



Hello Everyone

As you all know we are already experiencing some great weather early on this summer so things are looking really good for a long spell of boating friendly weather this season. There are a few events and general news updates you need to know for this month.

Last months BBQ was a huge success seeing nearly sixty members turn up, we would like to see continuing support of the BBQ events so we can see familiar faces and meet the new faces in the club, there is a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere at these events so please make the effort if you can and join in the fun.

There are two events on the Calendar for the month of June.

## **SBDA**

First we have the second round of the SBDA course running this weekend of 5th/6th of June. This course is aimed at all members that intend to skipper a boat whilst towing a skier and who do not currently have an SBDA certificate. The SBDA course is a requirement of the club and the Crouch Harbour Authority. Please note that if you are unfortunate enough to have an accident whilst not in the possession of a SBDA then it is likely you are not insured by the BWSF.

The course consists of a lecture and multiple choice examination on the Friday evening followed by a practical test on the Saturday.

The practical examination will be taken in your own boat.

If you would like to attend this course then please contact **Leah** on 01702 201226 or email [leah@wfwsc.co.uk](mailto:leah@wfwsc.co.uk).

## **Camping Weekend**

The second event is the Clubs first camping weekend of the year. This is a popular, fun, well attended event and a great opportunity to meet members of the club and to take to the water and learn new skills or just to learn the basics of skiing from our instructors. The "campsite" is located on the grass area behind the wash bays and runs the length of the fence along the river. The idea is that you arrive on Friday at anytime to set up camp, a BBQ on the Friday evening will begin at 8pm. high tide on Friday is at 16:04 (4:04PM) so those of you lucky enough to be out skiing will be back in time for dinner.

For the early risers in the club, high tide is around 5am on Saturday, so a morning ski will work up a good appetite for breakfast which will be cooking and served around 8am. We are planning to have a few outdoor games available for all ages to pass by a few hours before getting onto the water at about 14:00 (2pm) where our club instructors will be on hand to provide training and advice to all skiers, wake boarders, knee boarders and as well as barefooters. Once we have all had our fun on the water for the afternoon, a Pizza and salad meal will be served between 20:30 (8:30PM) and 21:00 (9:00PM) all dependant on delivery time, drinks are not provided so please BYO.

Sundays events will follow a similar schedule, 05:30 for the outgoing tide and breakfast at around 08:00. After breakfast on Sunday the organisation part of the camping weekend is at an end but as there is a late tide and hopefully good weather, we hope most will stay on and ski out the weekend on a good note.

Please note all food is supplied by the Club except for midday meals (lunches), Tea and Coffee is supplied but soft drinks, wines and beers are not supplied. Please could you inform us of your intention to participate in the camping weekend by contacting Rob Carvall on email [events@wfwsc.co.uk](mailto:events@wfwsc.co.uk) or on his mobile 0780 249 7392, we know plans can change so please, even a tentative booking is sufficient at this stage.

### **Let's get familiar with the rules and stay safe**

It is really important for all our members' safety that the rules for skiing on our waters are carefully followed by all members. Please ensure that you are well read on the rules of the club, please ask another member or a committee member if you are at any point unsure of the rules. The rules can be found in your joining pack given to you during this years joining process or on our website in the members area. As it gets busier on the river, you will need to be very aware of other river users. If you feel a situation could become unsafe then please act accordingly to make the situation safe once again. There are river users who are **not** governed by any code of conduct or any rules like our members are so please treat these river users as a potential hazard and don't assume they know what they are doing on the water.

Please could we also be mindful of the wash our boats produce in the speed restricted areas. The speed restriction is 8 knots however some boats at 8 knots produce substantial wash which can upset moored yachts and we would like to avoid any complaints from the Yachtsmen.

There have been incidents of boats entering and continuing down the Creek when a skier is already being towed in the same area, please note this is against the rules and very dangerous. Only one boat at a time is permitted to operate in the Creek. When the Creek is in use please enter at idle speed on the right hand side of the pink buoy and proceed to the pontoon.

### **Busy times on the wash bay**

At times there is a little congestion at the wash bay area due to boat members leaving the water at the same time, please can I ask that once your boat and ski gear is washed down you make way for another boat and leave the drying and applying of covers/straps/tail boards etc for the car park area.

The month of June looks set to be a busy month in the ski calendar, I hope you will all join in and enjoy the upcoming events.

See you on the water!

Sue Morrell  
**Chairperson**