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## Mid-Winter Meetings and Clinics

The Eastern Region Mid-Winter Membership and Council meetings will be on **Saturday January 13, 2001**, with the Council Meeting beginning at 9:00am and the Membership Meeting starting at 1:30pm

Sunday will include clinics. Please contact the following people if you are interested in participating in a clinic; Driver Clinic – Ralph Hall (ralph.hall@syngenta.com), Judges Clinic – Roger Hammel (roger.s.hammel@verizon.com), and Safety Clinic – Jon Thacher (gaveljt@aol.com). Of course, walk-ins are always welcome, but try to sign up ahead of time to ensure your clinic is being conducted. If you have interest in any other particular clinic, please contact Jon Thacher.

There will be no formal banquet on Saturday night, but the Delaware Park Casino, a large shopping mall, and numerous restaurants are available within a few exits. Of particular note, several people intend to dine at Michael's Restaurant located near the Best Western. Michaels accepts reservations in advance for parties of 15 or more.

A limited number of rooms are available at the Best Western Delaware Inn for \$55 per night for Friday and Saturday nights. Please make your reservations early (like now), by calling the Best Western Delaware Inn at (302) 738-3400. make sure you mention the water ski meeting so you receive the preferred rate.

**Directions:** The Best Western Delaware Inn is located at 260 Chapman Road, Newark, DE 19702. Their phone number is (302) 738-3400. **From NORTH** – Take the New Jersey Turnpike to the end. Follow signs for I-95 South to Exit 3. At Exit 3, follow signs for 273 East-Dover. At the first traffic light turn right to the hotel. **From SOUTH** – Take I-95 North to Exit 3A in Delaware. Exit



and follow signs for East-Dover. At the first traffic light turn right to the hotel.

Please come early, stay late, enjoy the meetings and clinics, and help guide the Eastern Region into 2001. Regardless of your level of skiing, past participation, or type of skiing, the weekend activities will be a great time to learn, share, fellowship, and participate.

### **ACTION NEEDED NOW:**

#### **Hotel Reservations:**

Best Western Delaware Inn, Newark, DE  
Call (302) 738-3400 and reference water ski

#### **Clinic Information:**

Drivers Clinic - Ralph Hall  
(ralph.hall@syngenta.com)  
Judges Clinic - Roger Hammel  
(roger.s.hammel@verizon.com)  
Safety Clinic - Suzan Andrews  
(suzansstuff@fast.net)  
Others - Jon Thacher  
(gaveljt@aol.com)

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## From The EVP

Well, the cold weather is now upon us, it's too cool to ski here in the southernmost part of the region, one must assume that even the hearty souls in the northeast have ceased skiing. As I take the helm as your EVP I must first look back to those that preceded me as EVP and express on behalf of the region the extreme gratitude that each of my predecessors deserve. I have and will continue to seek and accept guidance and direction from my predecessors.

- The agenda is under development for the meeting; anyone wishing to place an item on the agenda should contact the EVP via e-mail (gaveljt@aol.com) or phone (703-250-0215) ASAP to place it on the Agenda. It is our plan to post the Agenda on the web, so make sure you bookmark [www.awsaeast.org](http://www.awsaeast.org) in your browser.
- The 2001 Eastern Regionals are scheduled for August 1,2,3,4 at Daves Pond, Erie, Pa. Doug Robbins, tournament director, is actively working on this event and it should great.
- Nationals/Regionals Officials: Officials wishing to be considered as Judges, scorer, driver, safety etc for either the Regionals or Nationals should submit a resume to the EVP either by mail at 7781 Clifton Road, Fairfax Station, VA, 22039 or by e-

mail at [gaveljt@aol.com](mailto:gaveljt@aol.com).

- Mid-Winter Meeting: Anyone wishing to add any matter to the agenda for the mid-winter meeting, please e-mail it to me ASAP, It is our plan to post the Agenda on the web.
- The Eastern Region will participate this year in a dramatically new Sanctioning Procedure. Jim Mies, has done a magnificent job for AWSA on a national basis and our Region in bringing up this system which will permit on-line sanctioning using the World Wide Web. (*See Jim's article in this newsletter for more information regarding online sanctioning.*)
- Additionally, Bob Morris ([sorivskier@annapolis.net](mailto:sorivskier@annapolis.net)) is the contact person for tournament sanctions. Tournament Sanctions should NOT be sent to the EVP, as this will only delay the process.
- Finally, as this is my first go at being EVP, I would like to thank all those that have assisted, or will assist as the year goes by. It's your region and to make it run well, we need everyone's assistance

*Jon Thacher*

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## ...And From the Ex-EVP

Many thanks for letting me serve as your EVP for the last three years. Believe it or not, I enjoyed the opportunity very much and believe I learned a lot. And hopefully the Region survived. The job is demanding, the pay is poor, but the experience is fun and personally rewarding. Please give Jon the same support that you gave me. Without the hard workers of the region I would not have survived as the EVP. Special thanks go to Jim Meis, Webmaster, Debbie Lamb, Junior Development Chairperson, Ralph Hall and Donna Laskey, Tournament Coordinators, Ann Lohr, Newsletter Editor, Meeting Coordinator, etc. etc. etc. and all the other hard working Eastern Region Skiers who did their parts. Many thanks also to the Timberlake, Twin Lakes, and Lake Holly Ski Clubs for sponsoring

fabulous Regionals during my EVP years.

Looking forward the Region needs to focus on promoting the sport to new members. Let's get some programs going to capture some of the week-end skiers into the tournament scene. Each of us must share our knowledge, skills, boats, ski sites, and time to help others catch the excitement of the sport. It is a fun and rewarding sport; please do your part to keep it going.

Again, many thanks for the opportunity to serve you..

*Steve Lohr*

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## Proposed Rules Changes

The National Rules Committee met in Dallas on November 4 & 5th. All of the proposed rule changes are posted on the AWSA web site. The rules committee for the past two years has tried to align with IWSF when practicable. It has been a win-win approach as they have changed some of their rules to align with ours. The rules committee makes its recommendations to the Board of Directors for their final approval in January. After reading the proposed changes, if you believe strongly a rule change will adversely affect our sport, please send your comments with rationale to me or the

Eastern Region Executive Directors.( Steve Lohr, Roger Hammel, Bill Baker, or Jon Thacher.) There are many positive changes and one that may seem to be going backwards. IWSF has changed the Slalom Gate rule back to the 1999 ruling. The Rules committee is recommending AWSA keep the present ruling for Class E and below.

*Ralph Hall*  
*Eastern Region Rules Committee Member*

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## 2001 Tournaments

Bob Morris notes that sanctioning requests for tournaments in 2001 are slow this year. All were due by December 1, 2000. As of the date of this publication, only New Jersey has submitted their

requests. With online sanction requesting now available, it is easier and faster than ever before get your requests sanctioned. So please act now to submit your tournament requests.

## Junior Development News

### Clinics

This year, we were again fortunate to have many clinics for our junior skiers that were provided by many volunteers. In Massachusetts, Warren Ramsey held two clinics. One two-day clinic that was coached by Terry Goodman and a second two-day clinic that was coached by Judy McClintock Messer. Thirteen juniors participated at the site provided by the Goodhues. Mark Smith drove for both clinics with a boat provided by Mastercraft. In Virginia, Marie Fields organized a three-day clinic for the junior skiers with Brenda Baldwin, Brent Larsen and Benny Lohr as coaches. Lake Holly, Lohr's Lake, and Timberlake provided the sites for the great skiing. Many volunteers helped Marie, and without them driving, providing meals, entertaining, and doing other jobs, the clinic would not have been possible. Marie also organized an entry level clinic at Bear Lake with Natalie Hammel, Betsy Harris and Adele Roach as coaches and also offered a second clinic to slalom skiers at Timberlake with Todd Ristorcelli as the coach. This slalom clinic was sponsored by Dave Hunter. And, last, but not least, Steve and Ann Lohr held a clinic for entry level junior skiers. These entry level clinics paid off as we had 8 out of 15 new junior skiers at Regionals come from these Virginia entry level clinics.

At the National level, two clinics were held that were sponsored by the USOC. The National Team had a clinic at Jack Travers in April while the National Junior Team's clinic was split between April Coble's and Lori Krueger's and took place in June. These clinics proved to be a success and this year, the two teams will again be chosen and provided with a clinic opportunity.

Last year, we had several entry level clinics published in the regional guide. If you are thinking about possibly holding any type of clinic, even if you are unsure about the exact dates, please contact me so that I can get any information about your clinic into the 20001 guidebook. Contact: 978-682-1868 or email: 102072.372@compuserve.com

### News

This year the Junior Development Program experimented with two new programs. The first provided medals to all of the Eastern Region tournaments for boys one and two, and girls one and two divisions. This program was designed to ensure that the younger junior skiers receive awards for their efforts at each tournament that they attend. In each box of medals, there was a form enclosed, which requested information on how many medals each site used. Please return this form or send the requested information to Debbie Lamb so that the committee can evaluate the program and make plans for next season. Your input on this program is appreciated.

Second, the Junior Development Program provided most improved trophies during the junior development party at Regionals. We wanted to give recognition to all those junior skiers who really improved over the last year in their skiing. Awards were given to all events and all divisions, including overall. Any comments or suggestions on these awards would be a great help in evaluating this program.

This year, thanks to Jim Meis, the team members can enter their guidebook information on line. This will be the best and easiest way to provide their information. We hope that everyone will take advantage of this new system so that we have 100 percent of the team in the guidebook with their information and pictures. The pictures taken of the juniors at Regionals will go directly into the guidebook.

At the National level, the All-Star Team program was discussed and will be reviewed this year. The juniors at Nationals in Bakersfield were once again treated to a great party with pizza, prizes, and a neat disc jockey. Medals were provided to every junior, which was supported by each region donating \$100.00.

As always, please check your email for news on junior development happenings. This is the cheapest and fastest way for me to communicate news to you.

### Thanks

A special thanks to Ed Llewlyn and Mastercraft Boat Company for their support in making the junior development party at Pitt's Pond a success. Everyone had a great time and we also thank Don and Eileen Pitt for their hospitality. Mastercraft also purchased and printed the duffel bags that were given to this year's All-Star Team.

The raffles held at Regionals were a great success. The proceeds will help to ensure that a strong junior development program continues. Last year's proceeds provided the funds for the tournament medals, most improved trophies, sweatshirts and clinics. Thank you to all that donated to the raffles: Teddy Wenner, April Coble Ski School, Jack Traver's Ski School, and O'Brien Skis.

Also, we need to thank Steve Karras of Kaleidoscope Imprints, who for the past two years has provided t-shirts to the Massachusetts juniors at the Massachusetts State Tournament. He also provided extra shirts to be sold, and donated all of the profits to the Junior Development Program.

Jennifer Curd once again provided slalom skis to our boys one and girls one skiers, along with the wakeboard and slalom ski for the raffle. Please contact me if you know of a boys one or girls one skier who could benefit from a new slalom ski.

I would also like to extend my thanks to the junior development committee (John Corkery, Marie Fields, Warren Ramsey and Phyllis Swift) for their help. Phyllis Swift, a long time junior development volunteer, has agreed to co chair the program with me this year. I am grateful for her willingness to donate her time to this program. Thanks, Phyllis!

Please feel free to call, write or email me with your questions, comments, or suggestions about the junior development program. Encourage our junior skiers, help others to get involved, bring friends to tournaments and grow our sport.

*Debbie Lamb*  
978-682-1868

102072.372@compuserve.com

## Regional and State Records

Recognition is due to those skiers that broke state and regional records this past year. I must apologize for perhaps not capturing all of the records set in the Eastern Region this past year. I tried to contact each listed representative provided in last year's Guidebook and received only the performances listed below. Please note that since 1995 Jim Meis records both Class C and Class R regional

records. If a Class R record equals or exceeds the Class C record, only the Class R record is listed. There are several Class R records that could be listed but aren't, so check your past performances and submit any that you think may qualify to Jennifer Frederick at fredmach@buffnet.net.

*Chip Shand*

| Connecticut Records  |          |         |                       |                |                  |                   |             |
|--|----------|---------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Name   | Division | Event   | Score                 | Date           | Tournament Class | Tournament Name   | Location    |
| Alexandra Laurentano   | G2       | Slalom  | 4@15 off              | 14-16 Aug 2000 | Class R          | Nationals 2000    | Bakersfield |
| Alexandra Laurentano   | G2       | Tricks  | 2120 pts              | 14-16 Aug 2000 | Class R          | Nationals 2000    | Bakersfield |
| Alexandra Laurentano   | G2       | Jump    | 64 ft                 | 14-16 Aug 2000 | Class R          | Nationals 2000    | Bakersfield |
| Alexandra Laurentano   | G2       | Overall | 2115.4 NOPS           | 14-16 Aug 2000 | Class R          | Nationals 2000    | Bakersfield |
| Lisa Loeffler  | W1       | Jump    | 124 ft                | 14-16 Aug 2000 | Class R          | Nationals 2000    | Bakersfield |
| Jena Hinman-Keller   | W2       | Jump    | 125 ft (note 1)       | 15-16 Sep 2000 | Class R          | Mustang Canyon    | Dallas      |
| Jena Hinman-Keller   | W2       | Overall | 2890.5 (note 1)       | 14-16 Aug 2000 | Class R          | Nationals 2000    | Bakersfield |
| Harry Fulton   | B2       | Slalom  | 4@32 off              | Aug-99         | Class R          | Nationals 1999    | Bakersfield |
| Tom Hinman   | M3       | Jump    | 154 ft                | 10-11 Jun 2000 | Class R          | US Veteran Trials | Okahumpka   |
| Tom Hinman   | M4       | Jump    | 143 ft (note 1)       | 14-16 Aug 2000 | Class R          | Nationals 2000    | Bakersfield |
| Tom Hinman   | M4       | Overall | 3153.6                | 14-16 Aug 2000 | Class R          | Nationals 2000    | Bakersfield |
| Virginia Records   |          |         |                       |                |                  |                   |             |
| Name   | Division | Event   | Score                 | Date           | Tournament Class | Tournament Name   | Location    |
| Debbie Wagner  | W3       | Slalom  | 3 @ 32 Off (note 2)   | 26-27 Aug 2000 | Class R          | Ken Mead Memorial | Lake Holly  |
| Bill Mahan   | M5       | Slalom  | 4.5 @ 38 Off (note 1) | 26-27 Aug 2000 | Class R          | Ken Mead Memorial | Lake Holly  |
| New York Records   |          |         |                       |                |                  |                   |             |
| New York reported that there were no new state records broken during the 2000 season (or after).           |          |         |                       |                |                  |                   |             |
| <b>Notes:</b>  |          |         |                       |                |                  |                   |             |
| (1) Qualifies as a Regional Record, but is not yet recorded as such.                                       |          |         |                       |                |                  |                   |             |
| (2) Qualifies as a Class R Regional Record (Class C record not exceeded), but is not yet recorded as such. |          |         |                       |                |                  |                   |             |

## WSDA Information

Craig S. Miller is the AWSA Eastern Region Representative for Water Skiers With Disabilities (WSDA). Please contact Craig for any and all information regarding WSDA in the East. Craig can

be contacted via phone at 215-855-2601 or e-mail at csmiller1@aol.com.

## Safety Information

Many thanks to all who have helped with the safety programs over the past year - and a reminder that all levels of safety directors need to have an updated clinic every 4 years for maintenance of their rating as well as for potential upgrades, or for anyone interested in becoming a safety director.

A safety clinic is planned for the Sunday of the winter meeting weekend. To enroll, please contact Suzan Andrews by January 5, 2001. Su can be reached via phone at 610-277-6325 or e-mail at suzansstuff@fast.net.

## USA Water Ski Has Relocated

Yes, USA Water Ski finally moved into their new building. The building is visible from I-4 in a blue building roughly halfway between downtown Orlando and downtown Tampa. Their phone

numbers remain unchanged, but their new address is:  
1251 Holy Cow Road  
Polk City, FL 33868-8200.

## Performance at the 2000 Nationals

Congratulations go out to the 64 Eastern Regional skiers that made the trip to Bakersfield to participate in the 2000 Nationals. Special mention goes to Benny Lohr, Fritz Hasler, Al Luck, and Emmy Healy for placing first in an event.

Sixteen skiers placed in the top five within their respective divisions. Jena Hinman-Keller and Gordon Gay each placed in three different events. Marcus Loeffler, Courtney Swift, Oliver Loeffler, Tom Hinman, and Emmy Healy each placed in two events.

Performance by Eastern Region skiers was slightly better than last year, but still falls way short of when Nationals was last held on the east coast.

| TOP FIVE PLACEMENTS AT 2000 NATIONALS |          |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Skier                                 | Division | Slalom          | Trick           | Jump            | Overall         |
| Marcus Loeffler                       | B2       |                 |                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup> |
| Courtney Swift                        | G2       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |                 |                 | 5 <sup>th</sup> |
| Jamie Harris                          | G3       |                 | 5 <sup>th</sup> |                 |                 |
| Theresa Lamb                          | G3       |                 |                 | 5 <sup>th</sup> |                 |
| Oliver Loeffler                       | M1       |                 |                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Benny Lohr                            | M1       |                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> |                 |                 |
| Lee Gotschalk                         | M4       |                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |                 |                 |
| Tom Hinman                            | M4       |                 |                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Gordon Gay                            | M5       |                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Fritz Hasler                          | M5       |                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> |                 |                 |
| Al Luck                               | M6       | 1 <sup>st</sup> |                 |                 |                 |
| Jena Hinman-Keller                    | W2       | 4 <sup>th</sup> |                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> |
| Kathy Robbins                         | W2       |                 |                 | 5 <sup>th</sup> |                 |
| Emmy Healy                            | W5       | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |                 |                 |
| Donna Lasky                           | W5       |                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |                 |                 |
| Stuart Abelson                        | Open     |                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |                 |                 |

| EASTERN REGION SKIERS AT NATIONALS - COMPARISON |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|   | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place                           | 3    | 1    | 10   | 7    | 10   | 7    | 4    | 4    | 1    | 4    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place                           | 10   | 7    | 6    | 4    | 9    | 5    | 7    | 11   | 5    | 4    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place                           | 3    | 6    | 5    | 9    | 8    | 4    | 7    | 9    | 4    | 8    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> place                           | 6    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 7    | 1    | 5    | 8    | 8    | 3    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Place                           | 2    | 7    | 6    | 8    | 5    | 8    | 9    | 8    | 5    | 5    |
|   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>Total Medals</b>                             | 24   | 24   | 31   | 33   | 39   | 25   | 32   | 40   | 23   | 24   |
| <b>Total Skiers</b>                             | 61   | 89   | 104  | 105  | 116  | 83   | 85   | 116  | 65   | 64   |
|   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>Open Event Skiers</b>                        | -    | 1    | 1    | 1    | -    | 2    | 2    | 4    | 4    | 1    |
|   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>Skiers Winning Medals</b>                    | 14   | 18   | 22   | 25   | 26   | 20   | 19   | 28   | 14   | 16   |

## 2001 Tournament Guidebook

Leslie Carr, of Annapolis, MD agreed to edit the 2001 Tournament Guidebook for the Eastern Region. Please help Leslie by making sure all results, bios, pictures, and/or other information are submitted early. Her address is 634 Broadneck Road, Annapolis,

MD 21401, phone is 410-757-9056, and e-mail is leenjax@erols.com. Council members should send photo and updated bio to her. Remember, Guidebook ads for businesses are \$100, \$180, and \$300 for quarter, half, or full page ad, respectively.

## Web Site Update

2000 has been spent upgrading the support systems for the www pages. The first noticeable benefit is the Online Sanction System. Tournament sponsors can now submit sanction applications from their www browsers. The information is automatically emailed to the Region's Tournament Coordinator (Bob Morris). Bob imports the data into custom software which helps check for errors, and produces printed and www documents automatically. Click on the Proposed Tournament Schedule on [www.awsaeast.org](http://www.awsaeast.org) to see the list of proposed tournaments for 2001. Click on the tournament name to display the Guidebook Advertisement with detailed information about the tournament.

Payments, safety forms, and any other special forms (rules exceptions, club memberships, etc) should be mailed either to Bob or to your State Council person prior to January 1, 2001. For your convenience those forms can be downloaded in Word format from the sanction page.

Sponsors, Officials, and Council Representatives will now have access to all the necessary information at their convenience, so conflicts should all be resolved and any errors in the applications should be corrected well in advance of the Mid-Winter meeting. Once the schedule is approved, the information goes to USA Water Ski Headquarters. Transferring preformatted data electronically saves hours of retyping and reformatting documents, and makes up to date reporting on the web page possible. Please try the system.

A similar system has been created for Junior Development. Junior Team Members can complete an online form that provides information used to produce the guidebook and Junior Team web pages. The information is also available to the Junior Development Committee for press releases, contacts, etc.

Next project is to upgrade the performance system so that scores will be available online as soon as they are processed by the seeding committee. Eventually all this information will be stored in an online database which will make it all "instantly" available - and will allow you to keep your own email addresses updated (sorry I am behind on that project).

News is posted as it is received. If you have information that would be of interest to others in our region, please write it up as you would any other news release and email it to me. Simple text is best. If you create your document in a word processor please copy and paste the text into an email message and send that. Photos are also welcome. Graphic files in JPEG or GIF format are easiest to use, but I will scan photos if you mail them to me. The web page is and will continue to be a collective effort - it is only as good as the information you provide.

Thank you for your participation.

*Jim Meis*  
*Webmaster*

## Surfin' USA (Water Ski)

Everyone in the East probably knows of the fine AWSA East web site Jim Meis has built and maintained. If they don't, they should check it out at [www.awsaeast.org](http://www.awsaeast.org). And make sure you check it often because Jim frequently posts new information. As people get more connected to the Internet, the benefit of this annual newsletter will diminish.

At the AWSA web site, you can access everything needed for conducting tournaments with the latest software, check results, contact other skiers, keep up with the latest developments and announcements, link to other national and international water ski organizations, and much more. Do you like to plan you schedule early? Check out the proposed 2001 tournaments. Do you want to relive Regionals? Check out all of the photos. Do you want to see how the "big dogs" ski? Then follow the IWSF link to access the results of all record tournaments.

If you wish to surf more, there are lots of water ski web sites out there. Here are just a few I've found. I am not associated financially or otherwise (other than being a member of USA Water Ski) with any of these sites. If I don't have your favorite site – tough (but I would like to hear from you):

### Regulating Bodies:

*USA Waterski* ([www.usawaterski.org](http://www.usawaterski.org)): Everything you want to know about AWSA and its sister organizations that comprise USA Waterski. Rules, tournament results, committee results, links to regional web sites, and much more. This website is a bookmark must.

*International Water Ski Federation* ([www.iwsf.com](http://www.iwsf.com)): Everything you want to know about water skiing, wakeboarding, barefooting, racing, and cable skiing at the international level. Contains all record tournament results and technical controller reports, rules, regulations, statutes, world rankings lists, and much more. This web site is another bookmark must.

*National Collegiate Water Ski Association* ([www.NCWSA.com](http://www.NCWSA.com)): Everything you want to know about NCWSA, including member clubs, how to start a club, schedules, results, news, and more.

### Tours:

*Pro Waterski Tour* ([www.prowaterskitour.com](http://www.prowaterskitour.com)): Includes schedule, results, TV coverage, and bios.

*IWSF Café de Columbia Water Ski World Cup* ([www.iwsfworldcup.com](http://www.iwsfworldcup.com)): Includes results, standings, schedules, and more.

*World of Women's Sports* ([www.wowsports.org](http://www.wowsports.org)): Includes information regarding the WOW tour. Information is limited, but maybe by next season they'll have more.

*National Ski League* ([www.usawaterski.org/pages/NSL/Nsl.htm](http://www.usawaterski.org/pages/NSL/Nsl.htm)): Although part of the USA Water Ski website, this web page is given special mention here because of its unique cause. NSL is dedicated to bring tournament skiing to the entry level and attempts to be as fun and non-intimidating as possible.

### News and Shopping:

*Ski Fly* ([www.skifly.com](http://www.skifly.com)): Jim Cara's website with an emphasis (but not limited to) ski flying and jumping. Contains news information, downloads, links, sale items, message board, chat room,

photos, and much more. Check out the downloadable mpeg videos. *Moose Country* ([www.mooseweb.com](http://www.mooseweb.com)): Home of the Water Ski "E" News Online Magazine, it also contains a water ski and boat exchange, information on Moose Country Ski and Base Camp, and the full line of "moose" products.

*Waterski and Wakeboard Online* ([www.waterski-online.com](http://www.waterski-online.com)): E-news bytes, message board, classifieds, and more.

*Aquaskier* ([www.aquaskier.com](http://www.aquaskier.com)): Aquaskier is devoted to the Water Sports scene providing you with links, free photo classifieds, free web based email, news, articles, and interviews.

**Shopping Resellers:** There are tons of water ski e-business sites. Here are just a few of the [almost] full line of water skiing equipment and clothing:

*Overtons* ([www.overtons.com](http://www.overtons.com)): Advertised as the "World's Largest Water Sports Dealer", they have almost everything.

*Bart's Water Sports* ([www.bartswatersports.com](http://www.bartswatersports.com)): Another full-line water ski and marine shopping experience.

*Ski Limited* ([www.skilimited.com](http://www.skilimited.com)): Yet another full-line water ski and marine shopping experience.

*Fogdog Sports* ([www.fogdog.com](http://www.fogdog.com)): More than just water sports.

*Skier to Skier* ([www.skiertoskier.com](http://www.skiertoskier.com)): Everything you need to set up and operate water ski courses, including automatic timing systems and magnets. Many of these items cannot be found on the other e-business sites listed above.

### Water Ski Instruction:

*International Tournament Skiing* ([www.jacktravers.com](http://www.jacktravers.com)): Three-event, located in Okahumpka, FL. The featured instructor is Jack Travers

*Ski Paradise* ([www.skiparadise.com](http://www.skiparadise.com)): Slalom skiing located in Acapulco, Mexico. The featured instructor is Gordon Rathbun.

*Swiss Ski School* ([www.swisskiskischool.com](http://www.swisskiskischool.com)): Three-event, wakeboard, barefoot, located in Clermont, FL.

*Bennett's Waterski and Wakeboard School* ([www.skibennetts.com](http://www.skibennetts.com)): Three-event and wakeboard north of Baton Rouge, LA. The featured instructor is Jay Bennett.

*Trophy Lakes* ([www.trophylakes.com](http://www.trophylakes.com)): Slalom and wakeboarding in Charleston, SC.

*Moose Country Base Camp* ([www.mooseweb.com](http://www.mooseweb.com)): Three-event skiing in Rexford, MT. The featured instructor is Fred Webber.

*The Footer's Edge Training Center* ([www.thebarefootcompany.com](http://www.thebarefootcompany.com)): Barefoot instruction in Winter Haven, FL. The featured instructor is Lane "Dawg" Bowers.

*Ron Scarpa's Watersports* ([www.ronscarpa.com](http://www.ronscarpa.com)): Barefoot instruction in Winter Haven, FL. The featured instructor is Ron Scarpa.

Unfortunately, there are too many manufacturers (skis, boats, handles, ropes, vests, floating courses, speed control, etc.) to list here. Many manufacturers sell direct and most others will link you to resellers. I suggest you use your favorite search engine (mine is [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)) to locate the manufacturer of your choice.

*Chip Shand*

## Collegiate News

As you may know, the National Collegiate Water Ski Association (NCSWA) consists of several conferences, one of which is the Eastern Conference. Each conference has a National Director and a Chairman. For the Eastern Conference, those are Stuart Abelson and Randall Appleton, respectively.

Collegiate water skiing is exploding in all parts of the country except the East. The Midwest Region, with about the same climate as the East, sports nearly 30 teams whereas the East only has three teams (Bates College, Virginia Tech, and Penn State). So all of you skiers out there attending colleges in the East, *start a club!* NCSWA is about having fun first and being competitive second.

Check out the NCWSA website at [www.NCWSA.com](http://www.NCWSA.com). It con-

tains all sorts of information regarding collegiate skiing, even *how to start a club!*

Results from this past fall season: Virginia Tech won both Eastern Conference tournaments (with Bates College second and Penn State third) and received the East's single bid to the National Collegiate Water Ski Championships in Lafayette, LA, where they finished 13th.

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*Randall Appleton*  
*NCWSA Eastern Conference Chairman*

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## Attention Skiers

Our Seeding Coordinator, Jennifer Frederick, reminds us that a copy of any performance sheet for any out of region tournament should be sent directly to her so they can be included in the Guide-

book results. She can be contacted via fax at 716-892-1425, phone at 716-836-5499, e-mail at [fredmach@buffnet.net](mailto:fredmach@buffnet.net), or snail mail at 123 Glenhurst Rd., Tonawanda, NY, 14150.

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## Boats for Sale

**2000 Correct Craft Ski Nautique**, beige with black and gold trim, PerfectPass 5.0a, cover, trailer w/ brakes, excellent condition, 350 hours. Asking \$25,500. Contact Bill Mahan at 703-494-1295.

**1999 MasterCraft Prostar 190**, Red trim, Current PerfectPass, PowerSlot 1.5:1, Corvette LT4 engine, NorthStar Ignition, cover, trailer w/ brakes, excellent condition, approximately 100 hours. Asking \$24,000. Contact Jon Thacher at 703-250-0215.

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