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**“Ski with the Legends” Event Debuts at the Tommy Bartlett Show August 29 & 30;  
Open to all Water-skiers who want to learn from the Experts**

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. (August 10, 2015) – Water-skiers of all ages and skill level will get a chance to ***Ski with the Legends*** at a special fundraising event being hosted at the Tommy Bartlett Show site August 29 and 30 in Wisconsin Dells, Wis. The *Ski with the Legends* program is a production of the USA Water Ski Foundation and is expanding this year to include the Tommy Bartlett Show as its Midwest host site.

“We are very excited to have the world-renowned Tommy Bartlett Show site involved in our program, with its rich history of more than 60 years of spectacular show skiing and contribution to the sport of waterskiing,” said Tracy Mattes, executive director of USA Water Ski Foundation.

*Ski with the Legends* is a fundraising event that allows everyday water-skiers to get on the water to learn skills from some of the best in the sport throughout the decades. Skiers with local amateur clubs are encouraged to sign up, but any skier interested in learning from the experts can register. Proceeds from the event help support the 2016 USA Water Ski Show Team.

Participants must register in advance and can choose to be coached in Show Skiing, Barefooting and the traditional Three-Event Waterskiing, which includes slalom, tricks and jumping. The two-day event includes two sessions of one-on-one instruction time on the water with ski legends, honorary one-year membership in the USA Water Ski Foundation, lunch and dinner on Saturday, August 29, as well as VIP tickets to the 8:30 p.m. Tommy Bartlett Show. The program also includes a chance to ski with the Tommy Bartlett Ski team.

“This is a great way for our skiers and alumni to give back to the sport and help bring up new talent into the world of waterskiing,” said Tom Diehl, owner and general manager of the Tommy Bartlett Show.

Over its 63-year history, the Tommy Bartlett Show has had more than 1,000 water-skiers perform for audiences at its amphitheater on the shores of Lake Delton. Much of the talent is drawn from the numerous amateur ski clubs throughout Wisconsin and the Midwest, but ski show directors recruit from talent all over the world.

Skiers interested in participating in the *Ski with the Legends* event can register online at [usawaterskifoundation.org](http://usawaterskifoundation.org). There are options for non-skiers to also sign up and participate in the event. For more information about registration, please contact the USA Water Ski Foundation at (863) 324-2472 or [usa-wsf@waterskihalloffame.com](mailto:usa-wsf@waterskihalloffame.com).

The Tommy Bartlett Show is one of Wisconsin's most-beloved classic attractions. Generations of families have enjoyed a visit to the Show each summer during their Wisconsin Dells vacations. The Tommy Bartlett Show runs daily, rain or shine, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend (May 22 – September 6, 2015). Shows are at 4:30 and 8:30 p.m. (*8:30 p.m. Show only on May 22 and August 31 – September 4*). General admission tickets (tax not included) are \$21 for adults, \$16.80 for seniors and \$12 for children ages 5 to 11. Children four and younger are free if they sit on an adult's lap. Reserved seating for the 8:30 p.m. Show is available at an additional cost. For more information, please call (608) 254-2525 or visit [tommybartlett.com](http://tommybartlett.com).

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