

Elena Thomsen-Milakova
WATERSKI CAREER HIGHLIGHTS



5 times world champion
6 times European champion
18 World and European Medals
16 World and European Records
IWWF Hall of Fame member (2023)

Elena Thomsen-Milakova was born on 26th of January 1973 in Rybinsk, USSR.

Clubs: Rybinsk Club Ski Nautique (Russie)
Club Nautique de Versoix, Section Ski nautique (Switzerland)

Trainer: Xavi Mill (Spain) 1994-2009
Igor Lichatchev (URSS) 1982-1991

Best performances :

Jump	56.60 meters
Tricks	7550 points
Slalom	2 buoys à 11.25 m. 55km/h
Overall	2854pts
Ski Flying	69.40 mètres

History :

Having grown up in Rybinsk, a military town surrounded by wooden villages and falling just outside the periphery of the greater region of Moscow, Elena has always pursued her ambition.

"Waterskiing plays such a big role in my life. I've been skiing since I was ten. In Russia we ski in a swimming pool during the winter. That's how I started. In my heart I was always competitive and my dream was to be involved in sport at a serious level."

Her goal was to become a World Champion. 14 years later the dream became reality and she won her first World Championship title in Colombia, 1997. She defended her title two years later in Milano.

At the age of 28, Elena is travelling as a professional athlete and has made Switzerland her home since 1991. She spends most of her time doing competitions around the globe and trains in Spain with Xavi Mill, one of the most talented coaches in Europe today.

She takes pride in being an example for the younger generation. Her optimism and fearlessness is well respected by the up-and-coming talent.

She stopped her professional waterski career in 2009 participating in her last European Championship in Copenhagen, Denmark.

World Jump Champion

European Jump Champion

British Masters : 1st in Tricks

Medellin, Colombia.

Olympia, Greece.

1996 European Bronze Medal in jump, Copenhagen, Denmark.
1st place in Overall World Ranking List

1995 European Overall Vice-Champion, Bourg-en-Bresse, France
European Bronze Medal in jump, Bourg-en-Bresse
5th place in jump in World Championship, Fréjus, France
1st in Jump at Continental Tour '95, France.
1st in Overall an tricks, 3rd in jump at Lacanau Ski Classic '95, Lacanau, France

1994 Elena enter in Russian waterski national team.
Under 21 European Champion in tricks, Avigliana, Italie.

1993 Under 21 European Tricks Champion, Castelfels, Spain
Under 21 European Overall Champion, Castelfels, Spain
Under 21 European Jump Vice-Champion, Castelfels, Spain
Under 21 European Tricks Champion, Castelfels, Spain

1992 Under 21 European Jump Bronze, Bourg-en-Bresse, France

1991 USSR Overall Vice-Champion.
Russian Overall Vice-Champion

16 World and European Records :

21.07.2002 Jump World record of 56.60, Malibu Open, California, USA
(new WR by J.Flatborg 24.08.2010, 57.1)
26.02.2002 Ski flying World Record 69.4m, US Masters, Pine Mountains USA (actual record)
25.02.2002 Ski flying World Record 67.5m., US Masters, Pine Mountains USA
27.07.2001 Jump World Record 55.1m., E&A Champ, Lincoln, GBR
27.07.2001 Jump European Championship Record 55.1m., E&A Champ, Lincoln, GBR
02.05.2001 Jump World Record 53.3m., McCormick, Florida USA
29.07.2001 Overall World Record 2854pts, E&A Champ, Lincoln, GBR
27.07.2001 Overall World record 2688.5pts, E&A Champ, Lincoln, GBR
02.05.2001 Overall World record 2683pts, McCormick, Florida USA
30.09.2001 Jump World Championship Record 51.1m., Recetto, ITA
28.09.2001 Jump World Championship Record 50.0m., Recetto, ITA
30.09.2001 Overall World Championship Record 2597pts, Recetto, ITA
19.09.1999 Overall World Championship Record 2374pts, Milan, ITA
19.09.1997 Jump World Championship Record 45m., Medellin, COL
30.08.1997 Jump European Record 46.30m., Tockton, GBR
20.06.1997 Jump European Record 45.40m., Lacanau, FRA