



# Wellington Water Ski Club

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## How Useful Are You To the Club???

As there are a number of members new to the Club, we would like to ask the question .... **How useful are you to the Club?**

We are keen to use the skills we have within our Club membership. Whether it be project management, trade skills, keenness to help, financial management, security, coaching, vessel management, printing, promotion etc.

Please let us know if you have any help, resources or knowledge to share. Email [wellingtonwaterskiclub@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtonwaterskiclub@gmail.com) or contact our Club Secretary Diane Eden on 021-1275992



## Farewell to David

It is with sadness that we share the passing of member David Querido in December after a long battle with cancer. His wife Berna continues as a Club member and we are here to support her and her family in any way we can. David loved being out on the water and a member of our Club.

## Foxton River – Hosted Club Day this Sunday

**Sunday, 27 January 10:00am**

- ❖ Manawatu River Picnic Trip is Sunday January 27th.
- ❖ Meet from 10AM at the Whirokino launch ramp for a 10.30 departure up river.
- ❖ Bring a picnic lunch and prepare to have fun.

Confirming we are planning to proceed with the Club River trip on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Grant family (David Grant: 021-334213). This will be as per last year, a river picnic ski day. Club members will boat up the river from the access ramp and we'll find a suitable beach to base ourselves for the day.

Whether the event can/does proceed that Sunday will depend on both weather and/or river conditions – we will make the final call on Saturday



Jan 26. [Given the Manawatu River flows across from the Central Hawkes Bay, rubbish weather over there beforehand can mean raised and dirty water levels even if it's been fine in the Manawatu.]

Meet at the Manawatu River Ramp at Whirokino at 10:00am ready for a 10:30am departure. Those arriving after 10.30am will need to make their own way up river and find where we have based ourselves. People should allow for a travel time of between an hour and a quarter to an hour and a half from Wellington (assuming normal traffic flows).

Supermarkets in Levin are ideal stop off for picnic supplies on route – Foxton also has a New World.

The access road to the boat launching ramp requires a turn left immediately after the Manawatu River Bridge when heading north toward Foxton. People need to be aware that access track to the boat launch ramp is currently through a major construction zone (the SH1 Whirokino Trestle and Manawatu River Bridge Replacement Project). Public access route to the boat ramp remains available – it's just looks like it's no longer there.



## Have A Go Day

Our scheduled Have A Go Day is quickly coming upon us – Sunday, 17 February from 9-2:30pm. We are seeking **boats and helpers** to come along and support the Club for our annual public Open Day. We would like members to encourage friends and family to come along and have a go. Please let our Club Secretary Diane Eden know if you are available to help. All drivers will be paid for their fuel etc.

*Come along to the Wellington Water Ski Club on Sunday and have a go at water skiing, wakeboarding, kneeboarding, wake-skating, biscuiting or simply have a boat ride ..... it's our annual public open day and we'd love to share it with you.*

Please book your tickets here to secure your preferential spot at Have a Go Day. \$40 per ticket will get you a 15-minute session covering fuel costs and a contribution towards our Clubhouse upgrade fundraiser.

For more information please email [wellingtontwaterskiclub@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtontwaterskiclub@gmail.com) or call Diane Eden on 021-1275992.

Tickets are available at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/have-a-go-day-waterskiing-wakeboarding-biscuiting-tickets-52341920092>

## Glamping @ the Clubhouse

Please book in Saturday 16 February to join in with Glamping @ the Clubhouse. This is a favourite event in our calendar where members, and their friends/family, come together to share an evening sleeping over at the Club. Bring your stretcher, sleeping bag, tent, caravan or camper and come along for an afternoon of nibbles, catching up and hopefully if the weather is playing-the-game some fun on the water. There will be a shared pot-luck-dinner from 6:30pm where everyone is asked to bring a plate. Please feel free to come for the fun or dinner if you're not keen on staying over. Parking and camping will be on the grass Eastern side of the Clubhouse.

## NZ Water Ski Racing Weekend, Wellington

The weekend of 9 and 10 March, will see the return of the NZ Water Ski Racing Association's North Islands Series 8 & 9 to Wellington. The preferred course will be from the Clubhouse with the back up being in town at Evan's Bay.

The Club is committed to supporting the NZWSRA and would be grateful for members assistance. It is so exciting to see the skill of the racers and the boats whizzing by. To help support this we require:

- Boats x 3 for judges, first aid etc.
- Competent Tractor Drivers throughout the weekend
- Baking to sell
- People to man our kiosk with cold drinks, coffee/tea, toasties and baking
- Sausage sizzle helpers.

Please let Club Secretary Diane Eden know if you are available to help and when on 021-1275992 or [wellingtontwaterskiclub@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtontwaterskiclub@gmail.com)

## Fish and Chips on Us!

Please join us for our next Club Night on **1 February from 5-5:30pm**. Fish and Chips will be provided by the Club. Please text your numbers of adults/children through to Diane (021-1275995) by 3:00pm. We'll provide a selection of food for dinner at 6:00pm. BYO drinks and other nibbles. Please note, although we love seeing you on the water, you don't need to have your boat there – it can just be a social call to say 'Hi'.

## Welcome to the Club

We would like to welcome the following new members to the Club:

Tihan and Shivon **Roos** of Kelson and their children Maddison and Ameelia.

Ariana and Leo **Tanirau** of Waterloo and their children Aiva-Lea and Teyana.

Moira and Vincent **Tamihere** of Naenae and their children Vincent, Calais and Monaia.

## Jet Ski Users

The document included at the end of this newsletter was shared at the last Committee meeting and we felt that the guide was useful for our members.

## The Season To Date – A Reflection

We are now half way through our season. We've had a lot of fun so far and now that the water is warmer and the weather better, we're really looking forward to some fun out on the water, both at home in the Harbour and away on the lakes and rivers.

The Walter family kicked off events with a Hosted Club Day at the Clubhouse. The weather was a little cold, but the hardy were out there.



We've had two Takeaway nights, pizza in November and Fish and Chips in December. The next one is scheduled for Friday 1 Feb. We joined the Petone Christmas parade to celebrate the start of the festive season along with promoting both the Club and our Have A Go Day.



The year ended with our Christmas Party. This was a windy day but we had fun with a shared meal and fun games.



## Club Hires and Membership

We have had a change of roles within the Club. Todd Follett is undertaking **hires**, with any enquiries to be directed through our website booking form:

<https://wellingtonwaterskiclub.co.nz/venuehire>

James Selwood is now the main contact for **membership** enquiries – 0274576259 or [wellingtonwaterskiclub@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtonwaterskiclub@gmail.com)

The Committee would like to thank Cameron Parks for his effort and enthusiasm during the past few years with the hires role.

## Clubhouse Security

We are pleased to advise that we have installed CCTV throughout the Clubhouse. This will ensure the care and respect of our Club is upheld by all users. We would like to thank Mark Eden who is currently working through both our security requirements along with keyless entry to the Club. We'll let you know when we're ready to go.

## Calendar: <https://wellingtonwaterskiclub.co.nz/events/calendar>

This is a super link if you're not sure what's happening. You can see all our scheduled events, and also when the Clubrooms have been (or maybe) hired. The events for the remainder of our season are:

Sun 27 Jan	10:00am	Hosted Club Day @ Foxton River
Fri 1 Feb	5:00-9pm	Club Night: Fish & Chips on Us!
Sat 2 Feb	All Day	Rowers at the Club/on the Water
Tue 12 Feb	7:00pm	Committee Meeting
Sat 16 Feb	2:00pm onwards	Glamping @ the Clubhouse
Sun 17 Feb	9:00am-2:30pm	Have A Go Day
Fri 1 Mar	5:00-9pm	Club Night: Pizza on Us!
Tue 5 Mar	7:00pm	Committee Meeting
Sat 9 Mar	All Day/Night	NZWSRA Series 8 & 9
Sun 10 Mar	All Day/Night	NZWSRA Series 8 & 9
Tue 2 Apr	7:00pm	Committee Meeting
Fri 5 Apr	5:00-9pm	Club Night: Fish & Chips on Us!
Sun 5 May	10:00am	Closing Day Event

## Share your Achievements, Events and Photos

Please keep in touch and share your racing results, events you're attending and photos of you and your friends out on the water. You can either email [wellingtonwaterskiclub@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtonwaterskiclub@gmail.com) or use the Member WhatsApp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/AVhhxUnKY6GlgMgda6TYe>. The WhatsApp group is the main method of staying up to date/keeping in touch.

## Regional Records

Here is an update from Iain Bill, President of the Central Region Tournament Water Ski Association. Hi all, hope you are all enjoying lots of skiing. The weather has been a bit fickle but there have been some really good days to make the most of.

Jack Silver attended the Auckland tournament last weekend as a warm up to Nationals being held there this season. He obviously loves the water and broke Central Regional Junior Boys records in both Slalom and Tricks. Slalom scores were 5@55 14.25M in both rounds. His previous record was 3 set at Nationals 2018. In Tricks he pushed his previous record of 1950 out to 2520.

Congratulations Jack all that hard work over the last few months both overseas and here at home are certainly paying off. Still early in the season and no doubt you have a few more goals to achieve. Wishing everyone and their families a very happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to catching up at Wanganui Goldstar in January.

See you on Sunday – or on the water 😊

Maritime services factsheet

# JET SKI USERS (PERSONAL WATER CRAFT)

BEFORE HEADING OUT ON A JET SKI MAKE SURE  
YOU ARE UP TO SPEED ON ALL THE RULES AND  
REGULATIONS.

## WHAT ARE THE RULES

Jet skis are considered 'power-driven vessels' by law, so the same rules apply to both jet skis and power-driven vessels. The easiest way to make sure you know the rules is to complete a safe boating course and familiarise yourself with the local rules (grab yourself a copy of the Navigation Safety Bylaw from our website [www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/navigation-safety-bylaw](http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/navigation-safety-bylaw).

Another helpful tool is the FREE smartphone app MarineMate that gives you access to the local boating rules, boat ramp locations, tide times and VHF channels. Simply search MarineMate in your app store to download.



## WEAR A LIFEJACKET

Wear a lifejacket or personal flotation device at all times. The lifejacket must be securely fastened and the lifejacket must be appropriate size.

## KNOW THE SPEED RULES

Keep to 5 knots (a fast walking pace / 9.25km per hour) within:

### COASTAL WATERS

- 200m of the shore
- 50m of another vessel
- 200m of a dive flag
- 50m of a person in the water

### INLAND WATERS

- 30m of the shore
- 50m of another vessel and structures
- 200m of a dive flag
- 50m of a person in the water

These 5 knot restrictions may be reduced or uplifted in some areas. To find out local information freephone the local harbourmaster on 0800 800 401.



Five knots is a fast  
walking pace, or  
9.25 km/h.



[waikatoregion.govt.nz/jetskis](http://waikatoregion.govt.nz/jetskis)

## FIFTEEN YEARS OR OLDER

You must be 15 years or older to operate a jet ski. Anyone under the age of 15 operating a jet ski, must be under the direct supervision of a person who is 15 years or older where that person is in immediate reach of the controls.

## WATCH OUT FOR SWIMMERS

Remember that you must only travel at 5 knots or less within 50m of a person in the water.

## COMMUNICATIONS

You must carry at least one form of waterproof communication however we recommend you carry two. For example, a cell phone in a dry bag or a waterproof VHF radio.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

Always let someone know where you are going and when you will be back.



## WATER SKIING / TOWING

If you are using your jet ski to water ski or tow, you must have a second person (an observer) sitting on the back watching the person/item being towed.

## WEATHER CHECK

Always check the weather at least 12 hours before heading out.

## TURN SAFELY

Apply the throttle to turn. When you throttle off completely you lose steering control.

