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COUNCILMANS REPORT

Probably, as far as Wisconsin is concerned, the most important "Happening" at the Winter Midwest Regional Council meeting held Feb. 20-21, 1988 at the Sheraton International O'Hare in Chicago was the establishment of a seat for show and one for barefoot on the council and other recognized disciplines as the need arises. At the present time these are non-voting but have all other privileges including executive sessions.

A committee has been established to attempt to find a method by which regional voting can take place within each discipline. Hopefully they will have a course of action worked out by the August meeting. This year follow the information on Absentee Ballot in your Regional Guide.

Another strong suggestion came from the council that the show group should form as "ABC" type group in order to have a voting member on the AWSA national board. At this point barefoot, collegiate and kneeboarders have this status.

Congratulations to Hope Hansen on her promotion to regular judge and scorer and to Bob Meranda on his re-instatement as a regular judge.

The rule changes that will affect you the most are as follows:

1. A certified safety director is required in attendance at each sanctioned tournament. One course is being held at Boat Drivers and Judges school in Eagle River, June 4 and 5. You will find a reservation blank in this Federator. For other locations and dates, check with Jim Babcock, State Safety Director, 1006 South 5th Avenue, Wausau, Wisconsin 54401, (715) 845-1417.

2. In setting the slalom course the buoys shall have 4 3/4 inches to 6 3/4 inches height out of the water and be 8 3/4 inches to 11 inches in diameter. The endgates are to be 9 7/8 inches to 13 3/4 inches with 6 1/4 inches to 8 5/8 inches height out of the water. (8.03c and g)

3. In jump all tournaments A and above must have 3 stations of 2 meters each. All other tournaments need 3 stations of 1 or 2 meters each. (8.10)

4. Slalom skiers are getting a break — 10.09 1st paragraph, 5th sentence — For all passes a time shall be taken at the third buoy as well as the full course. The third buoy time alone shall be used. **For line lengths 13m and shorter, a reride is mandatory if either the split or full course time is slow. However, if at any speed the skier's score is greater than 2 1/2 and the split time is good but the full course time is slow, the skier may choose to accept a score of 2 1/2 instead of a reride.

There are a lot of changes — watch for them in the "Water Skier".

Attend the Boat Drivers' and Judges' School and attend a Safety Clinic. Get your sanctions in filled out correctly.

By the way, this year AWSEF will give six \$1,500 scholarships! Don't forget to join and donations are tax deductible.

I've enjoyed being your councilperson over these years and would like to thank each of you for your support. J. R. Wilson will do a super job for you. I support him whole heartedly as I hope you will.

Have a fun and safe summer. See you on the wakes!

Belen Gresens

Schedule: Regionals, DuQuoin, IL, Aug. 5, 6 and 7. Council meeting, Thursday, Aug 4, following judges' Meeting.

General meeting and election, Saturday, Aug. 6.

Nationals, West Palm Beach, FL, Aug. 17-21.

Winter Midwest Regional Council, Sheraton O'Hare, Feb. 18 and 19, 1989.

22nd Annual Wisconsin State Show Tournament

Hosted by the Wisconsin Rapids Aqua Skiers

July 15, 16 & 17, 1988 at Lake Wazeecha, 4 miles east of Wisconsin Rapids.

The tournament is a Class 'A', AWSA Sanctioned Tournament. It will be limited to 18 competing teams, 10 on Saturday and 8 on Sunday. The first 18 teams are accepted, so get your forms in early. Don't miss out on this event.

To receive an Entry Kit or more information, please contact:

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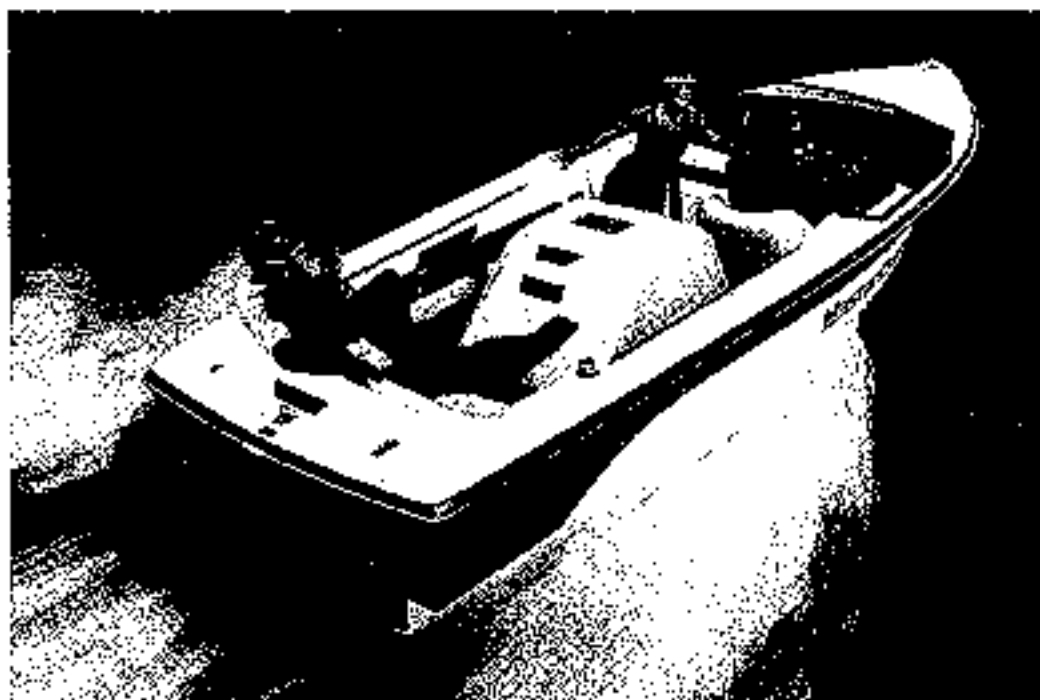
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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS - BY-LAWS CHANGE

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, ie. - show, 3 Event and Barefoot. Federation By-Laws do not permit write-in votes.

SAFETY CLASSES

At this time, due to the rule set by A.W.S.A. that only 3-event tournaments must have a Safety Director, because of the fact that there hasn't been any interest in the class at Judges-Boat Drivers School, that class will not be held. If any tournament host clubs need a Safety Director, you may contact me for a list of qualified people.

If any club wants to have one of the Safety instructors help your Safety Directors set up programs in your club, again contact me for the instructor nearest you. You then can work out the arrangements with them.

James Babcock c/o WWSF
P.O. Box 533
Wausau, WI 54402-0533

BROWNS LAKE

1st Reunion Show, 8/13/88 noon to 5:00. All members of the past 10 years should attend. Fisher Park, Browns Lake.

W.W.S.F. ELECTION '88

This is the slate of officers for WWSF positions up for election:

Vice President - Jim Babcock & Bruce Jonas
Treasurer - Barb Snow
AWSA Council - J. R. Wilson
3-Event Sport Div Dir - Dave Regenberg
Show Sport Div Dir - Cindy Parrett & Duane Snow
Barefoot Sport Div Dir - Jon Debelek

Absentee Ballots must be sent in by July 5th. Regular voting to take place at all three state tournaments.

SHOW SKIERS

A new organization has been formed to support the evergrowing sport of Showskiing. United Show Skiers of America which is in it's formative stages will work to become a sport division within AWSA. This will give showskiers throughout Wisconsin as well as the USA a stronger voice in the AWSA process. More info will be forthcoming as USSA Proceeds.

THINK TANK 89 WILL BE HELD THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 24, 25 & 26 AT THE OLYMPIA VILLAGE RESORT IN OCONOMOWOC, WI. DUE TO THE LIMITED SIZE OF THE HOLIDAY INN A MOVE WAS BADLY NEEDED. THIS MOVE WILL GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND OUR CONVENTION. SEVERAL MANUFACTURERS HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN HELPING SPONSOR THINK TANK AND DISPLAYING THEIR WARES. THIS ALSO GIVES US MORE ROOM FOR THE LARGER TANKS AND OPENS UP THE POSSIBILITY FOR HAVING ROOMS AVAILABLE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL CLUBS TO SPONSOR. MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW IN THE FALL FEDERATOR.

1988 SHOW NATIONALS WILL BE TELEVISED ON ESPN AUGUST 9th AT 7:00 PM. THIS IS THE REASON FOR THE DATE CHANGE TO JULY 30 - 31

THE WWSF BOARD VOTED TO HIRE AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STARTING SEPTEMBER 1st 1988. THIS PERSON WILL HELP GIVE THE BOARD AND WWSF SOME DIRECTION. THIS IS A ONE YEAR POSITION WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR AN EXTRA YEAR. THIS POSITION HAS BEEN AWARDED TO MARY POWER OF THE MANAGEMENT GROUP OF MADISON. HER JOB WILL BE TO HELP THE BOARD MEMBERS WITH THEIR WWSF TASKS, ADVERTISING SALES FOR THE FEDERATOR, HELP WITH THINK TANK AND BE A CLEARINGHOUSE FOR WWSF INFORMATION. WE ARE HOPING THAT WITH HER MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE WITH ASSOCIATIONS THAT SHE CAN HELP US BECOME A BETTER ORGANIZATION FOR YOU.

1988 WATER SKI SUMMER GAMES

Ken Ranson, 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 1907 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 Duvalle 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 Lubeck
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.))

(Club affiliation, if any.) _____

Its that time of the year again. Ski Show competition season is on us and everyone is thinking "We lost by three points; we only won by five; we lost by thirty; how can we improve our scores this summer???" If I've been asked once, I've been asked 50 times, "As a judge, how do you think we can improve our scores?"

Show skiing and show skiing skills have come a long way in the past 15 years, maybe too far in some cases. I've judged or attended two or three tournaments a year for those 15 years, and seen acts develop and continuously improve. I've seen a lot of things I like and some I didn't. Most of what I didn't like had to do with carelessness or disregard of safety. But in the last couple of years I have seen a trend starting to develop that I'm still deciding on, but would like to pass my thoughts on to give you a better idea of what I might be thinking as I judge your shows.

To put it in a nutshell I think you are trying to perform over your heads, or beyond your ability, in many cases. Some of the clubs and skiers have gotten so good it seems to putting a lot of pressure on everyone to try to do bigger and harder things all the time. In many cases you are then performing these very difficult things quite poorly, and as a result lowering your scores needlessly. In other words, what I am saying is that you are trying to raise your difficulty score but end up lowering all four scores for the act. You lower the difficulty factor if you try something hard and miss, and you lower the execution factor if you try something and miss. If you fall it is certainly going to affect the flow of the act and fall or poorly executed attempt is going to lower spectator appeal.

What I am saying here is simply that as an experienced skier, show producer judge and spectator, I would much rather see an easier act performed flawlessly rather than a harder act performed poorly. I am looking for

style and elegance rather than sloppy difficulty. You as a skier (show director, interested club member or whatever capacity) should be interested in trying to maximize your score. You can do this by performing only what you can do well, and then trying to do that better than anyone else. You can not improve your score by trying something that you are not sure you can do and then make a poor or sloppy attempt.

Lets take a look at a couple of examples. Doubles: At the think tank I saw couples working on 360 attitudes that couldn't even hold either a front or back attitude, much less make it look proper. I saw you working on drape hand-stands before you could even balance the drape. I saw attempts at back (side) step-up. I saw more advanced couples doing all kinds of manuevers that were so intricate that I couldn't even attempt to name them, yet the guy was shaking all through the moves, and the girl never hit a nice pleasing position. Sure there were a few pros there that did things very nicely, but they have done enough doubles and have the basics down so well that they are in control, and hit the proper positions. Yes, that is the key. Basics!!! Before you move on the to more difficult lifts and exchanges you have to be able to execute the most simple things and make them look like a million dollars. Remember this summer when you are putting together your doubles act, if I'm judging I'm going to score higher for the well executed act than for the act that weaves and bobbles its way down the course while trying to do all kinds of difficult moves.

Next lets look at pyramids. My point is easily made in the score:below. Of course the well executed four tier is highest scored but my point is that well executed double top three tier will out-score a four tier that falls even if it falls on the way down. For purposes of comparison I have kept the flow scores equal.

F	E	D	S	TOTAL
16	20	16	20	72

Double top three tier - no fall

16	16	20	18	70
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Four tier - fall on the way down

16	16	16	16	64
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Four tier one fall - ending in three tier

16	20	20	20	76
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F = Flow

E = Execution

D = Difficulty

S = Spectator appeal

Four tier no fall

Of course not all acts fit this formula. Jumping is one example where a fall may actually help your act and give the driver a chance to show his stuff. However, multiple falls, and that starts with TWO will detract from your score. So even here, if you want to try something you're not sure about, go ahead, but if you fall, from that point on do only what you know you can without another fall. Multiple 360s around the boat fall in this category too, but remember, the judges aren't fools. We can tell the difference between an honest fall and an attempt that has not one chance in a hundred of being successful. So again, even in these acts, don't try to ski so far beyond your ability that it becomes very obvious. It can only hurt your scores.

Let me emphasize one last time, your show will not only score better, but will look better for all audiences, if you emphasize proper execution over daredevil difficulty. I know "back to the basics" sounds like a tired old record, but you can't do the fancy things until you can do the basics well. And, I'll be willing to bet, that if you do a show with the basics, executed very well, you will be very pleasantly surprised with your scores. Good luck this summer. I'll be skiing you.

JULY 30 - 31
1986 WISCONSIN STATE 3-EVENT C & J
 Sponsor: Kwahamot Ski Club
 AWSA Sanctioned: Yes
 Location: Hwy 51 at the bridge in Tomahawk
 Entry Rating: None except B-Men must never have exceeded 95' Jump; 1300 Tricks; 6034 Slalom.
 Entry Limit: None
 Entry fee: 1 Event \$20 2 or More \$25, Family \$50, Team \$1.00

Entry Deadline: July 22, 1986
 Late Entry Fee: \$5.00
 Send Entries to: Kwahamot Ski Club
 P.O. Box 4
 Tomahawk, WI 54487
 Tournament Dir: Rod Greil - *moder*
 Chief Judge: Jerry Hansons
 Chief Scorer: Belen Gresens
 Chief Boat Dr. Ron Gresens
 Awards: 1st - 3rd & Overall each division. Team 1st - 3rd. Tommy Darwin & Clayton Jackson awards.

Practice: None
 Starting Time: 6:30 AM
 Events:
 SAT

<u>SAT</u>	<u>SUN</u>
SLALOM	SLALOM
Women I	Men I
Women II	Men II
Women III	Boys
Women IV	Men III
Women V	Men IV
Girls	Men V
Jr. Girls	
Jr. Boys	
B-Men	

TRICKS	TRICKS
Site 1	Site 2
Boys	B-Men
Men III	W II
Men IV	W I
Men V	J Girls
JUMP	J Boys
Jr. Girls	Women V
Jr. Boys	Women IV
Girls	Women III

TRICKS	TRICKS
Men II	JUMP
Men I	B-Men
	Men V
	Men IV
	Men III
	Men II
	Men I

Must be a member of AWSA and WWSF.
 Must be a Wisconsin resident or summer resident and not have skied in any other state tournament in 1986.
 Team Entry: Must be WWSF club; skiers can only ski for one club and must have been a member of that club for two weeks prior to state. Rosters must be sent two weeks prior to tourney entry deadline. Team entry fee- \$1.00 Late Fee \$25.00
 No late entries after noon 7-22

July 9-10
Wisconsin State Barefoot Tournament

Sponsor: Badgerland Water Ski Show Club
 AWSA Sanctioned: Yes Class: C
 Location: Resho Pond, Wisconsin. N-W of Milwaukee. Hwy. 4 North to Hwy. 83 West to Hwy. 67, 1 mi. South.
 Accommodations: On site camping available (fee charged). Hotels & motels available in neighboring towns (Harford, Horicon, Oconomowoc).
 Entry Rating Req.: None
 Entry Limit: First 65 Paid
 Entry Fees: 1 Event \$23.00, 2 or more \$27.00
 Must be a member of ABC & WWSF, may join at site
 Entry Deadline: Postmarked by July 5, 1988
 Late Entry Fee: \$5.00 if accepted
 Send Entries to: Jon DeBelak 414-246-3263
 N53 W24043 Main St.
 Sussex, Wisconsin 53089

Tournament Dir.: Jon DeBelak
 Chief Judge: Ed Buhr
 Chief Scorer: Nancy Stasser
 Chief Boat Driver: Chuck Shank
 Rules Exceptions: None
 State/Team Req.: Resident of Wisconsin
 Awards: 1st through 3rd and overall each division. Best out-of-state performance. Male & Female.
 Practice: Before you get here, No practice on site.
 Starting Time: 7:00 am

Schedule of Events:
 Saturday: Group A Jumping, Group B Wake Slalom, Group A Tricks
 Sunday: Group B Tricks, Group A Wake Slalom, Group B Jump
 Group A: Boys, Jr. Boys, Girls, Men B, Men I, Women II, Women I
 Group B: Vet. Men, Sr. Men, Vet. Women, Open Men, Open Women
 Novice Men, Novice Women

Comments:
 AWSA homologated tournament will be using meters for jumping.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

For American Water Ski Association-Sanctioned Water Ski Tournament
(Not valid for National Championships)

Tournament: _____ Dates: _____
 Contestant Name: _____ ID# _____
 Address: _____ street _____ city _____ state _____ zip _____
 Telephone No.: () _____
 Current AWSA Rating: Slalom _____ Tricks _____ Jumping _____
 Date of Birth: _____ AWSA membership Expiration Date: _____

CHECK EVENTS (✓) AND DIVISION YOU INTEND TO ENTER
(See Official Rules and Tournament Announcement for entry qualifications)

SLALOM	Men I	Men II	Men III	Men IV	Men V	Women I	Women II	Women III	Women IV	Women V	Boys	Girls	Jr. Boys	Jr. Girls	Open Men	Open Women
TRICKS																
JUMPING																

RELEASE

"In consideration of your accepting this entry, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, and successors and/or for the minor for whom I am signing do hereby authorize you to seek on my behalf all reasonable medical and surgical care that might be necessary if I am unable to authorize such care myself as a result of some injury; to release and forever discharge the organizers of the above-named tournament, the American Water Ski Association and any agency that may be assigned to cover the tournament, their agents, servants, and all persons officially connected with the tournament, from any and all rights, claims and demands of any nature for any and all loss, damage or injury sustained by me or my equipment during the tournament, and my agreement to indemnify any such organization or individual described in this release for all losses, claims, actions, and proceedings; (3) grant to the organizers the right to use my photographs, television or motion picture taken of me during the tournament, and to agree that the organizers have the right to control or prohibit advertising material used, worn, or displayed by me at the site during the tournament; (4) or the minor for whom I am signing, further understand, appreciate and accept the potential risk of personal injury inherent in participating in the tournament; (5) further understand that the organizers reserve the right to disqualify me and to refuse to allow me to compete in the tournament for any reason that they deem just and proper, and in such event I will be obligated to the return of my entry fee and no more.

Signature of Competitor _____
 Signature of Parent or Guardian (if minor, only) _____
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1988 TOURNAMENTS

May 27-29	The Masters - Atlanta, GA.
June 4-5	Marine World - Marine World, CA. Boat Drivers & Judges School - Eagle River, WI.
June 11-12	Pro-Tour Stop, Madison, WI.
June 18-19	Pro-Tour Stop, Knoxville, TN. Lamb's Farm Show Tourney- Libertyville, IL.
June 25-26	Pro-Tour Stop - Syracuse, NY. 28th Annual Badger Open- Minoqua, WI.
July 9-10	Pro-Tour Stop - Lansing, MI. State Barefoot - Neosho, WI. Menominee Trolls Open- Spring Valley, WI.
July 16-17	Pro-Tour Stop - Oklahoma City, OK. State Show - Wisconsin Rapids, WI.
July 30-31	State 3-Event - Tomahawk, WI. Regional Barefoot - Piqua, OH. SHOW NATIONALS 3-Event Regionals - Duquion, IL.
August 5-7	Pro-Tour Stop - Fort Worth, TX.
August 12-13	3-Event Nationals - W. Palm Beach, FL.
August 17-20	U.S. Open- W. Palm Beach, FL.
August 21	Pro-Tour Stop - Wichita, KS.
August 26-28	Kneeboard Nationals - Zachary, LA.
August 27-28	Group I Championships-Quebec, Canada
September 1-4	Hall of Fame Tourney-Lawrence, Kan.
September 10-11	Mastercraft Last Chance- Lodi, WI.
Nov 28-Dec 4	World Barefoot Tourney- Melbourne, Australia



WEB FOOTERS

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Hello Everyone, and Greetings from Fremont

The Webfooters are patiently waiting for the temperature to rise, and the ice to leave the Wolf river, as the 1988 Water Ski Season is in sight!

We are looking forward to 1988, but '87 was a year not easily forgotten.

Our show, *Walter Webfooters Day Off*, was a huge success, with a rise in attendance and donations to show for it. The club skied six traveling shows and thirty-two home shows, for a total audience of approximately 30,000 people. In fact, with the rise of attendance at our home site, we have had to replace our eight row high bleacher system with a 30' by 36' by 25' high "Ski Stadium", purchased and with donated trucking, delivered from Seaworld of Ohio. Other additions to our home site include a fixed dock and walkway, a fixed stage, and coming this summer, a slide up ramp and more stereo equipment, making our home site a nicer place to ski.

With 1987 being such a successful season, we would like to extend our thanks to some of the people who made it possible:

To the people in the Fremont area who have supported us, to the area ski clubs, including Wisconsin Rapids, Waupaca, Wausau, Green Bay, and members of Badgerland who helped out with their advice and also skied at our Annual Classic weekend, to the area businesses who keep the Webfooters in the black, and to Seaworld for their technical advice, used equipment purchased, and fun weekend spent in Ohio, and last but not least, our Congratulations to the WWSF for another successful and profitable season.

ENOUGH OF '87 .. NOW ON TO '88

"Howdie Partners" the Webfooter Water Ski Show proudly presents. A modern American western about a great AMERICAN HERO, Walter J. Webfooter, starring in: "Shootout at Deadfish".

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We look forward to seeing all of you at Think Tank, State, Nationals and Classic.

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U.S. Water Ski Team Retains World Title

London—The United States Water Ski Team won its 20th consecutive World title, defeating teams from 31 other countries in the 20th bi-annual World Water Ski Championships.

Members of the American team also won four gold, one silver, and three bronze medals in slalom, tricks and jumping. Additionally, the men and women overall champion titles were won by U.S. skiers.

In a dramatic climax to the five-day tournament held at Thorpe Park near London, Sammy Duvall, Windermere, Fla., won his fourth consecutive world overall championship. He had back-to-back jumps of 194 and 200 feet. His attempt to retain the overall title was in jeopardy until his two spectacular jumps.

The women world overall championship title was won by Deena Brush, also of Windermere, Fla. She retained her world jump champion title and placed third in slalom.

The American team won all three medals in women slalom. Kim Laskoff, Orlando, Fla., is the new world slalom champion and Camille Duvall, Windermere, Fla., placed second in the event. Duvall finished third in jumping.

The men slalom championship was successfully defended by Bob LaPoint, Truckee, Calif. In men tricks, French skier Patrice Martin retained his world champion title while U.S. skier Tory Baggiano, Montgomery, Ala., placed third. World record holder Cory Pickos, Easel Lake Fla., favored to win, fell in both passes of the elimination round and did not make the finals.

The new world champion in women tricks is Nataly Rumiantseva, of the U.S.S.R. The highest placed U.S. skier in women tricks was Britt Larsen, Madison, Wis., who finished sixth.

In 1989 the 21st World Water Ski Championships will be held in the United States. A formal agreement for the American Water Ski Association to produce the event has been signed with the World Water Ski Union.

MEN EVENTS - Tricks: 1st, Patrice Martin, France; 2nd, Mick Neville, Australia; 3rd, Tory Baggiano, U.S. **Slalom:** 1st, Bob LaPoint, U.S.; 2nd, Andy Mapple, G. Britain; 3rd, Mick Neville, Jump: 1st, Sammy Duvall, U.S.; 2nd, Mike Hazewood, G. Britain; 3rd, Geoff Carrington, Australia.

WOMEN EVENTS - Tricks: 1st, Nataly Rumiantseva, U.S.S.R.; 2nd, Fredericksa Savin, France; 3rd, Anna M. Carrasco, Venezuela. **Slalom:** 1st, Kim Laskoff; 2nd, Camille Duvall; 3rd, Deena Brush, all of the U.S. **Jump:** 1st, Deena Brush; 2nd, Karen Morse, G. Britain; 3rd, Camille Duvall.

TEAM SCORES: U.S., 8260; Australia, 7845; G. Britain, 7691.

Winter Haven, Fla.—Ricky Joe McCormick, one of tournament water skiing's brightest international stars in the 1960's and 1970's has been elected to the Water Ski Hall of Fame. His induction will take place April 23 at the Water Ski Museum and Hall of Fame in Winter Haven.

McCormick's election was announced by Carole Lowe, executive director of the American Water Ski Educational Foundation, which manages the facility, following a report by the 10-member Hall of Fame Selection Committee, headed by William P. Barlow, Jr., of Oakland, California.

A native of Independence, Mo, McCormick began water skiing at age five, at one point getting up on miniature skis behind a swimmer in shallow water of Missouri's Lake of the Ozarks. He entered his first tournament in 1960 at age eight and won a title in his first National Water Ski Championship two years later.

Although he later became an excellent three-event competitor, McCormick made his greatest impact on the sport in tricks. After winning the Junior Boys national tricks title in 1962, he began in 1964 a string of eight consecutive tricks victories at the Nationals, two more in Junior Boys competition, four in Boys and two straight when he moved up to the Men's Division. Along the way, he was credited with developing more than half a dozen tricks that were added to the rule book.

Demonstrating his versatility, McCormick won eight Nationals overall crowns, including three in a row in Open Men beginning in 1977.

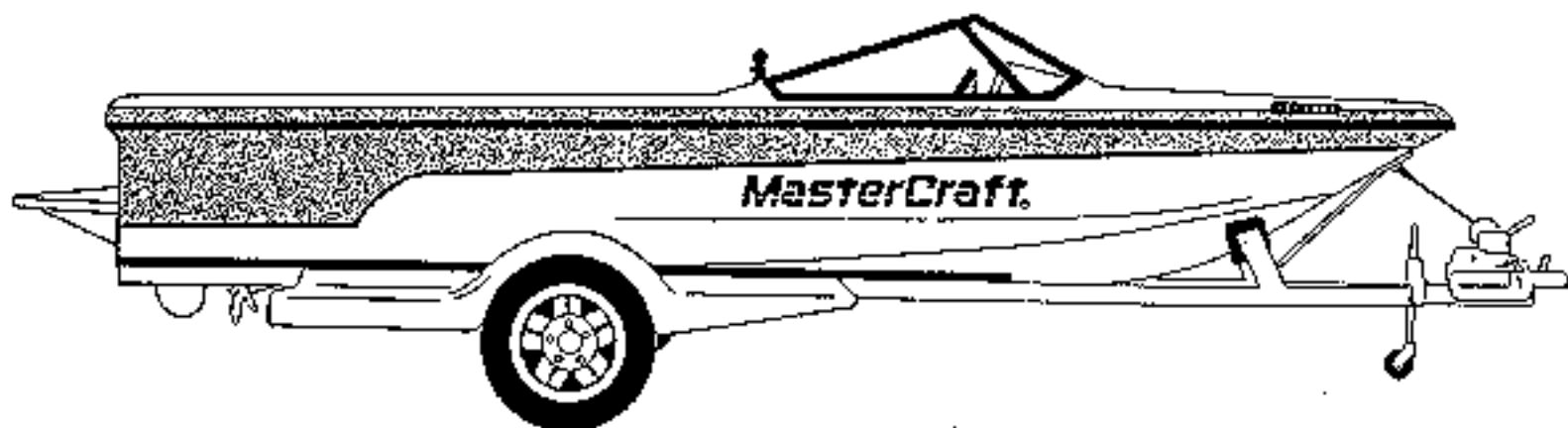
McCormick represented the U.S. at the biennial World Water Ski Championships six times from 1967 through 1979, winning gold medals in tricks in 1971 and in jumping two years later. He also was one of three U.S. contenders when water skiing was honored as a demonstration sport in the 1972 Olympic Games in Germany where he won gold medals in tricks and jumping.

McCormick won eight titles in the Pan American Championships from 1966 to 1978 and was a consistent winner in the Masters Tournament at Callaway Gardens, GA. He won the first of his six Masters tricks titles in 1966 at the age of 13. He became the first male skier to win back-to-back Masters overall titles in 1970 and 1971, then won two more overalls in 1975 and 1977, an unprecedented feat in men's competition at the time. He also won Masters jumping titles in 1970 and 1973.

McCormick retired from Open competition in 1982, and this was his first year of eligibility for the Hall of Fame. He has continued his interest in the sport as an expert consultant for ski manufacturers. He currently is Product Manager with Ero Industries, Inc., Morton Grove, IL, parent company of Cypress Gardens Skis and EP Skis. He lives in Winter Haven, Florida.

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Residents will be asked in an all lakes mailing the first week of May for their support. Ticket donations are \$5 each and the drawing will be held Saturday, July 2nd, immediately following a special ski show performance preceding the Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club fireworks celebration.

Tickets will also be made available for sale at all lake marina locations during weekends after the season gets underway. Members ARE NEEDED, AND EXPECTED TO MAKE TIME available to assist with this fundraiser.

1988 SEASON BEGINS !!

The 1988 season will begin Saturday, May 7th at 10 A.M. We will get underway with a team meeting in the area adjacent to the tennis courts in the Lauderdale Lakes Resort (Sterlingworth) parking lot. EVERYONE should plan on attending and parents are invited and encouraged to join in as well. Please be on time!! Latecomers cause delays and often miss important information!!

1988 DUES

Dues for 1988 will cost \$65 for skiers (first family member), and \$30 for each additional skiing family member. All non-skier dues are \$35 per person, regardless of other family memberships. All memberships include mandatory AWSA (American Water Ski Association) medical, accident, liability insurance and membership.

All members should fill out an application when payment is rendered to help keep our records up to date and are DUE BY MAY 28th. After May 28th, a \$5 late fee applies to ALL former members and will result in SUSPENSION from practices and shows until paid. Applications were mailed with the February newsletter and should be returned to our Membership Chairman, Linda Du Clos, 520 Joy Lane, Sleepy Hollow, IL 60118.

It is VERY important to help relieve the cash flow crunch experienced at the beginning of the season to get those dues paid on time!! *Thank You.*

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

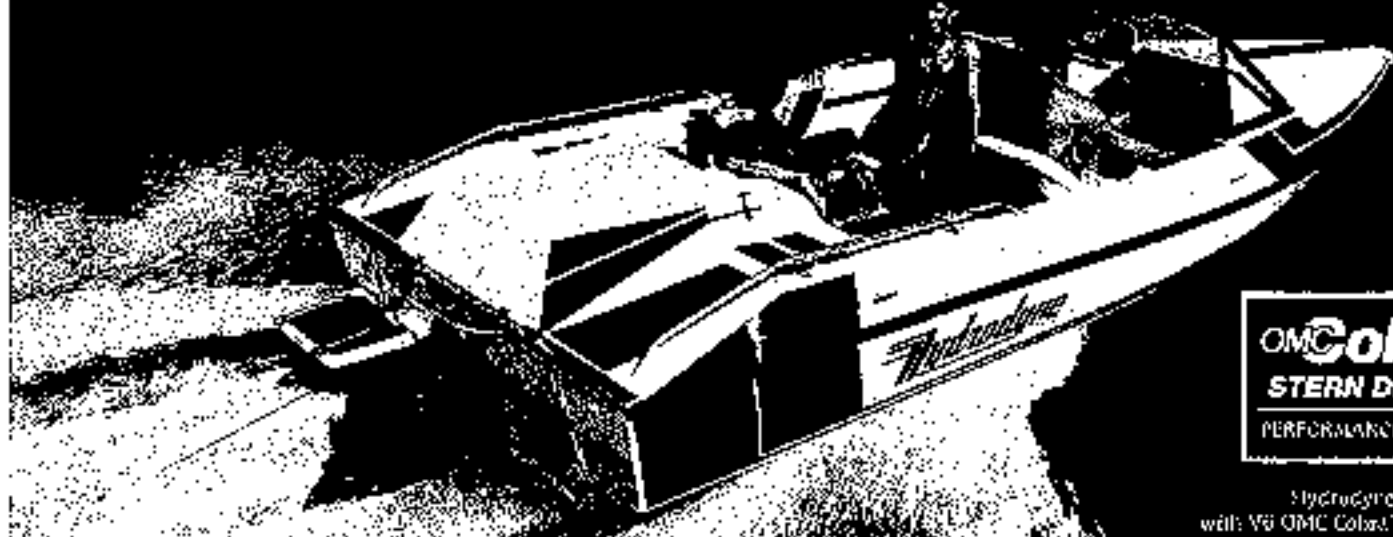
Team practices are every Saturday and Sunday morning at 8 A.M. Show performances are EVERY Saturday evening at 5 P.M. Competitions, special shows, and fundraisers are ALWAYS announced WELL in advance. Missed practices and shows as well as tardiness *Will not be tolerated!!*

Occasionally everyone must attend a family function or take care of an emergency. These things are unavoidable and uncontrollable. Parents and members however, MUST understand that if we are to ski and compete SAFELY & FAIRLY we must all encourage regular and prompt attendance at all practices and shows as well as a dedicated serious attitude toward this worthwhile summer activity. LAS IS NOT A BABYSITTING SERVICE or a SOCIAL CLUB for bored young adults!!

Parents, please take a greater interest in the LAS schedule and members responsibilities so that EVERYONE may compete safely and fairly. Thank you!

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Lauderdale Lakes Yacht Club is still looking for a water safety instructor to teach swimming lessons and water safety this summer. Anyone interested in this salaried position should contact Cmdr. Wally Bush at 414 743-3580 or 608 756-2133. Applicants MUST be 18 years old and an American Red Cross Certified Swimming and Safety Instructor.



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