

**Bayside Skiers  
Membership Handbook and Policies For 2009**

**I. Purpose**

This handbook states the rules, procedures, and responsibilities that affect all members of the Bayside Skiers Water Ski Show Team.

**II. Membership**

A. Dues

All members will pay their dues and complete their fundraising before they ski on the water. Refer also to the Dues and Fees Policy for specific information.

B. USA Water Ski Membership

All members must provide proof of being a current 'active' member of USA Water Ski in the Show Skiing Division.

C. Liability Waiver

All members must fill out and sign the current year's liability waiver form. Parent or Guardian must sign for minor child.

D. Responsibilities

1. Setup and Clean up

All members are expected to help, when present, in the undertaking of setting up before and cleaning up after each team function. (I.e. wrap ropes, put away skis, set up and put props away, etc...)

2. Equipment

Bayside provides to its members a variety of equipment, including boats and skies, and its members are expected to care for, look after, and maintain this equipment. (Ref. to section III, G)

E. Attendance

All members are expected to be present at scheduled events and practices, unless a special practice is called and then only the persons involved need attend, on time and ready to perform.

F. New Members

For any sanctioned USA Water Ski event, if a new member is not already a member of USA Water Ski, the new member will be required to fill out the necessary forms and pay a \$5.00 guest membership fee required by USA Water Ski for insurance.

**III. Skiing and Shows**

A. Boat Drivers

All members who 21 years of age or older are eligible to become boat drivers upon successful completion of the boat certification program. All boat drivers must have USA Water Ski Insurance and must present proof of insurance before driving a boat. Boat Drivers must have USA Water Ski Driver Certification. The Board of Directors shall approve the boat drivers.

B. Spotters/Pinners

All members are eligible to become boat/ski spotters/pinners upon successful completion of education from the team's Safety Director. All boat spotters/pinners must have USA Water Ski Insurance and must present proof of insurance before riding in a boat. It is strongly encouraged to attend the safety certification course.

- C. Skiers  
All members are eligible to ski and are eligible to participate in ski shows. All members must have USA Water Ski Insurance and must present proof of insurance before skiing. A skier will only be allowed to ski if:
  - 1) All requirements of membership met.
  - 2) The skier is willing to ski in shows.
- D. Eligible Ski Sites.  
Eligible sites are determined by the Board of Directors and Safety Director at the beginning of each season and must be registered with USA Water Ski in order to be insured.
- E. Team Away Shows.  
Away shows will be decided on a case by case basis by the Board of Directors.
- F. Scheduled Show Day.  
When using club boats and/or equipment on scheduled show day, the individual(s) must have the boat(s) and equipment back in their designated location before the scheduled performance. The boat(s) must be in the condition it was found in - clean condition and refueled. Equipment must be returned in original working condition.
- G. Use of Equipment during non-club related activities.  
All equipment used must be returned to its original location, in its original condition, and in working order. If you break it, you replace it. Equipment used other than during scheduled practices and shows must be checked out from a USA Water Ski Certified Boat Driver or the Equipment Manager. The equipment must be checked out on the equipment log located in the equipment trailer. The equipment is only for use by Bayside members and only for use on Fountain Lake for show acts. Equipment needs to be checked in on the equipment log when returned.
- H. Boat Logbook  
Logbook must be maintained in detail whenever boat is used. A logbook will be provided in each boat and should be filled out by either the tow driver or the boat driver.

#### IV. Schedule

- A. Shows
  - 1. Weekly Shows  
Thursday evenings at 7:00pm starting the 1st week in June and ending the last week in August. Members need to be at the show site by 6:00pm. Pre-show for beginner skiers starts at 6:30pm.
  - 2. Road Exhibition Shows  
To be determined.
- B. Holiday Shows  
One show per day for the 4th of July and Labor Day at 2:00pm performed at Bayside's home site.
- C. Midwest Regional Show Ski Tournament  
To be determined.
- D. National Show Ski Tournament  
To be determined.
- E. Club Sponsored Tournaments  
To be determined.
- F- Practices
  - 1. Water Practices  
Practice schedules are determined at the beginning of water season by the Show Director. These schedules can be changed by the

Show Director to fit the needs of the team if sufficient notice is Given. These water practices are held at Bayside's home site on Fountain Lake. We expect all members to make most if not all practice nights they are a part of. Show nights are required. To participate in shows you need to attend practices. A typical practice schedule would be:

Monday:	7:00-8:30pm	Trios, Straps, Prefab Pyramid, Doubles
Tuesday:	6:30-8:30pm	Show Rehearsal, Jumps at 8:30
Wednesday:	7:00-8:30pm	Beginner practice
Thursday:	7:00-8:30pm	Show Night
Saturday:	6:30am	Barefoot practice

## 2. Dry land Practices

The Show Director determines off-season practices. Currently these are held on Sundays at the Albert Lea Family Y.

## G. Meetings

The Board of Directors or Show Director may call team meetings when appropriate, if sufficient notice is given, unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

## V. Safety

### A. Emergency Information

All members must provide the following information to the team Safety Director:

1. Emergency Contact
2. Doctors Information
3. Special Medical Conditions
4. Primary Insurance Information

### B. Reporting of Injuries

All members will immediately report any injuries suffered during, any team event, regardless of severity, to the team's current Safety Director or a member of the Board. The team's insurance carrier requires this action.

### C. Safety Policy

- Recognize the risks.
- Know your limits.
- Ski within your abilities.
- *If unsure, ask.*

Follow the USA Water Ski Safety guidelines at all times.

### D. Boat Driving

The skier or skiers skiing behind the boat are number one priority. Treat the boat with care and remember to fill out pertinent information in the boat's logbook. Report all accidents and anything that may need to be repaired to one of the Board of Directors. An approved boat drivers list will be posted in the equipment trailer.

### E. Dock Safety

- No swimming is allowed from any dock when boats are on the water.
- No running is allowed on the docks at any time.
- Only members are allowed on the dock during club events.

### F. Member Conduct

No swearing is tolerated at the show site. Please keep the show site clean, it is a city authorized privilege. Please use good judgment when choosing bathing suits, one piece suits are preferable.

## **VI. Alcohol and Drugs**

There will be no tolerance for drugs or alcohol misuse! There will not be any consumption or use of alcohol or drugs during any club sponsored event. There will not be any consumption or use of alcohol or drug, at any time in club owned boats or equipment. No individual towing or transporting club-owned equipment can consume or use alcohol or drugs at the time of transporting such equipment. There will not be any consumption or use of alcohol or drugs at any time by any Bayside Member at the Fountain Lake Show Site.

### **VII. Discipline**

Each member shall promptly notify a member of the Board of Directors of any of the following misconduct: Assault, vandalism, theft, alcohol violations, tobacco violations, drug violations, or use of vulgar/offensive language.

1st offense: 10 hours of service to the team and a written apology to the team for your actions.

2nd offense: 20 hours of service to the team, verbal apology to the team for your actions, 1 week suspension from the team practices, location, equipment, and any other activities dealing with the team.

3rd offense: dismissal from the team. Thereafter, the member may re-apply for membership, but no sooner than one calendar year after the dismissal.

## **VII. Corporate Overview**

The Bayside Skiers is a non-Profit organization in the state of Minnesota and is governed by the bylaws of the organization. The bylaws of the organization stipulate that a seven-member Board of Directors is elected each to serve a two-year term. The board is empowered to set rules *and* team policies. The Board of Directors consists of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Board Members at Large. The Board of Directors reserves the right to make changes to this document at any time if it is deemed necessary. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend the regular meetings of The Board of Directors the 1st Tuesday of the Month at 7:00pm in the Hy-Vee Conference room.

**Bayside Skiers Membership  
Dues and Fees Policy For 2009**

**Our club is family orientated and the emphasis is on show skiing. We encourage moms and dads to participate with their children and have fun, fun, fun. We want everyone in the show even if you are a beginner.**

**ARTICLE I**  
Types of Membership

There shall be two types of membership for the purpose of fundraising only: current members and new members. A current member shall be classified as such, if that person applied for membership on or before August 31, 2009 and skied in one show during the 2009 season. A new member shall be classified as such, if that person applied for membership after August 31, 2009 or before August 31, 2009 but did not ski in a show. All members must join the [USA Water Ski](#). Everyone who participates in any club activity must belong. This covers the cost of liability insurance for yourself and the club. The cost is as follows:

**Individual Memberships**

1. \$70.00 Individual Active (25 and Older)
2. \$40.00 Under 25 Active
3. \$35.00 Individual Supporting

**Family Memberships**

1. \$75.00 Family Active Head of Household
2. \$45.00 Family Supporting Head of Household
3. \$35.00 Family Active Dependent
4. \$0.00 Family Supporting Dependent

***Memberships expire one year from date of issue.***

[USA Water Ski](#) phone number is 1-800-533-2972. You can become a member by calling this number or go online at [www.usawaterski.org](http://www.usawaterski.org)

**ARTICLE II**  
Individual Member Dues

Member dues for 2009 paid before the end of December shall be \$60.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> person, \$40.00 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> person, \$25.00 for the 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> person, and \$5.00 for non-skier members payable to Bayside Skiers. Dues paid after the end of December shall be \$75.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> person, \$55.00 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> person, \$40.00 for the 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> person, and \$5.00 for non-skier members payable to Bayside skiers. Non-skiing members must join [USA Water Ski](#) and pay the \$5.00 club membership fee.

**ARTICLE III**  
Equipment Dues

We are able to work off our equipment dues by assisting with docks & lifts in both fall and spring of the season. The following time needs to be put in during the season (previous fall to spring) to work off your individual equipment dues.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Skiing Member – 2 days in the Fall and 3 in the Spring, 5 total days  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Skiing Member (each) 1 day in the Fall and 1 Day in the Spring, 2 total days  
5<sup>th</sup> or more Skiing Member – 1 day in the Spring, 1 Total day

***\*One day equals 8 hours of work***

***\* 1 hour of work equals \$12.50***

Note: New members or if you have not belonged to the club for the past two seasons will be exempt from fundraising.

Installation of docks will be on the third and fourth weekend of April. Adjustments to docks & lifts will be two weeks following. Sign up will be with the Docks and Lifts Coordinator (see Volunteer page). Docks & lifts will be taken out on last weekend of September and the second weekend in October.

## ARTICLE IV

### Due Date

All Dues and Fees are to be paid by before you ski on the water or upon application for membership if after that date.

## ARTICLE V

### Volunteering

It takes a lot of work to make a successful club and to put on a good show. The club does expect help from the parents and members. If we all pitch in just a little a lot can be accomplished. There are many ways to help, including but not limited to the following:

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|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| A. Docks and lifts | G. Music           | M. Dock supervisor     |
| B. Fundraising     | H. Advertising     | N. Show coordinator    |
| C. Membership      | I. Equipment       | O. Show announcer      |
| D. Show book       | J. Safety          | P. Team photographer   |
| E. Costumes        | K. Boat driver     | Q. Pick-up boat driver |
| F. Backdrop        | L. Land supervisor | R. Spotter/ Pinner     |

## ARTICLE VI

### Miscellaneous information

Personal Equipment: A life jacket is the only required equipment needed. We encourage the use of life jackets at all times. If you feel your child should wear a life jacket at all times on the water this is your responsibility to make clear to your child. There are times when the club will enforce the use of life jackets, such as anyone on the second, third, or fourth level of a pyramid. A life jacket and helmet is required equipment to go over the jump. Remember if you do not want your child to participate in certain activities that carry more risk such as barefoot, jump, or climbing up on pyramids you must make this clear to your child. The responsibility is ultimately up the parents to enforce. You may also be required to purchase a costume to be in the show.

### **Board Members**

**President:** Mike Johnson  
**Vice President:** John Erickson  
**Secretary:** Heather Coombs  
**Treasurer:** Kristen Dulas

**Members at Large:** Erik Larsen  
Mary Tuohy  
Jeff Nielsen

### **Committees**

Fundraising:  
Marketing:  
Membership:  
Show Book:  
Costumes:

Backdrop:  
Equipment: Mike Johnson  
Safety:  
Docks/lifts: Mike Johnson & DeAnne Zogg  
Show Director: Mikki Tuohy  
Team Photographer: Neda Johnson  
Rules & Policy: