

# BYLAWS OF THE FAR WEST WATER SKI CLUB

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## **Article I – Identification**

### **Section 1.01 Name**

The club's name shall be Far West Water Ski Club (FWWSC).

### **Section 1.02 Purpose**

The purpose of the FWWSC shall be to promote the sport of water skiing, encourage safe boating and skiing, and bring together those interested in tournament water skiing.

### **Section 1.03 About**

In 1979 Doug Dean was the Head Ranger for Monterey County at Lake Nacimiento. Although not a skier himself, Doug was interested in getting a public slalom course on Lake Nacimiento. Doug approached Mark Montgomery while he was skiing on the lake and asked Mark if he would be interested in getting a slalom course on the lake. For about 3 months Doug and Mark worked together to get the course approved through Monterey County. Mark and his small group of friends then set out to obtain funds in order to purchase a slalom course. Three businesses each contributed some money and Mark and his group installed the course. Doug and Monterey County contributed an old dock and Dip Creek Cove was selected as the best location for the slalom course to be kept. The slalom course was installed in July 1979 and has been in continuous operation ever since. The hundreds of water skiers who have used and enjoyed this public slalom course owe a debt of gratitude to Doug Dean and Mark Montgomery along with Monterey County for supporting the course. After getting the slalom course installed, Mark Montgomery wanted to get others started in competitive skiing, so he founded the FWWSC. The FWWSC has been in continuous operation ever since. Over the years there have been many dedicated skiers who have served as officers in the FWWSC and many more who have volunteered countless hours to help maintain the slalom course and dock on Lake Nacimiento. Many FWWSC members have left the club to pursue their competitive skiing through USA Waterski sanctioned tournaments. Lake Nacimiento's public slalom course has been the first slalom course experience for many skiers.

### **Section 1.03 Location**

The FWWSC is located at Lake Nacimiento in San Luis Obispo County, CA. Except as approved by the Executive Board, all activities of the FWWSC will be held at Lake Nacimiento.

### **Section 1.04 Logo**

The FWWSC logo shall be as shown below.



**Section 1.05 Electronic Media**

The approved forms of Electronic Media used to represent the FWWSC are as follows.

- A. The FWWSC e-mail address shall be [farwestwaterskiclub@gmail.com](mailto:farwestwaterskiclub@gmail.com).
- B. The FWWSC website shall be <http://www.farwestwaterskiclub.com>.
- C. The FWWSC Facebook name shall be Far West Water Ski Club.
- D. Use of any other forms of Electronic Media to represent FWWSC may occur only after a majority vote of the quorum.

## **Article II – Membership**

### **Section 2.01 Eligibility**

Membership in the FWWSC shall be open to anyone interested in water skiing. Prospective members must complete all requirements indicated in Article II of the bylaws.

### **Section 2.02 Membership Application**

All members are required to complete the FWWSC Membership process on the FWWSC website.

### **Section 2.03 Types of Membership**

One of the following membership types must be selected. Type of membership is determined at the time the membership process is completed.

- A. Single - membership consists of a single person.
- B. Family - membership consists of a married couple, or a couple residing at the same address, and the couple's unmarried children under age 18 years.
- C. Student – membership consists of individuals below the age 25 who are full time students.

### **Section 2.04 Duration of Membership**

Annual memberships are available for all membership types. Only single memberships are available for the weekend.

- A. Annual - membership lasts from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>
- B. Weekend - membership lasts from the beginning to the end of one tournament.

### **Section 2.05 Safety Affirmation and Release**

As indicated on the FWWSC website, "Purchaser of any and all Far West Waterski Club memberships or event fees acknowledges receipt, acknowledgement, understanding, agreement and affirmation to all statements in the Far West Water Ski Club Safety Affirmation and Release. The FWWSC Safety Affirmation and Release form is as shown on the FWWSC website.

### **Section 2.06 Membership Rates**

The membership rates shall be as follows.

- A. Annual membership rates will be as follows.
  - Single - \$ 40.00
  - Family - \$ 60.00
  - Student - \$ 25.00
- B. Weekend membership rate is \$10.
- C. A skier that has never competed in a FWWSC tournament previously, but would like to, is eligible to receive one free weekend membership. Provided that skier obtains an annual FWWSC membership for future tournaments in that year, then the skier's performance during their free weekend will count to year-end awards.

### **Section 2.07 Officer Memberships**

The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, are eligible to receive one free annual membership for the year they are in office. The membership may be a single, family, or student. If an officer position is shared, all co-officers receive the free membership.

### **Section 2.08 Honorary Memberships**

On occasion honorary memberships may be given. An honorary membership may be given by a majority vote at the Annual Membership Meeting. At least one month prior to the Annual Membership Meeting, the name(s) of the proposed honorary member(s) must be provided in the newsletter along with an explanation of why the honorary membership should be given.

Honorary members carry all the privileges of a FWWSC member, except they are not eligible to vote. When applicable, honorary members are required to complete and submit the Membership Application, Safety Affirmation, and Tournament Entry forms, and pay entry fees for tournaments. The honorary membership extends to family as defined in Section 2.03.

- A. In December 1998, Mark Montgomery was given an honorary membership. Mark was one of the founders of the FWWSC and is still active in the sport of water skiing. A copy of the letter that was sent to him can be seen in Appendix 01.

### **Section 2.09 Collegiate Membership**

Collegiate water ski teams are a great source of growth for water skiing, and as such, anyone that maintains a collegiate water ski team membership shall be granted an annual FWWSC membership at no cost.

### **Section 2.10 Code of Conduct**

The members of the FWWSC and everyone using the slalom course facilities at Lake Nacimiento shall adhere to the USA Water Ski written Code of Conduct and Ethical Practices. And most importantly will be polite to everyone, and treat everyone with dignity and respect, at all times, whether they deserve it or not. Violations of said Code of Conduct shall be addressed by the Executive Board.

### **Section 2.11 Expulsion**

Upon receipt of a written complaint concerning an action by a member alleged to be detrimental to the best interests of the FWWSC, the Executive Board shall investigate and attempt to resolve the problem. In the event that the Executive Board cannot resolve the problem, the Executive Board will present the complaint to the membership at a scheduled meeting. Any member of the club may be expelled by a majority vote at a regular membership meeting. Once expelled, an individual may re-apply for a membership following one year of elapsed time. After expulsion, re-application to the FWWSC may occur only after a majority vote of either the Executive Board or a majority vote at a regular membership meeting.

### **Section 2.12 USA Water Ski Membership**

The FWWSC strongly encourages all members, and anyone using the facilities, to maintain a USA Water Ski Membership. While a USA Water Ski Membership is not required to ski in FWWSC events or to use the facilities, USA Water Ski is the governing body that promotes and manages competitive water skiing in the United States. Support of USA Water Ski comes with a variety of benefits and is a great show of support for the sport as a whole. As such the FWWSC will maintain an annual Affiliated Club Membership with USA Water Ski.



## **Article III – Officers**

### **Section 3.01 Executive Board**

The Executive Board of the FWWSC consists of 4 elected officer positions. The elective officer positions of the FWWSC shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Up to 2 individuals may share each elected position.

### **Section 3.02 Eligibility**

Anyone running for an elected officer position must be a current FWWSC member at the time of their nomination, be 18 years of age by the time their term starts and must have a minimum of one year membership experience. Voting shall be in accordance with Article V.

### **Section 3.03 Length of Term**

The term of each elected officer shall be one-year. The responsibilities of the elected officer shall transfer annually at the conclusion of the Freeze-Out Tournament, traditionally held on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Section 3.04 Term Limits**

An officer may serve in the same elected position a maximum of 2 consecutive terms. After leaving office for a year, an individual may be reelected to serve additional terms in the same position. If at the Annual Membership Meeting no one volunteers to serve, and the current officer wants to continue in their role, they may serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

### **Section 3.05 President's Responsibilities**

The President shall at all times abide by the will of the majority of the FWWSC membership. The President shall be present at all meetings of the FWWSC, shall sign all contracts and agreements in the name of the FWWSC, and appoint all committees. Additionally, the President is responsible to manage the following items.

- A. Water Ski Course – The President is responsible for coordinating the location, maintenance, adjustments, and moving of the water ski course with club members and Monterey County. When the ski course must be moved, repaired or maintained, the President shall coordinate the appropriate work party to complete the required task(s). This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring the course and dock are in adequate depth, an appropriate distance from the shore, and are tight and straight. It further includes that the course buoys are all securely attached. The President is responsible to ensure plenty of spare buoys and course parts are available at the dock in case repairs are needed.
- B. Dock - The President is responsible for coordinating the location, maintenance, adjustments, and moving of the dock with club members and Monterey County. When the dock must be moved, repaired or maintained, the President shall coordinate the appropriate work party to complete the required task(s).
- C. Monterey County - The President is responsible for corresponding on behalf of the FWWSC with the head ranger on a regular basis, at least monthly, throughout the year. Items include, but are not limited to, moving the ski course and the dock, tournament dates, and other club events. It is customary to invite the head ranger and a guest to the annual meeting & banquet free of charge.
- D. Executive Board Meetings - The President is responsible for coordinating and presiding over the Executive Board Meeting of the FWWSC. Either the President or Vice-President can call an Executive Board Meeting at any time.

- E. Annual Meeting - The President is responsible for coordinating and presiding over the annual meeting of the FWWSC.
- F. Year-End Banquet - The President is responsible for organizing the banquet, coordinating volunteers, and reservations for the venue, food, entertainment, etc. It is customary that this responsibility is delegated to a volunteer, but that the President remains engaged in the banquet planning.
- G. Tournament Director Pro Tempore - When the Tournament Director is temporarily absent, and does not designate a replacement, the President shall perform the duties of the Tournament Director, or designate a replacement.
- H. USA Water Ski Affiliated Club Membership – The President will renew the FWWSC’s Affiliated Club Membership with USA Water Ski each year at the start of their term.
- I. Management & Oversight – The President is responsible for management and oversight of all executive board actions and responsibilities. This generally includes understanding the roles and responsibilities of all officers, and ensuring they are being executed in accordance with the FWWSC by-laws. This includes ensuring the tournaments are run in a proper manner, information is collected, disseminated and distributed through the website, email, and social media, and that the FWWSC club finances are properly maintained.

### **Section 3.06 Vice-President’s Responsibilities**

The Vice-President runs the tournaments, tracks scoring throughout the year, and is responsible to manage the following items.

- A. Tournament Director - The Vice-President (VP) shall be Tournament Director for all FWWSC tournaments. The VP is responsible for organizing and running all tournaments in accordance with Article VII. The VP is responsible for arriving at the tournament with running orders, work crews, tow boats, and pick-up boats organized and designated. If the VP is temporarily unable to run a tournament, they may designate a replacement on a temporary basis.
- B. Freeze-Out Tournament - The VP is responsible for coordinating and running the Freeze-Out Tournament, which includes designing and ordering the tournament prize (typically a sweatshirt), lining up a tow-boat, ensuring necessary equipment is ready for use, and preparing the ski course.
- C. Club Facilities and Equipment – VP is responsible to ensure the course and dock are ready for the tournament, and the club ropes, shock tubes, charged radios, and soap are available at the dock. The VP should ensure the club ropes are replaced annually, or bi-annually.
- D. Awards – The VP is responsible for providing awards for the tournaments and year-end class winners. The VP shall keep track of scoring throughout the year in accordance with Article VII and present the year-end awards at the Year-End Banquet.
- E. President Pro Tempore - If the President is temporarily incapacitated, the VP shall perform the duties and have the powers of the President.
- F. Tournament Fees and Entry Forms – The VP is responsible for ensuring all tournament fees have been paid through the FWWSC website.
- G. Tournament Dates – The VP is responsible for selecting dates for each tournament and giving them to the Secretary no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>. It is customary that the VP consults with the Executive Board prior to final selection of the dates in order to maximize Board attendance at the tournaments.

### **Section 3.07 Secretary's Responsibilities**

The Secretary publishes the newsletter, tracks FWWSC forms, and is responsible to manage the following items.

- A. Meeting minutes - The Secretary is responsible for the taking the notes at all meetings, preparing meeting minutes from the notes, and distributing the minutes to the general membership and the Executive Board.
- B. Newsletter – The Secretary is responsible for collecting information for, assembling, and distributing a newsletter on a monthly basis.
- C. Electronic Media – The Secretary is responsible for posting FWWSC information on the website and social media, and through email. The Secretary is responsible for updating the website per the direction of the executive board. Only information that is approved for release by the Executive Board shall be posted, published, or disseminated.
- D. Roster – The Secretary shall maintain the FWWSC roster of all present and past members. At a minimum, for each member, the roster shall include full name, residential mailing address, email address, phone number, and membership type. For each member the roster shall also indicate the status of payments for membership dues and tournament payments. The roster shall be updated and provided to each member of the Executive Board on a monthly basis.
- E. Forms - The Secretary is responsible for updating the FWWSC website for changes and updates to the Membership Application, Safety Affirmation and Release, Tournament Entry, etc.
- F. Webmaster – The Secretary is responsible for maintenance of the FWWSC website, however, this role has traditionally been appointed to club members with specific skills and knowledge related to website maintenance. The tasks and functions of this role include, but are not limited to, updating and maintaining the website, reviewing and negotiating the hosting agreement as approved by the Executive Board, maintaining the web store, ensuring the security of at least one login ID and password for hosting and payment services, maintaining email links to club officers, assisting with expansion and development of the website, and monitoring the club email account for spam, urgent or other maintenance messages.

### **Section 3.08 Treasurer's Responsibilities**

The Treasurer manages the FWWSC finances and is responsible to manage the following items.

- A. Bank Accounts - The Treasurer is responsible for managing the FWWSC bank accounts in accordance with Article IV.
- B. Purchasing - The Treasurer is responsible for assisting the Executive Board with the purchasing of supplies, awards, equipment, etc. that are necessary for FWWSC operations. To the greatest extent possible, the Treasurer shall make all purchases for the FWWSC. When not possible, the Treasurer shall reimburse the individual making the purchase upon receiving a receipt. Upon receipt for a FWWSC purchase the Treasurer shall return a reimbursement to the purchaser within 7 days.
- C. Deposits - The Treasurer is responsible for making all deposits into FWWSC bank accounts within 30 days of receiving money for the FWWSC.
- D. Electronic Payments – The Treasurer is responsible for tracking electronic payments made through the FWWSC website, disseminating that information to

- the Executive Board, and ensuring funds are accurately deposited into the club bank accounts.
- E. Statement of Accounts - The Treasurer is responsible for providing a statement of all FWWSC accounts monthly to the Executive Board. The statement shall include, at a minimum, beginning monthly balance, total of deposits, total of expenditures, and ending monthly balance.

### **Section 3.09 Appointed Positions**

To meet the needs of the FWWSC it is sometimes necessary for the elected officers to appoint volunteers to help. This is customarily done to assist with banquet planning, dock repairs, technology / webmaster, ski course maintenance, and running tournaments. The Executive Board may appoint volunteers as needed so long as it is to the benefit of the FWWSC. Appointing a volunteer does not alleviate the elected officer of the ultimate responsibility for their duties.

#### **Section 3.09a Technology Coordinator**

Roles and responsibilities include but are not limited to a.) Update and maintain website as directed by board, b.) Review and negotiate hosting agreement (approval by board member) Maintain web store, c.) Ensure security of at least one login ID and password for Stripe, Square, FatCow and Weebly, d.) Maintain generic e-mail links to club officers (update when officers change, e.g. president@farwestwaterski.com), e.) Assist with expansion, development or other activities related to "IT", f.) Monitor club e-mail account for spam, urgent and other 'maintenance' messages

### **Section 3.10 Resignation**

In the event an elected officer resigns, the Executive Board may appoint, by majority vote of the Executive Board, a replacement to serve to the end of the current term. If the Executive Board is unable to establish a replacement, a special election will be held the next time there is a quorum.

### **Section 3.11 Removal**

In the event that an elected officer is not meeting the needs of the FWWSC, and after the Executive Board has received a formal complaint, the Executive Board can bring up a vote to remove the individual from the elected office. The vote must be announced in the newsletter 30 days prior to the vote. If the vote is to remove the officer, then a special election will take place at the same time in order to replace the removed officer.

### **Section 3.12 Attendance**

The elected officers should make every effort to attend all FWWSC tournaments and events. If it is not possible to attend, then the officer should appoint someone to temporarily fill in for them.

### **Section 3.13 Shared Responsibilities**

It is the shared responsibility of all elected officers to assist each other in all duties of managing the FWWSC. For example, all elected officers shall assist the Tournament Director in running the tournaments, the President in planning the banquet, the Secretary writing the newsletter, and the Treasurer in ensuring the good financial health of the FWWSC. The Executive Board should read and become familiar with the FWWSC By-Laws at the beginning of their term and review them as questions or situations arise.

## **Article IV – Finances**

### **Section 4.01 Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year shall start on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December.

### **Section 4.02 Signature Authority**

President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer are allowed to sign the FWWSC's checks. Two signatures are required on checks in excess of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). When it is necessary to transfer the responsibilities of the Treasurer at the designated banking institution, it shall be completed within 60 days of the new term.

### **Section 4.03 Banking Institution**

The FWWSC bank accounts shall be held at Mechanics Bank, PO Box 6010, Santa Maria, CA 93456. Online transactions through the FWWSC website shall be conducted through FatCow's Web hosting service or PayPal. The FWWSC will not open or use any debit or credit card tied to the FWWSC bank accounts. Changes to this section may be made per Article VIII.

### **Section 4.04 Bank Account Limits**

- A. Checking – To cover normal operating expenses, the FWWSC will attempt to maintain between \$1,000 and \$3,000 in the Checking Account.
- B. Savings – The FWWSC will attempt to build up and then keep a reserve in the savings account between \$3,000 and \$5,000 which would be used for large "unexpected" expenses. It is not meant to be used for normal club operations.
- C. If at any time, the combined account balances are in excess of \$8,000, it shall be brought to the attention of the executive board. If at any time, the combined account balances are in excess of \$10,000, it shall be brought to the attention of the membership.

### **Section 4.05 Expenditure Limits**

No expenditure of funds in excess of two-hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for one item shall be authorized by the Executive Board without prior affirmative vote of the majority of the quorum. No single expenditure of funds in excess of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for one transaction shall be authorized by the Executive Board without prior affirmative vote of the majority of the quorum.

### **Section 4.06 Budget**

At the beginning of each season the Executive Board shall prepare a written budget of expected expenses to ensure the financial health of the club. Typical items that should be considered for the annual budget are for the Banquet (facility rental, food, drinks, entertainment, DJ), Awards (monthly and year-end), High-Buoy Count Plaque, Tournament Expenses (gas, equipment, Freeze-Out), Facilities (buoys, string, first-aid, maintenance), Income (banquet tickets, raffle, memberships, tournament entries, 50/50).

### **Section 4.06 Non-Profit Status**

The FWWSC does not comply with the routine requirements to maintain status as a 501C-3 or other non-profit organization.

**Section 4.07 Work Parties**

To encourage participation in maintaining the facilities, the Executive Board is authorized to compensate participants in committees, or work parties, by as much as a free tournament entry fee in the form of food/beverages, membership credit, or tournament entry.

## **Article V – Meetings**

### **Section 5.01 Notification**

The time and location of all annual or regular meetings shall be announced in the newsletter at least one month before the meeting. Wherever possible, an agenda of the meeting shall also appear.

### **Section 5.02 Annual Meeting**

An annual meeting of the FWWSC shall be held. It is recommended that this meeting be held sometime after the last scoring tournament of the season and before the first scoring tournament of the next season. This has traditionally coincided with the Year-End Banquet.

### **Section 5.03 Regular Meeting**

Regular meetings of the FWWSC can be called by any member of the Executive Board as needed.

### **Section 5.03 Executive Board Meeting**

Executive Board meetings can be called by either the President or Vice-President at any time. These meetings will be open to any FWWSC member.

### **Section 5.04 Voting**

A single or student membership shall be entitled to one ballot, and a family membership shall be entitled to two ballots. All voting must be conducted in person via a show of hands at a regular or annual meeting. All motions to be voted on must be proposed by a current FWWSC member, and seconded by a current FWWSC member. A proposed motion must receive a simple majority of the quorum in order to pass.

### **Section 5.05 Quorum**

A quorum shall consist of those paid, current members at a regular meeting or annual meeting.

### **Section 5.06 Executive Board Election Procedures**

Executive Board elections will be held at the annual meeting and will be presided over by the President. The President will ask for nominations for Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President, and President in that order. A nomination must be received by a current FWWSC member, and the nomination must be accepted by the person nominated. In the event there are two or more nominations for a single position, the nominees will be asked to leave the room while the vote is conducted in accordance Article V, Section 5.04. In the event of a perfect tie, the vote will be conducted again. In the event it's still a tie, the President shall determine the winner. In the event that the President is nominated for a position, the Vice-President will preside over the vote.

## **Article VI – Facilities**

### **Section 6.01 Ownership**

In 1979, a small group of FWWSC members, working very closely with Monterey County Parks Rangers, installed the very first slalom course on Lake Nacimiento. Their original agreement stipulated that the County owns the course, dock, and signs, henceforth referred to as the “facilities,” but that the FWWSC maintains the facilities for the benefit of the public. Of their own free will the FWWSC freely absorbs the labor and expenditures associated with the maintenance of the facilities.

### **Section 6.02 Slalom Course Rules**

The Slalom Course Rules shown in Appendix 02 shall be reviewed annually and updated as required. They shall perpetually be displayed on the dock to inform the public and club members about use of the dock.

### **Section 6.03 Safety**

Exercising safety on and around the water is everyone’s responsibility. It is of vital importance that all boaters, skiers, and guests understand the laws, regulations, and safe boating practices that help keep the lake an enjoyable place for everyone. Safety violations should be addressed immediately by whoever notices the violation. Anyone using the FWWSC facilities should thank others for informing them of safety violations and move to correct the issue immediately.

### **Section 6.04 Use of the Facilities**

Lake Nacimiento and the slalom course facilities are public facilities. Everyone, regardless of whether they are a FWWSC member, is authorized to use the facilities in accordance with the FWWSC By-Laws. Use of the facilities for purposes of personal financial gain is strictly prohibited, except as authorized by the Executive Board. All authorizations must be requested by a current FWWSC member and renewed at least annually, and are revocable at any time.

### **Section 6.05 Repairs and Upgrades**

The President shall consult with the Executive Board and trusted veteran club members to determine what, if any, repairs or upgrades are required during their term. Approximate costs should be calculated and compared to the budget and account balances. Should large purchases be required, it may require notification to the membership, holding a vote, conducting a special assessment, and/or conducting a fundraiser.

### **Section 6.07 Materials**

In early 2017 a two-year dock build came to a conclusion when the final pieces of the current dock were assembled. This new dock consists of 4 sections, each 20-feet by 20-feet, plastic floats, pressure treated framing, stainless steel or galvanized hardware, composite decking and metal shade covers. The course, purchased new in 2019, is a 3/32-inch coated stainless steel mainline, with 3-inch PVC arms, and stainless steel hardware attached to an anchor at either end of the mainline. New buoys by WallySkier were installed in 2022.

### **Section 6.08 Moving the Facilities**

As the lake rises and falls, it requires a committee of people to move the facilities from one location to another. The President should coordinate this committee in advance and ensure the County is amply notified. Safety is the primary concern with respect to moving the facilities, but busy holiday weekends, pending weather, available assistance, and tournament schedules are



some of the items that should be considered. While the Rangers have historically been accepting of our proposed moves, it's incumbent upon us to ensure we have their approval first.

#### **Section 6.09 Location**

As shown below, when the lake is generally above 75% capacity the facilities are located in the “back” of Dip Creek. Between 75% and 45% the facilities are located in the “channel” between the back and Dip Creek Cove. Below 45% capacity, the facilities are located in Dip Creek Cove. Lake conditions change constantly over time and should be continually evaluated.



**Section 6.10 Course Removal for an Extended Period**

Should it be necessary to remove the course from the water for an extended period of less than 1 month, the Executive Board may authorize this action as needed to ensure the structural integrity of the course and the safety of the public. A majority vote of the quorum is required to remove the course from the water for a period longer than 1 month.

## **Article VII – Tournament Rules and Regulations**

### **Section 7.01 Fees and Entry**

- A. FWWSC membership dues (annual or weekend) must be paid in advance of skiing in a monthly tournament.
- B. Tournament Entry Fees are \$30 for all classes including Novice, regardless of how many rounds are skied. The Executive Board may authorize a unique entry fee for the Freeze-Out.
- C. The owner of the boat used for pulling the tournament shall be given one free tournament entry. If a backup boat is required because of a boat malfunction, then the owner of the backup boat shall also be given one free tournament entry.
- D. The owner of the boat used as pickup boat for the tournament shall be given one free tournament entry. If a backup boat is required because of a boat malfunction, then the owner of the backup boat shall also be given one free tournament entry.
- E. To encourage participation in tournaments, a skier that has never skied a FWWSC tournament shall receive their first tournament entry at no charge, and one free weekend membership per Section 2.06C.
- F. An additional \$5.00 late entry fee will be assessed for those who do not register by the pre-registration date. Registration is defined as completing the entry form on the FWWSC website. The pre-registration date is determined by the Tournament Director.
- G. Anyone wishing to participate in a tournament, who has not pre-registered, may sign up the morning of the tournament. Sign up times will be from 30 minutes prior to the published tournament starting time through 5 minutes prior to the published starting time.
- H. To encourage pre-registration, anyone who is unable to make it to a tournament which they have already pre-registered, shall notify the Tournament Director in writing of their request to apply their fee to a subsequent tournament. If the Tournament Director is not notified within 10 days following the tournament, the fees will be applied towards a subsequent tournament in that same year

### **Section 7.02 Slalom Classes**

The FWWSC competes based on a never made (NM) format. Novice class is defined as skiers who have never run the full slalom course ever. If a skier has completed the full slalom course in practice, they are not in novice, they are in one of the Slalom Classes listed below.

Class 1	NM 28 mph
Class 2	NM 30 mph
Class 3	NM 32 mph
Class 4	NM Top Speed
Class 5	NM -22 off
Class 6	NM -28 off
Class 7	NM -32 off
Class 8	NM -35 off
Class 9	NM -38 off
Class 10	NM -39.5 off
Class 11	NM -41 off
Class 12	NM -43 off

- A. Advancement in Class – When a skier runs a single pass (in a club or sanctioned tournament) at any time at their never made speed or line length they advance to the class associated with their top performance.
- B. Reduction in Class – With the exception of Novice, if a skier regularly competes in two consecutive ski seasons without once running the pass that placed them in their current class, they shall be given the option to move down to the class appropriate with their scores from the previous two years. Only passes run during a tournament are considered for the reduction; practice passes are not considered.
- C. Initial Placement in Class – A first time competitor at FWWSC tournament will be placed into a class by the Tournament Director based on the information provided. However, if during that tournament the Tournament Director decides that the skier was placed in the wrong class the skier will immediately be moved to the appropriate class and will be scored in the new class for that tournament.

### **Section 7.03 Tournament Format**

The tournament director is given wide latitude to alter the format of tournaments in order to enhance the experience of the skiers and encourage a fun and inviting atmosphere. Some formats that have been utilized are head-to-head, turn-and-burn, teams, handicapping, etc. However, skiers should ski in order of their classes to ensure fairness in year-end scoring, and a consistent standard of scoring shall be used throughout the year for the same reason. The inclusion of a trick ski event or round is up to the discretion of the Tournament Director.

### **Section 7.04 Scoring**

Except as noted in these Rules and Regulations, AWSA Rules will be followed for judging.

- A. Boat times for slalom Classes II and above will adhere to the AWSA Standard Tolerance Table. Slalom Class I shall observe +/- 1 mph tolerance.
- B. The FWWSC Judges Form as seen in Appendix 03 will be used for scoring all tournaments and tallying year-end points.
- C. Class 1 is given a mulligan on their opening pass of each round. If they make the first pass, they return at the next higher speed, or line length, and follow standard slalom rules. If they miss their first pass, they are given a second chance and return in the opposite direction from their first pass at any speed, or line length, they choose. If they miss both passes, the highest buoy count will be scored, but the skier is done for that round. If the skier makes the second pass, they return at the next higher speed, or line length, and follow standard slalom rules.
- D. Ties will be decided at the discretion of the Tournament Director either by AWSA Rules, backup scores, or a runoff.
- E. In multi-round tournaments, whichever class the skier starts the tournament in, they will normally remain in throughout that tournament and will be eligible for that day's award in that class. The skier cannot be forced to jump classes between rounds of a multi-round tournament (except as noted in Section 7.02.C), but may voluntarily decide to ski the following round(s) in the next higher class. The skier's decision in that case may impact their year-end award.
- F. If it has been decided by the Tournament Director to hold a trick event, the current standing AWSA rules and scoring shall be used.

### **Section 7.05 Awards**

- A. Both weekend and annual FWWSC members are eligible to earn awards at the monthly tournaments.

- B. Monthly awards will be distributed at the end of the tournament according to the information provided by the Tournament Director about that month's tournament. This typically means either a best round or a combined round tournament.
- C. Skiers must have an annual FWWSC membership to be eligible for a year-end award. Except as noted in Section 2.06.C, only tournaments skied in while holding an annual FWWSC membership will count toward the year-end award standings. Tournaments skied in while holding a weekend FWWSC membership will not count toward the year-end award standings.
- D. If a FWWSC member skis in an AWSA sanctioned tournament on the same weekend as a FWWSC tournament, the member's performance can be calculated in their year-end class award standings. A skier is only allowed to apply scores from two AWSA sanctioned tournaments towards the year-end award. For the purpose of filing and recording, it is the responsibility of the skier to notify the Tournament Director, in writing, within 10 days of the event of their performance at the sanctioned event.
- E. If a FWWSC member skis in both a sanctioned and club tournament on the same weekend, their performance in the club tournament will take precedence.
- F. Year-end class awards will be given to the skier in each class that has the highest cumulative point total from their best 5 tournaments. A skier must ski in at least 4 tournaments in a season to receive a year-end class award. If 5, or less, tournaments are held within a ski year, then the 4 best tournaments will be used to determine the year-end class awards, and the minimum number of tournaments skied in to earn an award will be 3.
- G. Season High Buoy Count Awards are presented to one male and one female skier who has the highest total buoy count for the entire FWWSC tournament season. To calculate the total buoy count, each person's single best slalom round from each of the club's monthly tournaments is totaled. Their name will be added to the plaque mounted on the dock. Only scores from FWWSC tournaments may be used in the High Buoy Count Awards. Scores from AWSA sanctioned tournaments, or others may not be used.
- H. In multi-round tournaments, the skier's single best performance will count toward year-end class and high buoy count awards.
- I. A skier will compete for the year-end class award in the class in which they skied the greatest number of tournaments. In the event of equal numbers, the skier will compete in the highest class.
- J. All buoys/points accumulated in the class in which the skier is competing for the year-end trophy will be used first, then the highest buoys/points from the other class(es) will be included.

### **Section 7.06 Novice Class**

Participation in the novice class is open to skiers who have never made the regulation slalom course. Any skier who makes the regulation course at any time (tournament OR practice), will ski in the appropriate slalom class. Awards will be given in accordance with the other classes. The purpose of this class is to provide beginners with the opportunity to start competitive slalom skiing. Requirements for entry fees, membership, registration, awards, etc. apply to the novice class the same as the slalom classes.

- A. Novice Rules
  - a. Skier can select any speed and use any rope length 75-feet or shorter.
  - b. Skier may use one or two handles.
  - c. Any type of handle is allowed.
  - d. Skier gets a reasonable number of tries to get out of the water.

- e. Skier will get four passes through the slalom course (down and back twice).
- f. Skier may change speed at any time.
- g. Skier is allowed the option to spin at either end or drop.
- h. The number of falls is not regulated, however, the boat crew will coordinate with the skier to reduce the number of falls by skiing straight to the end of the course after a fall, as well as, exercising caution and patience. It is up to the discretion of the judge in the boat when to terminate a novice skier's round.
- i. On the skier's fourth pass, if they fall, the tournament boat will not return to pick them up, except in the event of an injury.
- j. When a novice skier completes the full slalom course, they will be brought in for their next pass at the next higher speed or line length and continue per normal slalom rules.

#### B. Scoring

- a. Speed does not affect scoring. All speeds are scored the same.
- b. Skiers score for each round is determined by the highest cumulative score from either their first and second pass, or third and fourth pass.
- c. One point is given for each gate.
- d. One point is given for going around a regulation buoy and making it back through the boat guide at any point.
- e. One half point is given for going around each "novice" buoy and making it back through any boat guide.
- f. No partial points (no traditional  $\frac{1}{4}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$  point scoring will be used).

## **Article VIII – Amendments**

### **Section 8.01 Amendments**

The FWWSC Bylaws may be amended at any meeting by a majority vote of the quorum provided every member has received or has been mailed a copy of the proposed change(s). Any proposed amendment that has been approved, shall become effective immediately following the passage of the amendment.

## **Appendix 01**

December 13, 1998

Dear Mark Montgomery:

As the president of the Far West Water Ski Club, I believe that our current officers and membership represent all other previous memberships in sharing our deep appreciation to those individuals who have donated so much of their time and energy to making the FWWSC club the success it is today. Although there have been many individuals who have done a lot for the club, we believe that you, as a founder of the club, deserve special recognition. We understand that you were one of three individuals who started the FWWSC, and of those initial people you are the only one who lives in the area and is still active in the sport of competitive water skiing.

Since you were a founder of the FWWSC, we are extending a life time family membership to you. This also means that you will receive a club newsletter. We hope that you enjoy reading about the club which you helped to start and feel free to attend any of our functions. Also if you decide to ski in any of our club tournaments you will not need to join the club -- because you are now a life time member. However, you would have to pay the normal entry fee and show your USA Water Ski Active membership.

Mark, once again we all want to thank you not only for what you did to start the FWWSC, but also for what you continued to do for the club for so many years afterwards. Please keep a copy of this letter to verify the action of the 1998 board.

Sincerely,

Carla Pantalone  
President

Richard Edie  
Vice-President

Steve Thompson  
Treasurer

Sue Kretzu  
Secretary



## Appendix 02

MONTEREY COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

### SLALOM COURSE RULES

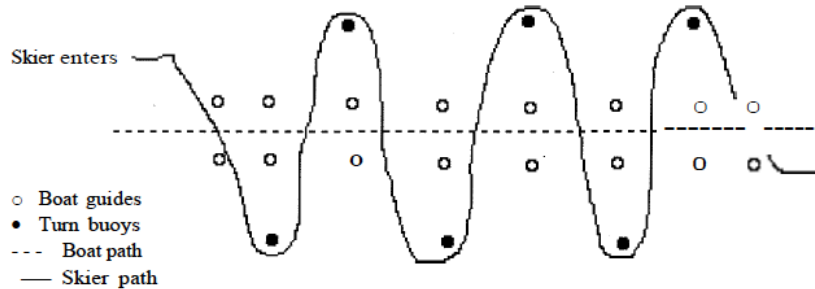
1. The Slalom Course is owned and operated by the Monterey County Parks Department. The Far West Water Ski Club volunteers time and resources to maintain the Slalom Course and Starting Dock as well as to assist with the up-keep of the shorelines in and around the Dip Creek cove where the Slalom Course is located.
  - a. Except for maintenance, tournaments and pre-tournament practice days, the Slalom Course is open to everyone.
  - b. Due to underwater obstructions, no vessels larger than 23 feet in length and/or 8 feet 2 inches wide (beam) are allowed on the course.
  - c. NO JET SKIS or PERSONAL WATERCRAFT in the Slalom Course.
2. Boat rotation must be used at all times when skiing the Slalom Course.
  - a. Each boat owner must sign up their boat at the starting dock by indicating their CF number or boat identification at the bottom of the sign-up list to get into rotation.
  - b. Please be ready before your turn comes up, one person from your boat will ski the course. Only after that person has completed their turn, may you sign your boat up again.
  - c. You will be scratched from the sign-up list if you are not at the starting dock when your turn comes up.
  - d. There are absolutely NO BOAT SUBSTITUTIONS unless agreed upon by all who are present.
  - e. All parking around the dock is on a first come basis. If a boat leaves its parking spot for any reason other than using the Slalom Course, that boat forfeits its right to that parking spot. If there is no available parking at the dock, you must anchor your boat while awaiting your turn. Your boat should be anchored in such a manner as to not interfere with either the boats or skiers returning from the course.
3. One turn on the course is equal to 6 passes or 3 falls (total), whichever comes first. One pass is one ride through the Course in one direction. If the skier falls in the course, start the skier in the same direction to complete the pass.
4. Only one boat is allowed on the course at any time. All other boats in the immediate Course Area must proceed in a WAKELESS manner, so as not to interfere with the safety of those on the Course. Wakeless does not equal 5 mph and is generally much slower. If another boat enters the Course, the first boat on the Course must stop until the hazard is no longer present. If possible, approach the craft at fault and explain the correct use of the Course, the wakeless requirement and the safety reasons for this policy. PLEASE BE CURTIOUS
5. Skiing into or out of the Cove where the Course is located is strictly prohibited. Except for the one boat pulling a skier through the slalom course, all other boats in the cove must proceed in a wakeless manner.
6. The slalom course is here to promote and encourage slalom skiing. All skiers using the Slalom Course must be riding on a Slalom Ski(s) (beginners can use two regular skis). Trick skiing is only allowed during scheduled tournaments.
7. All other types of skiing in the slalom course area is strictly prohibited. This includes but is not limited to; wakeboarding, surfing, knee boarding, barefooting, ski boarding, air chair, trick skiing, tubing, etc.
8. There are NO PETS allowed on the starting dock at any time.
9. At the 4 corners of the dock, park boats with the bow at the corner. Do not park boats with the swim step, or stern, at the corner.
10. The Slalom Course hours are sunrise to sunset.
11. There is no fishing from or within 500 feet of the starting dock or within 500 feet of the slalom course.
12. There is no overnight camping on the dock.

THESE GENERAL RULES ARE ESTABLISHED FOR THE SAFETY AND ENJOYMENT OF EVERYONE ON THE LAKE  
MISUSE OF THE SLALOM COURSE AND/OR ANY VIOLATION OF THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN A CITATION

IF YOU PACK IT IN, PLEASE PACK IT OUT!

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## **Skiing & Driving the Slalom Course**



1. The boat must stay between the boat guides when pulling a skier. If you are unable to maintain a straight path through the course, or this is your first attempt at driving the Course, please ask for assistance. The Slalom Course can be easily damaged. **SKIING ON AN INCOMPLETE OR DAMAGED COURSE MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY TO YOUR SKIER OR SEVERE DAMAGE TO YOUR BOAT.**

2. If a skier falls while in the course, **IMMEDIATELY DECELERATE AND WAIT FOR THE BOAT TO STOP, THEN TURN AROUND SLOWLY (AFTER THE ROPE HAS CLEARED THE BUOYS) AND IDLE WAKELESS BACK TO YOUR SKIER.**

3. When you have completed your turn on the course, always drop your skier prior to returning to the starting dock. In consideration of others, please do not ski past or around the dock.

4. Skiing outside of the slalom path is subject to citation. Do not ski into or out of the general Course area (cove).

5. Always practice safe boating and coordinate all hand signals with your skier prior to leaving the starting dock.

6. If the course is damaged in any way, (for example, a boat guide or turn buoy is loose or missing), **ALL SKIING MUST STOP** until the course is repaired. If you are unfamiliar with the construction of the Slalom Course and are unequipped to make the necessary repairs, please report the damage to the others at the Starting Dock so that the hazard can be repaired. If no one at the dock has the knowledge or parts to make repairs all skiing must stop and damage reported to [FarWestWaterskiClub.com](http://FarWestWaterskiClub.com).

- Your cooperation with these rules will ensure that everyone can safely enjoy the challenge of skiing the slalom course.
- Thank you and please enjoy one of the best public slalom courses in the Country!

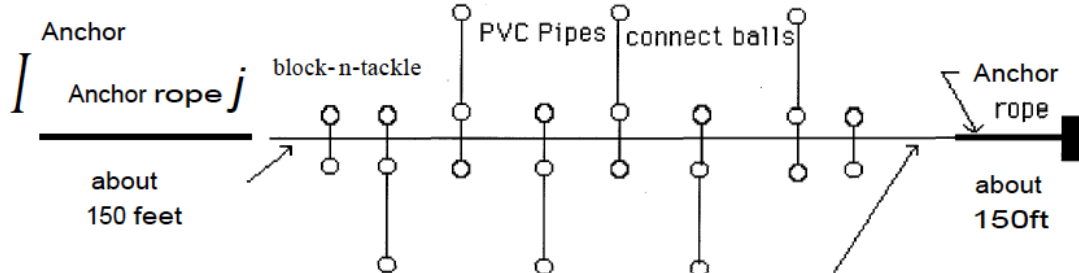
## PLEASE READ

- This is a public lake and all coves are open to the public. All boats have the right to pass through the slalom course area, and fishing is allowed no closer than 500 feet from the slalom course or starting dock.
- For safety reasons, all boats need to stay clear of the slalom course and slalom boat path, but all other parts of the cove are open to the public.
- This is a **Wakeless area** and all boats should pass through the cove at a wakeless speed. **Wakeless does not equal 5 mph and is generally much slower.**
- If boats are speeding through the area or anchored too close to the slalom course, politely inform them of the rules. This also applies to jet skiers, barefooters, wakeboarders, etc. who are illegally using the slalom course area. Most people don't understand what we are doing here. If they refuse to obey, notify the Rangers. Do not argue with the boater.
- If boats are idling too fast for you to safely ski the course, kindly notify them of the rules then wait until it is safe before continuing.
- Never pull a skier in an unsafe boating situation.
- If you notice others on the dock not being polite, then it is important that you kindly inform them that they are representatives of the FWWSC and to not be rude to others.
- Remember that everyone is on this public lake to have fun and enjoy themselves!

FWWSC MOST IMPORTANT RULE OF THE DOCK: **Be polite to everyone!**

## How the Slalom Course is Installed

There are two anchors; two anchor ropes; 8-PVC pipes, stainless steel cable; and buoys, string and snaps. There is also a block-and-tackle on the anchor line to take up slack in the course.

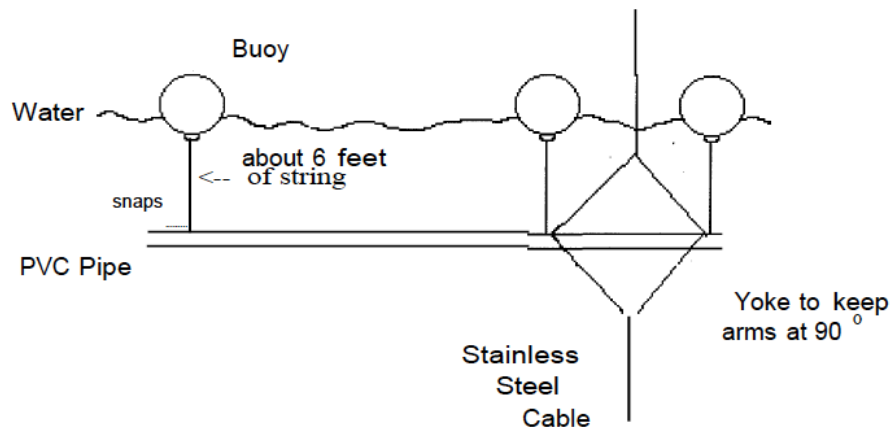


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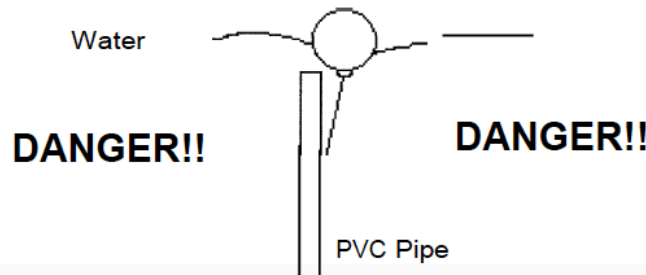
The PVC pipes are about 6 feet under water. The buoys are attached to the PVC pipe with a snap and a 6 foot piece of string, 5 feet of string at the boat guides. There are eye bolts on the PVC pipe.

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Entire length of the Course



It is important to replace missing buoys. Using the course with missing buoys can damage your boat and the course. Your prop can hit the stainless steel cable or the PVC pipe.



## FWWSC Judges Form

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