic sports, so your chances to see them performed at an elite level are more limited than for most other Pan Am sports. You're not going to find tricks like this on any old lake in cottage country.

Competition outlook

Canada and the U.S. are expected to be the two main competitors here. As far as individuals are concerned, keep an eye on two sets of siblings: Whitney and Jason McClintock have nine Pan Am medals between them and Whitney is a five-time world champion, and Chile's Miranda brothers (Felipe and Rodrigo) are among the best in South America.