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WISCONSIN WATER SKI FEDERATION

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE

Your water skiing in the future is hanging by a very thin thread, unless
YOU Take Action Now.

March 12, 1965

Bill Clifford
American Water Ski Assc.
Winter Haven, Fla.

Dear Bill,

Recently I promised you that I would report on the details of the legislation fight that we are having here in Wis. It started, I feel, over the test case that John Ostberg reported to you about a month ago. Kenneth Worden, Amherst, Wis., was arrested on July 26th, 1965 for deliberately violating a new local law that prohibits skiing on Sunday on Sunset Lake. The case was brought before Portage County Judge James H. Levi and on September 10 he asked for briefs to be filed. The Wis. Water Ski Federation and Al Bubolz knew of this case coming up and myself and other officials of the Wis. Water Ski Federation and Al Bubolz, contacted Mr. Worden by phone and in person in August. We offered assistance in the case but Mr. Worden and his attorney felt that there was little that we could do as it was strictly a local issue. Even though it was a test case that would have serious repercussions throughout the state, the trial amounted to filing of briefs by both parties and there was little oral argument. Thus we watched from the sidelines and offered moral support. The town contended it has authority to establish the ordinance that prohibits skiing on Sunset Lake between 4PM and 8AM, Monday through Saturday and all day Sunday. The ordinance was designed to protect public safety on the lake. Worden claimed the ordinance was unconstitutional because it discriminates against the working man and prohibits free use of the public waters.

A little information about the lake would be helpful in this case. The lake is 56 acres and is one of the few lakes in the area, all small. The lake is very deep for its size and receives intensive fishing. There is a regional Boy Scout's of American Camp on the lake as well as a camp owned by a church group that uses it on weekends outings. Thus the unfortunate thing about this case, in my opinion, is that it was ever brought to court in the first place. A test case on a larger lake with less traffic probably would have achieved a different ruling.

Thus in February Judge Levi ruled that the town of New Hope in Portage County had adopted a valid and constitutional ordinance regulating water skiing because "it was adopted in the interest of the public health, welfare, and safety of the largest number of people who use the lake." In his decision, Judge Levi noted that the basic question before the court was whether the ordinance was indeed adopted in the interest of public health and safety.

The judge then went on to say, "the restrictions must be viewed with an eye to the interest of all lake users, including water skiers. Therefore what's best for the majority is important..."

TO THE WATER SKIERS OF WIS.

This issue of the Federater is dedicated to the state legislation. It has become a fact of life for water skiers to expect unfavorable legislation from Madison about every two years. Ever since we organized in 1960, the Wis. Water Ski Federation has consistently fought unfavorable legislation. Yet every year we hear comments from skiers asking "what does the WWSF do for me?" The skiers of Wis. must realize that if we served no other purpose than to defeat unfair legislation, we have done our duty not only to the present members of the WWSF but also future members. We've had unfavorable legislation proposed in 1959, 1961, 1963, and 1965. The Wis. Water Ski Federation was there to fight this unfair legislation, legislation that could put all water skiers out of existence in the state if we were not there to fight it. In 1959, before we were organized, Tom Dorwin, single handedly stood up for all water sports lovers. Since then the WWSF has capably taken over the job. We have yet to have one single unfavorable law put on the books restricting water skiing. The pressure is mounting and we need everyone to be a member of the Wis. Water Ski Federation to enable us to have an even stronger voice at the hearings at Madison. This includes the weekend skier, the tournament skier and the once a summer skier. When we go to Madison as we did a few weeks ago in the height of the worst storm of the winter, the more membership that we can prove to the committee, the more weight our testimony will carry. Thus if you are not now a member of the WWSF, please send a dollar to the address printed on the membership application in this issue and help all the skiers of Wis. We are in the thick of a fight right now and it may mean the difference of skiing next summer or not. Send your dollar now, do not delay.

The skiers of Wis. will be losing a key man this year. "Uncle Fred" has pulled up stakes in Wis. and is moving to Mich. See his open letter elsewhere in this issue. His absence will be deeply missed and all I can say at this time is good luck Fred, you have the best wishes, of all Wis. skiers with you at your new job.

It seems the tournament competition in Slalom is getting unnecessarily rough. CBS in televising the nationals reported repeatedly that Joker Osborne made a perfect pass through the slalom course with 63" of line, 57", 51", and two buoys with only 45 inches of line. Perhaps the WWSF can put in a protest to ANSA that such a short line constitutes a safety hazard. A short line like that seems like the Wis. skiers will not be in competition at next years nationals, in Minn. Even Bruce Levin isn't that good!

Those of you who missed our Mid-Winter Convention missed a whole of a time. It is hoped that all of you can attend next years session that is all ready in the planning stage.

Philip Franke, President.

"By its very nature, water skiing is more hazardous or dangerous than swimming or fishing, since boats must travel at a high rate of speed to pull skiers. Since more swimmers and fishermen than water skiers use the lake on Sundays in the summer, it strikes the court that the health and safety of the large number of swimmers and fishermen outweighs the wish of the water skiers to ski on Sunday. Therefore the town is within its rights to regulate water skiing during these times."

I think this information on the case will give you a little better idea of what was involved than the little clipping that John Ostberg sent on Feb. 14, 1965. It was unfortunate in my opinion that a stand was made on this particular lake. Mr. Worden's heart was certainly in the right place by fighting for what he thought was right but I feel that the Judge did the only thing possible in light of the facts involved. Mr. Worden was fined \$25 for his efforts.

That pretty well fills you in on what happened in the past and the last I talked to Mr. Worden he did not plan on appealing the case. Thus it is pretty well dropped and the decision is on record for all time.

However, all is not lost. The Wisconsin Conservation Department has held a hearing on a residual boating law and they recognize the implications of this case. They have proposed to change Section 20. F.I. 30.77(3) (a) to read: "30.77(3) (a) Any town, village or city may, with the consent of the conservation commission and in the interest of public health or safety, adopt local regulations not contrary to, or inconsistent with this charter, relative to the equipment, use or operation of boats or relative to any regulation which in any manner pertains to the equipment, use or operation of a boat on an inland lake is valid unless all towns, cities and villages having jurisdiction on the waters of the lake have enacted an identical local regulation. ...local regulations adopted prior to the effective date of this act (1965) are hereby repealed.

However, all is not joy in Mudville.

They have put in a few little nasties of their own that the WWSF and Al Eubolz and OBC and others are fighting. Such as proposed Section 17. 30.69 (1) (a) is amended to read:

30.69(1)(a). Except as provided in par. (b), no person shall operate a motorboat towing a person on water skis, aquaplane or similar device without having a competent person in the boat, in addition to the operator who shall watch for the safety of any person being towed on such device by said boat, nor shall any person engage in water skiing, aquaplaning or similar activity, at any time from one hour before sunset to 10:00a.m. the following day. This restriction of the hours of water skiing does not prevent restrictions of the hours of water skiing between 10:00a.m. and one hour before sunset by local ordinances enacted pursuant to s. 30.77(3)

Section 18. 30.69 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

30.69 (3) Restrictions. No boat towing persons engaged in water skiing, aquaplaning or similar activity on any lake shall engage in such activity within 200 feet of any occupied boat or marked swimming area; or public boat landing, or shoreline except where pickups and drop areas are established and marked with regulatory markers.

Section 11. 30.66 (3) is created to read:

30.66(3) Prohibited Operation. Except as provided in s. 30.69(3) no person shall operate a motorboat within 200 feet of any lakeshore, at a speed in excess of slow wake speed.

Section 10. 30.63 of the statutes is created to read:

30.63 Motorboat Prohibition. No person shall operate a motorboat on any lake of 50 acres or less in area except under permit issued by the conservation commission.

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Section 15. 30.68(3)(b) is created to read:

30.69 (3)(b) No person in charge or control of a boat shall permit the operation of a motorboat by a person under the age of 12 years unless such person is accompanied by another competent person over 21 years of age who is experienced in the operation of such boat. (This has been amended to read 18 years I understand.)

There is a hearing scheduled for March 17, 1965 on this bill number 330-A as it is now known as. It will be held at 2:00p.m. in room 318 SW, State Capitol Bldg; Madison, Wis. Assemblyman Norman C. Anderson, Chairman of the Assembly Conservation Committee, presiding.

Al and I and the OBC plan on attending the hearing and testify on this bill. Keep your fingers crossed. This report should bring you a little up to date on what has been going on in the frozen North. I'm going to the Mid-West meeting tomorrow and will read this report or a condensed version to the Councilmen. Thus they too will be brought up to date on Ostberg's letter. As you can see we have not been sitting idly by but have gotten into the thick of it and intend to stay there.

I don't know what the AWSA as a national organization can actually do to help us, but any suggestions would be most helpful. If we fail in the Assembly hearing we still have a chance at the Senate sometime in the future.

Sincerely,

Philip Franke,
President, W.W.S.F.
Minocqua, Wis. 54548

cc. Al Eubloz
John Ostberg

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Madison 1.

March 15, 1965

Mr. Phillip Franke, President
Wisconsin Water Ski Federation
Minocqua, Wisconsin 54548

Dear Mr. Franke:

Thank you for your letter of March 1, 1965, with your comments on bill 330, A., which is the remedial boating bill initiated by the Conservation Department.

There has been increased activity with increased accidents and "near misses" involving skiers and tow boats during the period from one hour before sunset to sunset due to the low sun reflecting off the water creating blind spots and the haze at this time of day. This bill is designed to provide greater protection to the water skier riding in the wake some 70 feet behind the boat, or in the water, who does not have running lights as the boat does and who is not easily seen.

Many water ski shows are performed in the waning hours of daylight. However, the areas used for water ski shows are more or less designated for this purpose and it is common knowledge of the other boaters that this activity is taking place in this particular area. There is very little competition or use of this area other than by the participating water skiers.

In regard to your comment on skiing within 200 feet of shore, this does not apply to rivers, but only to lakes. It is recognized, as you indicate, that if this provision applied to rivers it would preclude water skiing on most of our flowing waters.

We have not recommended the use of a rearview mirror in lieu of the second person on board the tow boat. Wisconsin's

major cause of accidents is collision, with 80% of all boating accidents over the years being attributed to a boat colliding with another object. Ski tow boats are major contributors and we have found that many of the tow boats involved in such accidents did have rearview mirrors which were not being used. We have based our remedial proposal on our needs in Wisconsin and not on what may be done in another state.

The legislative hearing on bill 330, A. will be held before the Assembly Committee on Conservation at 2:00p.m. Wednesday, March 17, 1965, at the capitol in room 318 SW. I would appreciate your appearance at the hearing and your support of bill 330, A.

Very truly yours,
LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Harold D. Hettrick

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Acting Assistant Chief Warden

HDH:pjb

cc: Assemblyman Paul Alfonsi
Allen Dubolz
Dr. Mumsey

EDITORIAL

What is the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation?

The Federation is water skiers like you. It is comprised of 250 individual members and 10 clubs who have banded together to further their own interests in fighting unfair legislation and to promote the sport.

It is governed by its officers and one director from each of the affiliated clubs who meet periodically during the year. An annual meeting is held at State Tournaments which this year will be at Tomahawk on August 7th & 8th. Here the officers are elected and any ideas you may have can be brought to the attention of the entire membership.

During the winter a convention is held where dinners of all types are conducted by some of the Midwest's most outstanding skiers and judges. (And a jolly good get together is had by all.)

If you are not already a member or have neglected to pay your 1965 dues, I urge you to do so soon. Be A Sport-Back Your Sport.

Jack Lukes, Treasurer

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Madison 1

February 22, 1965

Mr. Phil Franke, President
Wisconsin Water Ski Federation
Minocque, Wisconsin

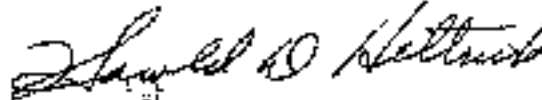
Dear Mr. Franke:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram of February 12, 1965, commenting on the proposed remedial boat law changes presently seeking introduction in the Legislature.

The proposed restriction prohibiting water skiing from one hour before sunset is necessary in the interest of safety as this is a critical period of day due to the haze conditions on the water and the poor lighting. Prohibiting skiing before 10:00 a.m. is an attempt to provide equal opportunity for all water oriented activities, to eliminate competition and conflicts, and to provide for compatible recreational water use. *some Lake*

Your support of the proposed regulations would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,
LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



Harold D. Hettrick
Acting Assistant Chief Warden

BDH:pjb

March 22, 1965

Open letter to All Wisconsin Water Ski Clubs
and Individual A.W.S.A. members

From: Don Nevin, Wisconsin Representative
A.W.S.A. Midwest Regional Council
1501 Tainter Street, P.O. Box 187
Menomonie, Wisconsin

Your club of course is interested in doing its best to promote our favorite sport of water skiing; and to assist you in enjoying your water skiing activities to the utmost, my services are available at any time.

As Wisconsin Representative to the A.W.S.A. Midwest Regional Council, my services will include:

1. Signing of rating cards as an A.W.S.A. judge.
2. Reviewing and approving of judgeship applications before sending them to the Regional Chairman.
3. Certification of boat drivers to be used in A.W.S.A. sanctioned tournaments; as the drivers are certified, I will forward their names to the Midwest Regional Chairman. Please keep in mind that in Wisconsin no person will be certified as a boat driver unless he first has his assistant judgeship rating.
4. Review and approve all tournament sanction forms before they are forwarded to the Regional Chairman. Note: be sure to notify me of any tournaments, sanctioned or otherwise, being held by your club or in your area. This information will then be sent to the Regional chairman and subsequently published in the A.W.S.A. WATER SKIER.
5. I will attend all sanctioned tournaments in Wisconsin and will assist the Chief Judge there in determining whether all A.W.S.A. sanction requirements have been met.
6. In the absence of the Regional Chairman, I will sign Master's Ratings and forward them to the Regional Chairman. Master's ratings can be signed only for performance in a sanctioned tournament.
7. The activities of the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation will be coordinated through me with the plans of the Midwest Regional Council.

Remember to promote the A.W.S.A. in your area for it is through a strong national and regional organization that we can grow strong locally.

If you are sponsoring a tournament this year, remember your club must be affiliated with A.W.S.A. in order to be sanctioned by AWSA. To affiliate your club with AWSA, the fee is \$10.00 plus 25% of your members as individual members of A.W.S.A. Individuals - - - don't forget to renew your AWSA membership. You must have an up-to-date card to ski sanctioned tournaments.

Don Nevin
Don Nevin

March 12, 1965

Assemblymen Norman C. Anderson
Assembly Committee on Conservation
Capital Bldg.
Madison, Wis.

Dear Assemblyman Anderson:

I would like to testify at your hearing Wed. March 17, 1965 regarding Bill 330-A. I would like to protest the provision on water ski hours from 10AM to one hour before sunset. This provision is definitely discriminatory and unwarranted. I have previously indicated to the Wis. Conservation Dept. that I'm willing to compromise, if necessary, on the 10AM portion but must insist on the last hour before sunset. By putting such a restriction on a state wide basis, you ignore local conditions and use of waters. you also legislate water skiing out of existence for the working man except on weekends when the traffic and conflicts of interest are most prevalent on our waters. Thus instead of elimination of a very small problem, you would create a much larger problem.

It is indeed strange that fishermen can run a high powered boat any hour of the day or night with little or no restriction but this same fisherman can't take his wife or children skiing without strong restrictions placed on his boat. It has been stated that hazy conditions and poor lighting is the reasoning behind this proposal. I claim that the Conservation Dept. is "fishing" for an excuse. If you would take the time to study when the Water Ski Clubs of the state present their regularly scheduled show you would see that they are usually in the evening. I'm speaking of three Lakes Water Ski Club, Manitowish Waters Water Ski Club, Minocqua Water Ski Club and Tomahawk Water Ski Clubs in particular. These northern clubs hold two to three shows a week and have for years during the last hour of sunset and have had no trouble with haze or failing light.

It is a fact that a deer hunter can go into the woods on opening day, with jumpy nerves, lack of sleep and a hangover and start shooting a high powered rifle in the twilight of one half hour before sunrise and continue shooting until sunset. Obviously the "failing light" does not hinder the shooter of a high powered rifle in the deep dark woods with limited area of vision, but a boat driver with an observer, with nothing but wide open spaces around him is supposed to be handicapped. Thus I feel this portion of Bill 330-A is unfair and would like to be put on the agenda for the hearing on March 17, 1965.

Sincerely,

Philip Franke

Philip Franke
President, W.W.S.F.

STATEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING, BILL 330-A, MARCH 17, 1965

Chairman Anderson:

Members of the Committee:

I'm Philip Frank, Minocqua, Wis., President of the Wis. Water Ski Federation. I represent nearly 1000 organized skiers in Wis. and indirectly represent all water skiers who love Wis. waters. Let me say at the start that I was raised on a resort and was associated with the resort business for sixteen of my 27 years of life. I've been a water skier for fifteen years. Thus I feel I can objectively speak for the vacationer and the local people who use the waters of Wis.

I have come here today to resist a needless proposal. This proposal is SECTION 17, 30.69 (1)(a) regarding the limiting of hours of the water skier. It is proposed that the state limit such hours to the hours of 10:00a.m. to one hour before sunset. I assumed that these two recommendations were made for the reasons of public safety or health. I have obtained a copy of the ANNUAL BOAT ACCIDENT AND DROWNING REPORT, 1963, from the Wis. Conservation Dept. It has become increasingly clear that there is no valid reason behind either of these hour restrictions.

Yesterday I received a letter from Mr. Hettrick, Acting Asst. Chief Warden of the Wis. Cons. Dept. I had objected to him previously regarding these hours. I quote from a paragraph of this letter. "There has been increased activity with increased accidents and 'near missed' involving skiers and tow boats during the period from one hour before sunset to sunset..." I submit to you gentlemen that the facts do not agree with this statement. According to the report of the Wis. Cons. Dept. of 1963, and Mr. Hettrick has been kind enough to have furnished the committee this report, turn to page 4, under the heading of "time, day and month of All Boat Accidents," under the time of accident whether it involved skiers or not, the most dangerous time on the water was not the hour before sunset but actually between the hours of 4:00PM and 6:00PM. There were 33 boating accidents during this two hour period, 19 of these were between 4:00PM and 5:00PM, 14 during the hour of 5 and 6PM. Between the hours of 7PM and later, there were 6 boating accidents in the state of Wis. This is all boating accidents gentlemen, not just skiing accidents. Thus the last hour of sunset actually ranked in a tie for seventh place for the most dangerous hour on the waters of Wis. It is true that there is an increase of accidents during this last hour of sunset. In 1962, there were 5 accidents instead of six. Incidentally the same table shows that the most dangerous hour on the water in '63 '62 and '60 was the hour of 4 PM to 5PM. 1961 was the exception when it was between 6PM and 7PM. Under water skiing accidents alone, the same is true. In 1963, there were zero accidents after 8PM or later. In 1962, there were zero accidents involving water skiers after 8PM. In 1964, there was one accident between 7PM and 8PM, in 1962 there was one accident. This is one accident in a two hour period out of a total of twenty for 1963 and a total 16 for 1962. The Wis. Cons. Dept. records show that in 1963, 9 out of 27 water ski accidents happened between the hours of 3PM to 5PM. The same ratio or nearly the same applies to the years after 1963. A total of

eighty-nine accidents have been recorded by the Wis. Cons. Dept. as water ski accidents in the last four years of which 28 occurred during the last two hours on the chart, that is 7PM until 8PM and later. And gentlemen, may I add that this 8PM or later includes until 11AM the following morning. Is this minor accident record what Mr. Hettrick calls increased accidents and 'near missed' involving skiers and tow boats during the period from one hour before sunset to sunset... I submit to you gentlemen, that the drafters of this bill were "fishing" for an excuse. The records of the Dept. prove conclusively that the reasons behind this bill are false. I could go on much longer on this proposal but I hope that I have made my point. If not please refer again to the Dept. report. I'm sure the report will speak for itself.

I'll make the rest of my report brief, the next section is Section 18, 30.69(3), regarding the 200 feet distance. Why gentlemen, is this necessary. Who is to judge and enforce what constitutes 200 feet on water. We already have laws on the books, 30.68(2) UNLAWFUL OBSTRUCTION; 30.69(4), CREATING HAZARDOUS WAKE OR WASH; 30.69(3), CRAFTSMANLY PLEASANT CRAFTSMAN. These laws seem to me to be much more enforceable than the proposed change. The present laws apply to everyone who makes a disturbance on water not just those within 200 feet.

Section 10, 30.63, regarding the 50 acres or less is an extremely harsh rule to apply to a state wide basis. Wouldn't this be handled better under the proposed rule change of local operation? Do you fully realize that you are ruling out all power boating on 80% of the lakes of Vilas County? This is resort country and state and I just want to be sure you realize the implications of this amendment.

The other minor point that I would like to make is section 17, 30.69 (1)(b) regarding two people in a boat. We of course approve this as the safest way to ski. However it is not always possible for a skier, be he tourist or local to find a third person who is competent to act as an observer. Most states allow the use of wide angle mirrors in lieu of a second person in a boat. Mr. Hettrick, in his letter answered my suggestion of this by saying and I quote, "We have not recommended the use of a rear-view mirror in lieu of the second person on board the tow boat. Wisconsin's major cause of accidents is collision, with 80% of all boating accidents over the years being attributed to a boat colliding with another object. Ski tow boats are major contributors and we have found that many of the tow boats involved in such accidents did have rear view mirrors which were not being used. We have based our remedial proposal on our needs in Wis. and not what may be done in another state." Gentlemen, I say to this, I see no relation between the use of a rearview mirror and a collision with an object in front of you. Mr. Hettrick states that he is against the use of wide angle mirror because of the collisions that have supposedly happened. Please refer back to the accident report and find out how many skiing accidents involved another boat. Out of 20 skiing accidents in 1963 involving 28 boats, 8 of these accidents involved two boats and the other 12 involved only one boat; the tow boat. Three out of the twenty boats had only one person aboard. There were two or more persons in all of

the other boats towing skiers. Mr. Hettricks reasoning does not hold water again in this case.

Gentlemen, in conclusion, the Wis. Water Ski Federation strongly believes that we do not need new laws on water skiing but that we desperately need more enforcement of present laws and a better educational program from the Wis. Cons. Lept. and local boating and ski clubs. This is our problem and passage of this amendment pertaining to water skiing will not solve this problem. Thank you for your time.

AQUA SKIERS, INC.

P.O. Box 412-Wisconsin Rapids,
Wisconsin 54494

AT our annual meeting held in December the following were elected our 1965 officers: President, Jack Lukes; Vice-president, Dick Albert, Recording secretary, Jacque La Forte; Corr. Secretary, Cheryl Albert; Treasurer, Lorraine Crothers; Membership Chairman, Dick Albert; Membership committee, Jacque La Forte, Dennis Molepske, Tom Looch, and Larry Kruger, Jr.; members on Board of Directors, Don Kopp and Diane Auder; safety director, George Lana; and W.W.S.F. Director, Tom Ghiloni.

Our club is fortunate in that many of us live in the rapids all year around and we can be active in the winter. We hold meetings once a month and in between we have social events such as toboggan parties, etc.

We volunteered to publish the FEDERATOR and host the mid-winter convention which has kept us very busy.

Some of our members built an equipment trailer and repaired our portable jump. We are now in the process of selling ads and making up our program book for this summer.

FOR SALE: 14' Powercat. \$250. Aqua Skiers, Inc., Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, P.O. Box 412.

TO: ALL FASHION SKIERS

FROM: MARY AND "UNCLE" FRED

THIS IS AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL OUR MANY FRIENDS AND SKIERS IN WISCONSIN. DUE TO OUR REGRET, WE MUST LEAVE YOU!!!!!!

FRED HAS TAKEN A JOB THAT NECESSITATES A MOVE TO MICHIGAN.

WE WILL BE LIVING AT:

AND ANYONE THAT CAME OVER TO THIS FALL, MUST STOP FOR A VISIT.

THE PAST THREE YEARS HAVE BEEN VERY REWARDING TO US, KNOWING AND WORKING WITH SO MANY FORTHWELL PEOPLE. BUT, PROGRESS MUST GO FORWARD AND WE MUST MOVE ON TOO-----

THE VERY BEST REGARDS TO ALL,

MARY AND "UNCLE" FRED

HOW CUM DELARIMENT???????

We have never had a Junior Division at any of our tournaments within the state and the entries in Boy's and Girl's Divisions are very few.

I would like to see all water ski clubs and parents encourage the youth of our state to be more active in competitive skiing. The youngsters we encourage to ski in this year's tournaments represent the champions of men's and women's divisions in a few short years. But more important they represent the future of water skiing as a sport and as a wonderful recreation. However, these youngsters cannot obtain any kind of a goal unless we help and encourage them to do so. Again, I would like to urge all parents and clubs to place the accent on youth this coming season. Remember the future of our sport of water skiing depends on this youth in the years to come.

A Novice Tournament will be held this year. Let's hope that we can come through with this tournament so that the youth of Wisconsin can participate and use this as a springboard to greater heights in the future.

Ski - Have fun,
Fred L. Samples

1965 ANSA Midwest Tournament Schedule
Tentative as of March 14, 1965

| DATE | EVENT | LOCATION | STATUS | REMARKS |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------|---------|
| <u>MAY</u> 29 | Devils Lake Slalom | Devils Lake Ski Club Devils Lake, Michigan | O | 1 |
| ✓ 29,30,31 | Beloit Open | Beloit, Wisconsin | O | |
| <u>JUNE</u> 12,13 | Prior Lake Open | Prior Lake Ski Club Prior Lake, Minnesota | O | C&I |
| 19,20 | Myers Lake Open | Myers Lake Ski Club Canton, Ohio | O | ? |
| 19,20 | Illini Open | Ski Kings St. Charles, Illinois | O | C? |
| ? 19,20 | Hillbilly Open | Lake Ozark, Missouri | O | I |
| ? 26,27 | Pleasant Lake Open | Angola, Indiana | O | I |
| ? 26,27 | Waterloo Open | Waterloo Waterhawks Waterloo, Iowa | O | C&I |
| <u>JULY</u> 3,4,5 | 5th Buckeyes Open | Columbus Aqua Ski Club Columbus, Ohio | O | I |
| 3,4 | Dolphin Open | Dolphin Ski Club Hammond, Indiana | O | I |
| ? 9,10,11 | Master-US Team | Trials 11&12 Pine Mountain, Georgia | C | - |
| 10,11 | Hobart Open | Hobart Boat & Ski Club Bass Lake, Indiana | O | I |
| ✓ 10,11 | Badger Open | Min-Aqua-Fats Ski Club Minocqua, Wisconsin | O | CorE&I |
| 17,18 | Oppo Open | Oppo Boat & Ski Club Bass Lake, Indiana | O | |
| 17,18 | Ohio State | Maumee Valley Ski Club Napoleon, Ohio | C | I |
| 17,18 | Mississippi Open | Dubuque Water Ski Club Dubuque, Iowa | O | ? |
| ✓ 23,24,25 | Centennial Open | Eald Eagle Water Ski Club Minneapolis, Minnesota | O | E&I |
| 23,24,25 | National Kite Flying | Austin, Texas | | Approve |
| 24,25 | Camp Chataqua Open | Dayton Water Ski Club 14 miles south of Dayton | O | C&I |
| 30,31, Aug. 1 | MIDWEST REGIONALS | Carter Lake Ski Club Omaha, Nebraska | C | Reg. |
| <u>AUGUST</u> 7,8 | Cobra Open | Cincinnati, Ohio | O | I |
| 7,8 | Wisconsin State | Kwabamot Ski Club Tomahawk, Wisconsin | C | I |
| ✓ 12,13,14,15 | NATIONALS | Eald Eagle Water Ski Club Minneapolis, Minnesota | C | Nat. |
| 21,22 | Athens Open | Hocking Port, Ohio | O | C&I |
| 21,22 | Spray Riders Open | Spray Riders Ski Club Nishawaka, Indiana | O | I |
| 21,22 | Wis. State Barefoot Championships | Skiing Skeeters Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin | C | |
| 28,29 | Heart of Wisconsin Open | Aqua skiers, Inc. Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin | O | C&I |
| 28,29 | Adolph Kiefer Open | LaPorte, Indiana | O | I |
| <u>SEPTEMBER</u> 4,5,6 | 3rd Atomic Open | Piqua Boat & Ski Club Piqua, Ohio | O | B |
| 4,5,6 | (Possible) Beloit Open | Beloit, Wisconsin | O | I |
| 6 | Iowa Noble Memorial Jump | Celwein, Iowa | O | ? |
| 11,12 | Cass Lake Jump | Cass Lake, Michigan | O | I |
| ✓ 18,19 | 500 Open | Indianapolis, Indiana | O | I |
| <u>NOV.</u> 27 | Devils Lake Slalom | Devils Lake, Michigan | O | I |

OBTAIN THE BENEFITS OF A STATE ORGANIZATION
JOIN
THE WISCONSIN WATER SKI FEDERATION, INC.
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
SEND TO: Beverly Sowatzke - 411 19th St. So.
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin 54494

Please enroll me as a member of the Wisconsin Water Ski Fed.

Name _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

City _____, Wisconsin PHONE # _____

Occupation _____, Date of Birth _____

Are you a member of American Water Ski Association? _____

Are you a member of a Water Ski Club? _____

Is your club affiliated with the A.W.S.A.? _____

Name of Club _____

Address of Club _____ City _____

Please give name and address of at least one Club officer for W.W.S.F. information mailing list:

Name _____ Office Held _____

Address _____ City _____

List areas of interest, committees on which you would like to serve, etc. Please number in order of your choice.

Committees:

Special Interest Areas:

Membership _____
Program _____
Safety _____
Publicity _____
Tournament _____
Other _____

I hereby agree to abide by all the bylaws of this organization.

Dues for one year: \$1.00 per year

Date _____

Signed: _____