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#### SAFETY WARNINGS

#### When hiring or using your own watercraft please be aware of your own limitations and the prevailing weather conditions.  All water activities can be potentially hazardous and are undertaken at your own risk. It Is Not Advised To Go Onto The Lake In Strong Winds. It is not advised to go onto the lake whilst under the influence of alcohol!

#### WE STRONGLY ADVISE ALL LAKE USERS TO WEAR BUOYANCY AIDS

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| **Rules for Safe Water Skiing**  **WATER SKIERS**  **ALWAYS** be confident in the water and  always wear a buoyancy aid / ski vest. If you  cannot swim make sure the boat driver and /  or your instructor know this. A buoyancy aid  need not be worn by competent trick skiers  who can swim  **ALWAYS** use approved signals between  skier and observer and driver  **ALWAYS** let the observer / driver know you  are OK immediately after a fall  **ALWAYS** watch the water ahead of you at all  times  **ALWAYS** check your equipment is safe, wing  nuts, loose binding, splinters and sharp metal  **ALWAYS** ski clear of solid obstacles - jetties,  boats, mooring buoys, rocks, banks etc.  **ALWAYS** let go of the handle on falling  **ALWAYS** use an approved buoyancy aid and  helmet when jumping  **ALWAYS** wear neoprene shorts if not  wearing a suitable wetsuit when jumping -  learners advised to wear two pairs.  **ALWAYS** use the phrase ‘hit it’ when you are  ready to ski, shout 'hit it' to the driver when  the rope is taut and your ski tips are up  **TAKE CARE** to remove jewellery that the  rope might catch on  **TRY TO** avoid falling forwards - sit down, or if  falling sideways, curl yourself into a ball  **TRY TO** recover skis quickly  **NEVER** wrap rope around any part of your  body (fingers, hand or foot)  **NEVER** place any part of the body through  the handle (neck, arm or leg)  **NEVER** ski in shallow water  **NEVER** ski at night  **DO NOT** ski directly ahead of, or to the side  of another boat  **DO NOT** attempt fast landing directly towards  the shore - sit down if coming in too fast  **DO NOT** ski in unknown waters  **DO NOT** jump from a boat whilst it is moving  **LADIES** should always wear neoprene shorts  as protection if not wearing a suitable wetsuit | **SKI BOAT DRIVER**  **ALWAYS** have a competent observer in the  boat when towing a skier  **ALWAYS** use the **RED FLAG** when there is a skier in the water and when leaving or approaching the beach area.  **ALWAYS** wait for the skier's signal and his  ski tips above the water before starting  **ALWAYS** steer clear of other boats and  floating obstacles  **ALWAYS** when skiing in restricted waters  stop and allow canoeists and rowers (who  are easily swamped) to pass. You can  make friends doing this!  **ALWAYS** be aware you have a long rope  behind you that should be recovered as soon  as possible and before you pick up your  fallen skier - if the skier is not injured and not  in danger  **ALWAYS** make sure observer understands  water ski signals  **ALWAYS** give the skier a smooth and steady  pull on take off  **ALWAYS** shut off your motor before taking  aboard a skier  **ALWAYS** return immediately to pick up the  skier  **ALWAYS** carry an extra life jacket in the boat  **DO NOT** turn sharply and put the skier in the  water or on the whip - gradual wide turns are  the rule  **DO NOT** take the skier aboard without  shutting off the engine first  **DO NOT** drive the boat through ‘No Go’ areas.  **DO NOT** operate the boat sitting on the side,  always sit in the seat  **NEVER** put the boat into reverse when a  skier is in the water behind the boat  **NEVER** drag an injured skier over the  gunwales or decking until you are satisfied  that they are fit to do so and no further injury  could occur  **Two speed boats meeting head on** should alter course to "starboard"  **Two speed boats crossing** - the vessel which has the other on her starboard side gives way  **Speed and sailing vessels** – the speed boat must give way  **Vessels to keep course and speed** – the vessel with the right of way should keep her course  and speed |

**Safety Hand Signals**



**Diagrams for Recovering a Fallen Skier**

**‘U’ Turn**

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**‘S’ Turn**