

THE TINY RICHARDS MEMORIAL AWARD

This Award is presented to the judge who displays the most skill, knowledge and dedication to the sport of water skiing.

Caroll "Tiny" Richards grew up in Kenhorst Pa, (a suburb of Reading, Pa) He graduated from Govenor Mifflin High School in 1954. He spent his summers at the Schuylkill River in Bern Township working for the Reading Boat Works and participating in River Swims and Ski Shows.

After High School Tiny Enlisted in the United States Navy to serve his country. He served in the U.S. Canal zone, Panama on the Admiral's yacht.

Upon leaving the Navy in 1958 Tiny returned to Pennsylvania and joined the Reading Water Ski Club in the early 60's. Tiny's love for water skiing continued with the Reading Skiers as he served as the Club President for many years. When members of the Reading Skiers decided to get involved in three-event Tournament Skiing, Tiny was all on board.

Tiny, not one to sit by the wayside, became involved in judging and worked his way from Assistant to Senior Judge and also served as the Executive Vice President (EVP) of the Eastern Region for multiple terms of office.

Tiny at 6'4" 250+ pounds was a gentle giant, but was always a calm and decisive force as a judge, and a friend to all. Tiny served as Chief Judge of local, and regional tournaments and always had a calm but decisive manner.

In January 1985 immediately on his return from the AWSA National Board Meeting Tiny was diagnosed with Cancer. Even in illness, his wife Judy was able to get Tiny to his last tournament, at the Port Indian Ski Club. Tiny was carried to the tournament by Ambulance to be with the people he loved so dearly.

On July 10, 1985 Tiny lost his struggle with Cancer; his memorial service was packed with friends, skiers, fellow judges, and members of the Water Ski Community, a fitting tribute to the dedication of Tiny to our sport.

Tiny will always be remembered as a skiers Judge, an expert on the rules, a friendly force in charge of running the tournament, and an official that every skier in the region could look up to and admire.