

# Walter Fulp

## Nomination for the North Carolina Water Ski Hall of Fame 2018

### Official Qualifications:

- Assistant Judge Rating - 1979
- Senior Judge Rating - 1990 (current)
- Pan Am Judge Rating - 1992 (current) - one of only two 3-event Pan Am Judges in NC
- Appointed positions:
  - US Nationals Assistant Chief Judge – 1993
  - Southern Regionals - 1987, 1992, 1993, 2006
  - Bud Water Ski Tour - High Point, NC - 1995, 1996
  - Big Dawg Tournaments - Little Mountain, NC
  - Collegiate Eastern Regionals - 2015, 2016, 2017
  - Collegiate All-Stars – 2013
- \* these are only the ones directly verified. Records only go back so far
- Chief Judge/Appointed Judge countless times for Pro-Am, Record and Traditional events throughout NC, the Southern Region and the nation
- Highly sought-after Out-Of-Region Judge (while required)
- Judges Clinic Instructor
- A student of the rulebook, always an advocate for adherence to those standards safeguarding the integrity of our sport
- A mentor to many aspiring Judges and an advisor when rules are called into question

These are notable particularly due to his true dedication to water skiing over these last **fifty years**. He has remained involved in officiating as a three-event judge even when injury prevented him from competing as a skier. He has never wavered in his support of the sport. He exemplifies what is good in competitive water skiing: dedication to sportsmanship, discipline, safety and comradery. Doing things right are of utmost importance to him. He has shown that quality of excellence on multiple levels.

Walter's contributions to water skiing in North Carolina are not limited to officiating however. Walter was instrumental in helping secure the current Clear Lake site,

one of only a few three-event sites in the state. He has hosted local lake days for Scout and youth groups; teaching youngsters how to ski each year. He has worked to help others achieve their water ski goals by driving the boat, by coaching or by any other method he could think of. He organized Nautique Swervin' Days at Clear Lake last year as well. Over his many years of involvement, he has been a promo boat owner for Ski Supreme, Mastercraft and most recently, Ski Nautique always ensuring his boats were available and in good working order for the tournament schedule in NC. Further, he served as NC Regional Councilman multiple years.

It would be remiss not to mention his determination as a competitor. He has placed in the "top 3" in slalom at the Southern Regionals the last three years and with few exceptions, has been a Nationals qualified skier for the last 30 years. He qualified for and skied in the 2016 - 35+ Worlds in Sesena, Spain, placing 6<sup>th</sup>. It is important to note that he is also the current NC Men7 Slalom Record holder with 2 buoys@38 off.

Walter Fulp has worked to support and grow our sport in NC in just about every way possible. Because of the breadth of his work in so many aspects of the sport, he is much deserving of this honor for the Hall of Fame.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cathy