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Business woman and British Power Boat Champion Shelley Jory, from Hampshire, is one of the UK's leading powerboat racers and the top female in the world. In her spare time she runs a bridal business



Brits on top at USBA finals

OCTOBER saw some of Britain's top Jet Skiers head to the IJSBA World Finals at Lake Havasu, Arizona.

Among them were James Bushell, 27, from Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, Brad Rickaby, 18, of Hatfield, Doncaster and Young Freestyler Jack Moule, 17, from St Albans Hertfordshire.

The finals saw 804 entries from 40 different nations and 39 US States attending battling it out for titles in a total of 48 closed-course racing classes as well as Pro Freestyle and Amateur Freestyle.

In brilliant sunshine and light winds, with air temperatures hovering in the low 80s and tough racing conditions, the final eight were decided in front of a standing room only crowd of more than 7,000 enthusiastic fans.

Britain's James Bushell clinched both the World IJSBA 2011 Pro-Am GP Runabout and Pro Runabout Championship titles. In claiming the World IJSBA 2011 Pro-Am GP Runabout Championship on Saturday, Bushell racked up five world titles in his 11 years of racing.

Going in to Sunday's Pro Runabout Motos, Bushell was the fastest qualifier in the class of 29 riders. Taking second



James Bushell, 2011 World Champion

in the first 12-lap moto and winning the second moto secured him his sixth world crown, beating former World Champion Dustin Farthing of the USA into second place.

In what can only be described as a perfect year Bushell comes to the end of the season having clinched two world, two European and two British titles.

Rickaby, who only took up the sport four years ago, saw off the challenge of some of the world's leading riders to win gold in the Novice Stock class eclipsing his fourth place finish in the same event last year and his British Championship crown.

Brad, also finished second in the Novice Limited class in Arizona, and

teamed up with James at Lake Havasu for the showpiece finals of the jet-ski calendar.

The two-man team was outnumbered by several of the competing countries but the pair still guided Britain to a joint third placed finish in the Nations Cup behind the United States and Kuwait.

Meanwhile Jack Moule, who has been touring Great Britain this summer with the P1 AquaX series, dazzling the crowds at each round of the competition with his freestyle skills, secured an awesome silver medal in the World Amateur Freestyle competition in far from perfect conditions.

Despite the poor conditions Jack held his own impressing the judges as he turned trick after trick and was narrowly beaten by America's Derrick Kemnitz Jr off the top spot.

Of the 50 IJSBA World Championships decided, a total of 17 different countries won titles. Leading the way was the United States with 14, followed by Kuwait with eight, Estonia, Great Britain, Portugal, Serbia and Sweden (three each) along with France, Thailand and United Arab Emirates (two each).

Well done guys and I'm sure there will be plenty more medals in 2012!



Jack Moule