

Florida Water Ski Hall of Fame Inductee 2010

Darin Shapiro was a very strong 3 event competitor, specializing in Tricks early on in his skiing career in Boys and Men I. In the mid 90's his interest turned towards Wakeboarding and he directed all of his training and competition into the event.

Shapiro, 36, retired from competition in 2004 as the winningest rider in the history of the sport. He was a six-time Pro Wakeboard Tour champion, four-time world champion, four-time Masters' champion, three-time X Games champion, three-time Big Air champion, three-time Wakestock champion, and a gold, silver and bronze medalist at the Gravity Games.

Shapiro, who currently owns and operates Ride The Spot wakeboard camp in Orlando, was known for charging the wake harder than any other wakeboard athlete. He invented tricks called the Speed Ball, Orbital and Orbital 540, but was most well known for his S-bends, Vulcans, Front Flip to Blind and Tantrum to Blind. He is believed to be the only wakeboard athlete to ever land a double front flip off the double-up on the Pro Wakeboard Tour.