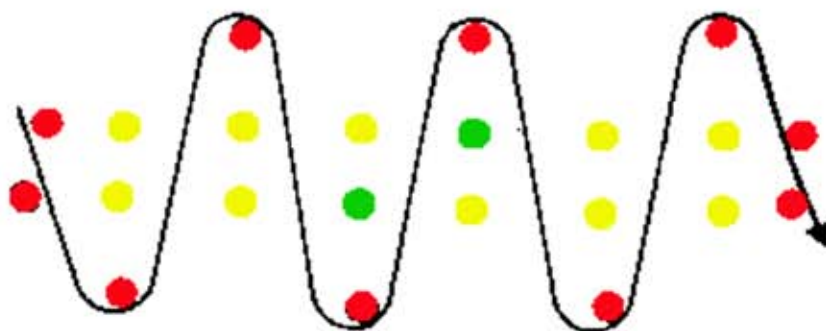


How to Ski the Slalom Course

The object of the slalom course is to ski through the first two buoys (gates) around the 6 outside buoys (orange turn buoys) and exit through the last two buoys (exit gate).

You are required to start at a minimum speed (depending on your division) and a maximum rope length of 75 feet. If you are successful at completing a pass then the boat will turnaround and pull you back at 2 mph faster. You will continue to increase your speed until you reach the top speed in your division. Once you reach the top speed you will start to shorten the rope length. After each complete passes, you shorten the rope further. You will continue until you miss a buoy. Once you miss a buoy then your turn is over. The individual who completes the most buoys without missing one is the winner.



Boat Speeds

| Division | Age | Max Speed |
|--------------|------------|-----------|
| Boys/Girls I | 9 & under | 30 mph |
| Girls II | 13 & under | 32 mph |
| Boys II | 13 & under | 34 mph |
| Girls III | 17 & under | 34 mph |
| Boys III | 17 & under | 36 mph |
| Women I | 18-24 | 34 mph |
| Men I | 18-24 | 36 mph |
| Women II | 25-34 | 34 mph |
| Men II | 25-34 | 36 mph |
| Women III | 35-44 | 34 mph |
| Men III | 35-44 | 34 mph |
| Women IV | 45-52 | 34 mph |
| Men IV | 45-52 | 34 mph |
| Women V | 53-59 | 32 mph |
| Men V | 53-59 | 34 mph |
| Women VI | 60-64 | 32 mph |
| Men VI | 60-64 | 34 mph |
| Women VII | 65-69 | 30 mph |
| Men VII | 65-69 | 32 mph |

Rope Lengths

| Start at | | 75 foot rope |
|----------|--------|--------------|
| 1st cut | 15 | 60 foot |
| 2nd cut | 22 off | 53 foot rope |
| 3rd cut | 28 off | 47 foot rope |
| 4th cut | 32 off | 43 foot rope |
| 5th cut | 35 off | 40 foot rope |
| 6th cut | 38 off | 37 foot rope |
| 7th cut | 39 off | 36 foot rope |
| 8th cut | 41 off | 34 foot rope |



Slalom Course Rules

1. When approaching the mouth of the cove where the ski course is, please consider this a no wake area.
2. If there are other ski boats present, please wait your turn. If there are others waiting to ski, keep your ski session to no more than 6 passes per skier, and one skier per boat
3. If there are others skiing, find out what the rotation of the boats are so you are not moving in front of someone. If you are up next be ready when the previous skier finishes.
4. Should you cut or knock off a buoy, please pick up and place on the dock. If you know how to replace, please replace.
5. The members of the ski club have priority of use and is off limits to non-members during club events.
6. Personal Water Craft (Sea Doos, etc.), kneeboards, tubes, etc. are NOT allowed in the course.
7. If you are not familiar with driving the course, please ask for assistance. Buoy lines are running throughout the course which can get wrapped around your prop. Additionally, there are several shallow areas, in particular at the end of the cove.
8. Safety is of utmost importance, skiers **MUST** wear a life vest and the boat must be equipped with a mirror, or have an observer in the boat.
9. If you have any questions on proper procedures for skiing the course please ask a ski club member, or for more information visit our web site at www.smlwaterski.org.

