



Tom Diehl Inducted into Wisconsin Water Ski Hall of Fame

Tom Diehl, co-owner and general manager of the Tommy Bartlett Show, was inducted into the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation's Hall of Fame in 2013. Recognizing his more-than-45 years of contribution to the sport at the time, the WWSF awarded Diehl the honor as a Pioneer member among its inductees for that year during a ceremony in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

"There couldn't be any greater reward in life than going to work every day and having an impact on young people," said Diehl in accepting the award.

By honoring Diehl, the Federation recognized his significant impact on the sport of waterskiing in Wisconsin. Tommy Bartlett, Inc., through Diehl's longtime leadership, has inspired many young people to pursue their waterskiing dreams. Since its origin in 1952, more than 1,000 water skiers have performed in the Tommy Bartlett Show. Diehl credits Wisconsin's great collection of amateur clubs with being the breeding ground for the top-notch talent that went on to ski at the Tommy Bartlett Show, helping the iconic Show shine for more than 60 years.

"A great deal of our success is due to the water-ski clubs in Wisconsin that have provided us with not only top quality skiers over the years, but top quality people over the years," added Diehl.

Diehl began with the Bartlett organization in 1967. He and his wife Margaret became sole owners of the operation in 1998 with the passing of the Show's creator and namesake Tommy Bartlett, who himself was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1993. As well, many other former Tommy Bartlett water-skiers have been awarded the distinction as both Show skiers and competitive skiers.

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 90-minute live show runs daily, rain or shine, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. For more information, please call (608) 254-2525 or visit tommybartlett.com.

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