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Stunning stunts on water

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MALAYSIANS are in for a rare treat today and tomorrow when the Formula 1 Powerboat World Championship Malaysian Grand Prix takes place at Mines Resort City, Seri Kembangan.

Visitors will enjoy watching not only the race but also a special performance by the Stars of Florida.

Arguably the world's greatest water acrobats and stuntmen, the 10-men water skiers are set to enthrall with daredevil routines.

At a media sneak preview recently, the ski acrobats left guests stunned with their antics on the water.

H2O Sports managing director Datuk Yahya A. Jalil who brought Stars of Florida to Malaysia to fill in the non-racing hours said he first saw them perform in the United Arab Emirates last year.

"I thought they were spectacular and felt that it would be great if Malaysians could watch them too. It will be a treat for families with children," said Yahya, adding that Stars of Florida would also choreograph special routines as Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi would also be among the spectators.

Stars of Florida president Don Buffa said: "We try not to think about it too much so that we don't feel the pressure.

"But of course, we do feel a bit. The routines we will do will be among others, 'the pyramid', 'Adisgio Doubles', team jump, barefoot skiing, swivel skiing, wakeboarding, air chair, delta wing hang gliding plus a comic relief.

"Each performance will last between 30 and 45 minutes."

The Stars of Florida are expected to perform its first show at 11.15am, followed by 4pm and 5.35pm today and at 11am, 2.30pm and 5pm respectively tomorrow.

Admission is free.