

# Bay Area Waterski Club

# Flat Water Times

Delta Tunnels Update:  
[savethedelta.org](http://savethedelta.org)



## Message from the Board

by Karl Smith, 2021 Board Member

### *The Scenic Wonders of the Delta!*

As I am writing this article, the Sierra has received its first dusting of winter snows. Many of us have put our summer water toys away for the year, but I am here to tell you that there is [still time to get out and enjoy the fall shoulder season on our wonderful Delta sloughs](#).

Summer is obviously prime time for skiing, boating, and general hijinks on the waterways. Who could deny that the combination of warm (hot you say?) sun, cool water, exhilarating exercise and superb friendships are a combination that cannot be beat? But there is plenty to be said for [getting out on the Delta one or two more times before the rains](#) (hopefully!) come to renew our parched state.

You might be interested to know that when I looked up [the word slough](#) for an exact definition, the number one result was swamp. Yikes! Other definitions that seem to work better for us are [a side channel from or feeding a river](#). Then there is slew which of course means a large quantity. And then there is SLU which stands for Saint Louis University which has nothing to do with this article. So, one might say that the Delta is a slew of sloughs.



Ski beach on a summer weekend day

This article will be a photo and word essay to describe some of the many things you may find in this calmer, quieter time of year. The [photos were collected during club events, private outings, and jet ski trips around the Delta in September](#).

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## Message from the Board (con't)

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If you have been out on the Delta in the last month or so, you would quickly notice the dearth of other boaters. **It is a joy to motor or ski all around and to be the only ones out there.** And if you choose to stop at a popular spot like **Ski Beach** at the end of Woodward/Twin Sloughs, you will **not have the huge crowds and blaring rap music and triple parking problems** that are seen in mid-summer.

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Besides having uncrowded waterways, **fall is known for its lack of fierce winds.** The near gales of summer that roil up the water and cause you to have a washboard ski run experience is replaced by either **glass or near glass water on many autumn days.** This is quite wonderful - **looking at a mirror reflection is one of my favorite views of nature.** I could spend an entire day just driving around and viewing the scenery as seen below.



Ski beach on a lazy September weekday



I wonder if I flipped this photo upside down



Discovery Bay or Hawaii?

But of course, when you **combine the mirror water with the thrill of skiing,** you are in ski Nirvana. While you can get days like this during the summer, the **number and quality of flat-water days in the fall are truly amazing.** They even make me look good!



I just love my "outdoor office!"



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Wildlife is abundant in any season on the Delta but on a [slowed down fall day](#), you can take your time and [appreciate how diverse the animals are](#) and how we are actually trespassing on their home. [Hopefully, we can make it a better place for them and for us.](#)



We hereby declare this "Goose Island"



Great egret stalking his lunch!

Of course, some boat owners are pulling their boats out of the water, so you may have a bit harder of a time finding a pull on these smooth water days. Have you tried [advertising your availability on the website under the Member Forum-Looking for a Pull](#)? You may just find a boat owner who has discovered the joys of late season skiing. If you ever get a chance to ski with [Larry Ligon](#), be sure to take advantage of it and [watch how he uses strength, angulation and even grace on marathon runs](#) that most of us can only dream of doing.



Is it a bird . . . is it a plane?  
No, it's Larry Ligon!

Surely every day on the Delta in the fall cannot be this glorious. Of course, you may run into problems such as wind, inconsiderate drivers, or even the much needed rainstorm. Then there are the [other oddball signs](#) that [indicate that we live in a diverse world with lots of varying opinions.](#)

See evidence below-



Not my view. Hold those cards and emails, please!



Must be a No Fun Zone

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By Karl Smith, 2021 BAWSC Board Member

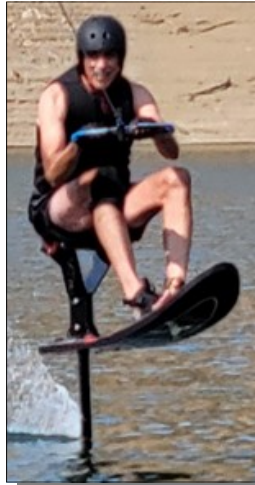
"But it's too cold" I can hear you say. (My Alexa talks to your Alexa) Granted we no longer have the 95-plus degree days and probably won't unless you are going to a winter ski camp which actually sounds like a great idea! Anyway, I have two words for you - **wet suit** (or is that one word?) I wear one at the beginning of the season and it is likely to still fit me. I won't ski in December, but I could make it to the start of November using it. Otherwise, here is another strategy- **Slow Down!** Yep, the air will not feel so cool when you are going ten miles per hour instead of thirty two. While you are motoring slow, **how about trying to wake surf or air chair.** Some of our members are quite good at both and would give out free tips if asked.

Let's not forget about food. While the box lunch seems to be the meal du jour on our ski days, **a stop in at a local restaurant on a fall day is always a treat.** And since we are in less of a hurry now, why not try a few places you don't often get to. **The Boardwalk Restaurant** in Discovery Bay has a Taco Tuesday deal that is fab but check their hours. When I am jet skiing, I head up to either **Tiki Lagoon, Garlic Brothers** or **Windmill Cove** up near Stockton.



The Tiki God will bless you and yours

Not the Delta, but Jerry airs that chair!



Chris is a happy dude in that wave



Rumor has it that the owners are going to bring it back!

Well, my trip around the Delta in the Fall is nearing an end. Here are **a few miscellaneous photos that tickled my fancy.** (Don't tell Susan that I had my fancy tickled. Whoops, I just did!).



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When three motors aren't enough!



Wire we here?

Lastly, there are *so many treats to find out on the Delta in the fall* that one article could not possibly describe them all. Suffice it to say, *the season is not over yet* and you may see me cruising up and down the slew of sloughs for a few more weeks yet. And if you are lucky, you may see *a beautiful river of diamonds* like I did on several of my September outings. *Cheers!*



Karl Smith  
2021 Board Member

# 2021 Officers and Directors



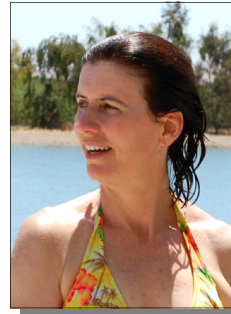
## Elected Officers



**Chris Feduniw**  
*August President*  
*Webmaster*



**Larry Ligon**  
*Vice President*



**Darcy Murray**  
*Treasurer*



**Dawn Ko**  
*Secretary*

## Board Members



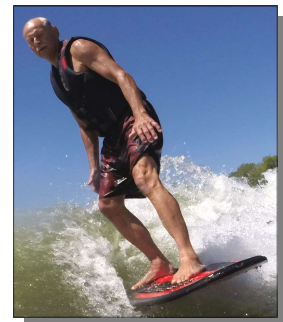
**Gwen Cauthren**  
*Membership Chair*



**Lynette Wong**  
*Newsletter Editor*



**Tracy Fallon**



**Mark Frazier**



**Karl Smith**



**Susan Schmidt**



**Jerry Baxter**

## Special Committees:

**Flat Water Times Editor:** Lynette Wong  
**Webmaster:** Chris Feduniw



**Eric Johnson**



## Past Events

### ***Watersports Day - August 7, 2021***

By Dawn Ko, 2021 BAWSC Secretary

Saturday, August 7 rolled around with another watersport's day. However, this event was unique as we weren't sure whether we would have to cancel it the night before due to the bad air quality drifting in from the Tahoe fire. To our surprise, **Discovery Bay** registered with an **unhealthy air quality number of 156!** **Dawn Ko, chair**, and her **co-chair Karl** were scrambling around trying to figure out what was considered to be an acceptable level.

Luckily when morning came around, the **air quality dropped to 127** which was **considered moderate**, but we were still **unclear if the air quality would be getting better or worse**. In our favor, when co-chair Karl reached out to the *boat owners, they all confirmed that they were still up for coming*. To top it off, they even **showed up by 9 am!** What an awesome group and an awesome co-chair! So, **a huge thanks to Karl and boat owners!**



There goes Steve!

Susan: Oh, this is easy



Along with the punctual boat owners, **skiers also showed up around 9 am**, allowing everyone to **hit the water by 9:20am** (10 minutes earlier before actual departure time)! This afforded us the **extra calm morning water**. Love it when things go smoothly. . . thanks to everyone.

So, it was no surprise that **skiing was great!** We were all excited to go out and ski. Several new members were able to get in lots of runs. One of the **new members, Dan** who *hadn't skied in 22 years*, was able to *get up the first time!* Woohoo!

It's terrific that we've been getting **many new members who are having a wonderful time behind some fantastic ski boats**.

With challenging air quality, others took it a little easier which left our **junior member, Michael** with lots of **happy time knee boarding** (*News Flash: the kid can go on forever so make sure you set a timer!*)



Michael:  
I never get tired.  
I've got *endless amounts of energy!*

## Past Events

### ***Watersports Day - August 7, 2021 (con't)***

By Dawn Ko, 2021 BAWSC Secretary



New member, **Mary Wood** taking a breather and enjoying a fun day out on the water!

*And a huge thanks to my co-chair Karl for all of his help and support to help make this a successful and fun event given the challenging air quality!*



**Dawn Ko, Chair  
2021 BAWSC Secretary**



**Karl Smith, Co-chair  
2021 BAWSC Board Member**



## **Past Events** *2021 California Pro-Am Slalom Ski Tournament* *& Witness World-Class Competitive Action*

By Larry Ligon, 2021 BAWSC Vice President

On **August 28**, while BAWSC members handled dock starting duties on **Saturday's Pro-Am preliminaries**, they were able to watch, mingle and be inspired by the **sport's top athletes** like **Will Asher (England)**, **Freddie Winter (England)**, **Thomas DeGasperi (Italy)**, **Nick Parsons**, **Nate Smith**, **Terry Winter**, **Manon Costard (France)**, **Karen Truelove**, **Whitney McClintock (Canada)**, **Venessa Vieke (Australia)**, **Jennifer Leachman-LaPoint** and many other renowned pros skiers plus 37 amateurs & **Masters** including **Bob Hardeman** and **Greg Badal** as they skied head-to-head for cash awards and world records at the beautiful **Short Line ski Lake in Elk Grove**.

*Thanks to members* Darcy Murray, Mark Frazier, Tracy Fallon, Chris Feduniw, Eric Johnson, Gwen Cauthren, Jerry Baxter, former member Gena Kraft and yours truly for their enthusiastic dock-starting efforts.

The BAWSC dock-starting contributions were clearly **appreciated by the competitors** as exemplified by their many expressions of thanks during the competition and the public appreciation of BAWSC support mentioned by both the P.A. and WEB Cast announcers as well as by **Greg & Debbie Badal** at the Saturday night competitor's dinner that our BAWSC dock starters were graciously invited to attend.

During **Saturday's dinner** several of the BAWSC dock starters **enjoyed the personal company of international stars** **Manon Costard** and **Freddie Winter** at our table.

Here is a recap of **Sunday's final Pro-Am results**:

**Nate Smith** fell early leaving the door open for England's **Freddie Winter** and **Robert Hazelwood**



**Dock starters** Eric Johnson, Mark Frazier, Jerry Baxter & Gwen Cauthren watching the competitors.



**World record holder Nate Smith** executing a short-line turn parallel to the boat.

to conquer their competitors in the head-to-head finals of this year's Open Men's slalom contest.

Shockingly, in the final runoff between **Freddie** and **Robert**, they both scored **3 buoys at 41 ft. off** the rope creating a tie. They had to break the draw by skiing a 2nd time at 41 off. However, they both achieved 3 balls at 41 off again!



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These tie-breaking rounds continued for a third time at 41 off leading to unheard of identical scores of 3 balls at 41 off once again!! Finally, in the fourth attempt to break the stalemate, Hazelwood fell early in 41 off and Winter ran several more buoys at 41 off to win the extended contest.



**Karen Truelove** excuting a typical turn.



The **Open Women** slalom finals were **absent world record holder Regina Jaquess** due to a torn ACL earlier in the season. This opened up the finals on Sunday for **Manon Costard** and **Whitney McClintock** to compete head-to-head for the championship. On Saturday, **Manon set a new European Women's World Record of 2 balls at 41 off**, setting the stage for some exciting final competition.



**Chris & Gena** waiting for the boats to return for ski rope and handle exchanges.



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Italian champion skier and TV Dancing with the Stars **Thomas DeGasperi**



**Manon Costard** European Champion and 2021 Women's Pro-Am runner-up.



**Will Asher** former multiple time winner of the Pro-Am.



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**Whitney McClintock** Women's Pro-Am 2021 winner.



*In the end, **Whitney ran 5 balls** compared to Manon's 3 balls at 39.5 ft. off to clinch the Open Women finals.*



**Dock starters:** Tracy Fallon, Chris Feduniw, Gwen Cauthren, Gena Kraft and Mark Frazier enjoying the tournament.



## Past Events

### *First Friday Watersports Day Event a Success!*

By Larry Ligon, 2021 BAWSC Vice President

September 17 marked BAWSC's first ever, single-weekday watersports event thanks to a couple of members' suggestions that the club include some weekdays events on the watersports calendar. Held on Friday, participants and boat owners launched out of the Discovery Bay Marina.

Special thanks go to boat owners: Ralph Rast, Bob Lohse, and Jerry Baxter and yours truly.

Additionally, thanks are in order for backup drivers: Tracy Fallon, Karl Smith, Susan Schmidt, and Gwen Cauthren who provided boat owners with opportunities to ski.



#### **Socially-distanced Lunch Break**

**Back:** new members Mark Kutchi and Monica Fitzgerald next to Gwen Cauthren on Larry's boat.

**Front:** Joanne Noce, Lew Cresci, Tracy Fallon, & Ralph Rast on his boat with Jerry Baxter on the Union Point dock

By 9:30 am, all four boats with 16 skiers headed for Victoria sloughs. Water conditions in Victoria turned out to be spectacular with flat water and no other boats to disturb our skiing until later in the afternoon when just one other ski boat did show up. Air temperatures were in the 90's with very little wind. With superb, glassy conditions, it seemed the participants easily fulfilled their skiing desires for the day.

Margi McGinnis slicing thru smooth water



New member Adam Wegel easily catching some air!

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**New member, Monica Fitzgerald** (incognito)  
relaxing after lunch with Larry “giving  
skiing instructions?”



Rick Ohrich, “I can swiftly carve  
a turn!”



Susan Schmidt sculpting a turn

*This led to ‘stellar’ feedback from all the skiers and boat owners who suggested that we hold more weekday events in the future.*



## Past Events

### **Casa Copperopolis Getaway: Fun Times!**

By Jerry Baxter, 2021 BAWSC Board Member

As a host of a gathering, you're always worried that everything will be in place such as is there is enough food and is everyone going to have a good time? Well, the **Casa Copperopolis weekend event, September 24 - 26, went off without a hitch** . . . the only minor exception was that **we ran out of mustard on Saturday** (*not a big deal in the overall scheme of things, right?*) And problem solved: **Susan Schmidt** and **few of the guests ran to the local grocery store** to pick up more mustard and saved the day. *Little did I know they also had other plans!* But I'll get back to that a little later.

Everyone arrived by lunch time on **Friday**, so we decided to **hit Lake Tulloch for an afternoon waterski, wake surf and air chair runs**. **Thanks, Chris**, for bringing your boat with all the trailer bunk problems you **endured**. That evening after dinner, a **bocce ball challenge** was set into play: Red team vs. Green team. Red team won that evening, so a rematch was set for Saturday evening.



Kathy is "skiing" the surfboard

After finishing dinner, I was **pleasantly surprised with a birthday cake** and **balloons** which Susan and the gang had cleverly **got when they went to grocery store**. Actually, **my birthday was on Thursday before the event**, which was the icing on the cake, pun intended!

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Karl enjoying skiing on the lake!

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Off to the **Bocce Ball court** for the rematch. Red team took the lead then the **Green team made a come back only to lose by the Red team's anchor, Chris**, tossing the winning ball

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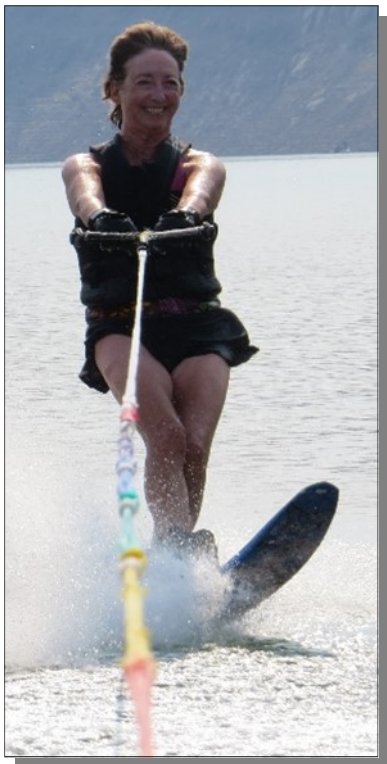
scoring three points. Get ready: **The challenge is on for next year.**

**Sunday morning**, we head off for a **hike outside Tuolumne City** along the West Side Trail, an *old logging train track overlooking the North Fork of the Stanislaus River*. We **walked for about an hour then turned around and headed back**. The guesstimates were about **5 to 5.5 miles hiked** and then back to Casa Copperopolis for lunch and good conversation.

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Front: Lou, Sue  
Middle: Mary Wood, Susan  
Back: Chris, Kathy, Karl



Lookin' solid, Sue!



Jerry, "Wow, this is interesting,"



Susan's got this!



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By Jerry Baxter, 2021 BAWSC Board Member



Lou: "Bend knees, stay centered and "try to have fun!"



Mary, Jerry and Karl just kickin' back and relaxin'



New member, Greg Hummer: "So this is what BAWSC is all about."



Chris: "Hmm, is this "the" new surf rope that I bought?"

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### *Casa Copperopolis Getaway: Fun Times! (con't)*

By Jerry Baxter, 2021 BAWSC Board Member

Even boats deserve some rest!



*I would like to thank all the guests for the wonderful time and comradery, and thanks again to Chris for graciously bringing his boat!*

*We all needed this after a year-and-a half of Covid lockdown. Until next year!*



## Tidbits

### **Ski Tips:** *Online Coaching Videos*

Brought to you by Chris Feduniw, 2021 BAWSC Webmaster/Board Member

Hey Skiers,

As a reminder, we have a *members-only forum with links to skier tips and training videos.*

*Check out:* <https://www.bawsc.org/water-sport-resources> which can help you [improve your skiing](#) and also provide you with opportunities to [get in-person and video coaching](#). You also get to see how the pros execute great form!



*Please add content to the forum* if you have found [resources that have helped you improve your watersport of choice e.g. water skiing/wakeboard/wakesurfing, etc.](#)

# Tidbits

## Wellness Tips

By Lynette Wong, 2021 Flat Water Times Editor/Board Member

As we **continue** on our journey to navigate the Delta variant, we are called to *calm and soothe our minds and central nervous system*, helping to **ease our stress and anxiety levels**.

Read below for some great recommendations to *help strengthen and integrate your mind, body and spirit!* (Check out a few of my favorite videos!) *Reset and Regroup.*

### \* Add Pilates to your Workout Routine \*

#### \* 15-min Full-Body Pilates with weights - Jessica Valant

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGU629k8TXU&t=95s&ab\\_channel=TheFitMotherProject-FitnessForBusyMoms&inf\\_contact\\_key=8cb33f1e351812b3eb7c1bd0dce82ffb680f8914173f9191b1c0223e68310bb1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGU629k8TXU&t=95s&ab_channel=TheFitMotherProject-FitnessForBusyMoms&inf_contact_key=8cb33f1e351812b3eb7c1bd0dce82ffb680f8914173f9191b1c0223e68310bb1)

#### \* 10-min Pilates Abs - Jessica Valant

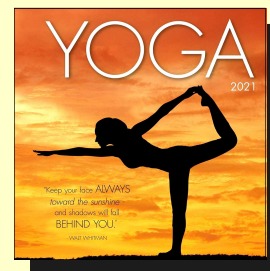
Works the Rectus Abdominus, Lower Abs and Obliques.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F\\_RkOlgQ2fl](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_RkOlgQ2fl)

### \* Practice Yoga, Qigong \*

#### \* 15-min Full-Body Power Yoga Flow - Sarabeth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgxBGC7OgJA&list=PLP7Ou7uUiYzB2dGoSiDC0vS5IEgcvNcA-&index=14>



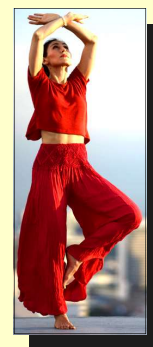
#### \* 17-min Full-Body Morning Yoga Flow - Sarabeth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OIE7FFX5utg&list=PLP7Ou7uUiYzB2dGoSiDC0vS5IEgcvNcA-&index=7>

### \* Try Qigong Flow for Brain Optimization \*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EzIpx6-WX4M>

- Add meditation/progressive relaxation to your daily routine
- Focus on a word/phrase that brings you a sense of calmness and peace
- Practice deep abdominal breathing from the diaphragm
- If you're spiritual, begin praying
- Visualize yourself in a beautiful, peaceful place
- Think of someone or something that makes you chuckle! Experience that deep belly laugh.
- Get out in nature
- Play with your animal. Spend time with your children
- Do something fun such as starting a hobby or getting back into it!
- Exercise





# Tidbits

## Exciting Changes to the Website

By Chris Feduniw, 2021 BAWSC Webmaster/Board Member

Over the past several months our website vendor **Personify Wild Apricot**

has introduced **several new functions and features** that the Bay Area Waterski club (BAWSC) has decided to take advantage of and we have recently **redesigned and upgraded the clubs website** [www.bawsc.org](http://www.bawsc.org) to a new look and feel so please check it out.



### Key Changes that have been made:



**Entire Site** is now **mobile friendly** meaning you can now easily fill out forms and read content on any device as it will **scale automatically**

- o **Note:** On cell your phone, the menus are under the hamburger bars on the left and you log-in by clicking the right icon on top of the page

**Clicking the “Add to my calendar” button** on a cell phone and then clicking on the .ics file link pop-up will allow you to easily add the event to your personal calendar on your phone.

**Menu Bar** has **moved to the top of the page and content has been consolidated under fewer menu items** and sorted in alphabetical order making it easier to find things

**Menu Bars and Sub-menu's/Content** changes when you log into the site e.g. member-only content menu bars and content show up once you log into the system. **board members see more than members and members see more than non-members.** However, everything is all under the same top menu bar e.g. all documents are under documents the list just increases what you see based on your log-in credentials

**All Main pages and Sub-pages** have a friendly URL e.g. [bawsc.org/calendar](http://bawsc.org/calendar) or [bawsc.org/newsletter](http://bawsc.org/newsletter) or [bawsc.org/documents](http://bawsc.org/documents), etc. so if you want to get to something quickly you can just enter in the full URL

**Every Page** has a **bread crumb trail** so you know exactly where in the site you are at and can move up the bread crumb trail to any level you want

**A Site Map** <https://www.bawsc.org/Site-Map/> has been created that list every page and document available on the site that you can **directly click the link to reach that page**

**A Search Bar** has been added that will allow you to search for anything in the site to easily find it **without having to know what page it is on** e.g. enter “reimbursement request” in the search bar and it will immediately return the clubs Reimbursement Request Form

*If you discover any issues or have suggestions how the site could further be improved, please provide your feedback at: <https://www.bawsc.org/feedback> or send an email to [bawsc.webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:bawsc.webmaster@gmail.com)*

## Tidbits

### Attention BAWSC Club-Certified Boat Driver

By Chris Feduniw, 2021 BAWSC Webmaster/Board Member



This year the Bay Area Water-Ski Club Board of Directors will require that anyone driving a boat at a club event must not only be a club-certified driver but also **have a California Boater Card License Number** registered with the club in your membership profile or provide proof of age that you are over the current age restriction which is currently >35 for 2020 and > 40 for 2021.

**Information on how to obtain a California Boater Card** including options for how to complete the course are available at: <https://californiaboatercard.com/>

Several members of the club of attended the Coast Guard Auxillary Course <http://www.cgaux.org/boatinged/classes/2011/abs.php> found the instructors to be very good and a good use of time as they guarantee you will pass the course and get your card.

Others have taken the **free on-line course offered by BoatUS** <http://www.boatus.org/california/> that lets you take the course at your own pace through multiple sessions if needed.

**Once you have your California Boaters Card**, please go the club website and update your membership profile <https://www.bawsc.org/Sys/Profile> to include your card number. *If you are old enough to not require a card, please send proof of age to our Membership Chair Gwen Cauthren.*

**Note:** Anyone who does **not have a card number on file** in the website or **has not provided proof of age for an exception by 5/31/2020** will **not be able to drive at club events** until you have met the criteria.



# Tidbits

**Safety Comes First!**

By Debbie DeSousa



## Safety Reminder



1. **Skiing:** Never ski without a 3rd.  
**Never!**

2. **Ski:** Do not leave your ski on the swim platform. This can result in your ski being run over by another boat. Your ski will get chopped up and you might get a big bill for the other boat.



3. **Vest:** As of 2001 anyone being pulled by a boat **must wear Coast Guard-approved flotation devise.** Check the print on the inside of your ski vest to see if your vest is approved.

*Failure to wear a proper vest can result in the boat owner being fined by the Coast Guard.*



4. **Ski Rope:** Remember to use a shock tube (goes over your rope). This tube will *prevent a rope from snapping back (like a rubber band)* and hitting the boat driver or passenger in the head.  
*A ski handle can knock your teeth out, wrap around your neck or worse!*

**Always be safe!**

**THINK SAFE  
ACT SAFE  
BE SAFE**

# Tidbits

## *How to Use our BAWSC Page on Facebook*

By Debbie DeSousa



facebook

We converted our Facebook page to a Group so *everyone can have fun posting photos of events and use it as another communications tool.* It's also open to the public so they can see our fun photos. We hope this will attract new members. (**Note: Only approved members can post on our group page.**) If anyone makes a post that is not ski-related then the admin can remove them!

### **This is how you can post to our Facebook page.**

1. Open a personal Facebook account.
2. Go to Facebook.com groups Bay Area Waterski Club  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/717319205056101/>

To find our group, type Bay Area Waterski Club on the search line (see top of your personal Facebook page). When you find our group then **“Join”** this group (admin must approve you, it might take a few days).

3. Now you **can have fun posting event photos, events, boats & equipment for sale, etc.**
4. **If you have a smart phone you can send photos from your phone directly to Facebook.**  
Because there are many phones I cannot tell you how to use your phone here.
5. To post on our Facebook group see **top of the Facebook page** see where it says "Write Something." This is where you type your message. Above it you will see the button for photos/videos and events. The main thing to remember is you will have two accounts:

1. Your personal Facebook account and
2. You will also have an account with our BAWSC Group.

When you post on our BAWSC group page it will appear on **your** personal Facebook wall (**Note:** your friends will **not** see these post). If you want to share any of these posts with family or friends, click “Like” (see below each post). When you click “Like,” the post will appear on **all** your friends’ personal Facebook page. If you click “Share” you can select **one** person to send the post to (instead of **all** your friends).

*This is a great tool for sharing and for finding new members!*



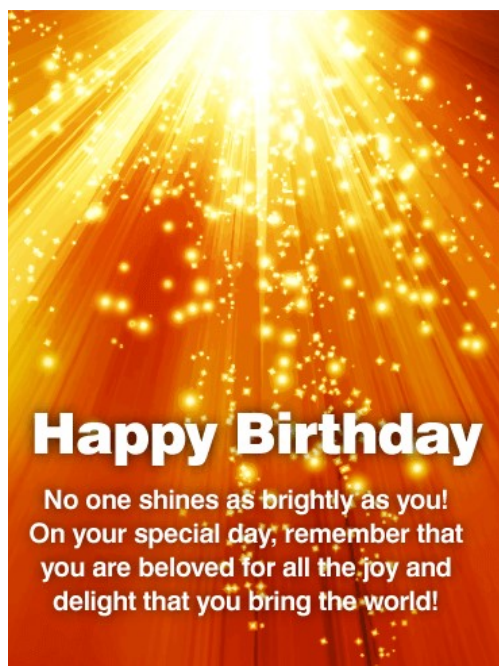
*Blowing Out the Candles in . . .*



Wishing all a very *Happy Birthday!*

*Lynette Wong, 10/1*

*Susan Schmidt, 10/15*



*Christine Donnelly, 10/21*

# 2021 BAWSC Calendar of Events

Dates/Locations subject to change

## \*Member-only Events

| Start Date  | End Date    | Event name  | Location                              | Event Chair                      | Co-Chair                   |
|-------------|-------------|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Thurs 05/20 | Thurs 05/20 | <b>Virtual</b> Season Opener, Lunch & General Meeting             | Zoom                                  | Larry Ligon                      | Mark Frazier               |
| Sat 06/12   | Sat 06/12   | Water Ski Skill-Building Day                                      | Holland Marina<br>Riverside           | Chris<br>Feduniw                 | Jerry Baxter               |
| Sat 06/26   | Sat 06/26   | Wakeboarding/Wakesurfing<br>Skill-Building Day - <b>Cancelled</b> | Orwood Resort                         | Lynette<br>Wong                  | Dawn Ko<br>Darcy<br>Murray |
| Wed 07/17   | Sat 07/17   | Water Sports Day  | Orwood Resort                         | Eric Johnson                     |                            |
| Sat 08/08   | Sat 08/08   | Watersports Day   | Orwood Resort                         | Dawn Ko                          | Karl Smith                 |
| Sat 08/14   | Sat 08/14   | Watersports Day   | Orwood Resort                         | Lynette<br>Wong                  | Tracy Fallon               |
| Fri 08/27   | Sun 08/29   | CA ProAm Slalom Ski<br>Tournament ( <b>not a BAWSC event</b> )    | Short Line Ski Lake,<br>Elk Grove, CA |                                  |                            |
| Sat 09/17   | Sat 09/17   | Watersports Day   | Discovery Bay Marina                  | Larry Ligon                      | Gwen<br>Cauthren           |
| Fri 09/24   | Sun 09/26   | Watersports Weekend   | Casa Copperopolis<br>Holland Marina   | Jerry Baxter<br>Chris<br>Feduniw | Lynette<br>Wong            |
| Sun 10/03   | Sun 10/03   | <b>Last</b> Watersports Day                                       | Riverside                             |                                  |                            |
| Thurs 12/2  | Thurs 12/2  | Holiday Party/Volunteer<br>Appreciation Awards                    | Zoom Call                             | Lynette<br>Wong                  | Chris<br>Feduniw           |



# BAWSC On-line Membership Application

By Larry Ligon

If you need help you may click on “**Help/FAQ, How To’s, Member/Non-member Subscription & Forms**” in the lower left hand corner of the navigation bar on the Web site’s Home Page or don't hesitate to contact our membership chair **Gwen Cauthren** at 707-322-1157 or e-mail at [gwen\\_cauthren@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gwen_cauthren@sbcglobal.net) or our webmaster **Chris Feduniw** at 925-413-3421 for assistance.

-The BAWSC website address is: [www.bawsc.org](http://www.bawsc.org)

-Your **user-id** for the website is always your e-mail address.

## **Step 1.** Create or reset your password:

A) Go to the new website [www.bawsc.org](http://www.bawsc.org) & click on the “**Forgot Password**” link in the upper right hand corner of the home page and enter your e-mail address in the “**e-mail (user-id)**” field and then the six digit anti-spam characters into the “**code**” field and finally click on the “**Submit**” button which will then send an e-mail to that address with a link to create or reset your password.

B) Open the e-mail and click on the e-mail link and enter & confirm your chosen password then click “**Submit**”.

(Note: The first time you actually log into the new site you will be asked by *Wild Apricot* to accept their use policy.)

## **Step 2.** Initiate your new-member on-line application:

*Note: BAWSC offers members the option to include one significant other as a co-member under one membership fee called a “Membership Bundle\*”. Dependents under 12 years of age can also be added to your membership at no additional cost. Dependents aged 12-18 can be added to your membership for a small additional fee each year. Children over 18 and not living at home will have their own unique membership.*

A) Click on the “**Become A BAWSC Member (New [member application](#) Only)**” link found in the left hand navigation bar on the web site home page [www.bawsc.org](http://www.bawsc.org).

B) Fill-out the requested information for yourself

*Note: If you will be adding a co-member/membership bundle to your account you will do this after you initiate the membership application and your account has been activated.\**

C) Make sure you click on the “**I ACCEPT I HAVE READ THE WAIVER AND RELEASE**” link to read the club waiver and then click on the check box to accept.

D) If you will be adding dependents to your account beyond a single co-member, you will enter them in the “Additional Information” area of the Membership form. For each dependent you have between 12 to 18 please check the box for each person. If you have any dependents under 12 you want to associate with your membership enter the total number of children under 12 in the “Number of Children Under 12” field.

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- E) If you are a **boat owner**, please enter in the information requested for your boat and **send proof of insurance** as requested on the form to the Membership Chair.
- F) Enter what water-sports you and your dependents participate in.
- G) Click “**Next**” to review your completed membership form and Total Membership Fees that will be owed.
- H) If everything looks correct, click on the “**Confirm and Proceed with Payment**” button to initiate your registration. *This step will automatically send a confirmation e-mail titled “Membership initiated at Bay Area Water Ski Club” to you.*
- I) Check your e-mail for that confirmation that your account has been successfully initiated and an invoice with instructions how to submit your membership dues payment.

**Step 3.** Send your membership dues to the Membership Chair (*payable to BAWSC*):

To: BAWSC  
c/o Gwen Cauthren  
4835 Cottsberry Ct.  
Santa Rosa, Ca. 95405

**Step 4.** Complete your membership application/setup (*ONLY after receipt of dues payment*):

*Once your membership dues have been received, you will get an e-mail confirmation from the BAWSC Membership Chair verifying your account is active, at which time you can then complete your membership application & setup by choosing your **privacy** and **e-mail subscriptions** as well as set-up yourself as a Bundle Administrator to **add a co-member** to your account bundle.*

- A) Log onto the web site with your e-mail (user-id) and password. [www.bawsc.org](http://www.bawsc.org)
- B) Click “**View Profile**” in the upper right hand corner of the home page.
- C) Click “**Edit profile**”
- D) Review and modify your **privacy settings**, click “**Privacy**” and edit any field you don't want visible to other BAWSC members and then click “**Save**”.
- E) **To insure you are subscribed** to receive e-mail notifications from the *forum based message boards* when someone posts they are looking for a pull, crew, etc.
  - a) Click on “[Members Only Content](#)” link found on the left hand navigation bar
  - b) Click on “[Member Forums](#)”



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c) In the **Message Board** forums' section, individually click on each forum you want to receive e-mail (e.g. –“Looking for a Car Pool, Crew or a Pull”) and *individually* click on each forum's “**Subscribe to Forum**” link.

d) Then go back to the **Home Page** and click on “**View Profile**” again, click “**Edit profile**” and click “**e-mail subscriptions**” and adjust how you want to receive e-mails; *immediately, daily or weekly* when someone posts to the forum. The default is daily. **CLICK “Save”** at the very bottom of the “**Edit Profile**” page and you are done.

### F) **Setup a Co-Member Bundle\***

*Each paid member is allowed to add a spouse/ significant other to their account as a “Bundled” co-member. The following steps can be performed to add another person to your account once your membership fee has been received and your account has been activated by the Membership Chair.*

a) Log into the web site with your e-mail (user-id) and password. [www.bawsc.org](http://www.bawsc.org)

b) Click on the “**View Profile**” button found in the upper right hand corner of the home page

c) In the “My profile” screen scroll down to the “Bundle summary” section and then click “**Add member**”

d) You will then be presented with the membership application page where you will then fill out the form on behalf of your co-member.

e) Click “**SAVE**” and the co-member will be added to your account and they will receive their user-id (their e-mail address) and password setup link at the e-mail address you entered on the form. You will become the “**Bundle Administrator\***” for your bundled co-member.

**CONGRATULATIONS, YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR BAWSC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND SETUP.** We look forward to you joining us at BAWSC Events.

Note: If you receive an error message when clicking “SAVE” that states “This e-mail is already in use” you will then need to contact the BAWSC Membership Chair listed on the [Contacts](#) Page to manually associate that e-mail address with your account as Wild Apricot currently does not allow a member to add an existing Contact or Member to their bundle themselves. A member can only add a new Contact or new Member to their account themselves.

*\*The way Wild Apricot handles multiple people under one membership is called a [Membership Bundle](#). A membership bundle is a group of members who are linked together and managed by one of their members – the bundle administrator. Bundle members share the same renewal date, status, and membership level. You can learn more about bundles including a short, how-to video at: <http://help.wildapricot.com/display/DOC/Membership+bundles>*