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TEENAGER'S MAKING A HUGE SPLASH IN THE JETSKI WORLD

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THINK of the Female Junior World Jetski Champion and you would imagine she would come from some exotic waterside base such as Hawaii, Nice or Sydney.

Incredibly though the female that began 2008 by being crowned the Junior Ski Limited World Champion, Junior Drag Racing World Champion and 'Top Girl' at the finals is from Long Eaton.

Anya Colley, 17, has been making waves since the day she learnt to ride an adult jetski aged five at Tattershall in Lincolnshire.

Now the Wilthorpe College A-level student is one of the hottest young stars in her sport after her triumphs in the International Jet Sports Boating Association Championships in America.

Report by **Richard Rush**

"It was absolutely unbelievable to find out I had won," Anya enthused, clearly still buzzing from her achievements. "It just went brilliantly and I still can't believe I won. I was just in shock and it still hasn't sunk in."

Her parents have always been into the sport but never raced competitively and from a very early age she took to the water. It wasn't until 2005 that Anya was allowed to begin racing seriously.

"I used to get fifth and six places for a start but I loved it," she added. "I did it for fun in the beginning because my friends were doing it."

A first competitive win came at her first world finals where Anya helped the British team to third in the Nations Cup winning the 'top girl' title for the first time in the process.

*Anya Colley ... the 17 year-old A Level student goes thorough her paces with an eye on World and European Championships. CNF*

In 2006 she became the first female to win the British Junior Winter Championships and third placed finishes in the British Novice titles and two female series set her up for a fantastic 2007.

"I am hoping to get more girls into the sport," Anya told the Advertiser. "There are not many around as it is very much a male dominated sport but hopefully I can attract a few more to join."

"The next thing for me is the European Championships and I would love to become the champion."

"I have been training hard every weekend in different locations in the area. I've been around the world and we take the ski around in a horse truck."

"My mum and dad do all the funding and I get various parts for the ski and equipment from sponsors. It costs a lot of money so I'm not sure if I will be able to go out to the next world championships. It just depends on how I do during the year. All I can do is try and do better than I have done previously."

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