

# Wake Up Call

Get wet at Wakefest 2003 & Riverside Jam

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**D**on't think Wakefest 2003 & Riverside Jam is only a wakeboarding tournament—it's more than that. Not only is it the premier wakeboarding competition in Singapore, it also features live band performances, a hole-in-one golf challenge, Mr. and Miss Fitness contest, beauty pageant for dogs, and even a novelty race that has dragon boats instead of motorboats towing wakeboarders. We ask 30-year-old Tan Kay Tuck, who will be competing in the Outlaw category, what makes a wakeboarder tick.

## **Why do you wakeboard?**

It's like love—you can't put that sensation into words.

## **How dedicated are you?**

I would typically start hammering away at my trick runs about two months before the competition. I normally ride two five-hour sessions per weekend with about three others.

## **What's your worst wakeboarding injury?**

Slamming one of my elbows into my ribs on a landing—that put me out for about three months. I've been lucky so far.

## **Would you wakeboard for a living?**

Yeah, definitely. But it isn't possible right now without the sport being more popular and getting more exposure. We would need a yearly pro tour, bigger prize money and a lot more sponsors.

## **Do babes go ga-ga when they find out you're a wakeboarder?**

Nope, they normally squint their eyes, screw up their faces and go "Haaa?"

Wakefest 2003 & Riverside Jam is on **Jun 21-22**, 10am-late. Kallang Riverside Park. Free. Log on to [www.wakeboardsingapore.com](http://www.wakeboardsingapore.com) for details.