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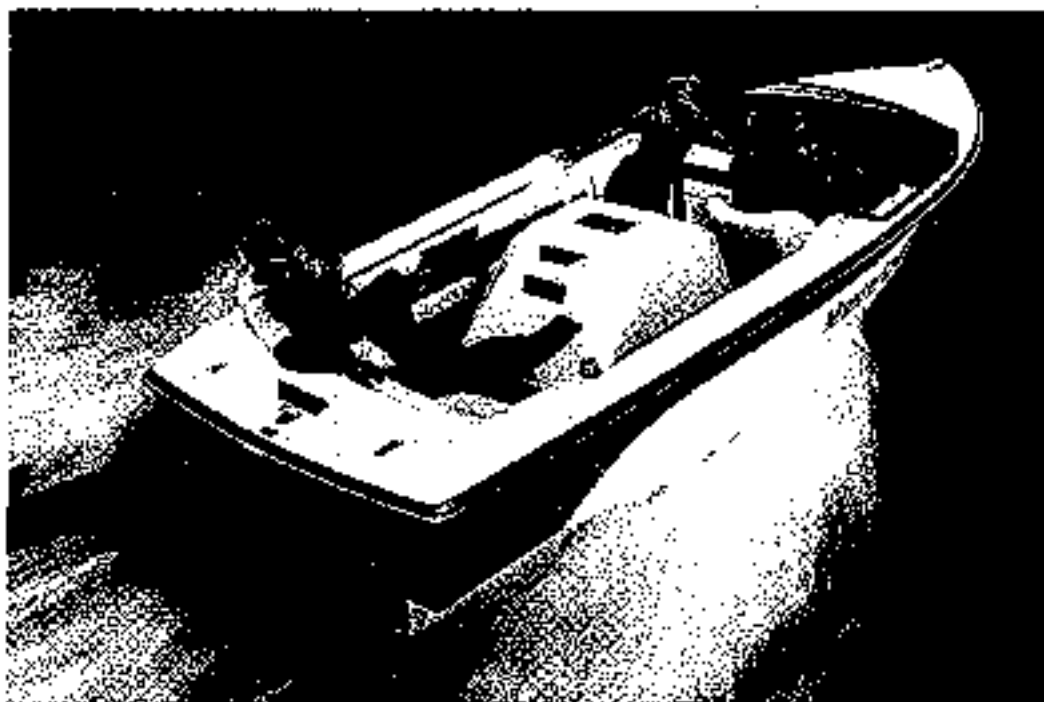
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BAREFOOTING

FRONT TOE-HOLD

FIRST YOU MUST GO INTO A FRONT ONE-FOOT POSITION STANCE AND SLOWLY MOVE YOUR FOOT TOWARD THE FOOT-STRAP. KEEP YOUR WEIGHT FORWARD AND YOUR SHOULDERS LEVEL. AS YOU REACH FOR THE TOE-STRAP, TRY NOT TO PUSH THE FOOT ON WHICH YOU ARE STANDING IN FRONT OF YOU. THIS WILL CAUSE YOUR WEIGHT TO SHIFT BACK AND MAKE IT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO PLACE YOUR FOOT INTO THE STRAP. ONCE YOUR FOOT IS POSITIONED IN THE STRAP, LEAN SLIGHTLY FORWARD AND SLOWLY LET GO OF THE HANDLE, KEEPING YOUR HANDS CLOSE TO THE HANDLE.

MOST BAREFOOTERS HAVE PROBLEMS WITH FALLING SIDE TO SIDE. THIS IS CAUSED BY DROPPING YOUR SHOULDERS. YOU MAY ALSO HAVE DIFFICULTY BALANCING OR YOU MAY EXPERIENCE JERKING FROM THE ROPE, BOTH ARE CAUSED BY YOUR WEIGHT BEING TOO FAR BACK. I FIND IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP YOUR WEIGHT FORWARD.

IN ORDER TO GET CREDIT FOR THE FRONT TOE TRICK IN A TOURNAMENT, YOU MUST SHOW THE PALMS OF YOUR HANDS TO PROVE TO THE JUDGES THAT YOU ARE BEING PULLED BY YOUR FOOT.

I FIND THE SPEED FOR THIS TRICK SHOULD BE ABOUT THREE MPH FASTER THAN YOUR NORMAL BAREFOOT SPEED.

MARK AMANN
NORTH LAKE, WISCONSIN



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS - BY-LAWS CHANGE

The WWSF voted to change the current two (2) at large directors on the board to one (1) director each from the specific disciplines of water skiing as officially recognized (Barefoot, Show 3 Event and Kneeboard). The new directors will be named Director/Show, Director/3 Event and Director/Barefoot. This will enable each discipline to have a director on the board to give direct input at all Federation Meetings. Each discipline will need to nominate a person(s) and submit it to the Nominations Committee by the THINK TANK Annual Meeting. Nominations from the floor will be taken at the annual meetings at THINK TANK. Voting for each director will be held at the respective state tournaments, i.e. - show, 3 Event and Barefoot. Federation By-Laws do not permit write-in votes.

**VOTE
NOMINATIONS**

Nominations for the offices of Vice-President, Treasurer, AWSA Councilperson and the Show, 3-Event, and Barefoot Sport Division Directors will be taken by the nominating committee chaired by Susie Jensen up until the annual meeting at THINK TANK. Anyone interested in running for any of these offices, please contact Susie.

Judges and Scorers Clinic

Two regional Judges and Scorers Clinics have been scheduled for March 26 - 27, 1988 at the Stouffers Concourse near the St. Louis Airport and April 9-10 at the Sheraton near the Chicago Airport. All experienced assistant, regular and senior officials should register for one of these. The fee is \$25. Register through Glenn Ramey, Route 1, Box 262, Oakley, Illinois 62552, phone (217) 763-8008.

THANKS

A big thanks to Rod Olson of Rhineland and Stevens Point for volunteering to help out with the Federator. Rod will be taking care of the Display Advertising. Also thanks must go out to Jon DeBelek, Mark Aman, Jeff Milbrath and Jean Mathison who have all contributed articles to the Federator. Note that these people are all Barefooters. C'mon 3-Eventers and Show Skiers...Contribute.

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SAFETY

Now that all A.W.S.A. sanctioned tournaments must have a qualified safety director as part of the standard officials needed to run the tournament, I am going to be setting up safety director classes. We should have five instructors in Wisconsin to handle the needed classes. The classes won't start until after Think Tank. The first people to attend should be those of you from tournament host clubs, but any club may send members to these classes.

I'll have more information after the instructors course and I'll be at Think Tank to answer any questions you may have. If you wish to call or write me, please do so. Jim Babcock 1006 So. 5th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401, (715) 845-1437

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Please Print:

Name: -----

Address: -----

City: ----- State: ----- Zip: -----

Club Affiliation (if any): -----

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Additional names of all those registered on this form: -----

 Think Tank Package (includes Banquet, Breakfast, and all tanks)

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WWSF New Member (Fam.).....	5.00	*	-----	= \$	-----
T. T. Late Registration Fee.....	2.00	*	-----	= \$	-----
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 (Tear Here and Send Above with Check to Address Below)

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

*ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEB. 29th TO AVOID THE LATE FEE. YOU MUST
 PREREGISTER TO ATTEND THE BANQUET CEREMONIES. ALL MEMBERS OF 100% CLUBS DO
 NOT RENEW YOUR WWSF MEMBERSHIP AT THIS TIME ON THIS FORM*

You will all be able to pick up your entire weekend convention packet with your tickets, registrations, and program guide in the Seminole registration room Friday night or Saturday morning. Please pre-register in order to eliminate congestion and confusion.

Banquet Menu: Breast of Chicken Mornay, Roast Beef au jus, Ham Steak, Whipped Potato, Belgian Carrots, Green Beans Almondine, Tossed Salad, Fruit Salad, Jello, Assorted Relish Tray, Rolls, Beverages.
 Breakfast Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Juice, Hash Browns, Toast & Jelly, Assorted Pastries, Coffee & Milk.

MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS ON YOUR OWN! IF YOU ARE ROOMING AT THE HOLIDAY INN S.E. AND WOULD LIKE TO BE PLACED IN THE "QUIET WING", PLEASE MARK THE APPROPRIATE BOX ON YOUR REGISTRATION FORM.

Send to:
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Dear Fellow Skiers:

Greetings from the frozen Northland! Last year was the biggest and best year ever for the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation's annual winter convention. All in all I was quite pleased with the way in which the weekend operated. However, I thought we could have improved in a number of ways, including having a larger turnout. The best names in every aspect of our sport are in attendance to assist in any ways possible -- both national and world reknown speakers invade the midwest each year for our seminars. Please make copies of the registration form in this issue of the Federator and distribute them to all of your skiing friends, whether they're affiliated or not! We all need to get the word out that this is a fantastic opportunity for all those interested in skiing in the Midwest.

Once again, Think Tank XII will be held at the Madison Holiday Inn S.E. (intersection Hwy 12-18 at I-90) on March 4, 5, & 6. Many more changes are planned for this year. You will not want to miss this convention! There will be new tanks, and some new speakers, and the best motivator in the skiing world will address the banquet audience. Consider some of these changes made last year and this to improve the organization, content, and operation of Think Tank XII:

- 1) Registration will remain in the Seminole Room thereby removing congestion from the hall and facilitating a smoother process. Please help us by pre-registering. **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND TANKS.**
- 2) There may not be another hospitality room until those who are not responsible when they drink quit ruining others' opportunity to socialize. We must police ourselves. Be considerate -- be moderate!
- 3) Other tidbits:
 - a. Another bigger, more impressive fashion "show"
 - b. Less down-time at the banquet
 - c. A wider range of the very latest and hottest in fashions, boots, and equipment in the expanded exhibit hall
 - d. A used equipment/costume swap room
- 4) About the tanks:
 - a. Expanding the scope by combining related areas of interest
 - b. Making some tanks longer
 - c. Addition of many new, interesting tanks

This year I will make every effort to have moderators and presentors better prepared with some focus already in mind as to the direction specific tanks will go. I would like more instruction and less theoretical discussion. There will be an emphasis placed on individual needs and group instruction. Once again the best names in the skiing world will be at your fingertips for advice. You will only get as much instruction and information out of the weekend as you put into it. Get involved, ask questions, raise your hand and persist if you don't understand. Don't think any question or comment is dumb. We all learn from each other. The majority of the top brass in the AWSA and the midwest region will be attending. David Benzel, one of the foremost authorities on 3-event instruction, is also the top skiing motivational speaker and will address the banquet crowd.

As you can tell, a great deal of thought has been put into this year's convention. Please call or write me with any questions or comments you may have regarding the weekend. I need your help and attendance to make this the largest skiing convention in the nation, as well as the showcase for our sport. However, it is my belief that what makes

friends, provocative conversation, and warm times during the winter months. This is an exceptional weekend to get fired up for the upcoming ski season.

Ski Ya' Later,

Paul H. Dross
Think Tank XII Chairperson
N111 W15835 #24 Vienna Ct
Germantown, Wisconsin 53022
(414) 255-1845

T H I N K T A N K X I I N E W F O R ' 8 8

I am very excited to announce these additional changes for this year and felt they warranted their own space.

1. David Benzel's address and seminar on the "Pillars of Peak Performance". Don't miss this; it promises to be outstanding.

2. There will be an air band competition on Friday night along with some relay races and water games in the pool. Come prepared with your teams (Guys & Gals), and your tapes for the airband show.

3. This year I am designating one wing of the complex as the "QUIET WING". Anyone causing a commotion in this wing late in the evening will be escorted to the door--for the rest of the weekend with no refund. I will personally be placing people in rooms where they want to be if at all possible. Please send me a list of names of those people with room reservations and denote which would like to be placed in a group adjacent to each other, and which would like to be placed in the Quiet Wing to get more sleep. Send me that list as soon as possible to my address listed elsewhere in this issue of the Federator.

4. I, along with Skip Gilkerson, would like to formally announce that this year we will be holding a new competition following the fashion show Saturday evening.

THE FIRST ANNUAL MASTERCRAFT INDOOR DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP
The MasterCraft Boat Company will provide 6 sets of classy trophies: 2 trophies per set-- one for the male and one for the female. There will be trophies awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in both the "Open" and "Class A" divisions. The tournament fee will be \$5.00 per person, or \$10.00 per couple. Proceeds will go toward the AWSEF. Look for the brief list of proposed rules to govern the competition in this Federator issue. Gals, grab your partner and get crackin' on your routines. This should be a grand opportunity to get media coverage of this year's convention. If you would like more details or a full list of finalized rules and guidelines that will manage operation of the competition, please write or call me with questions.

Remember--you are what makes this weekend successful! Don't forget your items for the swap room and have your \$ pooled for the pie loss.

COME PREPARED! In order to take full advantage of the convention's seminars, bring those items necessary. Take notes or video tape some tanks. Have some questions you want answered already in mind.

Bring your swimsuit--the pool and sauna will be open late Fri. & Sat.

Children under 12 eat free in the hotel dining room when parents eat with them.

Bring your swivel skis and toe-hold ropes.

Bring your own make-up for that tank's instruction and work on someone while they are offering assistance.

Bring ropes, phids, and cutters to make ropes for yourself or the club during that tank's instruction portion.

WWSF would like one person from each club's safety committee and/or pick-up boat crew to attend the safety tank.

Bring workout clothes to get personal instruction from the best during all doubles tanks, the pyramid tank, and the trios/conventional doubles tanks. Also be flexible and stretch before working out at these clinics.

The \$ charged to you only covers the hotel costs of the food and services for the weekend. The auction portion is the WWSF's only fund raiser for the year, and proceeds get donated in part to the AWSA Educational and Scholarship Fund. Please come prepared to bid on items and support the Federation. Look for the WWSF booth in the exhibit area to enter into the special drawings.

When you check into your hotel room, please note that the registration room will be open on Friday night to alleviate congestion in the morning. Take advantage of this. You will pick up everything that you need in your package. Included in this will be a weekend convention program guide. This will go into further detail regarding the purpose and direction of each tank, as well as giving you a final schedule of events, rooms, and times.

TAKE NOTE: May I suggest that you contact the hotel immediately if you have not already done so to reserve your room. We will fill the entire complex. When you call or write, be sure to mention that you are with the Think Tank group, as they reserve the hotel for us only. There is a Road Star Inn right next door if the Holiday Inn SE is filled. Motel 6 is across Hwy 12-18, and a Quality Inn is just up the street.

SATURDAY

9 - 10:30
10:30 - 12
12:30 - 2
2 - 3:30
3:30 - 4:30
9:30 - 10:30
10:30 - 11:30
11:30 - 1

	WALNUT GROVE	MAPLE BLUFF	FAIR OAKS	FOX RIDGE	SEMINOLE
9 - 10:30	Costumes & Make-Up	Freestyle & Show Jumping	Tournament Psychology	Show Driving	Final Registration &
10:30 - 12	Judging Doubles	Foot'n Wakecross & Show Foot'n	Tournament Jumping	Fundraising, Sponsorship & Promotions	Swap Shop
LUNCH					
12:30 - 2	Pyramids, Trios & Conv. Doubles	Sound & Announcing	Tournament Tricks	Computer Scoring	Show Photos & Videos
2 - 3:30	Beg. Doubles	Foot'n Tricks	Tournament Slalom	President's Forum	Pick-Up Boats Dock & Equip
3:30 - 4:30	Swivel & Ballet	Foot'n Jumping	Judging Tricks	Insurance	Show Judges Forum

SUNDAY

9:30 - 10:30	Show Judges Video Critique	Breakfast Clean-Up	3-Event Driving	Safety	
10:30 - 11:30		Goal-Setting	Judging Jumping	↓	Swap Shop-Rope-Making
11:30 - 1	Int. & Adv. Doubles	Show Directors Forum	Slalom Judging	Safety (To Pool)	Foot'n Starts



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SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club will have an opening next season for a water safety instructor needed to teach swimming lessons and water safety. Anyone interested in this salaried position should contact Cmdr. Wally Bush at 414-742-3560 OR 608-756-2133. Applicants must be 18 years old and American Red Cross Certified Swimming & Safety instructor.

STAY IN TOUCH

Everyone is invited to contribute to and receive LAS 'TOW BUSINESS BULLETIN'. Perhaps your college student would enjoy receiving their own copy, or maybe you have a neighbor or friend who has expressed an interest in joining LAS? All you need to do is call our editor, Barbara Diehl; 312-885-1175 or drop their name & address in the mail to 726 Leslie Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60194. We'll Make sure they receive their own copy!!!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE TO CONTINUE

So you want to be in 'TOW BUSINESS' !!! The LAUDERDALE AQUA SKIERS are always seeking new members, both skiers and non-skiers. It takes a lot more than just skiing ability to put on an entertaining, beautiful, and exciting water ski thrill show! If you are a member now, tell a friend. We need members with music, broadcasting, advertising, set design, communications, and skiing ability, too! Come and join us it will be a fun experience for everyone.

Increasing membership is also important when seeking product and equipment sponsors. LAS membership increased 27% this summer, but we still have some to go before the equipment manufacturers will consider us. Every manufacturer we've contacted or been reviewed by agrees, we have the talent, the ability, the crowds, the location, but we lack sufficient membership to warrant a financial investment.

Talk it over with your friends, encourage them to at least give us a try. They might find competitive water ski shows a rewarding and fun experience too !!!

1988 MEMBERSHIP DUES

At the October meeting of the Executive Board it was agreed to increase the cost of 1988 membership dues. The increase is necessary to cover the cost of mandatory AWSA (American Water Ski Association), medical, accident, liability insurance and membership.

Dues for 1988 will cost \$65 for skiers (first family member), and \$30 for each additional skiing family member. ALL non-skier dues are \$34 per person, regardless of other family memberships.

The Executive Board would like to point out that all memberships include the insurances necessary to cover the 1988 season and additional fees should not be needed later in the year.

On August 16, 1987 election of officers was held for the 1988 LAS season.

President * Anthony Cecola
Vice-President * Bill Diehl
Treasurer * Margo Ryan
Secretary * Barbara Diehl
Equipment Mgr. * Alan Meike
Asst. Equip. Mgr. * Bill Burke
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Show Director * Jeff Asbach
Asst. Show Director * Danny Sullivan
Membership * Linda DuClos
Costumes * Louise Meike, Jan Burke, & Michelle Zander
Boat Manager * Steve Klancnik
Show Site Development * Tom Zordan & Rick Vanselow

Think Tank Ski Swap

Want to sell your old skis? Bring them along to think tank. We will have a room set aside for your skis, here's how it will work. You set a fair market price for your skis & they will be on display in the ski swap room during think tank. The WWSF will handle the sale and keep 10% of the sale price. So bring along all those old boards that have been gathering dust. See you there.

1988 WATER SKI SUMMER GAMES

Ken Ransom, National Chairman of the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union), has announced Fort Fremont Sport-Marine as location and partial sponsor of the 1988 AAU Midwest Regional Water Ski Tournament to be held June 18 & 19, 1988. Top finishers will qualify for the 1st Annual AAU National Water Ski Championship to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana (Tentative).

What is a AAU Tournament? It's a water ski tournament for amateur skiers from "8 to 80" years old, and is a tournament designated to give you amateurs the thrill and excitement of a professional tournament.

Who is the AAU? They are the Amateur Athletic Union, The largest organization dedicated to the promotion of all amateur sports in the United States, and in 1988 they will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary. The AAU is also the sponsor of the Junior Olympics, which is the breeding grounds for our U.S. Olympic Team. In 1987 water skiing was added to the sports promoted by them. Fort Fremont Sport-Marine, and a few other sponsors throughout the United States, started promoting AAU water ski events in 1987 also. These trial runs exhibited areas of great interest and faster growth in amateur tournament skiing.

Many of you have heard that water skiing is being considered for Olympic competition. Can you image what this will do for our sport? The benefits are incredible! But how does this effect you? Well, for starters, we can get involved in the amateur ski tournaments being held in your area. These tournaments are in the "Grass Roots" stage, allowing many of you the chance of a life time---To maybe compete in the Olympic water ski competition!

Remember, Olympics are not for professionals like the Duvalls and LaPoints. The Olympics will need new talent like you. So skiers, parents, coaches, etc. start some serious training and enter the AAU Water Ski Tournaments TODAY!

For more information contact: Fort Fremont Sport-Marine
Attn: Pat Labeck
AAU Water Ski Chairperson for the State of Wisconsin
8969 Hwy. 110
Fremont, WI 54940
(414) 446-3220



Application for Individual Membership in the WWSF

I (we) _____ (family)
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
(winter mailing address) _____ Zip: _____

hereby apply for membership in the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation (WWSF).
I (we) agree to help promote the safe enjoyment of the sport of water skiing.
I (we) also agree to abide by all rules, regulations, and by-laws of the WWSF.
Individual Membership: \$3.00 Family Membership: \$5.00

(For family memberships, please list all family members here: _____)

((Memberships are due at Think Tank.))

MASTER CRAFT INDOOR DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. Each team will consist of 2 individuals: 1 male and 1 female. Each team will be responsible for furnishing their own music, costumes, props, and announcer. None of these are required and are the discretion of the competing teams. Sound system will be provided.
2. The presentation will consist of 3 parts: a) the stage or introduction work, b) 3 passes, c) the stage or pay off segment. The stage work will consist of no more than 1 minute. The team will then be given a 30 second rest which is to simulate the take off from the dock. The team will then face to the right to simulate the 1st pass of skiing. This should be completed in 30 seconds and must be completed by 45 seconds. The team gets a 30 second rest with the girl remaining on the shoulders. This simulates the turn around at the end of the show course. The team now faces left for pass 2 with the same time restrictions. At the conclusion of pass 3, they will rest 45 seconds to simulate the turn and approach to shore. The girl will then dismount, and the team has up to 1 minute for their shore or pay off portion. There will be a maximum 4 min. set up period.
3. SCORING: There will be 5 or 7 scoring judges. Each team will receive 2 scores. The first score is for artistic impression. This takes into consideration music, make-up, costuming, and showmanship. The high and low scores will be dropped and the remaining scores combined for one total score for artistic impression. The teams will receive a second score for technical merit. The judges will consider timing, executing, and difficulty on this score. The high and low score will be dropped and the remaining scores totaled for one total score for technical merit.
4. Officials will consist of 5 - 7 scoring judges: 1 chief judge, 1 timer, 1 - 2 scorers. One official may assume 2 positions, i.e. chief judge and timer.
5. SAFETY: The team is encouraged to supply 4 spotters of their choice. The spotters will in no way detract from the judge's score as safety is a primary consideration. In fact, adequate costuming and presentation by spotters could result in an increase in scores in the artistic impression area.
6. AWARDS: Placement will be by total scores in both areas artistic impression and technical merit. In the event of a tie, it will be broken by:
 - a) drop the high and low of the remaining judges and retotal
 - b) add the 2 highest scores from each category
 - c) a tie shall declared.
7. DEDUCTIONS: Five total points for each overrun of time. Two - ten points for an unsafe act declared by a majority of the judges.

1988 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Show Tournaments:

Wisconsin State Show Tournament - Wisconsin Rapids, WI July 15 - 17th
Lake Pleasant Show Classic - Eagle River, WI July 30 - 31st
Show Nationals - Janesville, WI August 6 - 7th

Three-Event Tournaments:

Badger Open - Minocqua, WI June 25 - 26th
Wisconsin State 3-Event Tournament - Tomahawk July 23 - 24th
Regional 3-Event Tournament - August 5 - 7th
National 3-Event Tournament - Palm Beach, FL August 16 - 21st

Barefoot Tournaments:

Wisconsin State Barefoot Tournament - Neosho Mill Pond July 9 - 10th
Barefoot Regionals - July 24 - 26th

COUNCILMANS REPORT

Regional Counsel Meeting

The Midwest Region Counsel meeting will be held February 20 - 21, 1988 at the Sheraton Near the Chicago O'Hare Airport. Most of the sessions are open and all are welcome. Hope to see some of you there.

If you have anything you want brought up, please let me know.

Belen Gresens, Councilman
16 Yorkshire Woods
Oak Brook, Illinois 60521
(312) 833-1985

Sanctions

Time for filling out sanctions is just about here. Here are a few things to remember. All sanctioned tournaments need a certified safety director.

In 3-Event, a chief judge and at least 2 appointed judges are necessary and must be either a regular or senior judge. The chief driver and chief scorer must hold a regular or senior rating. The sponsors must contact each of the above individuals and get their acceptance for that position. Sponsors must contact the '87 chief judge for approval of the '88 Tournament if that individual is not going to be the '88 chief. Don't forget to include the kit and sanction fees and club membership if it has not been renewed. Get the correct size of kit supplements if necessary. Fill the sanctions early to avoid late fees. If you need help, write or call Belen Gresens, 16 Yorkshire Woods, Oak Brook, Illinois 60521, phone (312) 833-1985

Attention All Clubs! Certified Safety Directors

Now that certification courses are in place ALL sanctioned tournaments (show, barefoot, 3-event etc.) must have a certified safety director as an official.

One course is scheduled at the Boat Drivers and Judges school June 4-5, 1988, Eagle River, Wisconsin at Camp Nicolet. Several others are being planned. Additional information may be obtained from Jim Babcock, Wisconsin Safety Director, 1000 South 5th Avenue, Wausau, Wisconsin 54401 (715) 845-1417. A letter will be sent to all clubs in February with more details.

The instructors will come from the two Instructor Courses being given in the region.

1. Madison Wisconsin, February 6-7, Holiday Inn #2 SE, I-90 and Rts. 12 & 18, (608) 222-9121

2. St. Louis, Missouri, March 26-27, 1988, Stouffer's Concourse near Airport, (314) 429-1100. Contact Bill McCreary, Midwest Region Safety Trainer, P.O. Box 614, Benton, Illinois 62818, (618) 439-4849 for additional information.

I am still looking for additional feedback on low boat safety nets for slalom.

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Food For Thought

Three-event clubs hosting tournaments in this state should consider some innovative ways of running tournaments, such as:

1. 2 rounds, 3-event with a limit of 50 skiers. In this type, you could have the 1st round: jump, trick and slalom on Saturday and the second round on Sunday. Advantages are, the chance of having good weather on at least one of the two days. Those skiers looking for an EP or improving their rating in any event would have two chances, Saturday and Sunday. They may be skiing better one day than the other. The skiers would rather spend the money on a tournament where they have two chances.
2. 2 rounds, Pick and Choose with a limit of 30 skiers First round on Saturday. Each skier may ski 3 times on each day. For example: on Saturday a skier may choose to ski 3 rounds of jump, which means 9 jumps. Or this could be tricks or slalom. The skier could ski once in jump, tricks and slalom, or mix the choices any way he chooses. The same is repeated on Sunday.

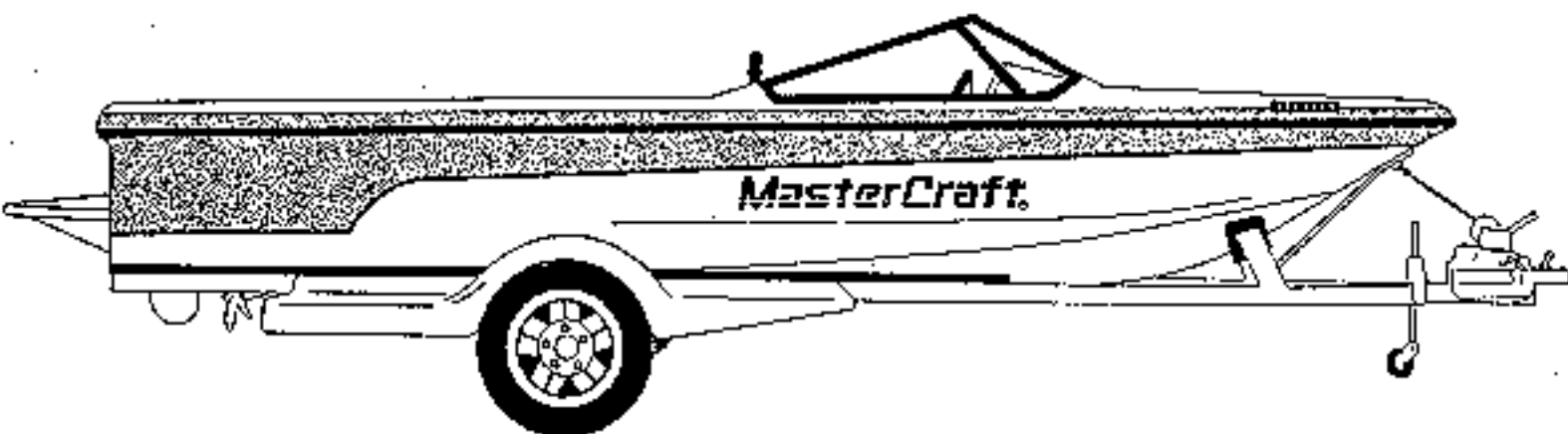
These types of tournaments have become very popular in the south where it is difficult to find a 1 round, 3-event tournament that lasts two days.

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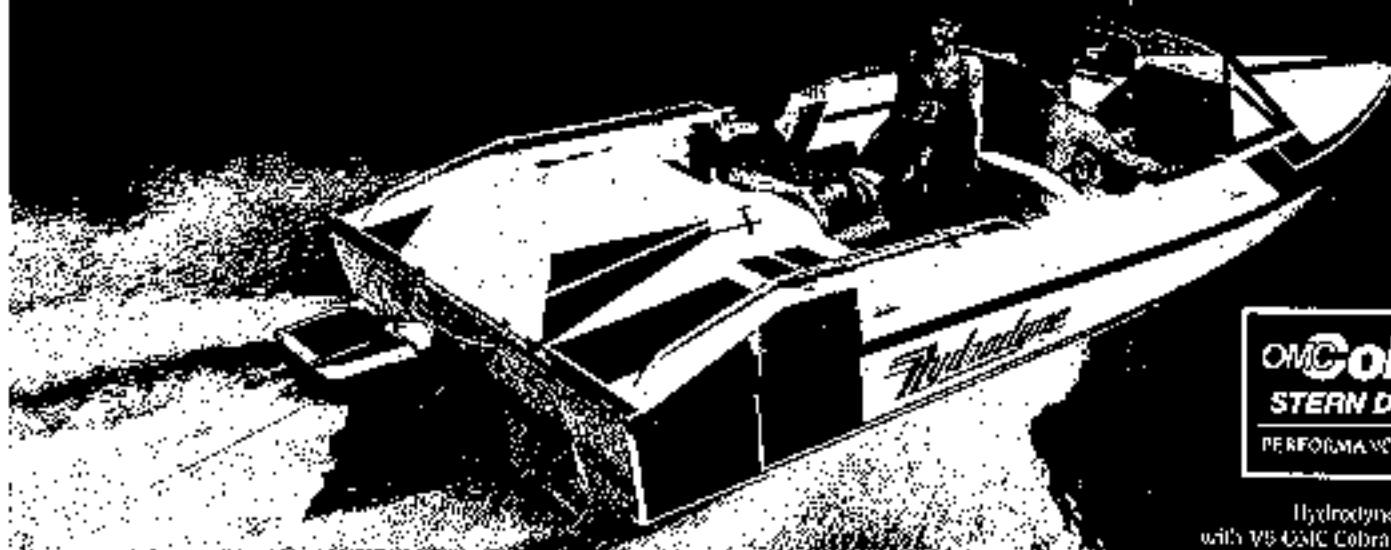
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