



## 17<sup>th</sup> Cable Wakeboard European Championships 2015

September 2015, Starwake Park in Ravenna / Italy

The E&A Cable Wakeboard and Wakeskate Championships 2015 are opened. Starwake cable park in Ravenna/Italy hosts the 17th edition of the most prestigious event in European cable wakeboarding. 188 riders from 20 nations will compete until Saturday to crown their champions in 13 different categories. Several top riders made their way to Italy, from current world champion Lior Sofer (ISR) to Germans titleholders Dominik Gührs and Julia Rick or legends like CK Köster (UK).

The Starwake park is a 6 tower System of just 435-meter length with 5 carriers and a massive height of 12 meters. This promises crazy technical tricks and huge airtime. An insane setup of Unit features completes the run, including funbox, rooftop, handrail, straight-pipe, a skate-curb and two XL kickers that will boost the riders into orbit.

During the opening ceremony on Tuesday afternoon the teams were given a big welcome in Italy. Wednesday saw the first competitions, starting with the qualifications from the youngest rippers in the Girls and Boys (under 15), followed by the Masters and Junior Men Wakeskate division. It's amazing to watch the level grow every year. Especially the kids are doing difficult tricks like different 900s or Mobes, you could even not see in the open categories a few years ago. Also great to see is the seated category of handicapped riders doing insane tricks like 540s over the kicker. Today the Junior Men (under 19) will enter the competition. Furthermore the finals in Boys, Girls, Masters and Veterans division are scheduled.

Friday and Saturday may be the most spectacular, as the pro categories Open Men and Open Women will get on the water. The reigning European champion Julia Rick from Germany will try to defend her title, but also the ladies from the Netherlands Maxine Sapulette and Sanne Meijer are looking for Gold.

Their teammate Sam de Haan may be one of the big favorites in Open Men, same as world champion Lior Sofer from Israel or European Champion Dominik Gührs from Germany. During the training Austria's ripper Timo Kapl showed some impressive laps same as Christopher Klein from Germany and Guy Firer from Israel.

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**Live stream & live results:**

There will be a live-stream available on youtube and live results on cablewakeboard.net in the competition page.

Live stream: [https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCFcze\\_MY15XXSCPgLwo0B5w/live?](https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCFcze_MY15XXSCPgLwo0B5w/live?)

Competition page: <http://myzone.cablewakeboard.net/en/116/?sub=6&comp=987>

**Web:** [www.cablewakeboard.net](http://www.cablewakeboard.net)

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