

## Mike Goulian, Air Race Pilot

**Residence:** Plymouth, Massachusetts, USA

**Hometown:** Arlington, Massachusetts, USA

**Team:** 99

**Hobbies:** Golfing, cycling, skiing, ice hockey, fitness, NASCAR, F1 (and flying of course!)

**Philosophy:** "Perfection is expected, excellence will be accepted"



## Personal Milestones:

- 1984 Mike Goulian learns to fly
- 1986 National Aerobatic Championship: youngest pilot ever to compete
- 1986 Purchases first competition aircraft at age 18
- 1989 Won 13 out of 14 regional competitions
- 1990 US National Aerobatic Championship (Advanced Level: Gold Medalist)
- 1992-1993 US National Aerobatic Championship (Unlimited Level: Silver Medalist)
- 1994 Published Author: Basic Aerobatics
- 1995 US National Aerobatic Championship (Unlimited Level: Gold Medalist)
- 1994-1998 3-time member of the US Aerobatic Team: Unlimited Level
- 1997 Published Author: Advanced Aerobatics
- 2006 Joined Red Bull Air Race as Team 99
- 2006 Art Scholl Showmanship Award: awarded by his industry peers that believe in his professionalism and intense skill in his craft
- 2009 Bill Barber Showmanship Award: the award recognizes an air show entertainer who has demonstrated superb showmanship ability
- 2009 Budapest Red Bull Air Race Winner
- 2011 IACS Sword of Excellence: considered the highest honor within the air show industry in recognition of his tireless efforts to promote a culture of safety and professionalism within the industry
- 2014 Team 99 returns to racing in the series
- 2014 New England Aero Club Presidential Award
- 2018 Abu Dhabi Red Bull Air Race Winner
- 2018 Indianapolis Red Bull Air Race Winner
- 2018 Third Place in the Red Bull Air Race World Championship Series

## **Brief History:**

Michael Goulian is one of the most exciting pilots the Red Bull Air Race has ever produced, and his thrilling 2018 season is a testament to his outstanding talent and determination. The American ace has a crisp, aggressive and athletic style of flying that made him a favorite of fans around the world during his years on the Red Bull Air Race world tour. A friendly and loquacious man on the ground who can eloquently explain the sport and aviation to newcomers, Goulian is a fierce competitor in the sky who makes every roll, pull and tumble of his flight a deliberate execution of precision. His performance in the air – either in the Red Bull Air Race or at the scores of air shows he does each year - is often a perfect marriage between man and machine and his relentless pursuit for perfection has won the admiration of many of his fellow pilots as well as the sport's followers far and wide.

Goulian was born into an aviation business family, one of the biggest flying schools in the Northeastern United States. His father was an FAA examiner and Goulian grew up washing airplanes and sweeping out hangars. He learned to fly before he could drive a car and took his first solo flight on his 16th birthday. Goulian turned to aerobatics a year later and soon established an aerobatic school. He worked as a corporate airline pilot while making a name as one of the world's top aerobatic pilots, becoming the U.S. national champion in the Advanced Category at 22. He was the U.S. national champion in the Unlimited Category in 1995. Goulian, who also is the co-author of a series of books "Basic and Advanced Aerobatics" that became the industry standard for aerobatic flight training manuals, was awarded the prestigious Art Scholl Memorial Award for airshow showmanship in 2006. He is the co-founder of Linear Air, a company that offers air taxi service. Goulian and his wife Karin have one daughter, Emily, who was born in 2006. His hobbies include cycling, skiing, playing hockey and golf.

"For me the Red Bull Air Race is a challenge of how well I can do against my ability. You try to go up there and make each run a little bit better than the run before. That's the fun part of the sport for me. It's not so much racing against everyone else – it's racing against myself. I've missed the challenge of flying through the pylons, of competing against the best pilots in the world and I missed the camaraderie of the people on the tour and the other pilots."

## **Red Bull Air Race Career Highlights:**

Winner of 2009 Budapest Red Bull Air Race

Podium in 2017 Red Bull Air Race: Kazan (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Podiums in 2018 Red Bull Air Race: Abu Dhabi (1<sup>st</sup>), Cannes (3<sup>rd</sup>), Chiba (2<sup>nd</sup>), Kazan (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Indianapolis (1<sup>st</sup>)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place in 2018 Red Bull Air Race World Championship

Podium in 2019 Red Bull Air Race: Abu Dhabi (3<sup>rd</sup>)

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