

## **PAT BLOODWORTH – Driver 2024**

Pat has been a Senior Driver since 1994. He is a much sought after driver at State, Regional , National and Pro Tournaments.

Melanie Hanson at USA Water Ski referred to his record as a driver at the Nationals in 2001, Assist Chief Driver at the Nationals in 2003, Chief Driver at the Nationals in 2004 and again as a Driver in 2005. In 2003 as Assistant Chief Driver, Pat won the coveted Fred Wiley Award , given to the outstanding Driver at the AWSA Nationals.

Will Bush has worked with Pat at the Nationals and commented that " Pat is a great driver with a great attitude on and off the water. "Pat is always willing to help and is a doer at the tournaments".

Pat is a protege of Tommy Harrington, a NC Hall of Fame driver and both have worked together many times driving tournaments. Recently Pat has Driven at the The Big Dawg tournament, The Queens Cup and the Malibu Open.

Regina Jaquess. when asked "what do you think of Pat as a driver"? Her response was "awesome", saying he is calm, collect, always doing his best for the skier, that he is an awesome nominee and well deserved. Pat first pulled her when she ran a slalom PB when skiing Girls 1. She also stated that in the 2017 Malibu Open she chose Pat as her driver in the head to head as she went on the win first place in the Malibu Open .

Jeff Rogers, World Champion, Big Dawg Champion and first man to run into 43 off said " I get excited when I see Pat behind the wheel because I know I am going to get a good pull".

It is nice to know that a lot of N.C. Water skiers have something in common with the above mentioned folks thanks to Pat Bloodworth and his driving skills.

Nominated by Skip Watson