

CONVAIR WATERSKI CLUB

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Thank you for your interest in the Convair Waterski Club. Our main purpose is to promote the sports of water-skiing, wake-boarding and to provide our members with the opportunity to ski and board year round. The members in this club are at all skill levels and are supportive of new members and guests. If you are a beginner and need guidance, or if you want to compete on the slalom course, you will find the members to be helpful. There is no pressure, our goal is for everyone to have fun and ski safely.

History

The Convair Waterski Club was formed by the General Dynamics Convair Recreational Association over 40 years ago for the benefit of the General Dynamic's employees. When General Dynamics relocated to Denver, the club had grown strong enough to maintain itself without the backing of the association. Today, we are an independent, non-profit corporation that is open to the public.

Operation of the Club

The club currently owns three ski boats, assorted skis, vests, a wake-board water toys, barefoot boom and camping gear. While members' volunteers to perform the majority of the work in maintaining the boats and the equipment, a dealer does the more intricate jobs. The cost of maintenance on this equipment is funded from the annual dues and fees that are collected from the members. In addition to general operating costs, we attempt to save enough for the purchase of a new outboard motor and/or ski boat every few years. This is to ensure that our members have decent equipment at all times.

Safety is our first priority. We allow members to become drivers after completing the set number of hours driving under the observation of one of our experienced "check-drivers". The "check driver" will instruct the driver on the proper operation of the boat, and make sure that the driver understands and obeys all boating laws. Only after demonstrating the ability to drive the boat correctly and safely will a member be allowed to become an official driver. This way all members can feel confident in the ability of each driver, and know they are looking out for their safety.

Water-skiing

We water-ski on most Sunday mornings from 8:00am to 10:00am every week except for holidays or scheduled course dates (see course skiing info below). During the months of April through October, we also water-ski on Thursday evenings from 5:00pm until dusk. We meet at the south end of Crown Point Shores, by the water-ski "take off" area. Members need only to show up and put your name on the sign-up sheet. It is a first come, first ski rule so you want to be there as early as possible. There are skis and vests available to use, or you can bring your own equipment. While you are waiting for your turn to ski, you will have the opportunity to socialize with other members of the club. When you are finished, you just need to make sure to pay for the runs you took. We also ask that skiers stick around to help with the boat return and cleanup when they can. Our Launchers put in many hours of personal time to maintain and tow the boats this is why volunteers are encouraged.

River Trips

In addition to skiing in Mission Bay, we conduct weekend trips to the Colorado River during the spring and fall months. The air and water temperatures are ideal from March through June and September through

November. We take a group of 25 skiers maximum for two boats so plenty of skiing for everyone is assured. These weekend trips are the most popular club activity and spots need to be reserved in advance.

Course Skiing

One Sunday a month, we reserve the slalom course in Hidden Anchorage south of Fiesta Island for the afternoon. We meet at the course and ski from 2:00pm until dusk. On these days, we do not ski at Crown Point. The course offers a challenge for beginners through advanced course skiers. Those who do not want to ski the course can still ski and take advantage of the smoother water that usually can be found in the protected cove. Course days are posted in the newsletter. Please remember no Sunday morning skiing on course days.

Membership Dues and Fees

See application form and/or rate sheet

Again, all of the money generated from the annual dues and fees goes toward cost of maintenance and repairs of the equipment purchase of new equipment, insurance, storage, gas and all other operating costs. It is expensive to own and maintain ski boats. However, by spreading these expenses across a larger group and utilizing volunteer support from our members, we can offer regular access to quality water skiing at a small fraction of the cost of owning and maintaining your own boat. In addition to great skiing, as a club member you can receive discounts on purchases made at select water-ski stores and boat dealers.

Prior to joining the club, you can feel free to come on down as a guest and see for yourself what the club can offer. We encourage guests to join after their 3rd visit. We think you will find that the club to be friendly and lots of fun. If you have any questions about the Convair Waterski Club please visit our web site at www.sdwaterski.org. You can also contact us via email at convairwaterskiclub@yahoo.com or call me at the number listed below. I will be happy to help you!

Look forward to meeting you at the bay,

Sincerely,

Amy Rasdal Membership Coordinator

Call 1-800-699-2466 (1-800-MY-YAHOO)

Press pound (#) to leave a message

Then dial 456-838-6754 (I LOVE TO SKI) for our voicemail