



# CHURCH WILNE

## Water Sports Club

### SBDA Course

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We will be running the next SBDA Course early in the New- if you are interested or know someone who is please email -

[info@churchwilne.co.uk](mailto:info@churchwilne.co.uk)

### Club Forum & Work Party - 28th October

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It's another note for your Diary. This is the Club Forum and your chance to hear what's been going on and to put your ideas, views and comments to the Committee and fellow members. We will also present the proposed fee structure for 2019.

The Forum will kick off at 3pm with a brief 'end of season' work party day from 12.00. Please come and help - by then it will be time to put the tables and chairs away and 'lock down' for winter. But remember you can continue riding... you can.. honestly....

### Christmas Party & Prize Giving - Dec 15

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It's too early to be thinking about Christmas - or is it? Please put a note in your Diary for December the 15<sup>th</sup>. Last years party was a huge success and as tickets are limited we may well sell out. When you get the nod please move fast to secure your places.

## Summer Roundup

What a great summer season we have had - the weather has been incredible and the club has seen almost continuous use. Weekends have been busy, camping has been busy and the water has been busy. New members welcomed and boats have clocked up some hours.

Let's hope that Autumn brings with it some warm weather so that we can keep having fun on the water. And for those hardy souls who are going to continue through the winter let's also hope for no ice!

Riding through the winter months may not be as much fun as the summer - but it is perfectly feasible. Even just 1 or 2 rides a month will help you 'keep your hand in' and will get you off to a good start for next season



## Cutting Edge

HUGE congratulations to ALL of the CWWSC Cutting Edge Team. We did well and we can be proud of our achievements over the past weekend. Thanks to all of the team - that includes the competitors, parents and everyone who helped out.

We did not take a podium place but we have it confirmed that it was "very close" and that we **improved massively** on previous years - most of all we took the prize for being the most enthusiastic and friendly team. This is all a huge leap forward from previous years.

Whilst, as a team did not take podium place, we need have a big shout out to James Taylor who took 2nd place in Kneeboard Trick - FANTASTIC result. And of course Oliver Barton who took the 'Ryan Birch Award' for endeavour.

Well deserved both.



A big shout out should go to the CWWSC Club, Committee and helpers who made the event a huge success and to Greg and Tracy who did so much to help the kids improve.

It is safe to say that it was an amazing event enjoyed by everyone. The fact that it was such a success is, without doubt, down to all the hard work put in by our lovely willing volunteer members.... YOU.



## James Taylor

Congratulations must go to James who, after Cutting Edge, was encouraged to compete in the Kneeboard Nationals. James was only able to take part in the first day of the 2 day competition but still did incredibly well and took first place in the Kneeboard Slalom and Silver for trick. Well done James. This followed an amazing performance at the Cutting Edge competition where he took second place in Kneeboard trick landing his first ever back roll as the last trick of his run.

## Cutting Edge Comments

Here are a some comments we received from parents and other coaches on Sunday evening:-

Nick (who won the BWSW 'Coach of the Year Award' earlier this year) commented that he thought the CWWSC kids '*team spirit*' was **second to none** and he congratulated everyone involved in creating this **wonderful atmosphere**. He particularly mentioned how nice it was when one of our team swam out to pick up some skis left in the water by an opposing team member. Finally he said how **polite, happy and 'willing to help'** all the kids were.

A lady approached Michelle commented what an **amazing club** we have. She lives in Cambridge but said that if she lived closer she would join CWWSC in a flash because of what she had seen this weekend

Simon from Mastercraft made a comment about our **team spirit** at the prize giving but also spoke after the event and said that what we had achieved was **incredible both on and off the water**. He stressed that our club and our team and **'won the day outright'** when it came to team spirit and support for one another.

One of the judges said what a joy it was to have **such polite kids** - never grumpy and always smiling.

So well done to the kids.. and the parents.. and the helpers.. you know who you are. THANKS.



## GREEN is for Recycling

It seems that some are confused. We continually get 'dirty' rubbish in the green bins and recyclable rubbish in the black bins. Please, please can you make sure that you recycle properly and make sure the kids are aware which bin is which. Thanks.

## Camping fees

Please remember if you have stayed down during the week and not been able to pay your camping fees as the clubhouse has not been open you should still make sure that these are paid up. Thanks

## Splash Day 2018

This year Splash Day had to be moved from the Sunday to the Bank Holiday Monday due to the weather deciding to deliver 'liquid sunshine' as opposed to the 3 months of sunshine we were used to.

Monday dawned better with sunny intervals. And so the fun began..

Swim/Ski - driver and boat stationed in the water some way off and the riders and observers had to swim to the boat, ski round the lake as fast as they can. To confuse matters the race was run in a clockwise direction - the opposite to normal!

Next up we had the relay race - 1 rider behind the boat and 2 waiting on the big inflatable - all 3 have to complete a lap of the lake passing the 'noodle' on to the next rider as they return to the inflatable. The race ended when all 3 riders were safely (!! ) back on the inflatable.

Finally it was the Grab N Go - head off round the lake, grab 3 balls from one inflatable and then back to place the balls on another inflatable. This resulted in Ollie getting mad because there were not enough balls in his inflatable - Ella had nobbled his team in an attempt to ensure her team had 'more balls'.

All ended well with everyone having a great time. Thanks to Greg and Tracy who did a huge amount of



## Dog Rules

A reminder that dogs are not allowed on site apart from in the 'dog zone' - please do not let your four legged friend meander out of this zone. Please also note that this area is only for club members.

## Tidying up

It's been a long day. The sun has been shining. You've put in loads of hours on the water. It's time to go home... we've all been there... we all want to get off. But please don't leave your litter or equipment you have borrowed out for someone else to clear up. Please spend just a couple of minutes helping us keep the club safe and tidy.

## Club Kit - Private Kit

All club kit is now marked with a sticker - if it does not have this sticker on it then it is privately owned equipment and you should not use it. Please don't use other peoples equipment.



## DRIVING – IMPORTANT

The busy lake has brought with it some incidents of bad driving and the Committee have received complaints.

So....

First it is vital that we all take driving and safety seriously. When you are driving a boat you are also driving a **LETHAL WEAPON!**

Please see the driving tips on the attached sheet - no matter what your skill level or experience please take a quick look through these.

At the same time it is worth noting the rules of the road that apply to CWWSC (attached) - for example when you are tubing and other boats are on the water you need to remain in the centre of the lake and never use the 'outside lane' - this is really important but is a rule that is regularly overlooked by drivers. So please reacquaint yourselves with the rules/guides. Thanks.

## Security

It is a fairly common occurrence for the club to be left insecure - if you are leaving the club and you're not sure whether or not you should lock up - Container, Yard, Clubhouse etc - then better to lock it than leave it open. Please do not assume that others will do so... thanks

Numerical locks are soon to be replacing keyed padlocks where possible. The combination number for these will be the same as the Clubhouse.

If you are the last one to leave then please lock the final gate. If you are *almost* the last one to leave then make sure that whoever you leave behind knows that you are leaving and make sure they have a key to the final gate.



## TABS

Please ensure that your tabs are up to date and cleared down ASAP. Making sure you pay your tabs off on a regular basis will enable us to keep the system going for next year.

## Half Year Membership

We have changed the half year membership date so that it now kicks in from September 1<sup>st</sup> as opposed to October 1<sup>st</sup>. This will hopefully encourage more people to join before it turns



## Impact Vest or Bouyancy Aid – or nothing!

It is vital that ALL participants on the water wear a buoyancy aid or impact vest... it's vital for your own safety but it is also a club rule and BWSW rule - no matter how hot, no matter how brave, no matter how stupid.. make sure all riders have one or the other. Thanks.

## Committee Members

We do need help. The club does not run itself and we are looking for people to help out on the Committee. If you have a skill (or no skill) and are willing to help out please can you 'come on down' and let us know. Please email [info@churchwilne.co.uk](mailto:info@churchwilne.co.uk) - we really could do with some more hands on deck.

## Waiting your turn – the Beacon Calls

If there are 4 boats out on the water and you are waiting to go out on the lake then you should position yourself in the take off zone/jetty and then press the beacon. Unfortunately because the kids seem to like pressing the beacon it's often a false alarm - so positioning yourself on the jetty or in the 'take off' zone will be a clear indicator to others on the water that Time's Up.

Whilst talking about the 'take off' zone - please make sure you LOOK LEFT before you hit the gas. You do not have any right of way during take off and you need to wait for a safe time to 'take off'. It's not the job of others going around the lake to alter direction so that you can go.. although that is quite a nice kind thing to do.

## Driving Q&A's

### Q: Which way round the lake?

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A; If you are on the lake on your own then you can head off in any direction but as soon as you are joined by another boat you must go round the lake in an anti-clockwise direction.

### Q: How long can I stay out if others are waiting?

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A: The rule is twice round the lake or 20 minutes if other people are waiting. Only 4 boats on the water at one time – so if you are waiting head over to the launch area and press the Beacon Button so that those already riding know that you are waiting.

If you are out on the water please be polite and don't keep people waiting – keep your eye on the launch area and the Beacon to see if anyone is waiting.

When returning to the beach have your spotter raise an arm so that a waiting boat knows that you are heading in and can start to lineup for take off.

### Q: What are the rules for tubing?

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A: You should only tube in the centre of the lake if other boats are on the water. You riders should always raise a hand if they fall off so that they can easily be seen. All riders must wear helmets. Again you should stay out for a

### Q: My driver keeps looking back over his shoulder whilst driving - what should I do?

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A: Tell him not to! The driver should almost NEVER LOOK BACK. It is the drivers job to make sure that the boat is steering a safe course at the right speed for the rider. The spotter is responsible for looking back and keeping an eye on the rider reporting back to the driver as appropriate.

### Q: How old does a spotter have to be?

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A: There is no age limit but they should be responsible and capable of helping out in any situation – it is ideal if they can handle the boat as well.

### Q: Do I have to wear a helmet?

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A: If you are tubing then yes – if you are going over the ski jump then yes. At all other times a helmet is optional and most people do not wear them

## Q: The boat in front is going slower than I am - can I overtake? What line should I take - ie should I follow inside his wake until I am ready to overtake?

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A: First you should always leave a good distance between you and the boat in front. As there's a maximum of 4 boats on the water at any one time there's enough space to allow one complete leg between each boat.

Secondly you should never follow in the wake unless a long way back – you must be prepared for the rider in front to fall – so keep back and keep your eye on the rider in front. **DO NOT TAKE YOUR EYES OFF THAT RIDER.**

If you find that you need to overtake (ie if you are a skier following a wakeboarder) then you have to make a judgement but the rule of thumb would be to overtake on the inside assuming that the boat in front is sticking to the outside of the lake.

You should never try to 'squeeze' through a gap and you need to keep enough distance between you and the slower boat so that if they make a sudden 'about turn' they (or their rider) will not come into your path. You have to expect the unexpected.

Imagine that you (and they) are navigating a boat that is the total length of yours plus the line.. so that makes it around 80'-90' or longer... that's a big boat and is the distance you need to leave between you and the other boat/ rider remembering that they are also driving an 90' boat!!

As the driver of a following boat you should focus almost entirely on the rider in front not taking your eyes off that boat/rider. If the rider in front falls then you should make an **immediate and distinct change of course** so that they know you have seen them. It can also be polite to put an arm in the air to acknowledge that you have seen them and are taking avoiding action

This is very important to ensure safety of everyone and also to make people feel comfortable.

If you are the leading boat then your spotter really needs to focus their attention on both your rider and the following boat to make sure that they are not creeping up on you. The spotter should convey any concerns to the driver.

If you (as the lead boat) are getting nervous then it's time to take action. Cut your corner short and take the inside course taking you and your rider out of any potential bad driving from the following boat.

### **Q: Where should I drop off my rider? How do I let other people know that I am dropping them off?**

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A: You can drop and recover a rider at any point on the lake but it is always best that you return your riders to the 'beach' to the left of the jetties. When you are returning to the beach (2 laps or 20 minutes) you should indicate your intentions by having your Spotter raise a hand clearly in the air.

### **Q: What sort of distance should I leave between me and the boat in front?**

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A: Your boat and driver is about 80' in length. The other boat and driver is about 80' in length... so leave at least 160' between you – and a lot more to be on the safe side.

### **Q: Who has right of way when I am taking off from the dock?**

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A: This is the area where most bad driving occurs. If you have a rider on the dock you tend to be focused on getting the boat lined up, ensuring that your rider is ready... BUT... before you take off check left and see if another boat is coming. If it is then WAIT. Hold your hand up to your rider so that they have a good idea what is going on.

### **Q: Why do we use the phrase 'Hit It'?**

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A: Your rider should always shout 'Hit It' when they are ready to go – shouting Go could be confused with No... it is a good habit only use the 'Hit It' instruction – both for rider and driver. So make it a rule of thumb. Remember that before 'Hit It' the rider should also give you an 'In Gear' instruction.

As a driver do not feel under pressure if the rider shouts 'Hit It' – your job is only to take off if it is completely safe to do so and to make sure that the line is tight - some beginner riders will get it wrong. Also - don't forget to "look left" when taking off from the launch area.

### **Q: How does a rider let me know if they want to go faster - are there any hand signals?**

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A: Yes – there are a few basic hand signals that you and your Spotter should know – see diagram on the next page

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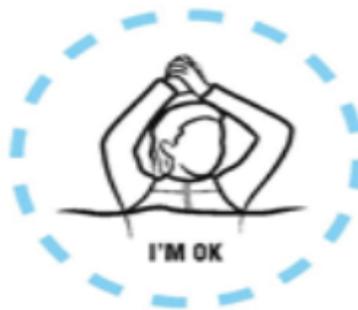
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**SAME SPEED**



**TURN AROUND**



**I'M OK**



**BACK  
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**STOP**

