

# *Operational Policy*

For Lake Lauderdale Mills Pond Park, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
2011

This “Operational Policy” outlines the requirements for use at Lake Lauderdale (hereinafter referred to as “The Lake”) The Lake is leased from the City of Ft. Lauderdale. The Lake is open to all current members of the Gold Coast Ski Club who are also active insured members of the USA Water Ski Association (USAWS). You must carry your current USAWS membership card, or a copy, with you at all times while you are on site.

The board of directors has the authority to set any initiation fees on an annual basis, to impose any renewal membership fees on all members using Lake Lauderdale, to limit the number of new memberships, and to enforce all rules and policies enclosed, but not limited to, as deemed necessary.

These policies are in agreement between the Club and the City of Ft. Lauderdale, therefore we MUST follow these policies to continue to use this site. *Misuse of the policies and/or Lake will not be tolerated.*

ALL members shall agree to abide by all rules as set forth by the Board. Failure to abide by the rules will result in, but not limited to, the following:

Type 1 Rule ~ will result in revocation of membership. Any revocations mean forfeit of fees.

Type 11 Rule ~ will result in a 30-day suspension of member’s lake privileges on the first violation and a revocation of membership on the second violation.

Please report any members misusing the site and/or policies to any officer of the club.

(All reports and names are kept confidential).

Please report any unauthorized people or any vandalism to the police or park rangers at 954-828-4634.

Permitting procedures and rules & regulations for site use are defined within.

## **Section I**

### **BOAT PERMITS**

1. Permit Year – January 1 through December 31.
2. Permit Application – All applications & inspections are by appointment only. Applications/inspections must be made in person at Lake Lauderdale. The boat owner must bring his or her boat for inspection at the same time the permit is applied for. The boards’ appointee(s) shall inspect each applicants boat and/or each members ‘replacement’ boat, and shall issue ‘replacement’ or annual permits to each current and active GCSC & USAWS member with a current ‘Certificate of Insurance’ and all permitting requirements.

## **Section II**

### **BOAT REQUIREMENTS**

#### **TYPE I**

1. All boats must be on the USAWS approved boat list. NO jet boats or personal watercraft. You can check the list at:  
<http://www.usawaterski.org/pages/divisions/3event/AWSAApprovedTowboatHistory83-10.pdf>
- 2.
3. All boats shall have a current state registration & decal in the GCSC members name and at all times meet Coast Guard standards and all USAWS rules currently in effect.
4. The registration numbers and decal must be located where they are visible at all times.
5. Each boat shall carry a minimum of \$500,000 liability insurance.
6. Each boat shall provide a certificate of insurance naming the Gold Coast Ski Club, USA water Ski, and the City of Ft. Lauderdale as additional insured. The Gold Coast Ski Club shall be named as the certificate holder.

#### **TYPE II**

7. Each boat must contain the safety equipment listed below;
  - a. One wearable Coast Guard approved lifesaving device in good condition for each person on board and one throwable lifesaving device on each boat.
  - b. Each boat must have a mirror placed in the center of the boat windshield area, which is sufficiently large enough to observe a skier OR have an observed in addition to the boat operator.
  - c. One Coast Guard approved or Underwriters Laboratory “Marine Type”, Type B, Size I, fire extinguisher.
  - d. One hand or power operated horn or whistle capable of producing a blast of a two second duration and audible for a distance of one half mile.
  - e. Lighting requirement #1 – One white light aft, such light to be unobstructed by any part of the vessel so as to be visible from all directions.
  - f. Lighting requirement #2 – One combination red and green light on bow showing green to starboard and red to port, so fixed as to throw the light from ahead to two points abaft of the beam on the respective sides.
  - g. One alternate method of propulsion; a paddle, oar or other suitable device.

## **Section III**

### **BOAT DRIVER REQUIREMENTS**

#### **TYPE I**

1. No minors (under 18 years of age) shall drive a boat without adult supervision unless the minor has taken a state approved safety course and sent copy of such to the club (in accordance with Florida law 1998).
2. Driver Requirements – All drivers shall be active insured members of the USAWS.

#### **TYPE II**

3. The following driver rules shall be followed;
  - a. Drivers must use the prescribed lake patterns.
  - b. Drivers must use stop boat and pull in the towrope immediately after landing the skier.
  - c. Maintain a no wake speed in the entire area unless skiing.

- d. Keep boat a safe distance behind preceding boats and do not follow directly behind a skier.
- e. Return to a fallen skier immediately and pickup a fallen skier on the drivers' side of the boats.
- f. Use extreme caution or turn off engine while skier is getting in or out of the boat.
- g. Do not operate a boat with anyone sitting on the gunwales or bow.
- h. Driver must sit in seat properly and at all times.

## **Section IV**

### **GUESTS**

#### **TYPE I**

1. Guest(s) (non-club members) **MUST** be an insured active USAWS Member in order to ski, drive, and/or ride in the boat during sanctioned practices, tournaments, events, clinics, and exhibitions. Additionally guest(s) (non-club members) **MUST** be an insured active USAWS Member in order to drive the boat during non-sanctioned practice, tournaments, events, clinics, and exhibitions.
2. Guest(s) are **NOT** allowed to use the jump ramps.
3. A two (2) guest skier limit per boat per day.
4. A guest can ski a maximum of three times in a one-year period. In order to ski additional times within that period, the guest would be required to join the club.
5. A non-renewed GCSC member from the previous year is **NOT** eligible to be a guest.
6. Members are responsible for the actions of their Guest(s), and the member must be present at all times when the guest(s) is riding in the boat or skiing.
7. Members are responsible for any equipment and/or property damaged and any violations by their guests.
8. All boat owner members are required to have in their possession copies of the "Gold Coast Ski Club" Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement" and are required to have all of their guest(s) sign this agreement previous to either riding in their boat or skiing at Mills Pond Park, during a non-sanctioned event. This signed document must be retained by the member for a least 1 year after the guest (s) visit to the Lake. Additionally the member is required to show this signed document to any Gold Coast Ski Club officer or board of directors member at his or her request. A copy of this document is located on the club's website <http://www.goldcoastskiclub.org/release.htm>. Please print copies and keep in your boat for use.

## **Section V**

### **SITE RULES & REGULATIONS**

#### **TYPE I**

1. **NO COMMERCIAL** water skiing of any kind is permitted. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
2. Any member that uses a boat at Lake Lauderdale shall pay a \$20 key deposit to obtain a key. The key will be changed on a yearly basis and the member will be required to turn in his old key in order to obtain a new key for the year. If the member has lost his key an additional \$20 deposit will be required to obtain a replacement key and he will forfeit his previous deposit. When a member resigns from the club or his membership expires or is revoked and is not renewed, he is required to return the key in order to have his deposit refunded. If a member resigns or expires and he does not return his key for a period of 24 months, his \$20 deposit is forfeited. Boat ramp gate key and/or combination is **NOT** to be given out, exchanged, loaded, etc. to any member or non-member at any time.
3. Boat Ramp Gate shall be locked at **ALL TIMES.**
4. No minors (under 16 years of age) shall ski without the presence of an adult (over 18 years of age) Club Member in the boat.

5. The Jump Ramps are intended for use as a barefoot jump and a ski jump only. Use of any other devices(s), including wakeboards and kneeboards are prohibited. The only exception is during a scheduled team practice, show, tournament, or exhibition where the division director authorizes the use.
6. All safety rules are to be followed regardless of day, time, or number of people at the Lake.

## **TYPE II**

7. No skiing is allowed on Mondays (per 1991 agreement with the City of Ft. Lauderdale).
8. No dogs are allowed at Mills Pond Park (in accordance with park regulations).
9. All days of the year will be open for USAWS approved water skiing only, with the exception of tournament, event, show, & exhibition days, clinic days, city use days, and/or Mondays.
10. The site is for USAWS Approved water skiing only. NO tubing of any kind is allowed.
11. NO skiing while a "Work Party" is being held unless approved by the head of the "work party".
12. The board of directors must approve all structures placed on the site. No unauthorized additions of any kind to the property.
13. Members are responsible for removal of their own trash into proper containers.
14. Members are responsible for the actions of their children.
15. Members are responsible for any equipment and/or property damaged by their use.
16. Common courtesy shall prevail towards fellow skiers, spectators, property, etc.
17. Alcohol and reckless behavior are prohibited.
18. Children are NOT allowed to play on any dock, jump ramp, or at the boat ramp area.
19. Children under then (10) years of age are required to wear a flotation device while playing and/or swimming except under the direct supervision of an adult.
20. All skiers shall wear USAWS or Coast Guard approved flotation with the exception of an USAWS rules and/or State of Florida laws.
21. Skiing shall be permitted sunrise to sunset.
22. Each boat shall follow rotation in order of arrival with no preference for any event.
23. Each boat shall be allowed a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes on the water. There is no limit on the number of skiers or passes a skier may take during the 15 minutes.
24. If you are willing to split the Lake with one (1) other boat during your turn, you must first offer the option to the next boat in line. You may go down the list of boats, in order of rotation, until someone wants to split the lake during your time slot. It will count, as one turn for both boats and the set will be the normal 15-minute increment. Both boats will then go to the end of the rotation with the boat that jumped ahead now in rotation after the boat they shared the lake with.
25. Waiting boats shall be ready at the completion of the prior boats(s) turn or forfeit its turn.
26. Member's boats shall only be launched into the lake by utilizing the boat ramp. Launching of a boat at any other location is strictly prohibited.
27. Boats shall not drive down the centerline of the slalom course (between the yellow boat guide buoys) unless towing a slalom skier or calibrating speed control equipment or speedometers.
28. If a slalom course buoy or magnet is clipped, it is the GCSC permitted boat owners responsibility to immediately replace it in accordance with the slalom course assembly/repair procedures set forth on the GCSC website, utilizing the materials stored at the north end of Lake Lauderdale.
29. If a slalom course shore-to-shore line is cut, it is the GCSC permitted boat owners responsibility to immediately contact the 3-Event Director.
30. If a GCSC member witnesses an infraction of Rules 27, 28, 29, he/she shall immediately notify the 3-Event Director of the infraction.

## **Section V**

### **SITE RULES & REGULATIONS *continued....***

31. All owners of boats to be permitted by the GCSC must physically demonstrate the approved slalom course buoy assembly procedure, as illustrated on the GCSC website, prior to receiving their key to the boat ramp.

Pictures and a written description of the buoy assembly procedure have been posted on our website.

32. It is MANDATORY for all boat owners to carry in their glove box a copy of the USAWS Club Practice Log for an "Approved Practice." The boat owner must fill out this form at any time that his boat is being used at Lake Lauderdale/Mills Pond Park. All participants must be active USAWS members. This form can be found on the club website or at the following website;

[http://www.usawaterski.org/pages/TournKit/Practice/Practice Applications/PracticeLog.pdf](http://www.usawaterski.org/pages/TournKit/Practice/Practice%20Applications/PracticeLog.pdf)

### ***End of Operational Policy***

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