

# BERKELEY WATER SKI CLUB



## Prospective Member Information and Instructions

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## **About The Berkeley Water Ski Club**

The Berkeley Water Ski Club (BWSC) is a competitive water sports and social organization. The Club was founded originally over a cup of coffee in 1958 and was then known as the Richmond Water Ski Club. The Club now has a reputation of being one of the most active water ski clubs on the Pacific Coast, if not the country.

Our aim is to promote water skiing and related water sports to anyone interested, to develop good tournament skiers, to promote safety first at all times and to create a friendly environment for current and prospective members to enjoy our facilities and sponsored events.

BWSC has many member-skiers who travel the country and even internationally to compete, drive and/or judge in water ski tournaments. Many of our skiers are rated nationally have won or place high in Regional, National and Pan Am tournaments! In addition, many of our members are highly knowledgeable and experienced local, Regional, National and Pan Am judges, drivers and scorers.

The Berkeley Water Ski Club is affiliated with USA Water Ski / American Water Ski Association which authorizes us to hold sanction ski meets. We have two regulation slalom courses—one located at Berkeley Aquatic Park and the other at our site in the Delta.

The social aspects of BWSC are dinner/dances, social sport activities, fund-raising programs, delta beach facilities and other water sports activities.

## **Prospective Member Information**

This packet has been developed to help you understand the Berkeley Water Ski Club, its rules, aims and purpose. As a prospective member, you have most of the privileges and responsibilities granted a full member, except that you do not have voting rights.

The purpose of the Berkeley Water Ski Club, as listed in our bylaws, is “To promote and encourage water skiing as an enjoyable and healthful recreation, and as a competitive activity; to bring together persons interested in the sport for their mutual improvement and good fellowship, and to provide, by a pooling of the members’ resources and talents, water skiing facilities not otherwise available.”

A single prospective membership application can apply to yourself, your spouse and all dependents under the age of 21. Any person over the age of 18 may apply.

The Berkeley Water Ski Club is affiliated with USA Water Ski (USAWS), and it is required that all prospective members meet the Club’s current USAWS requirements. As a USAWS member you are eligible to compete in all USAWS sanctioned tournaments.

We encourage prospective members to participate in all activities. You are welcome to use our facilities being sure to follow the rules provided on the attached sheets. Members of the Executive board welcome your questions, suggestions and help.

The Berkeley Water Ski Club has use of two facilities: 1) Berkeley Aquatic Park, which is governed by the City of Berkeley; and 2) the Delta facility that is presently leased from a private owner. It is suggested that when using either of these facilities for the first time, you do so with an established member.

Active Dues currently are: \$350 / year (Individual or Family including children under 21)  
Initiation is currently: \$300 – one time fee

It is recommended that Prospective Members also read the BWSC bylaws.

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Username: member

Password: bwsc08

# **BWSC Membership Requirements**

## **How to become a member**

The membership process has several steps that help new members become familiar with the club by getting involved in club activities to meet other members and learn about how the club is managed. Each prospective member must find an Active Member to sponsor their membership and act as a coach and spokesperson on your behalf at a mid-year review and membership vote. The process generally takes 1 year and prospective members are granted access to club facilities during this period. During this period, prospective members are required to participate in a minimum number of club activities to facilitate “getting acquainted” with the club and its members.

## **1. Member Sponsor**

The process starts with identifying an Active Member to sponsor your membership. Interested persons are encouraged to attend club meetings, events, and visit our facilities to provide opportunities to meet our members and identify a sponsor.

## **2. Membership Application**

Once you have identified a sponsor, the next step is to submit a Membership Application. There are 3 parts to the application.

1. Membership Application Data Sheet (see attached)
2. USA Waterski proof of membership (all prospective members and members are required to maintain active status)
3. Proof of boat insurance (minimum \$500K liability) and name BWSC as secondary insured.

Membership Applications should be submitted to the Vice President (who is responsible for managing the prospective member list) or other board member at a club meeting or other event. The board will review and accept or reject the application at the next board meeting and approve the application.

## **3. Prospective Member Fees**

Upon approval, the prospective member shall pay the initiation fee (currently \$300) at which point the 1-year initiation period officially begins.

## **4. Earning Activity Points**

Each prospective member is required to earn 10 points during their 1-year prospective membership period to become a full member. The Points List consists of 4 categories of points which may be earned in any combination – however 1 task must be performed in each of groups 2, and 3; 3 tasks in group 4. A maximum of 4 points may be earned at any one event/function.

Only adult family members may earn points; separately for individual effort (work parties, skiing in tournaments, etc.), but jointly for combined effort (attending dinner/dances, meetings etc.).

## **5. Mid-year Review**

At the mid-year period of the Prospective Member 1 year period, the Sponsor for the prospective member shall submit a report to the board stating the progress of the prospective member toward earning Activity Points and other activities with the club. The board will assess the progress and make recommendations as required to help Prospective Members understand how well they are progressing toward full membership status.

## **6. Membership Vote**

At the end of the 1 year prospective membership period, the Prospective Member shall submit their Prospective Member Points Sheet to their Sponsor who will nominate the candidate for a vote by the board.

Once a Prospective Member is voted into the club, they have 60 days to pay their prorated dues for the current year to become a full member. If they fail to pay their dues, the prospective member shall be deemed to have rejected the offer to join the club.

If a prospective member nomination is rejected by vote of the board, the board shall provide feedback to the sponsor. If the condition is correctable, the prospective member shall have 90 days to meet the conditions and resubmit their Points Sheet for nomination and re-vote. Membership is not guaranteed to be granted.

### **Pre-Existing Prospective Members**

Prospective members who had begun the process prior to these rule changes approved in the April 2005 board meeting shall follow the following process.

- Prospective members will have to identify a sponsor.
- Points earned prior the rule change will still apply.
- They may choose to have a prospective membership period of 6 or 12 months.
- They will get ski rights at both facilities upon paying initiation fees.

## **Basic Obligations of Members (from Bylaws)**

- Be prompt to meetings and to pay dues
- Thoroughly understand the aims of the organization.
- Present business, participate in debate and vote.
- Report briefly and accurately.
- Support whole-heartedly all Club functions.
- Evaluate carefully and criticize constructively.
- Attend meetings regularly and on time.
- Participate in club discussions.
- Be friendly when you disagree.
- Accept the choice of the majority.
- Give generously of your time and talents.
- Be courteous to all officers and chairmen.
- Greet new members and visitors.
- Compliment the various chairmen on their efforts.
- Be loyal to your Club.
- Always be friendly and lend a helping hand to new members.
- Don't wait to be asked to help – volunteer first.
- Criticisms should be made during the meeting – NOT after.
- Follow all rules set up for skiing at Club facilities.

## Delta Facility Rules

Delta hours: Dawn to dusk everyday. Open all year.

1. All incoming boats must wait to enter the slalom course until after the skier has finished his/her ride. The skier boat will indicate to the waiting boat when it is the last pass.
2. If there is a boat in the jump area with a jumper, use caution so that a wake is not sent into this area.
3. Preserve and keep the area repaired and clean. Barbecue in the barbecue area only. Bring a garbage bag and take all of your refuse back with you. **DO NOT THROW ANYTHING INTO THE WATER OR ONTO THE ISLAND.**
4. No standing on the boat platform while boat is running.
5. One family of guests per Member Family on weekends. (People on membership waiting list are considered as guests). Boat parking facilities are for members and prospective members only.
6. Park with your boat facing the slalom course which causes less back-wash.
7. While skiing, the parking space you left may be reserved for you.
8. Parents are responsible for their own children. Children should wear some type of life preserver while on the dock or swimming.
9. No swimming past end of dock.
10. No fishing from dock.
11. Keep wakes down when near docks. Keep boat and skier between boat guides and turn buoys when returning to dock with skier.
12. Keep 200 feet away from Silva's Beach at all times.
13. No pleasure skiing to or from dock.
14. No dogs allowed.
15. **FOLLOW THE RULES FOR SLALOM COURSE:**
  - a. Sign up upon arrival. (No signing up members who haven't arrived yet).
  - b. 6 passes or 4 falls.
  - c. Replace any missing buoys at all times. (Use rubber band of minimum 3 feet in length).
  - d. When leaving course between slalom rides, be back in time for your turn or lose turn.
16. The Berkeley Water Ski Club requires not less than \$500,000 of liability insurance on boats operated at BWSC sites. All members will be required to list BWSC as "additional insured" on their policy, and present their policy to the Treasurer before using their boat at BWSC sites.

Map/Diagram of Delta site available upon request.

## **Berkeley Aquatic Park Rules**

Berkeley Aquatic Park is open from May through September during the following hours:  
M, W, F 10am-2pm and 5-8pm; Tu, Th: 9am-4pm; Sat: 10am– 5pm; Sun: 12-5pm

1. The City of Berkeley and the State of California rules of operation will prevail. The City of Berkeley grants us the privilege of skiing at Aquatic Park and it is imperative that we abide by the rules. It is each skier's responsibility to understand and comply with the rules.
2. Skiers will arrange for their own ski rides prior to their turn. Skiers should compensate boat owners for all rides; check with boat owner for rate. NO boat owner is obligated to pull a skier.
3. Boats will be put into a priority rotation, based on sequence of launch.
4. Only BATA members, BWSC members or rated drivers may pull skiers.
5. A turn will consist of 6 passes (in and out 3 times) of slalom.
6. After a fall in the course, a skier must continue in the same direction from the point of the fall. All runs will count toward the allotted passes.
7. It is the skier's responsibility to replace buoys knocked out during his turn. All buoys must be replaced before the next skier's turn.
8. Parking on paved area near launch ramp for cars with boat trailers ONLY: all other parking is on the street.
9. No dogs allowed without a leash.
10. Hours of use will be according to prevailing schedule and it is the responsibility of each skier to be aware of the current schedule.
11. Effort should always be made to cooperate with rowers, canoeists, kayakers and sail boaters. We each have our own time slot and we should strive to get along. If difficulty arises with one of these people, please write down any identifying features about the person and boat and report to a member of the BWSC Executive Board. Do not try to solve the problem yourself.
12. Water skiing shall be permitted only in the areas specified in the current Water Use Agreement for Aquatic Park. It is the skier's responsibility to be aware of the permitted areas and prescribed boat path.
13. Close the entrance gate behind you, even if it was left open. Drive slowly and safely at all times. Pedestrians always have the right-of-way.

**SAFETY FIRST - COURTESY ALWAYS**

Map/Diagram of Berkeley Aquatic Park site available upon request.

## BWSC Application for Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile/Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Member of USA Water Ski: Yes / No

Sponsoring Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own a boat? Yes / No Make / Model / Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you or your family now belong to, or have belonged to a water ski club? Yes / No

If so which one? \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members to be included in my prospective membership:

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Member of USA Water Ski: Yes / No

Dependent: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Member of USA Water Ski: Yes / No

Dependent: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Member of USA Water Ski: Yes / No

*(use back for additional dependents)*

Please note: It is a requirement of all BWSC members and applicants to be active members of USA Water Ski and hold \$500K in liability boat insurance with BWSC listed as secondary insured.

I agree, if I am accepted as a member in the Berkeley Water Ski Club, to abide by all rules and regulations as outlined in the club bylaws, to promote water skiing, and abide by the rules pertaining to water safety.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# BWSC Prospective Member Sign-Off Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email2 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted for Prospective Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted for 6 month Mid-point Review: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted for Full Membership (12 months from Prospective Status Date): \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid Initiation Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pro-rated Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Function/Task	Print Name	Signature	Comments	Points
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*(all points should be signed off by Chair Person or Board Member)*

Group 1 (4 points each) No minimum requirements from this group


Group 2 (3 points each) Minimum 3 points from this group.


Group 3 (2 points each) Minimum 2 points from this group


Group 4 (1 point each) Minimum 3 points from this group


# BWSC Activity Point List

Required points: 10 for full membership

*Note: The point list is intended to provide suggested activities in each category. Duplicate points may not be earned at a single event and unlisted items may also qualify for points, at the discretion of the Board. It is encouraged if you have a skill or access to something that might help the ski club please present it to the Board for pre-approval to include on your points sign-off sheet.*

**Group 1 (4 points)**

- Be a 3 even Senior Official
- Be a National Safety Director
- Be a Technical Controller
- Be a Pan Am Judge

**Group 3 (2 points)**

- Have a Current CPR card
- Transport the Porta-Potty 2 times
- Attend a board meeting – (only one allowed for points. Must arrange with host prior to meeting.)
- Assist on a committee:
- Examples:
  - Porta-Potty
  - Learn-to-ski week
- Make equipment or material available for a work party. (lumber, crane, etc.)
- Attend a city council or similar meeting
- Attend an officials' clinic
- Work 4 hours at a work party
- Serve on a Regional committee
- Be a Regular Official
- Be a Regional Safety Director
- Hold a current 3-event EP
- Learn to Slalom, Trick or Jump

**Group 2 (3 points)**

- Co-chair a committee
- Work 6 hours at a work party
- Help with BWSC tournament, examples:
  - Assist with the food booth
  - Work safety, dock start etc.
  - Judge, Drive, etc. (if qualified)
  - Supply safety boat
- Build/make a needed item for any of our ski sites (i.e. dock, tower, ski racks, benches, etc.)
- Assist in the survey the slalom course
- Initiate a new function for all members
- Serve on an USA Water Ski committee

**Group 4 (1 point)**

- Attend a BATA meeting
- Ski in a BWSC tournament
- Attend a BWSC function (other than meeting)
- Attend general meeting – (3 required)
- Work 2 hours at a work party
- Work at a tournament in Area 2 or 3 (local) that doesn't conflict with a BWSC tournament
- Officiate at Regionals or Nationals
- Be an Assistant Official\*
- Be a State Safety Director
- Hold a one event EP rating \*

Sample Point Sheet:		
Group 1	None	0
Group 2	Move the Porta Potty for cleaning	2
	Work a 4 hour work party	2
Group 3	Co-Chair Tournament	3
Group 4	Attend a General Meeting	1
	Attend a General Meeting	1
	Attend a General meeting	1
Total		11