

WATER SKI

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Townsend's are Florida bound

Jim and Sara Townsend will be turning tricks in Florida next month.

Belleville's dynamic teenage water skiing duo are the lone Ontarians who have made the six member Canadian National Junior Water Ski team. Two of the other team members come from Quebec while one comes from British Columbia and the other from Manitoba.

Jim 13, and Sara, 15, will compete in the America's Challenge July 6-10 in Groveland, Florida (near Orlando) against skiers from the United States and Latin America. The competition is for skiers 17 and under.

Jim's specialty is tricks. Skiing since the age of four, Jim has always excelled at tricks.

"For his age he's way ahead in tricks," says his father Harold, the perennial provincial Masters water ski champ. "Tricks is the hardest discipline to learn."

At the National championships last year he was second in tricks, second in slalom and second overall.

Sara was first in tricks, second in slalom and 3rd overall at the Nationals last year.

Jim attends Queen Elizabeth school while Sara is a student at Moira Secondary.



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Sara and Jim Townsend will compete in America's Challenge.

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