



Karapiro Water Ski Club Inc. Members Guide

INTRODUCTION

This Member Guide has been created so that members and intending members will be aware of the clubs activities, procedures, rules and recommendations. Please familiarise yourself with the contents and ask a committee member if you are in doubt or need to know more. This is your club maintained for your enjoyment.

As a financial member you have an obligation to look after the club and its facilities. You have an obligation to report any miss-use or abuse of clubs property or unacceptable behaviour of a member to the committee. This is a family club aimed primarily at providing an enjoyable, safe environment for all members and their families.

Please respect these guidelines, which have been drafted for your benefit.

The postal address is PO Box 159, Cambridge 3434.
The location of the clubhouse is Judd Lane, Karapiro.
Website and enquiries www.skikarapiro.co.nz

CLUB BODY

The Karapiro Water Ski Club is an incorporated society affiliated to the New Zealand Water Ski Association. The club is run by an annually elected committee and aims to cater for the needs of families and recreational skiers as well as promoting opportunities for those wishing to enter competition skiing.

CONSTITUTION

We do not normally give members a copy of our constitution, however if you would like one please enquire to the secretary or see the website.

COMMITTEE

The committee is elected at the AGM, which usually takes place in July / August each year. Please see the website for the current committee members.

LAKE KARAPIRO

Lake Karapiro is one of the largest lakes on the Waikato River and lies behind the Karapiro Hydro Electric Dam commissioned in 1950 to generate power for the greater Waikato region. The lake provides an international class water sports venue, offering 7.7 square kilometres of flat water enjoyed by canoeists, water-skiers, yachters, rowers & boaties. For more information on this site see <http://www.waipadc.govt.nz/District/Lake+Karapiro/>

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

We are proud to be one of the oldest water skiing organisations in New Zealand.

The Karapiro Water Ski Club Inc began as a dream of a group of passionate water skiers, many of whom did not have their own equipment and often couldn't find the skiing buddies they needed. In 1957 they decided to do something about it. The solution was to form a club. After several months of back breaking work the clubhouse was ready for use. A club boat was purchased for the use of members, bringing the joys of water skiing to many. Since that time the Karapiro Water Ski Club has grown and the members have continued to improve the club's facilities.

Early members managed to convince the Waipa DC to include Zone 1 in the club's long standing lease. Zone 1, which is nestled in one of the most secluded areas in the Southern Hemisphere, provides optimum ski conditions, and so a slalom course was purchased to meet the requirements of world-class skiers. Nowadays we attract international skiers to our slalom course for training and coaching purposes.

Amid this progress, the children were growing up with a safe place to enjoy water skiing with several each year competing at a national level. Many of our juniors sport trophies with their parent's, and some beside their grandparent's names engraved from long ago.

The vision of our founding members has certainly become a reality.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to any person with an interest in water skiing and associated water sport or a family boat owner wishing to benefit from the facilities the club offers and is subject to approval by the committee

Application for membership must be made on the appropriate form available from the notice board in the clubrooms, via the membership secretary or the KWSC website. All new members must be nominated by an existing member. The membership year is from June to May the following year. If you wish to join and do not know an existing member then please contact the Club President, who's contact details on the KWSC website.

The following membership categories are available:

FAMILY / PARTNERSHIP

Any persons joining as a couple and living at a common address (married or defacto, with or without children).

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP

Persons over 18 years of age at 1st June, which is the membership renewal time.

CHILDREN OF MEMBERS

The club recognises that the children of members are our future and are therefore included in a Family / Partnership membership whilst under the age of 18 years.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

Persons under 18 years of age at 1st June will require proof of age from a parent or guardian.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

This is an elected status that requires consensus at an Annual General Meeting.

CLUB ACCESS

Club Keys are available upon request along with payment of the current fee and the completion of a KWSC induction. A key is required for the clubhouse and the front gate. Club keys are to remain in the possession of a member and not be loaned to any other person.

PARKING

Trailer and car parking is behind the clubhouse. Parking is not permitted on the front lawn or in front of the club boat shed doors. Please do not hold others up on the boat launching ramp i.e. unpack first, change props and then reverse your trailer to the boat launching ramp.

VISITORS

As part of the enjoyment of our facilities and the sport of water skiing members are welcome to bring non members to the club as their guests. The committee recognises that members may occasionally need visitors to make up a crew for skiing. Non members are not to launch their own boat at KWSC.

Club members accept responsibility for club facilities when bringing guests to the club.

A guest may only visit three (3) times in any one season and are then required to apply for membership of the club. Please encourage your guests to become full members. Please advise them our club is a family place and reinforce to them the rules and responsibilities we all abide by.

MEMBERS BOATS

All boats launched from the KWSC ramp must be fit for purpose with an efficient muffler and steering system

Section 2.7 Waikato Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2013 requires all crew in a boat under 6m to wear a suitable PFD whilst underway and crew in a boat over 6m must carry a suitable PFD for each person. *See bylaw for further information*

All boats must clearly exhibit the KWSC annual member sticker. Please ensure that KWSC annual membership stickers are removed from the boat when sold.

Members boats must comply with the boat naming convention as stated in the Navigation safety Rules – Vessel ID Rule – effective 1st July 2010

Please carry a fire extinguisher and first aid kit in your boat.

All boats must abide by the Environment Waikato Navigation Bylaws – this information is available on the Environment Waikato website - www.ew.govt.nz

CLUB BOAT

We are extremely proud of our Ski Nautique 200 tournament ski boat.

The boat is allocated for specific slalom training during the week, these being:

Wednesday Night Slalom 4:00pm till last skier or dark

Saturday Morning Junior Slalom Coaching Times on website

Any other time the boat is available to members by arrangement with the boat manager and an approved driver

The club boat is charged out according to the following ways:

Free Skiing – time related charge on the boat's hour meter

Slalom course at 49 km/hr and below per pass

Slalom course at 52km/hr and above per pass

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Club Boat Continued

Only approved drivers may drive the club boat. Please book with the club boat manager. Fees are payable to use the club boat through the following options:

- At time of use – cash or cheque
- Monthly Billing - if you wish to use this option, please organise this directly with the boat manager.

In the unfortunate event that damage should occur to the boat, or to any other piece of club equipment through negligence the user shall be responsible and become liable for the cost of any insurance excess and uninsured damage. Near Misses, Accidents and Damage must be reported to the Boat Manager in the same day it occurs.

CALENDER

Before summer, the committee will generate a calendar of KWSC events for the coming season. This is subject to change each season or sometimes during the season. Please check the notice board, newsletter and our website for the latest updates.

LAKE KARAPIRO BYLAWS

The lake is governed by the bylaws set by Environment Waikato and administered by the Waipa District Council. These can be viewed online at: <http://www.ew.govt.nz/Policy-and-plans/Navigation-safety-bylaw/Navigation-Safety-Bylaw-2009/>

Please read the full Waikato Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2013 to ensure you fully understand the requirements. You can request a copy on freephone 0800 800 401.

LAKE KARAPIRO ZONES

Karapiro is divided into 9 zones that enable specific parts of the lake to be booked by an event, thus restricting public access to these areas. A map of the lake zones affecting our club is on the last page of this document, the club's notice board, the website and the local navigation bylaw document.

Zone 3 - MAIN LAKE SKI LANE INFRONT OF CLUB

Orange and black posts at each boundary of the lake front indicate the designated Ski Lane – where a boat can access and exit the beach at a speed faster than 5 knots.

When looking out to the lake from the club;

- Take off point is on the right of the boat ramp.
- Drop off point is to the left of the boat ramp.

All boats must work in an anticlockwise direction and in accordance with the procedures set out by the committee and the local authority bylaws.

Do not park your boat to the left of the boat ramp (towards the Hydro Dam)

ZONE 2 - BACKWATER

This is a designated 5 knot 'No Water Sports Zone' No vessel must exceed this speed at any time. Zone 2 is out of bounds to Personal Water Craft (PWC)

ZONE 1: SLALOM COURSE

Zone 1, which extends beyond the backwater boom and contains the KWSC slalom course is leased property and for the use of club members and invited guests only. The following local bylaw is enforced by Environment Waikato for the KWSC Slalom course located in Zone 1 and other courses on Lake Karapiro;

Within these courses:

- a) No person may swim, dive or play within 50 metres of any slalom or jump course;
- b) No other vessel operating in these zones shall obstruct or impede any vessel or person engaged in towing activities related to the slalom or jump courses;
- c) Any vessel using the slalom or jump course shall operate as follows:
 - i. entry to the slalom or jump course on the first pass of a turn shall always be from the end of the course designated by the respective Club operating the course. Initial entry from the opposite end is prohibited;
 - ii. any vessel using the slalom or jump course shall traverse the course centre line on reciprocal return pathways;
 - iii. at any one time, apart from the boat using the course, the only other boat permitted in the course is a safety support vessel; and
- d) the speed provisions in clause 2.5 apply and in accordance with subclause 2.5.5(b)(ii) any vessel may exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of shore or within 50 metres of any structure.

Ref: Waikato Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2013

USE OF THE SLALOM COURSE – ZONE 1

Commercial use of the course is prohibited, other than that organised or approved by the Club Committee.

The only paid coaching permitted in the course shall be organised or prior approved by the Club Committee.

No coaching event is permitted after 4.30pm each week day, over the weekends or during public holidays, unless organised by the Club Committee.

Non-members are not permitted to ski on the course at any times unless they are a guest of a member and on a member's boat. Guests are encouraged to join the club if they wish to use the slalom course.

Please respect another skiers set and safety by staying well clear of the slalom course and keep any boat movements at a No Wake speed whilst a skier is in the course.

If other skiers are waiting to use the slalom course a Maximum of 6 passes must be completed within 12-15 minutes of the last skier.

When more than one boat wanting to use the course a boat by boat rotation applies unless otherwise agreed by all parties. Boats with few skiers are encouraged to let larger boat loads ski an extra skier on each boat rotation.

Any damaged or missing buoys are to be replaced. Spare buoys and other consumables are on the skier's dock.

If the boom of drums across the entrance is damaged or not in position please advise a committee member ASAP as this could become a safety issue.

Use of the slalom course cont.

Should the general public come into Zone 1 when you are skiing, they potentially have little or no understanding of the above bylaws or how to safely operate around the Slalom Course. Please make these people feel welcome as spectators and advise them local bylaws exist for Zone 1 and explain some critical safety practices whilst skiers are on the water e.g. only one boat in the course area, no wake speed at all times, underwater structure below the course and your intended boat path when towing a skier.

BOAT MOVEMENTS WITHIN THE SLALOM COURSE

Please respect the activity and safety other skiers who potentially are already in the course by idling along the right side from the drums to the corner where you can see up the slalom course. Idle around the corner keeping to the right hand side at a No Wake speed if you are proceeding to the floating dock to ski or cross the course south of the entry gates at idle if you are going to the viewing bank and beach. Do not follow another boat towing a skier into the course area. Towing boat, please communicate with any waiting boats of your last pass so they can proceed down the course once your set is complete.

LAKE CLOSURES

The club respects other lake users who may wish to book and close the lake for their own purposes. We have members who represent our rights regarding these closures and attempt to keep these to a minimum. The Events Calendar is available on the Waipa District Council website at the following link: <http://www.waipadc.govt.nz/District/Lake+Karapiro/Events.htm>

When there is a lake closure the following RULES OF THE DAY apply, these being:

General

Do not jump the fence to access the adjoining Domain or main spectator areas.
Do not attempt to bring your mates in for nothing.
(Financial members only - no guests).

When Zones 4, 5 and 6 are closed

Zone 3 is open. Please stay in Zone 3, which is the open water in-front of the club. The southern boundary is an imaginary line that extends from the KWSC Boat Jetty to approximately 40m north of the yellow and black rowing finish line marker on the East Bank (close to where the backwater entrance is). Please respect those involved in an event down the lake by ensuring your boat wake does not enter any event area or competition course. Our relationship with other lake users is critical to our ongoing existence.

When Zones 3, 4, 5 and 6 are closed:

No skiing or boat movements over 5 knots or a speed that generates wake is permitted in the open water in-front of the club (Zone 3).

You may however launch your boat between rowing / boat races and proceed to the backwater and slalom course (Zones 2 and 1) by staying close to (within 40m) the northern bank all the way to the backwater at up to 5 knots ensuring no wake.

Boats must stop at the entrance of the backwater and ensure that there is no race in progress before returning to our club by the same route as before. During Hydroplane races no boat is permitted in any part of Zone 3, including the club dock and beach.

Failure to adhere to the "RULES OF THE DAY" impact on KWSC in a negative way with other lake users and authorities and will result in reprimand including the membership of the person being cancelled.

LAKE LEVELS

Lake levels can change without notice and may vary up to 2.8 metres due to hydro operations. When lake levels are low, care must be taken at all times to keep a watch out when entering and exiting boat ramps and for semi-submerged hazards (especially trees and rock). For more information about the hydro lakes please see the following link:

<http://www.mightyriverpower.co.nz/Generation/LakeLevels/>

SKIING EQUIPMENT

The club maintains some skiing equipment that is available to members. Please treat this equipment with care and report any breakages. We recommend that you bring your own equipment as it is so much easier to learn and retain instruction on the equipment that you are familiar with.

KWSC membership often entitles you to a discount on Skiing related discounts. Check out the KWSC website for current discount structures.

COACHING

We are proud to have several resident coaches including Duncan Hancock and Michael Wortman. Duncan has been coaching national and international pro skiers for more than 15 years and also provides top of the line coaching for the amateur skiers of all ages. See the website for the coaching co-ordinators contact details.

SKI SCHOOLS

Within our own club we offer regular coaching sessions (check the calendar) as well as Saturday mornings for both beginners and our junior slalom development squad.

The Waikato Tournament Association and the New Zealand Tournament Waterski Association also offer excellent annual ski schools (check our calendar on the website).

SKI EVENTS

The Karapiro Club champs are hotly contested. This is a great fun event and we encourage all skiers (old and young) to give it ago.

The Waikato / BOP interclub slalom Series is a series of F grade slalom events (usually between 6 and 7 per season) specifically geared for the beginner and intermediate skier. Points are given on individual improvement at each event so it is well worth for all levels of slalom course skiers to take part. See our website for the calendar.

This is your chance to represent your club in a series of low key events designed to help you make the step from just fooling around to a seasoned competitor.

These events are rated “F” (fun) grade and skiers get two chances at their first run. However the competition is fierce. You will be skiing against yourself and seek to improve your score at each tour stop. The winner is the skier who improves the most through the season.

Many of New Zealand’s top competitors have risen through this series to become world ranked skiers. This series of events has grown so popular the tour has extended into the Bay Of Plenty region taking in stops as far away as Aniwhenua (Galatea).

COMPETITION SKIING

If you want to take you’re skiing into the limitless world of competition you will need to join the relevant body.

- Tournament Skiing: <http://www.nztwsa.co.nz/>
- Waikato Interclub: <http://www.skikarapiro.co.nz/> “Competitions” tab

For more information see the committee members responsible for Coaching and Tournaments.

CAMPING

This facility is only available to financial club members for a nightly charge (unless arranged by the committee).

Sleeping in the clubhouse is not permitted under any circumstances. Any person found sleeping in the clubhouse will have their membership immediately cancelled.

Please keep to the allocated camping lots, check with the camping co-ordinator (Grounds Manager).

Please book for Christmas as we can only accommodate a limited amount of people.

DOGS

The Lake Karapiro Domain is a “No Dogs” zone.

The committee has decided, that members may bring their dog(s) into the club grounds if they abide by the following rules :

- Dogs permitted during non-busy times
- Dogs with any history of aggression are not permitted at the club
- Dogs that misbehave and/or are a nuisance to other members need to be removed from the club grounds immediately
- Dogs are not permitted in the club house
- All poops is picked up immediately with plastic bags, which must be adequately sealed and disposed in the outside bins provided

Dogs cont.

The situation of dogs at the club will be closely monitored. Therefore, dog lovers please consider others and we can keep this rule in place for all to enjoy the club. If you have any concerns please raise these with the president.

SECURITY

If you are the last club member to leave please carry out the following checks:

- All windows and doors are securely locked
- All lights (except auto security lights) are switched off.
- Check that the boat shed is locked
- Close and Lock the club gate

Note that boats using our ski lane might not be members therefore do not assume the clubhouse should be left open. If in doubt, lock up.

ALCOHOL

Any person excessively consuming alcohol is prohibited from participating in skiing or boat operation. Please remember we are a family oriented club and for that reason we request you limit your alcohol consumption to a respectful level.

DISCIPLINE

As we are a group of like-minded individuals the committee is reluctant to call this guide a rule book. However the committee will rule upon blatant disobedience of the recommendations in this guide. A member may be expelled from the club should they be guilty of any miss-conduct which in the opinion of the committee is contrary to the interests of the club. All protests / issues must be presented in writing and relayed directly to the President within three days of the occurrence. The committee will consider the issues after which the offending member may be given notice to appear in front of the committee for the purpose of a hearing. The committee has the power to pass a resolution of expulsion should the offence be of such a dire nature as to warrant this course of action.

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