

FAR WEST WATER SKI CLUB

June 2021 Newsletter

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A Message from the President

Greetings all,
Hopefully, you have all been out practicing and getting ready for the tournament this coming weekend. It's a good time of year to take a look at your equipment. Take a look at your ropes, handles, boots, bindings, fin, vest, and gloves, to see if they are all in good working order. If your rope or your handle are starting to fray it's time to replace them or get your handle restrung. If you've ever seen a rope break while someone was skiing, it's quite a nasty fall. It's not just the fall that you're trying to prevent. The recoil of the rope can snap back into the boat and potentially injure your observer or driver. Check the screws underneath the plate of your binding. They sometimes get loose and will not only allow the binding to come off the plate but can potentially damage the top of your ski. If you use a hard-shell boot, check the rivets on the buckles. Make sure that they are not rusting and are not loose. Check your release mechanism for rust and or wear. It's always a good idea to put a little WD-40 on the tension adjusting screw so it doesn't freeze up. Check the screws on your fin block and your wing if you run one. Always check the screws on your bindings as well. These skis are made to flex and the more they flex the more potential for your screws to come loose. These should be checked every three or four rides. Make sure everything is tight. The buckles and zipper on your vest. If one of these items were to fail in a fall just opens the door to a potential injury. How worn out are your gloves? A poor pair of gloves equals a poor grip on the handle which can cause tendonitis or even worse, losing the handle at the most important part of your pass on the slalom course. There's no better feel than a brand-new pair of gloves on a good handle! Keeping an eye on these things and making sure they are all in good working order not only helps you but keeps your ski partners safe as well. Now that you're all practiced up and you know your equipment is in good shape it sounds like you're ready to ski a tournament this weekend! It's going to be hot so bring a cooler full of something cool to drink, a big hat to keep the sun off your melon, and some sunscreen! Bob

Weather Update Current Conditions:

June 14, 2021 Air Temp Days: High 90's Nights: Mid 50's
Water Temp: It's warming up!!!! Lake Level: 26%

From the Tournament Directors

Hello Everyone, Well, its tournament time again this upcoming weekend Saturday June 19th & 20th. Its looks like our weather will be hot & sunny this weekend! Reminder, if this is your first tournament this year.... Please make sure that you are up to date on USA Waterski membership and your club dues. PLEASE ONLY USE our website store to pay your dues and tournaments. farwestwaterskiclub.com. The tournament start time will be at 8:00 a.m. Be on time because there will be no makeup rides for missing your scheduled ride. Make up rides are only for people who communicate with me in advance with a VALID reason. Please let me know no later than Thursday by 6:00 p.m. so I can get the running order done on Friday (a few of you have already done so). Also, please call or text ME, Lori, (not Jim, Dave, Bob or Lani) to let me know if you are coming. One more thing...I'd like to do a used equipment drive for the Cal Poly Water Ski Team. Please bring anything that you don't need anymore...vests, gloves, handles, etc. We've got to take care of our starving students! We look forward to seeing everyone Saturday! Lori & Jim Lori~805.540.9533

2021 Tournament Dates

April 17 & 18 May 15 & 16 June 19 & 20 July 10 & 11 August 7 & 8 September 18 & 19 October 9 & 10 Mark your calendars! (Or subscribe to the Club Calendar on the Club Website!)

Many of you have asked me if we would be doing another Chris Parrish Clinic. We now have a tentative date for September 11th & 12th.