

Ski News - July 2016

The increased number of boats on the moorings and out on the water shows that the Summer season is now well on its way. After a decidedly mixed few weeks weather wise, the air temperature is now finally exceeding the water temperature which has now risen to 16 degrees- a definite move in the right direction.

I am pleased to report that the plastic raft is now back in position at Cant. Richard Mattos and Piers Beach added an extra line of new blocks and Richard, Toby Mattos and Smudge, with help from some of the rescue boat drivers, towed it back into position and it is now once more in use. Due to the continuous movement of the raft however, the plastic 'mushroom' shaped bolts may work loose. We would be pleased, if any are seen to have loosened, you could tighten them or let someone know. Thank you.

Many of you will know Toby Mattos (Richard and Pam's son) who has been involved with the Club since a child . He was a champion junior water skier with his name engraved on the wall several times although most will know him as the ever ready and expert rescue boat driver. June saw the happy occasion of his wedding to Emma, the reception being held at the Club. They were lucky to have the only fine day midst a rainy spell. The bride looked radiant and the occasion was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to them both.

As the estuary and ski areas gets busier please remember to have a quick check through the booklet issued with your numbers. All the rules, regulations and advice set out are for your safety.

Make sure you have your kill cord attached when driving. It is very easy to forget until you get into the habit but it is very important to remember. You may find using a strap fixed by Velcro to attach the cord to your wrist or leg a more convenient / easier way of doing it.

At the height of the season there are often many fallen skiers in the water so it is vitally important for the driver to keep looking at the water ahead. For this reason a rear view mirror is a real asset. Believe me it is quite frightening treading water with a boat approaching at speed with its driver looking at his/her skier! The larger mirrors are well worth the extra cost. Whilst skiing all ski boats must have an experienced and attentive crew/ observer/ spotter to check on the skier and this even more important if there is no rear vision mirror.

We look forward to an incident free season and don't forget to keep the 11th (for juniors) and the 12th August (for adults) free so that you can join in with the Fly Navy Competitions. We look forward to welcoming more new entrants this year.

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