Eddie Roberts

First Skied with a neighbor, Dan Rihanek, who had become my friend, in 1959 on Carter Lake that is near Omaha. That fall my family returned to Florida and Dan and his family moved to Florida in 1960. By that time, I had made new friends that also had boats and had progressed rapidly to ski the course and learned to barefoot. In 1961 I joined the Orlando Water Ski Club on lake Ivanhoe, Col Allen and Liz were noted members. A lot of fun for a couple of years

Got married, started a family and joined the USAF in 1963. Could not afford much fun for a while. In 1967 I left the Air Force to join IBM in Orlando. Now I could afford a boat, not much of one but managed to teach two kids to ski. Bought my first inboard in 1976 from Jim & Barbara Cleveland it was a 1973 Mastercraft, taught the third kid to ski and all three to barefoot behind it and began competing in local events not very well I might add. We also did some local ski shows. In 1978 moved to Atlanta with IBM and lived on Lake Lanier for a few years did a lot of skiing taught a lot of people to barefoot.

Moved back to Orlando in 1982 Began to compete again in local tournaments and started judging. By 1992 had become a senior judge, a senior scorer and a Technical Controller and continue today.

1984 got my first of several Promo boats from Ski Supreme. 1990 started with Hydrodyne as Promo.
1999 started with Malibu Promo still there in 2016.

Skiing has been a lot of fun. Qualified for the Nationals in 1989-2014, highest place 6th at Bell Aqua. Highest placement in the Regionals is 3rd. Had to take a couple of years off for injuries but back skiing now.

Current ratings are Senior Judge in Slalom & Jump, Senior scorer all 3 and Senior TC all 3.

 * Chief Scorer at 1 World Championship (Disabled in Townsville, Australia), 3 Nationals and 3+ regionals.
 * Chief Technical Controller (Homologator) at 1 World Championship (Teinjin, Chins), 5 Regionals and too many to count Record tournaments in the US and Mexico.
 * Chief Judge at many R and C events.