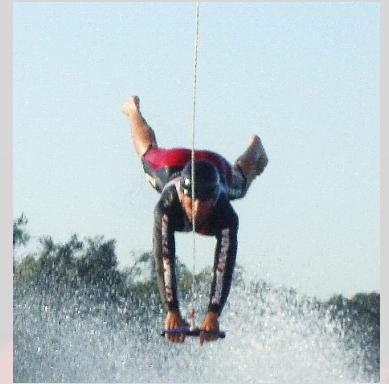


## National Barefoot Water Ski Team



### Paul Macdonald

**Hometown:** Milton, ON  
**Date of Birth:** February 18, 1976  
**Height:** 6'1  
**Weight:** 180 lbs  
**Coaches:** Ron Scarpa  
**Training Ctr.:** Winter Haven, FL  
**Years on Team:** 11  
**Events:** Slalom, Trick, Jump  
**Sponsors:** Eagle Wetsuits, Smith Optics, Ron Scarpa's Watersports, Bell Mobility, Mercury, Malibu



	Slalom	Tricks	Jump
<b>Best Score</b>	16.8	8650	23.4m

### Athlete Profile

- Paul believes that his greatest strengths are his attitude and his ability to calm himself down in times of stress. "I am also always able to have fun" he says;
- His competitive nature has helped him as an athlete. "I was a water ski instructor even though I was the worst skier on the water. Everyone was better than me at barefooting so I wanted to show them I could do it. Once I surpassed them, I wanted to be better than everyone."
- Paul says that his coach, Ron Scarpa, is his greatest influence. "Ron basically taught me to keep everything in perspective - even though barefooting is the biggest thing in my life, it's only a game."
- In the future, he hopes to help develop the sport and introduce as many people as possible to barefooting, "...until I am old and grey," he said.

### Notable Performances

- 2011 Canadian National Championship Open Mens Slalom 1st
- 2011 Canadian National Championship Open Mens Jump 2nd
- 2011 Canadian National Championship Open Mens Overall 1st
- 2006 Barefoot World Championships tricks 3rd
- Canadian Open tricks record holder
- 6 straight National Open Overall Titles - 8 total Overall Open Titles
- 2004 Barefoot World Championships tricks 5th

