

# **San Diego Water Ski Team**

## **Bylaws**

### **Article I**

**The name of this organization shall be the San Diego Water Ski Team.  
This club is an affiliate member of USA Water Ski.**

### **Article II**

**The purpose of this organization is to bring together the citizens of San Diego County who have a common interest in the sport of water skiing. The club's objectives are to foster participation, competition, entertainment and education in various aspects of competitive and recreational water skiing in Mission Bay, in San Diego County, in the State of California. Members are responsible for promoting and protecting the interests of water skiing in Mission Bay and San Diego County.**

### **Article III**

#### **Membership**

##### **Section 1.**

**The types of membership shall consist of Member, Family Member, Student and Supporting Member.**

**Member - Any individual who is not a full time student.**

**Family Member - One family including children and a maximum of 2 adults over 18.**

**Student Member - Any student who can show proof of carrying at least 12 units during a semester / quarter or is 25 years of age or under.**

**Supporting Member - Any individual who participates in social club functions, but does not participate in any on-water activities.**

**Supporting members have full voting privileges. Supporting members do not require a USAWS membership. Supporting members may not participate in any on-water activities.**

##### **Section 2.**

**Qualifications for membership require that any member be an active member of USA Water Ski, has paid his / her dues, and is in good standing with the majority of the club members. Supporting members are not required to be a member of USA Water Ski.**

##### **Section 3.**

**Application for membership requires completed applications for San Diego Water Ski Team and USA Water Ski (or proof of active membership) along with the appropriate dues, submitted to the Membership Chairperson.**

**Section 4.**

**Annual dues for the San Diego Water Ski Team shall be as follows:**

- Membership ..... \$60**
- Family Membership ..... \$80**
- Student Membership ..... \$25**
- Supporting Membership ..... \$25**

**These dues are in addition to any applicable USA Water Ski dues.**

**Membership will be based upon a calendar year from January 1 through December 31.**

**Any existing or new member shall be allowed a \$5 discount if their membership application and dues are received prior to the end of each year for membership in the following year. If the application is mailed, the application can be postmarked before January 1st of a membership year.**

**New members who join following September 1st in any year will be given 50% reduction in the Diego Water Ski Team dues for the remainder of that year. A new member is anyone who has not been a member in the last two years.**

**Section 5.**

**A member who is dropped from the roll for nonpayment of dues may be reinstated as soon as the member pays their dues.**

**Section 6.**

**Memberships can be obtained from the Membership Chairperson or any other person assigned by the President to dispense membership cards.**

**Section 7.**

**Each member shall be appointed to a committee. At the member's request, they may appeal to the president to change to another committee, or to be assigned to one of their choice.**

**Section 8.**

**All participants at any on-the-water club event must be club members. One-day memberships will be available, as allowed by USA Water Ski. Supporting members do not qualify for on-the-water activities.**

**Section 9.**

**The club shall provide sponsorships to club members who participate in local Junior Development water ski camps. Club members must be listed under an individual or family membership to receive Junior Development support. All sponsorships shall be paid directly to the Junior Development organizers. Sponsorships shall be limited to \$25 per member unless authorized by the Executive Board.**

## **Article IV Officers Section 1.**

**Officers of this organization shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer.**

### **Section 2.**

**In case the office of the president becomes vacant, the vice president shall automatically become president. A general election shall then be held to fill the vice president position. A similar election shall be held to fill a vacancy for secretary or treasurer.**

## **Article V Elections Section 1.**

**Officers shall be elected and installed at the December meeting to serve for a one year term or until their successors are elected beginning January 1st and ending December 31st.**

**A plurality shall constitute an election.**

### **Section 2.**

**An announcement for the nomination of officers will be made at the October meeting to be held at the November meeting.**

**At the regular meeting held in November, those at the meeting shall nominate a slate of officers. In lieu of, or in addition to, a November meeting, email nominations may be submitted to the executive board by email or written request. The motion to nominate requires a second.**

**The incumbent officer shall obtain the consent of the nominees to place their name on the slate. The election of officers will take place at the December meeting.**

**No elected officer shall be eligible for more than two consecutive terms in the same office, nor be eligible for that same office except after an interval of two years, unless he / she is nominated, seconded, and the subsequent vote is approved by a two-thirds majority of members present to vote.**

### **Section 3.**

**The nominees shall be notified either by notification in the monthly newsletter, pre-meeting agenda, on the club website or by the corresponding incumbent officer after the November meeting.**

**Nominations may be made from the floor.**

**Election of officers shall be by secret ballot.**

**Voting privileges shall be by members in good standing present at the December meeting. One vote per one membership.**

**If a quorum is not present at the December meeting, voting will be performed at the next scheduled meeting for which a quorum is present.**

## **Article VI Duties of Officers Section 1.**

**The president shall preside at all club and Executive Board meetings; sign with the treasurer, all checks over \$500; serve as ex officio member of all committees except the nomination committee.**

**The president shall not be required to pay admission to competition tournaments or clinics.**

### **Section 2.**

**The vice president shall assume the duties of the president in his / her absence; automatically become president in the case of death or resignation of the president; and serve as program chairman.**

### **Section 3.**

**The secretary shall record all proceedings of the meetings and executive board; handle all correspondence.**

### **Section 4.**

**The treasurer shall collect all dues and care for the club's funds; keep an accurate record of receipts and payments; submit a financial report at each executive board meeting; submit a financial report at each regular membership meeting; and submit an annual report at the first meeting of the year.**

### **Section 5.**

**The officers shall be responsible for delegating committee projects to maintain assets of the club or assets assigned for use by the club for the benefit of its members.**

## **Article VII**

### **Meetings**

#### **Section 1.**

Regular meetings shall be held on the Wednesday night preceding the monthly water-ski tournaments. The meetings will convene at 7:30 pm and adjourn no later than 9:00 pm. Meetings may be rescheduled at the discretion of the executive board.

#### **Section 2.**

Special meetings may be called by the president, the executive board or upon request of 15 members in good standing.

#### **Section 3.**

Ten members shall constitute a quorum.

## **Article VIII**

### **Club Assets**

The following items are considered property of the San Diego Water Ski Team:

- Slalom Course
- Boat dock, **dock box and its contents**, and attached Starting Dock
- Jump Ramp and Jump Course
- 2 Judging Towers located on Fiesta Island
- Breakwater
- Channel Markers

The maintenance and repair of these items are the responsibility of the San Diego Water Ski Team. A committee chairperson and the Board of Directors shall inspect all items annually and determine the extent of any maintenance required, as well as the cost effectiveness of any repairs or modifications. At a minimum, all items shall be maintained to ensure the safety of those who use them.

The ramp may only be used by listed Jump Key Holders. Jump keys shall be issued at a rate of \$150 per year, per member. Any member who helps with the egression, cleaning, maintenance, and replacement of the ramp shall be credited \$15 per hour of work toward receipt of a jump key, up to a maximum of 10 hours. A listed jump key holder must be present for any one to make use of the ramp, for a single trial session of four jumps. The jump key may be revoked if the spirit of this article is compromised by members allowing unauthorized persons to use their key. The jump key list will be posted on the dock and anyone not qualified to retain one will be asked to surrender the key to a board member or committee head assigned to

**enforce use of the Jump. Exceptions to this rule shall be at the discretion of the president or any Course Committee Chairperson assigned by the President to handle such matters.**

## **Article IX**

### **Ski Tournaments**

#### **Section 1.**

**The club shall hold monthly water ski tournaments at the Hidden Anchorage inlet located on the south central side of Fiesta Island in Mission Bay. The tournament starting time will be announced by the Tournament Chairperson on the club website preceding each tournament. Registration will begin 30 minutes before the announced starting time, typically 7:30 am.**

**The order of events shall be determined for all tournaments for the year by the executive board with the Tournament Chairperson present and voting. The order of events' calendar shall be presented to the membership by the first meeting of the year.**

**A recommended donation will be posted for all participants. The donation is not a mandatory fee. The recommended donation will be decided upon by the Tournament Chairperson and approved at a club meeting. A recommended donation of an additional \$5 will be requested for non-members. Due to restrictions imposed by the City of San Diego, a mandatory fee may not be imposed for on-water activities.**

**Additionally, non-members must pay a USA Water Ski guest membership in order to participate in the tournaments, providing they are not currently USA Water Sski members. Ski team members are required to be active members of USA Water Ski in order to participate in any of the ski team events as specified in article III - Membership. This requirement is based upon insurance requirements mandated by the City of San Diego and is not a fee for on-water activities.**

**It is the determination of this club to foster regular competition between all of its members. Tournament formats will be chosen to encourage participation of all members, increase competition between all levels of skiers and foster growth of new skiers. Tournament formats and rules will be posted on the club website prior to the first tournament of the year. Participation the tournaments will allow skiers to score points in the San Diego Water Ski Team Slalom Grand Prix Championship.**

**Unfair Competition Clause - This clause can be invoked by the tournament chairperson when they suspect unfair competition, such as sand bagging, in order to artificially boost a skier's score. Should this occur, the tournament chair would call for a vote of the executive board to determine whether the skier should be penalized**

for their actions with a majority ruling being required. The penalty would be their disqualification from that particular tournament.

## **Section 2. Grand Prix Awards**

A Grand Prix Awards Banquet will be held, usually on the third or fourth Saturday of January.

The Perpetual Championship Trophy shall be given to the Grand Prix Champion. Their name will be inscribed on the trophy with the year and point total.

**Prizes:**

Prizes will be established and accumulated by the Grand Prix Award Committee and should be based on the Ski Team's available funds. Traditionally, first through sixth place are awarded a prize.

These prizes cannot be guaranteed, as they must be based on the club's available funds.

The president shall make special awards for outstanding performances during the year or outstanding contributions to this club or the sport of water skiing.

## **Article IX Hidden Anchorage Protocol**

The permits issued for Hidden Anchorage shall be used according to the following guidelines. Each boat must be in possession of a valid permit to use the Hidden Anchorage competition ski area. Permits are issued to any person holding proof of membership in any club sanctioned by the San Diego Parks and Recreation Department. Currently those sanctioned organizations include the San Diego Water Ski Team and USA Water Ski (USAWS).

The lifeguard station shall issue four primary and two secondary permits for sunrise to 12 noon each day. The lifeguard station shall issue four primary and two secondary permits for 12 noon to sunset each day. Permits are available up to seven days in advance. Permits may not be issued to the same person or the same boat for both the morning and afternoon sessions of any given day. Each person can only be issued up to three permits during any given week (Sun. - Sat.).

Up to four boats may be in the rotation at one time. If less than four primary permit holders are present, the first come secondary permit holder shall be allowed into the rotation. If a primary permit holder arrives later, the secondary permit holder must drop out of the rotation.

A boat is considered at the bottom of the rotation when its bow crosses into the permit area or its stern enters the water. If a boat leaves the Hidden Anchorage area and returns, it must go to the bottom of the rotation.

**A turn shall consist of one skier taking up to six slalom passes or three falls, whichever occurs first; four jump attempts; or ten minutes of tricking, barefooting, wakeboarding, or free skiing. Skiers should be ready to go when the skier in front of them is finishing their turn. This is encouraged at all times, but imperative when four boats are in the rotation.**

**All boats pulling a skier must have an observer.**

**The rules of this section shall be amended to be in accordance with San Diego City ordinance.**

## **Article X Executive Board Section 1.**

**The Executive Board shall consist of the officers and three members appointed by the elected club officers at or near the beginning of each administration as executive advisors. The Executive Board shall appoint the standing committee heads immediately after installation and appoint special committees as necessary. The executive advisors shall head committees and projects on a voluntary basis at the request of the president.**

### **Section 2.**

**Meetings of the board shall be held at the discretion of the President or a majority of the Executive Board.**

**Four board members shall constitute a quorum.**

**A meeting of the outgoing and incoming Executive Boards shall take place soon after election for transfer of files.**

### **Section 3.**

**The Executive Board shall have supervision over the affairs of the organization between meetings.**

**It shall see that the objectives of the organization are accomplished.**

**Each outgoing board shall leave in the treasury a sum of money equal to or greater than the unpaid bills and obligations of the club plus an emergency fund of not less than an amount equal to \$3 per member.**

## **Article XI Committees Section 1.**

**The following standing committees shall be appointed.**

**Membership Committee**



**Publicity & Promotions Committee (website/newsletter)**  
**Dock Committee**  
**Jump Committee**  
**Slalom Course Committee**  
**Judges' Towers Committee**  
**Breakwater Committee**  
**Social Committee**  
**Tournament Committee**  
**Grand Prix Award Committee**

## **Section 2.**

**The president may appoint additional standing committees as the need arises.  
The president may appoint special committees as necessary, unless this rule is suspended by a majority vote.**

## **Article XII Discipline**

**Members may be dismissed from the club by behavior that is deemed dangerous to themselves or to others in the use of the water skiing facilities used by the club to enjoy water skiing. The Executive Board shall review and rule on dismissal.**

## **Article XIII Parliamentary Authority**

**Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of this organization. No Gavel.**

## **Article XIV Amendment**

**These bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote at any regular meeting provided the amendment was submitted in writing and published in the monthly newsletter, pre-meeting agenda, or on the club website a minimum of two weeks prior to the meeting**

## **Article XV Dissolution**

**If this organization is dissolved, all assets of the organization shall be divided equally among the members in good standing after all bills are paid.**

**The following executive board members of the San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Team Water Ski Team ratify the aforementioned and duly executed constitution:**

**William G. Schneiderwind Scott Chelberg**

**President Director**

**David Sasse Tom Fleming**

**Vice President Director**

**John L. Morton, Jr. Mike Saunders**

**Treasurer Director**

**Russell Johnson / Claudia Six**

**Secretary**

**Exhibits: (This Area To Be Used For Future Illustrations)**

**Article III, Membership, Section 4., Paragraph 3 was originally:**

**New members who join following July 1st in any year ...**

**and was modified in November 1993 to be:**

**New members who join following September 1st in any year ...**

**Article III, Membership, Section 4., Paragraph 1 was originally:**

**Annual dues shall be as follows**

**Membership \$35**

**Family Membership \$65**

**Student Membership \$30**

**and was modified in December 1995 to be:**

**Annual dues shall be as follows:**

**Membership ..... \$45**

**Family Membership ..... \$85**

**Student Membership ..... \$25**

**Article VIII, Competition Clinics was originally Subarticle VIIA. In January 1996 it was extensively changed. The original version is not included here, but following is a summary of the significant changes:**

**Skiing order within a division -- seeding (Article VIII, Section 2, H).  
Determined by placement in previous month's clinic, then by order of registration. Was not specified in bylaws, but had been determined by order of registration.**

**Defining time period allowed for pre-registration  
(Article VIII, Section 2, H.).**

**Limiting pre-registration to the day of the previous month's clinic to the day before the clinic. Was not previously specified in bylaws.**

**Using only two best scores in a three round clinic (Article VIII, Section 5, B.).**

**Originally, scores from all three rounds were added together.**

**No competition rule added (Article VIII, Section 5, D.).**

**Divisions with less than three people compete with the next lower division.**

**Dec. clinic - 3 round slalom & double GP points (Article VIII, Section 5, F.).**

**The January 1996 changes were proposed and submitted by John Morton.**

**Revision E: In October 1997, a committee was formed to modify these bylaws to comply with USA Water Ski affiliation requirements. During the Oct.'97 meeting, the club voted to pursue affiliation with USA Water Ski in order to obtain insurance coverage for the club and our participants in our on-the-water events. Changes from revision D are indicated by italics for additions and ~~striketrough~~ for deletions. The bylaws committee members are: Steve Morrison, Joe Quinn, Tee Cherry, Eric Dahlgren, John Morton, David St.John, and Vicki St.John.**

**Revision F: In Article VIII, Section 1, all clinic entry fees were increased by \$4 and the discount for early registration was increased from \$1 to \$4.**

**The following paragraph was added to Article VIII, Section 5:**

**Any skier that is skiing in a club tournament for the first time, may register in any division, but will be placed in the most appropriate division by the clinic chairman, following the clinic.**

**These changes were proposed and approved at the regular membership meeting in December, 1997.**

**February 2009 Changes, voted on and approved by the membership:**

**Family membership was changed to any two adults over 18 and all children in the same household.**

**Supporting membership was added for \$25 for members who do not wish to participate in on the water activities. USAWS membership is not required to be a supporting member.**

**Student members were identified as anyone carrying a minimum of 12 units / semester or quarter or anyone under 25.**

**Membership rates were raised to \$60 for individual and \$80 for family.**

**The requirement to remove the jump ramp every winter was changed to as needed and recommended by the jump committee chairperson.**

**Club assets were added to the bylaws. Assets identified as property of the club included slalom course, jump course, jump ramp, dock and starting dock,**

**breakwater, judges towers, and channel markers. A committee appointed by the president of the board shall oversee maintenance of these items and shall inspect them annually and make recommendations to the executive board regarding repairs and maintenance.**

**Fees for the monthly ski tournaments were deleted and replaced with a recommended donation to help offset tournament costs.**

**Tournament and grand prix series rules, formats, and starting orders were all removed from the bylaws. The bylaws were changed to allow for a separate grand prix rule book to be created by the membership and posted prior to the start of the grand prix season.**

**Specific prizes and plaques for the top placements in the grand prix series were deleted. Instead of specifying what prizes would be awarded to different placements, the grand prix rules were changed to allow the board discretion to provide awards and prizes based on the Ski Team's available funds.**

**USA Water Ski was added as a recognized club for Hidden Anchorage permits. Executive board meeting dates were changed from monthly to at the discretion of the president and the executive board.**

**A quorum of the executive board was changed from a minimum of 5 members to a minimum of 4.**

**December 2009 changes, voted on and approved by the membership:**

**The addition of language allowing nomination of executive board candidates to occur through email submission to the current president. Prior to this change nominations had to be done at the November meeting.**

**March 2010 changes, voted on and approved by the membership:**

**The name of the club was changed from the San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Team to the San Diego Water Ski Team.**