



Promotional Boat Guidelines AWSA Approved Tournament Towboats

1. Insurance Requirements

Insurance Requirements for all motorized boats (including towboats, personal watercraft, pontoons, barges or other motorized watercraft) used in connection with USA Water Ski sanctioned events. Only boats less than 58 feet in length may be used in connection with USA Water Ski sanctioned events.

Each boat owner shall provide and maintain, at the boat owner's expense, the following insurance for claims arising out of the use and operation of the owner's boat in connection with a USA Water Ski sanctioned event:

(i) Watercraft Liability insurance with limits of not less than \$500,000 each accident for bodily injury and property damage arising out of the use and operation of the boat (**see Note 1 below regarding an optional benefit for boat owners**). Said policy shall include the following parties as **Additional Insureds**: USA Water Ski, its sponsors, directors, employees, volunteers, members, clubs, associations, sport disciplines & divisions.

(ii) Watercraft Physical Damage insurance covering the boat, motor(s), trailer and any additional equipment (such as electronics) on an agreed value basis in the event of theft, loss or physical damage (**see Note 2 below**). The boat owner may elect to self-insure this exposure at the boat owner's sole risk and expense.

All such insurance required above shall be (1) primary to and non-contributory with any insurance maintained by USA Water Ski for losses arising out of use and operation of the boat in connection with a USA Water Ski sanctioned event; (2) shall be written by insurance companies with ratings of "A" or better in the latest edition of the A.M. Best key rating guide; and (3) shall provide that coverage may not be canceled unless thirty (30) days prior written notice thereof is furnished to USA Water Ski.

Certificate of Insurance

Prior to use of any motorized boat in connection with a USA Water Ski sanctioned event, the boat's owner **must** provide a Certificate of Insurance to the Club (or Local Organizing Committee) and USA Water Ski certifying that the appropriate insurance is in place and that the policy meets the insurance requirements as set forth above. Certificates should include the following:

Certificate Holder:

USA Water Ski, Inc.
1251 Holy Cow Road
Polk City, FL 33868-8200

Additional Insureds:

USA Water Ski, its sponsors, directors, employees, volunteers, members, clubs, associations, sport disciplines & divisions.

*****Note 1: Optional Benefit for Boat Owners who maintain higher limits of Watercraft Liability coverage*****

The minimum required limit of liability coverage for a boat to be used during a USA Water Ski sanctioned event is \$500,000. As an optional benefit, boat owners who maintain watercraft liability limits of at least \$1,000,000 (rather than the minimum required limit of \$500,000) will be eligible for additional \$2,000,000 in excess watercraft liability coverage through USA Water Ski's General Liability and Umbrella Liability policies while the owner's boat is being used during sanctioned events. The \$1,000,000 watercraft liability threshold may be satisfied by a boat owner's primary boat insurance policy or in combination with an umbrella/excess liability policy.

*****Note 2: Maximum Reimbursement in the Event of Theft, Loss or Damage during a USA Water Ski sanctioned event*****

In the event of theft, loss or damage to a boat, motor(s), trailer and any related equipment during a USA Water Ski sanctioned event, the boat owner may submit a request to the USA Water Ski club (or local organizing committee) for reimbursement of up to \$500 for the deductible under the owner's policy, the actual cost of repair or replacement, whichever is less, subject to a total maximum reimbursement of \$500. Amounts in excess of the maximum reimbursement are the responsibility of the boat's owner. [Note: The following are not eligible for reimbursement as damages: Cleaning Costs, Normal Wear and Tear, Gradual Deterioration, Marine Life, Vermin, Insects, Marring and Denting, Osmosis, Blistering, Manufactures Defects, Mold, Ice and Freezing, etc.]

2. Damage

- A club or LOC (local organizing committee) is responsible for any damage to a towboat from the time it is delivered to the tournament site for use until it is returned to the promotional owner or his agent. In the event a towboat sustains damage at an event, a club (local organizing committee) is responsible for reimbursement to a promotional towboat owner of either his deductible or for the repair costs up to a maximum of \$500. Cleaning costs are not considered damage. Failure to pay damages when appropriate may result in loss of sanction for this tournament and future tournaments.
- At tournaments which the club (local organizing committee) does not select the drivers for their tournament (i.e. Team Trials, Regionals, Nationals) the financial responsibility for reimbursement of insurance deductible or repair costs shall be shared equally among the club (local organizing committee) and the organization responsible for selecting drivers for the event.
- The USA Water Ski Towboat Liability Insurance and Property Damage Report form is enclosed in tournament packets and should be completed for each promotional towboat at a USA Water Ski sanctioned event.

3. Towboats Used In Practice

- Promotional towboats are not to be used other than to tow competitors at sanctioned tournaments and events. Arrangements between towboat owners and sponsors are accepted. While a tournament sponsor may offer paid ski practice, it is not a part of the USA Water Ski sanctioned tournament, and therefore the sponsor is responsible for supplying boats used in practice.
- The sponsor may make arrangements with a promotional boat owner to supply his boat for practice.

4. Towboat Use - Model Year

- AWSA Nationals, AWSA Regionals, and Record Capability (Class E,L,R) tournaments may use a current year or previous year USA-WS Approved Towboat.
- Class C and lower tournaments may use current year and three years prior USA-WS Approved Towboats.

5. Towboat Equipment/Speed Control

- Towboats used in AWSA sanctioned tournaments must be included in the Approved Tournament List.
- Towboats must be provided with one of the approved engine/propeller combinations.
- Speed control should be the current approved software version
- Jump switch should be supplied with towboat
- Trick release is not a promotional boat owner's responsibility. It is skier supplied equipment.

6. "High Horsepower 35 MPH Jump Specific Towboats" 6 Liter/plus engines)

- For AWSA Regional and National Championship tournaments each qualifying towboat manufacturer may provide one "high horsepower 35 mph jump specific towboat". The 35 mph jump events in those tournaments shall be divided among those manufacturers providing a "high horsepower 35 mph jump specific towboat". If no high horsepower boats are available the 35 mph jump events shall be included in the random draw by all manufacturers. At the discretion of the Chief Driver and Chief Judge a high horsepower boat may be used to pull other jump events.