



# RULES

## 1. Constitution

These rules are subject to change by Chichester Water-Ski Limited (CWSL) Management and may be changed without prior notification.

Version	Date	Comment
1.0	31 March 2003	Approved by SGO-H & REH
1.1	01 April 2003	Addition of Temporary Membership
2.0	01 March 2004	Ski season extended to 7 months
2.1	01 March 2004	SBDA preparation
2.2	01 March 2004	Adjustment of skiing days and times
2.3	31 March 2004	Inclusion of Wakeboarding for competition practice
2.4	31 March 2004	Free skiing Wednesday morning
2.5	21 January 2006	Refund amendment
2.6	31 March 2006	Order and layout reworked for word format
2.7	08 June 2007	Boat driving responsibilities section rewritten
2.8	28 June 2009	Junior boat driver age restrictions amended in line with BWS guidelines. Skiing times and number of passes amended for increased use of flat water.
2.9	23 March 2010	Amendments to reflect change in ownership of the site. Additionally, requirement for juniors to use helmets for inflatable and wakeboard riding
3.0	06 March 2011	Use of day try out sessions amended from 5 trials to 3 before club membership is required
3.1	02 June 2013	No more than 3 boats on the water at the same time. No distinction between Adult/Junior temp tickets. Dogs may be off lead but owners must be responsible.
3.2	01 June 2014	Logo updated for consistent look and feel with new website
3.3	06 April 2015	Clarification related to dogs on site.
3.4	13 May 2018	Update to visitor registration (use of online registration form)
3.5	13 May 2018	Safety guidelines as per BWSW, clarification of observer requirements
3.6	21 May 2023	Updated following officer review and made available on new website
3.7	22 May 2023	Additional consideration for use of south basin and holiday park boat rides
3.8	21 March 2024	Update of slalom times & boat driver/observer exception. Use of inflatables restricted on the south basin.
3.9	12 January 2025	Updates to wake surfing and slalom

Chichester Water-Ski Limited (CWSL) will maintain the lease of Ivy Lake at Chichester Lakeside Holiday Park via contractual agreement with Park Holidays UK.

Chichester Water-Ski Club (CWSC) is registered with British Water Ski & Wakeboard (BWS&W) for purposes of water skiing, wakeboarding and water sport at Ivy Lake, Chichester. Only as a member of CWSC will use of the water be permitted and only in accordance with the rules stated herein.



The club shall consist of honorary members, Boat owning members, Adult members, Junior members, Student members and Non skiing members.

Officers of CWSC will be appointed annually by CWSL.

All assets of CWSC will be the property of CWSL. This will also extend to any equipment donated to CWSC.

## 2. Memberships

Conditions of CWSC membership.

Persons shall be eligible for CWSC membership provided that:

- (A) They are reasonably competent swimmers
- (B) They, or Parent or Guardian if under 18 yrs of age, sign an undertaking that they absolve the Club, its Officers, Members and Proprietors from liability for any injury or damage to themselves, or their property from any cause whatsoever including the negligence of the Proprietors, their Servants or Agents whilst engaged in the activities of the Club
- (C) They become members of British Water Ski; the only exception to this being when skiing on a temporary/trial basis

## 3. Limitation of both CWSL & CWSC liability

Members, guests and visitors, may use Club premises and any other facility of the Club, entirely at their own risk and implicitly accept that:

- (A) Both CWSL & CWSC will not accept liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club.
- (B) Both CWSL & CWSC will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of the use of the Club premises and any other facilities of the Club either sustained by members, guests or visitors whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of the members, the Officers or servants of the Club.

## 4. Membership categories

Membership	Description
Boat Owning	Includes husband and wife, or partners that are cohabiting, and their children under the age of 18 years of age on 1st day of April. Immediate members of the family will be permitted to use the boat owning members boat if they are over the age of 18 years, Ski Boat Driver Award (SBDA) certified, and provided they are appropriately paid up members of the Club.
Family	Family Includes husband and wife, or partners that are cohabiting, and their children under the age of 18 years on the 1st day of April.
Adult	Adult applies to any single individual joining the club over the age of 18yrs
Student	Between the ages of 18 & 21 years, as long as they are in full time education.
Junior	Under the age of 18 years – requiring Parent or Guardian consent.
Guest	All ages (Limited to 3 trial days after which membership to the club is required)

Temporary day skiing membership will be available, however this will be by invitation of the club officers or boat owners only. Boat owners will be responsible for ensuring visitors have



completed the registration process. Guests must sign up to and accept the disclaimer prior to skiing accepting that skiing is undertaken entirely at their own risk and without liability to both CWSL and CWSC as stated above for "Conditions for CWSC membership".

Visitor registration is available via an online form [here](#). For juniors, a parent or guardian must complete the registration process prior to their child skiing. No guest skier will be permitted on the water without first completing registration. Boat owners failing to ensure their guests complete registration and sign up to the required declaration may be expelled from the Club. The decision of club officers on this matter will be final.

## **5. Membership payment**

No person shall be allowed to take part in the activities of CWSC until payment has been made to CWSL and copies of boat insurance documents and proof of BWS membership has been provided. Those wishing to renew memberships for the upcoming season must notify the membership secretary of their wish to rejoin prior to commencing the season. In the event of no notification, boat moorings will be offered to those next on the waiting list.

Note: Membership fees are non-refundable and may not be prorated if applying for membership part way through a season.

## **6. Expulsion and suspension**

If at any time the management of CWSL shall be of the opinion that the interests of CWSC so require, they may by letter, invite the member to resign within a time stipulated within the letter. In default of his or her resignation, the question of their expulsion shall be considered by the club officers who shall have the power to expel and whose decision shall be final.

## **7. British Water Ski & Wakeboard (BWSW) Affiliation**

As a club we are affiliated to British Waterski & Wakeboard and adhere to the safety guidelines as recommended and published by BWSW. These guidelines are constantly reviewed and updated by the governing body and members should acquaint themselves accordingly. Where there are disparities then guidance from a club officer should be sought.

As part of affiliation to BWSW all members of the Ski Club must be members of BWSW. It is good practice to carry your BWSW membership card with you at all times in order to confirm BWSW membership and qualifications attained when requested. If unable to present your ID card upon initial request you must do so within 7 days of the request.

## **8. Boats**

### ***A. Boat Requirements***

A "boat" shall be deemed to be one that is suitable for towing a water skier at speeds in excess of 25 mph (40km/h), no less than 15ft (4.6m) long and minimum 75HP engine, with an appropriate fire extinguisher on board. The following are not permitted on the water: Ribs, inflatable dinghy, Jet bikes and motorised surfboards.

### ***B. First-Aid Kits***

All boat owners will be required to hold their own first-aid kit. This need not be held in their boat and may be kept in the boot of their vehicle, however this must be available on site when their boat is in use.

### ***C. Insurance***

All boat owners using the lake must have in force a current insurance policy for a minimum third party liability cover in the sum of £1,000,000 and shall cover activities undertaken by the



boat owner and shall be such as to fully indemnify both CWSL & CWSC in respect of all claims, demands or costs against them.

All boat owners are required to produce their insurance documents with membership fees prior to launching their boats. No boat will be permitted to launch unless a copy of current insurance documentation has been provided to the membership secretary.

#### ***D. Ski Boat Driver Certification***

Only drivers holding the British Water Ski & Wakeboard (BWS&W) Ski Boat Driver level 2 (SBD2) certificate of competence will be permitted to drive boats on Ivy Lake. However, to enable prospective drivers to prepare for the SBD2 test, they may do so whilst under the supervision of an SBD2 certified driver.

#### ***E. Junior Drivers***

No person may drive a boat on the lake under the age of 15 years. Over 15 years and up to 16 years, they may do so under instruction from Parent, guardian or Instructor (must be SBD2 certified) and then only when the lake is clear of other boats. Over 16 years, they may tow skiers under the instruction of certified Parent, Guardian or Instructor. Over 16 years, and only when passed as proficient and SBD2 certified, may they tow skiers without direct supervision, and only then when accompanied by an experienced observer.

NB. Boat owners with junior drivers must produce an adequate insurance note qualifying junior drivers.

#### ***F. Number of boats on the water (Ivy lake - North & South Basin)***

During periods of free skiing, no more than 4 boats will be permitted on the water towing at any one time. Navigation of the north basin of Ivy Lake must be in a clockwise direction. The south basin may be used for single boat operation. Any boats entering the north basin from the south basin must give way to other boat traffic (as per maritime rules of the sea). Use of inflatables are not permitted on the south basin due to close proximity of the banks when passing between the islands. Other boats must remain at their jetty until a towing boat returns before leaving to commence skiing activities.

#### ***G. Maximum skiers permitted behind a boat***

The maximum number of skiers permitted behind a boat will be governed by the boat owner's insurance.

#### ***H. 15m Exclusion Zone (by lakeside chalets)***

In front of the lakeside chalets is a 15m area that is buoyed off. This area is for lakeside residents to use. Boats and skiers are not permitted in this area. This is within contract commitments to Park Holidays UK and must be observed at all times.

#### ***I. Driver responsibilities (to Passengers/Skier/Rider)***

All skiers/boarders wear appropriate buoyancy/body protection, i.e. wetsuit, life jacket.

Whilst towing a skier/boarder that an observer is present and familiar with all required communication signals between skier/observer and driver. The only exception to this requirement applies to coaches with the appropriate qualifications and insurance in place....and only when no other boats are in use on the lake. At all other times an observer is required. The observer must be able to recover equipment, assist an injured skier in the water and if needed get the skier onto the boat platform for initial treatment and or transportation. In event of injury to a skier the boat driver



must inform a club officer and ensure the accident log book is updated. The accident log book is located in the club house.

Whilst away from the jetty, no individual shall be permitted to enter the water from the boat whilst the engine is running. Likewise, when recovering a skier/boarder to the boat the engine shall be switched off until the individual is safely recovered and seated within the boat.

All passengers within the boat shall be seated; sitting on the gunnels or bow when the boat is under power is not permitted.

That the area around the jetties is kept clear at all times. After returning a skier/boarder to the dock the boat driver shall circle to a halt around the slalom entrance to recover ropes and return to the jetty when clear of other traffic.

Novice skiers/boarders shall be taken to areas other than that around the jetties to commence their ride.

All junior members who partake in riding inflatables or wakeboards must wear appropriate headgear protection. Over 16 yrs of age this is at the discretion of the rider however it is strongly recommended that all participants adopt use of protective headgear when engaging in these activities. When towing inflatables the driver must not exceed speeds recommended by the manufacturer. Only boat owners that have insurance in place for use of inflatables may use them.

If you are the first boat out for the day, or there has been a period of no skiing, before leaving the dock ensure a crew member rings the bell located near the clubhouse to inform the fisherman that skiing is about to commence. This will ensure the fisherman have time to draw their lines in and avoid unnecessary snagging of their lines by boats circling the lake.

Whilst in the vicinity of the jetties boat drivers must keep their boat wake to a minimum and be considerate of other lake users at all times.

### ***J. Barefooting***

Barefooting is permitted, incorporating either boom, short line boom or long line, however, this activity will be restricted to single boat operation, encompassing only an experienced driver and observer due to the driving requirements and speeds involved. Safety is paramount and consideration must at all times be given to other members/lake users.

### ***K. Wake Surfing***

Whilst Ivy Lake does not provide ideal conditions for wake surfing it is to be permitted on the south basin only, on a trial basis throughout 2025, provided the following prerequisites are met:-

- The boat is designed to perform wake surfing
- The driver is familiar with the SBD2 course material for wake surfing. This is relatively new within the SBD2 syllabus but will be covered during the start of season driving briefings or made available on request.
- No other boats are in use or are observed waiting to take to the water as it will take a period of time for the water to settle.
- No waves/rollers are sent towards the water ski club house or jetty moorings.



**L. Slalom**

Following an initial trial during 2024, use of the slalom course will continue to be bookable for all members on a Saturday and Sunday between the hours 8-9am, 12-1pm & 5-6pm. Bookings will be viewable on the Ski Club Calendar. For further information please contact one of the Ski Club Officers.

**M. Holiday Park Boat Rides**

Only Ski Club officers are permitted to undertake boat rides for the residents of the holiday park.

**N. Swimming**

Swimming in the lake is not permitted within the vicinity of the boats and may only be undertaken within designated areas. Parents and Guardians are responsible, for the safety of all children in their care and, for ensuring that this is adhered to.

**9. Skiing days and times**

The lake is open to Club Members from the beginning of April through to the last weekend in October, including Bank Holidays, from 07:00 to dusk; when street lamps come on all water activities must cease.

NB: Bank holidays will be treated as a Sunday for ski times.

**10. Exceptions**

At the discretion of CWSL the lake may be closed to CWSC members for occasional private use. This will only apply during weekdays and notice will be provided to all club members of lake closure.

**11. Competition practice times**

Note: Competition skiing refers to three competition disciplines i.e. slalom (skiing up to six passes per skier only), trick skiing (up to six passes per skier undertaken at the far side of the lake) and Wakeboarding (up to six passes per skier undertaken on the far side of the lake).

Note: A pass is running one length of the lake.

Although competition slots are generally utilised by more experienced skiers, it is recognised that all skiers need to stretch themselves and everyone has to learn and grow in their chosen discipline. To cater for this, during busy times (more than 10 people on the list) it is recommended that should a participant fall more than 4 times, they return to the dock before completing all passes to allow the next person on the list to commence their run. This will help reduce waiting times for all those taking part in use of flat water/competition slots.

**Skiing Times**

<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
08:00 – 09:00	Competition skiing (single boat operation)
12:00 – 13:00	Competition skiing (single boat operation)
17:00 - 18:00	Competition skiing (single boat operation)
<b>Sunday</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
08:00 – 09:00	Competition skiing (single boat operation)
12:00 – 13:00	Competition skiing (single boat operation)
17:00 - 18:00	Competition skiing (single boat operation)



<b>All other times (weekdays and weekends)</b>	
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Free skiing	
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Skiing Times must be adhered to at all times, however if no more than 3 boat owning members are present on site, and agreement is reached between drivers (this must be verbally agreed with all 3 boat owners before taking to the water), single boat operation may be permitted temporarily.

### **12. Inappropriate behaviour**

If the safety of any member is compromised by inappropriate behaviour, including excessive use of alcohol, the offender will be instructed to cease all activities, remove their skiers from the water and depart from the site immediately. At the discretion of the Club Officials, membership may also be terminated with no recompense. They will subsequently be contacted to arrange for collection and removal of their boat from the lake.

### **13. Dogs**

Dogs are permitted on site however owners must take responsibility for their animals keeping them under control at all times and cleaning up and removing any dog mess that may be deposited.

### **14. Litter**

There is no rubbish collection at the ski club. All litter and rubbish must be taken home with you on departure from the site.