



## **BULLETIN #1**

*Shortline Lakes*

*11-15 September, 2012*

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Cory & Rose Pickos and the Pickos Ski Club are pleased to invite you to the 2012 Pan American Championships. The 2000 Pan American Championships were held at Shortline Lakes and we are looking forward to hosting another successful Pan American event.

The tournament will be held at world famous Shortline Lakes in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida near the Emerald Coast with its magnificent white sugar sand beaches. We hope you plan to visit for a few days before and after the tournament. The area is a vacation paradise with lots of things to do beyond the best water skiing in the world.

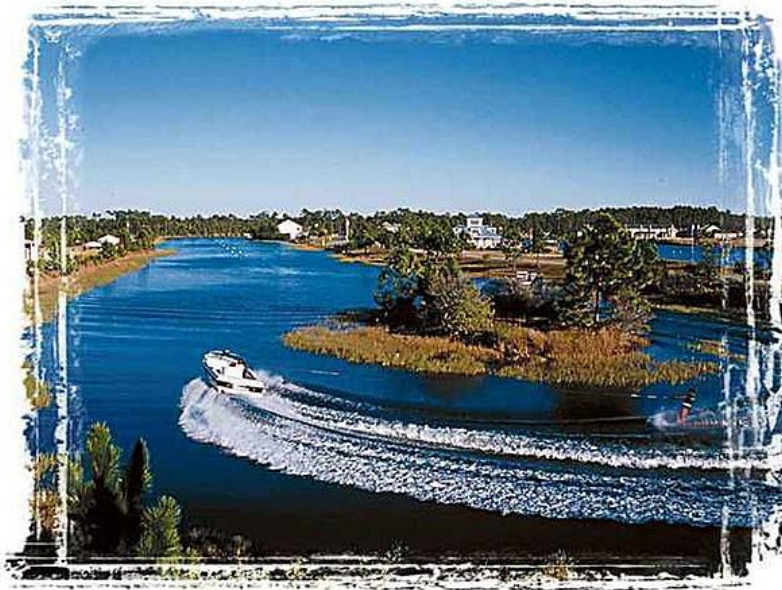
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*Lake Alexis (Lake 2), Slalom Event*

**SITE**

Located just several miles east of Destin in Santa Rosa Beach, Shortline Lakes is a water ski paradise. The lakes were designed to optimize ski performances in all three events, including gently sloping white sugar sand shorelines that make backwash nearly impossible. Cory Pickos has operated his ski school on this site for the past two decades. A water ski legend with 24 World Records, 10 US Masters titles, and a couple of World Championships to his credit, Cory and his staff of talented coaches have taken competition skiing to the next level. Many of the Pickos Ski Resort students have gone on to claim World titles in all three events. Numerous Pan American athletes have trained at Shortline Lakes, including students from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Trinidad, and the USA.

- The site has been host to 15 World Records in all three events, including Overall. This is more world records than any other site on the planet.
- The site has hosted many past USA Team Trials, Jr US Opens, US Opens, Southern Regionals, AWSA Nationals and the 2000 Pan American Championships.
- The lakes were custom built and are as close to perfection as you can get for all three events.
- Located one half mile from the Gulf of Mexico and world renown white sugar sand beaches (some say they are the best beaches in the World).
- The lakes are World Record capable with the latest technical equipment installed.
- Resort area with many activities, including deep sea fishing, snorkeling, dolphin watching, golf, etc. [www.beachesofsouthwalton.com](http://www.beachesofsouthwalton.com) and [www.30a.com](http://www.30a.com) .
- Sandestin, Baytowne Wharf and Destin Harbor Walk offer many nearby restaurants and night clubs.
- Red Bar and Louis Louis restaurants nearby (owned/operated by famous Belgian Executive Chef Olie Petit) along with many beachfront restaurants.

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Slalom is scheduled to be held on Lake Alexis (Middle Lake- Lake 2) while Trick and Jump will be held on Lake Adam (South Lake- Lake 1).

The jump was professionally designed and constructed with a frame of steel and a fiberglass surface. There have been many personal bests off this ramp, including the current USA Elite Women National Jump record. Elite Men have gone in excess of 235' at Shortline Lakes. This is the site of the first person to jump 220' (Sammy Duvall World Record 1993).

**ENTRY FEE**

The entry fee is **\$220** per athlete. The entry fee includes lunch each day of competition, one ticket for the athlete reception and one ticket for the awards banquet.

The Entry Fee must be paid by the deadline date of **June 30, 2012**.

**PAYMENTS**

Entry Fees: Payment information will be provided in a later bulletin.

Practice and event tickets will be available for purchase. Information will be provided in a later bulletin.

**ACCOMODATIONS**

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved for the tournament. Both host hotels are within 3.5 miles of the tournament site. They are located on Hwy 98 in Sandestin and adjacent to Grand Boulevard with shopping and restaurants within walking distance. Free hotel shuttle service is available to nearby shops and restaurants in Baytowne Wharf and to the gulf front beaches at Sandestin.

Each team/athlete is responsible for making its/his own reservation. ***Please remember this is a resort area and reservations tend to fill up early.***

Free hi-speed internet and parking are available at both hotels.

***IMPORTANT: The group code to receive the discounted hotel rate is SKIS. You MUST call either hotel directly using the phone numbers below. Please do not reserve online or you will not be able to secure the discount.***

DISCOUNT CUT OFF DATE: **August 9, 2012**

Please make reservations early as possible to assure you receive this significantly discounted rate.

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ROOM RATE **\$134 plus tax** GROUP CODE: **SKIS**

Marriott Courtyard Sandestin at Grand Boulevard, 100 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach, Florida  
Reservations: 866-316-8120

Courtyard has rooms with one king or 2 queen beds and a Café where breakfast may be ordered. Breakfast is not included in the rate.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/vpscy-courtyard-sandestin-at-grand-boulevard/>



ROOM RATE **\$144 plus tax** GROUP CODE: **SKIS**

Marriott Residence Inn Sandestin at Grand Boulevard, 300 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach, Florida

Reservations: 866-326-7637

Residence Inn has suites with one king bed and sofa sleeper, full kitchen, and breakfast buffet included.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/vpsri-residence-inn-sandestin-at-grand-boulevard/>

**ACCOMODATIONS FOR OFFICIALS AND DIGNITARIES**

Rooms will be reserved at the host hotels for officials and dignitaries. Please confirm your intent to attend and your dates of arrival/departure as soon as you are confirmed to officiate or attend the event. Please send your officials/dignitary reservations request to [info@corypickos.com](mailto:info@corypickos.com). Officials' rooms will be double occupancy (two officials per room) as customary. If other arrangements are desired, please contact Rose Pickos.

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**FOOD**

Breakfast is provided by the Residence Inn. Marriott Courtyard has breakfast available, but the cost is not included in the room rate.

Lunch will be provided during the days of competition on site (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday).

Dinner is available at many excellent restaurants nearby, including Louis-Louis which is within ½ mile of the site. Louis-Louis is located on the North side of Hwy. 98 at Sugar Drive.

(<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Louis-Louis/350117605920>)

**AWARDS**

Individual awards will be presented on a daily basis, usually after each event concludes. Team Awards will be presented during the closing ceremonies on Saturday afternoon, September 15.

**OPENING CEREMONY (Tuesday, September 11, 4:30PM)**

The Opening Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11 at 4:30PM. The site of the Opening Ceremony is to be determined and that information will be provided in a later bulletin. To support the opening ceremony, awards ceremony, and display of flags from competing countries, ***each team is requested to provide two standard 3'x 5' flags*** for its country. The flags will be returned at the end of the event. If possible, please submit flags prior to the tournament to Jim Jaquess, 46 Corte Bambu, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459.

**OFFICIALS RECEPTION (Tuesday, September 11, 6:30PM)**

An officials' reception is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11 at 6:30PM shortly after the Opening Ceremony. The officials' reception location will be announced at a later date.

**ATHLETE RECEPTION (Thursday, September 13, 7:00PM)**

The athletes' reception will be held on Thursday, September 13 after the conclusion of the day's competition. All athletes, officials and dignitaries are invited. Additional guests may attend at a minimal cost of \$20 per person. Tickets will be available on site prior to the reception.

The reception will be held poolside in Sandestin directly on the Gulf beaches. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Sponsors for this event are Mike and Kerry Morgan.

**CLOSING CEREMONIES (Saturday, September 15, After Conclusion of the Last Event, Approximately 4:00PM)**

Closing ceremonies will be held on site.

**AWARDS BANQUET (Saturday, September 15, 7:00PM)**

The awards banquet will be held on Saturday, September 15 starting at 7:00PM. The banquet will include dinner and a DJ. The location of the event will be announced at a later date. Each team member (athlete, assigned coach, team manager), official, and dignitary shall receive one banquet ticket. Additional tickets may be purchased on site for \$60 each.

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**TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**

**Airports**

<http://www.destination.com/airports.htm>

Use the above link for detailed information regarding each of the Destin area airports.

**Panama City (Northwest Florida Beaches) (ECP)**

<http://iflybeaches.com/>

The Northwest Florida Beaches (Panama City) airport is approximately 40 miles from Shortline Lakes. Travel time to Shortline Lakes is around 45 minutes.

Please note that Southwest Airlines flies into the new Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport (Panama City, FL). The airport is also served by Delta Airlines.

**Ft. Walton Beach (VPS)**

<http://flyvps.com/>

The Ft. Walton Beach airport is approximately 30 miles from Shortline Lakes and the Sandestin area hotels. Travel time is approximately 45 minutes.

**Pensacola (PNS)**

[www.flypensacola.com/](http://www.flypensacola.com/)

The Pensacola airport is about 70 miles from Shortline Lakes with travel time somewhere between one hour and 1 ½ hours depending on traffic.

**RENTAL CARS**

All major rental car companies are available at the three major commercial airports.

There will be no transportation scheduled between the airports/hotels/tournament site. While taxi and limousine service is available, it is recommended that teams secure rental vehicles during the event.



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**GENERAL INFORMATION (RESTAURANTS, NIGHTLIFE, FISHING, TOURISM, SHOPPING, ETC)**

The area around Santa Rosa Beach is teeming with action of all sorts, including outstanding restaurants, deep water fishing, snorkeling, diving, etc. The area is known as South Walton (actually South Walton County).

Check the link below for more information:

<http://www.destin-ation.com/seaside.htm>

Shopping Information:

The host hotels work closely with Silver Sands Designer /Factory Stores (located a mile and a half from the hotels) as well as the Shops At Grand Boulevard (located within the same vicinity/block as the hotels), For more information please visit their websites at: [www.silverandsoutlet.com](http://www.silverandsoutlet.com) and [www.grandboulevard.com](http://www.grandboulevard.com) .

**OFFICIAL TOWBOAT**

The official towboat for the Pan American Championships will be identified in a later Bulletin.

**VISA REQUIREMENTS**

Please check with your embassy or consulate to verify requirements.

## Cory Pickos World Ski Resort

### World Records

Tory Baggiano	Tricks	11,030	1990
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Sammy Duvall	Jump	64.9 (213')	1993
Sammy Duvall	Jump	67.1 (220')	1993
Susi Graham	Slalom	2.25@10.75	1994
Kristi Overton	Slalom	4.00@10.75	1996
Mandy Nightingale	Tricks	8,740	2006
Regina Jaquess	Slalom	1@10.25	2009
Regina Jaquess	Overall	2895.45	2009
Regina Jaquess	Overall	2934.36	2009
Regina Jaquess	Overall	2945.85	2010
Regina Jaquess	Slalom	1.25@10.25	2010
Regina Jaquess	Slalom	1.50@10.25	2010
Clementine Lucine	Tricks	10,040	2011
Regina Jaquess	Slalom	2@10.25	2011

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**SITE FAMILIARIZATION**

Site familiarization will be available for all teams at the rate of \$250 per hour (includes 55 minutes on the water and 5 minutes for refueling)

To secure a reservation, all fees must be paid in advance.

Familiarization may be reserved for either lake (Lake Adam Slalom/Trick/Jump and Lake Alexis Slalom/Trick). *Note that during the tournament all Slalom will be on Lake Alexis and all Trick/Jump will be on Lake Adam.*

***Reservations may be made on an hourly basis for Saturday, September 8 through Monday, September 10 from 7:00AM until 6:00PM.***

***Reservations may be made for Tuesday, September 11 from 7:00AM until 3:00PM.***

In fairness to all teams, site familiarization will be available and distributed equally to all countries in accordance with the following policy.

Initially, each country will have 60 minutes available to them on each lake Saturday, Sunday and Monday and 30 minutes available to them on Tuesday on each lake. ***After June 30th, 2012***, if a team has not registered for its allotted time the remaining time periods will be reserved to anyone who desires to book more time.

***NOTE: Each team MUST register for its respective familiarization time or their time may be awarded to another team after the deadline. Please make your intentions known as early as possible.***

For familiarization scheduling and reservation questions:

Contact Jeff Surdej [j\\_surdej@yahoo.com](mailto:j_surdej@yahoo.com)  
815-482-5666.



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**PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE**

***The final schedule will be provided in a later Bulletin after officials have been identified and the Pan American TC concurs with the proposed schedule.***

The following provisional schedule has been proposed:

<u>Wednesday</u>		<u>Thursday</u>		<u>Friday</u>		<u>Saturday</u>	
<u>Lake 1</u>	<u>Lake 2</u>	<u>Lake 1</u>	<u>Lake 2</u>	<u>Lake 1</u>	<u>Lake 2</u>	<u>Lake 1</u>	<u>Lake 2</u>
	<b>Slalom Prelim</b>		<b>Slalom Final</b>		<b>Slalom Prelim</b>		<b>Slalom Final</b>
	U13		U13		U17		U17
<b>Trick Prelim</b>	Veteran 1		Veteran 1	<b>Trick Prelim</b>	U21		U21
U13	Veteran 2		Veteran 2	U21	Elite		Elite
Veteran 1				Elite		<b>Trick Final</b>	
Veteran 2		<b>Trick Final</b>				U17	
		U13		<b>Jump Prelim</b>		U21	
<b>Jump Prelim</b>		Veteran 1		U17		Elite	
Veteran 1		Veteran 2		U21			
Veteran 2				Elite		<b>Jump Final</b>	
U13		<b>Jump Final</b>				U17	
		U13				U21	
		Veteran 1				Elite	
		Veteran 2					
		<b>Trick Prelim</b>					
		U17					

***NOTE: This schedule is tentative and is subject to change at the discretion of the Pan American TC and Chief Judge***

**INTENT TO COMPETE FORM**

Please find the intent to enter and compete form attached to this bulletin. Complete the form, scan and send to Jim Jaquess at [jjaquess@bellsouth.net](mailto:jjaquess@bellsouth.net).

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**INTENT TO COMPETE FORM**

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Team Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Team Coach \_\_\_\_\_

Team Contact Information:

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Street Address</b>	
<b>City</b>	
<b>State</b>	
<b>Country</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	

Estimated Number of Athletes per Team Classification:

<b><u>Team</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated # of Athletes</u></b>
<b>Under 13</b>	
<b>Under 17</b>	
<b>Under 21</b>	
<b>Veteran 1</b>	
<b>Veteran 2</b>	
<b>Elite</b>	

Will your team make reservations at the host hotels? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Estimated Arrival Date(s) for Each Team:**

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**Estimated Departure Date(s) for Each Team:**

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*Return this completed intent to compete form to: Jim Jaquess*

[jjaquess@bellsouth.net](mailto:jjaquess@bellsouth.net) or 46 Corte Bambu, Santa Rosa Beach, Florida 32459