

Florida Water Ski Hall of Fame Inductee 2010

Pam Folsom D'Addio learned to ski at the age of 8, in 1968 just after her parents moved to Boynton Beach from Chicago. Her dad Dwane taught her to ski and remained her coach throughout her entire career and her mother Vi served as the family boat driver.

Her first tournament was the Greater Miami Open, just 2 weeks after she learned her first trick and her first tournament score was 188 points. Jack Walker loved to tell the story of pulling Pam at idle speed for her early Trick runs because she was very petite. After this first venture into tournament skiing she became a formidable 3 event competitor in the Junior Girls, Girls, and Open Women divisions from 1969 through 1979 in Regional, National and World competitions. She was best known for her prowess in the Trick event and set many National Records in the Girls (4490 best score) and Open Women (5030 best score) divisions during her skiing career, breaking her own records 5 times during her career. From 1971 through 1979, Pam medaled in every Regional and National competition that she participated in and was the National Champion in Junior Girls Overall in 1972, Girls Trick National Champion in 1976, and the Open Women Trick National Champion in 1977 and 1978. Pam was an alternate on the 1979 US Water Ski Team that participated in the World Championships in Toronto.

She has appeared on the covers and had feature articles written about her, in Spray and the Water Skier magazines and was featured on a Sports Illustrated poster. She competed against Russ Stiffler on the CBS "Challenge of the Sexes" in 1977.

She and her family live in Delray Beach and Pam is the Volunteer and Media Coordinator for the Tri County Humane Society in Boca Raton.