

GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB  
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

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## SECTION 1: SAFETY RULES

### a. ALL DRIVERS SHALL\*:

Be members of the Greater Miami Ski Club.

Ensure that the boat insurance information has been submitted to the Boat Insurance Committee.

Be approved by a Safety Committee member and pass the safety and driving test.

Use the prescribed lake pattern.

Stop the boat and pull in the towline immediately at the end of a ski ride.

Maintain a no wake speed in the area north of the idle buoy and in the dock areas.

Keep a safe distance behind preceding boats and do not follow directly behind a skier.

Pick up a fallen skier only on the driver's side of the boat.

Turn off the engine when a skier is getting into the boat.

Ensure boat can not accidentally slip into gear by pulling the safety pin on the gearshift, if applicable.

Return to a fallen skier immediately.

Not operate a boat with anyone sitting on the gunwales or transom.

Operate only one (1) towboat in a slalom or jump canal at a time.

\* Non-Club members may drive a boat during an AWSA tournament with the approval of the Safety Director for tournament operations.

### b. ALL SKIERS SHALL:

Wear a ski vest or jump suit at all times except:

- a. During shows or show practice, except when jumping.
- b. A special occasion with the approval of the Safety Committee.
- c. When tricking, provided a release has been signed.

Use current AWSA recommended signals to the boat driver.

Stay within the wake of the towboat when the boat makes a turn in the canals.

Not perform dock starts or dock finishes.

c. ALL BOATS / OWNERS SHALL:

Have an observer or rear mirror when towing skiers.

Remove boat from the water on a daily basis (no boat shall remain in the water overnight).

Have a minimum of \$500,000.00 liability insurance for boats on our sites or lake effective with the initial term or renewals after 02/11/2010.

Provide to the Insurance Committee, each year, a copy of the Liability Insurance Policy having the following listed as “Additional Insured”:

- a. Greater Miami Ski Club
- b. John Karnes Trust
- c. Group II Trust

d. JUMP CANAL:

When in the jump canal, other skiing disciplines must always yield to jumpers. No boats shall engage in any activity which causes rollers in the jump canal while the jump is in use.

When a jumper is waiting to jump, the jumper in the canal is restricted to six (6) jumps.

The jump may be left at any height. It is the jumper’s responsibility to check the height.

Boats should idle into and out of the jump canal.

When towing a jumper, maintain your boat pattern completely within the jump canal. Do not go out into the main lake.

e. SLALOM CANALS:

Once a boat and skier are waiting in a slalom canal, the skier in the course is limited to eight (8) passes in all canals (down and back four (4) times). It is considered a pass when the skier enters the gate, whether the skier falls or makes the course.

Skiers shall make initial entry into the slalom courses from the south end of the courses only.

The canal east of the main canal is designated as a recreational canal. No time limit and no pass limit are set for the recreational skier. If the recreation skier gives the canal to a skier using the slalom course, the slalom skier shall have an eight (8) pass limit.

It is recommended that beginner skiers shall be taken to the back canals rather than congesting the main dock area.

f. WAKEBOARDING / TRICK SKIING / KNEEBOARDING / TUBING:

If a person is wakeboarding, trick skiing, or knee-boarding in either a jump or slalom canal, he or she must leave if someone wishes to use the course in that canal.

Wakeboarding is prohibited in the main slalom canal.

Tubing is limited to the main lake and the East-West canal only.

Only AWSA approved waterski towboats without wake enhancing devices are allowed in the canals. One exception is the 2<sup>nd</sup> canal, known as Old #1 or Goya (the canal east of the guest canal), where AWSA and USA Waterski approved towboats, with or without wake enhancing devices, are allowed. All other boats are restricted to the main lake and the East-West canal unless otherwise approved by the Safety Director.

g. ON THE SITE:

All swimming is to be done in the designated area, north of the boat ramp or by the guest dock.

Children, under ten (10) years of age, are required to wear a flotation device while swimming except under the direct supervision of an adult. Children, in accordance with US Coast Guard Rules, must always wear a flotation device while in the boat.

All dogs must be kept on a leash at all times. The length of the leash is not to exceed twelve (12) feet. The leash law is to be followed regardless of day, time, or number of people at the Club site. Dogs are NOT to be left unattended.

All structures placed on the Club site must be approved by the Board of Governors.

All members allowed spot rentals on the site must pay for the privilege six months in advance. Delinquent payment penalty will be 10% of the first six months rent until the 30<sup>th</sup> day. Thereafter the boat will be towed at the owner's expense.

The clubhouse is for use by members and their Guests. Members should take care to leave the premises in a clean and tidy condition. All doors must be locked immediately upon completion of use.

All motor vehicles, motorcycles, etc. must have proper liability insurance.

h. ON THE WATER:

Only members who have been approved by a Safety Committee member and passed the safety and driving test may operate a boat on the Greater Miami Ski Club waters.

Before taking the driving test, a member may practice driving to learn the lake pattern, driving etiquette, rules, etc., only if a member who has been approved by a Safety Committee member and passed the safety and driving test is in the boat.

The pattern in the main lake area is counter-clockwise.

i. AIRCHAIRS / AQUAFOILS:

Air chairs or aquafoil skis are prohibited in the jump or slalom courses.

j. JET SKIS, ETC.

The use of Jet skis on the Greater Miami Ski Club waters is specifically prohibited by the Club. In addition, activities that are specifically excluded from coverage in the Club's liability policy are prohibited.

k. GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB SAFETY RULES POSTED AT THE LAKE:

1. Only members of the Club who have been approved by a Safety Committee member and passed the safety and driving test may drive a boat.
2. All persons on board any boat must be seated when the boat is in gear or moving. No sitting on gunwales (sides) or transom.
3. All skiers must wear a ski vest or jump suit at all times except when tricking, provided a release has been signed.
4. Turn off the engine when a skier is getting into a boat and when a boat is unattended at the dock.
5. Skier should stay inside the wake during turns in canals.
6. Pick up a fallen skier only on the driver's side of the boat.
7. Pull in towline immediately when the skier has finished skiing.
8. Skiers may not start from, or finish, at the boat docks. No "dock starts" or "dock landings".
9. No one under eighteen (18) years of age may drive or ski unless in the presence of an adult Club member.
10. NO WAKE between the docks and the idle buoy.
11. Swimming is permitted only in the area north of the boat ramp and by the guest dock.
12. Children, under ten (10) years of age, must wear a flotation device when swimming unless under the direct supervision of an adult.
13. No skiing shall be permitted after dark.
14. All dogs must be on a leash no longer than twelve (12) feet.
15. Shock tubes are mandatory.
16. Boat launching procedure:
  1. Only the driver may be in the launching vehicle while on the ramp.
  2. The driver side window must be completely open.
  3. The launching vehicle is to be placed in neutral as the boat is lowered into the water. If the launching vehicle skids, drop the transmission into drive. This will stop the skidding or sliding.
  4. After the launching vehicle has lowered the boat into the water, place the launching vehicle in park and set the parking brake.

## SECTION 2: LIABILITY INSURANCE EXCLUSIONS

The following liability insurance exclusions apply to the Greater Miami Ski Club, the John Karnes Trust, and the Group II Trust.

- a. No use of aircraft and/or drones.
- b. No use of boats with rated speeds of fifty (50) miles per hour or greater.
- c. No use of ropes, swings, slides, or trampolines.