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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 andalways wear a buoyancy aid / ski vest. If youcannot swim make sure the boat driver and /or your instructor know this. A buoyancy aidneed not be worn by competent trick skierswho can swim**ALWAYS** use approved signals betweenskier and observer and driver**ALWAYS** let the observer / driver know youare OK immediately after a fall**ALWAYS** watch the water ahead of you at alltimes**ALWAYS** check your equipment is safe, wingnuts, 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 andhelmet when jumping**ALWAYS** wear neoprene shorts if notwearing a suitable wetsuit when jumping -learners advised to wear two pairs.**ALWAYS** use the phrase ‘hit it’ when you areready to ski, shout 'hit it' to the driver whenthe rope is taut and your ski tips are up**TAKE CARE** to remove jewellery that therope might catch on**TRY TO** avoid falling forwards - sit down, or iffalling sideways, curl yourself into a ball**TRY TO** recover skis quickly**NEVER** wrap rope around any part of yourbody (fingers, hand or foot)**NEVER** place any part of the body throughthe handle (neck, arm or leg)**NEVER** ski in shallow water**NEVER** ski at night**DO NOT** ski directly ahead of, or to the sideof another boat**DO NOT** attempt fast landing directly towardsthe 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 shortsas protection if not wearing a suitable wetsuit | **SKI BOAT DRIVER****ALWAYS** have a competent observer in theboat 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 hisski tips above the water before starting**ALWAYS** steer clear of other boats andfloating obstacles**ALWAYS** when skiing in restricted watersstop and allow canoeists and rowers (whoare easily swamped) to pass. You canmake friends doing this!**ALWAYS** be aware you have a long ropebehind you that should be recovered as soonas possible and before you pick up yourfallen skier - if the skier is not injured and notin danger**ALWAYS** make sure observer understandswater ski signals**ALWAYS** give the skier a smooth and steadypull on take off**ALWAYS** shut off your motor before takingaboard a skier**ALWAYS** return immediately to pick up theskier**ALWAYS** carry an extra life jacket in the boat**DO NOT** turn sharply and put the skier in thewater or on the whip - gradual wide turns arethe rule**DO NOT** take the skier aboard withoutshutting 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 askier is in the water behind the boat**NEVER** drag an injured skier over thegunwales or decking until you are satisfiedthat they are fit to do so and no further injurycould 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 courseand speed |

**Safety Hand Signals**



**Diagrams for Recovering a Fallen Skier**

**‘U’ Turn**

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**‘S’ Turn**