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### RAIMI IS THE FAIREST OF THEM ALL

KUCHING, Sept 18 - Raimi Merrit of the United States of America is the winner of the 2011 Sarawak Wakeboard World Cup for Pro-Women at the Waterfront here today.

The American lass , who is also the reigning world champion thrilled the Waterfront crowd and convinced the judges that she is the best of the six-competitor final and that she thoroughly deserved her title.

Born and bred in Florida, Raimi collected a total of 68.79 points in a near flawless display to beat off the challenge of Australia's Amber Wing who came in second with a total of 67.23 points.

The two of them who are the No 1 and No 2 seed respectively coming into the Kuching showdown, will meet again in the next World Cup stop in Linyi, South west China next week and their rivalry continues.

But for now Raimi is the women's wakeboarder to beat in the world. Her performance in Kuching says it all.

"It has been an amazing experience for me in Kuching the entire week. The crowd has been so supportive and the competition so intense. Amber(Wing) is a worthy opponent and I am sure there will be many more meetings between both of us," said Raimi who will pick up a winner's cheque of US\$8,000 for her victory.

For Amber, her loss to Raimi here will only spur her to do better when they clash again.

"She (Raimi) committed less mistakes. She fell only once while I fell three times and she deserves her victory this time. But I have beaten her before and I am looking forward to the World Cup stop in China next week where I hope to turn the table on her," said Amber whose effort has earned her a US\$5,000 cheque.

Finishing third is Japan's Miku Asai who collected a total of 65.22 points while Sweden's Caroline Djupso was fourth with 59.78points. In fifth place is Singapore's Sasha Christian on 48.90points and sixth was Elke Venken of Belgium on 46.99 points.

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