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Holiday Edition:
December 2019

Message from the Board

by Susan Schmidt, 2019 BAWSC Member

Stay Tuned for *New 2020 Events Calendar* Coming Soon to you!

I feel so Fortunate to be a part of BAWSC!

Waterskiing was my favorite sport when I was a kid. I tried snow skiing and didn't like it as I did not like being cold and found the ski boots to be very uncomfortable and the skis to be too long. It was nothing like waterskiing! However, after graduating from high school, I was convinced to try snow skiing again and started to like it more as the skis were much shorter, and a good friend helped me learn to stop without crashing or falling.

Now that winter is here, I'm very sad as I will miss water sports which I still prefer over winter sports since I'm not a fan of cold weather! On the flip side, I do enjoy snow skiing a lot now as the newer equipment is much easier to use and my other half (Karl) is lots of fun to ski with.

Well . . . back to talking about watersports. Once I grew up, I no longer had access to a boat. From the age of 15 to the age of 29, I had only one opportunity to waterski. Fortunately, moving to California allowed me to waterski two to three times a year. I took up every chance I could, waterskiing behind any boat that would pull me and in any conditions. When I reached my 40's I finally started waterskiing and wake boarding almost every weekend for about ten years. Eventually becoming friends with BAWSC member, Lou De Propris, he would forward me the club announcements about the Annual Season Opener. After five years of receiving these emails from Lou, I finally attended the Season Opener! Btw, he gets the award for the most tenacious person I know. During the event, I waterskied that afternoon and was so excited to join the club. Unfortunately, as fate would present itself, I broke my ankle on my second run and was not able to waterski the rest of the summer.

New 2020 Calendar Coming Soon!

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Message from Board (con't)

By Susan Schmidt, 2019 BAWSC Board Member

Being a part of the club and an active contributor, I've made many great friends in the club and now know many boat owners. I was also very lucky to venture on the club houseboat weekends when we had members who owned houseboats. These weekend getaways gave me the chance to really get to know my houseboat mates, continuing those friendships outside of club events. Another benefit I love are the **Message Boards** where boat owners boat posts **"Looking for a Crew".** For those of us without boats, we can request **"Looking for a Pull".** Now that I'm retired, I've had many opportunities to waterski with club members who have boats and also enjoy waterskiing on the weekdays.

Wanting to become more involved with the club, I joined the **Board of Directors** several years ago. It gives me the chance to share my opinions in club matters. I hope other members will consider joining the board as it allows you to see what goes on behind the scenes and have a voice in the future of club activities and operations.

All in all, joining this club has given me the opportunity to meet others who share my love for my favorite sport. I've also improved my waterskiing skills because I have so many great instructors.

At my age, my goal is to have fun and enjoy life.
. . . and waterskiing has been
a large part in fulfilling that goal!

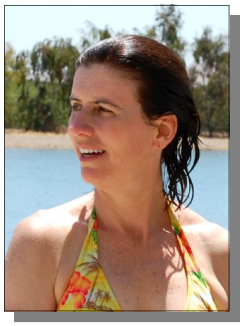
Susan Schmidt, 2020 BAWSC Board Member

2019 Officers and Directors

Elected Officers

Karl Smith
President

Larry Ligon
Vice President



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Membership Chair

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Mark Frazier

Susan Schmidt

Tracy Fallon
New Board Member

Special Committees:

Flat Water Times Editor:	**Lynette Wong**
Webmaster:	**Chris Feduniw**

Past Event

Saturday, December 14!

Annual BAWSC Holiday Party!

The annual **BAWSC Holiday party** at the beautiful home of Chris and Indie Feduniw was well attended by our members and their guests sporting dressy attire!

Lovely couple, **Indie and Chris** showing their best holiday smile!

"Oh, Christmas Tree, Oh, Christmas Tree . . . "

Hostess Susan: "Come on, Karl, let's welcome the guests."

Host Karl: "Yes, dear."

Past Event

Saturday, December 14!

From left to right: **Jan Baxter, Kathy Frazier and Jerry Baxter** ,
"Now this is what you call a goooooood spread!"

Sandi Belanger and Alfie Gilbert share
a "holiday sweet nothings" moment.

Members and guests enjoyed a scrumptous meal of appetizers, stuffed turkey breast, spiral ham, creamed spinach, Asian salad, corn pudding, scalloped potatoes, apple pie, pumpkin pie and non-alcoholic beverages.

Past Event

Saturday, December 14!

"Party Girls", Indie and Karryl get their laughs on at the start of the holiday gathering.

Marji McGinnes ready to ring in 2020!

Jan and Jerry Baxter looking forward to a new year!

Past Event

Saturday, December 14!

”**Craig,** no jokin’ around this time,” gasps his wife, **Grace!**

Cynthis Atherton and hubby, Paul Wesolowski stoppin’ by to wish everyone a happy and peaceful holiday season.

Wow, look at how jovial **Mark Frazier** looks with his lovely wife, **Kathy.**

Past Event

Saturday, December 14!

"Leave it to the **ladies , Indie, Sandi and Gwen** to compare rings. When, if ever, do we see the dudes checking out each others' bands?"

"Ta dum, look at me now. I'm ready for Broadway," exclaims **new member, Joanne Noce!**

Boat owner, **Eric Johnson,** dressed in his holiday duds.

There **is** a "happily ever after" as shown by **Gwen Cauthren and Larry Ligon**!

Other Events

California State Boater's Card Class (not associated with BAWSC)

By Larry Ligon, 2019 BAWSC Vice President

(Ages 13+ yrs.)

This information-packed classroom session focuses on California boating laws and safe power boating guidelines. Students will take an open book test at the end of the classroom session, which will fulfill the requirements for the CA Boaters Card application process.

You will receive help navigating through the online application process.

For more information: 925-392-4575

Tidbits

Safety Comes First!

By Debbie DeSousa

Safety Reminder

1. **Skiing:** Never ski without a 3rd. Never!

2. **Ski:** Do not leave your ski on the swim platform. This can result in your ski being run over by another boat. Your ski will get chopped up and you might get a big bill for the other boat.

3. **Vest:** As of 2001 anyone being pulled by a boat must wear Coast Guard-approved flotation devise. *Check the print on the inside of your ski vest* to see if your vest is approved.

Failure to wear a proper vest can result in the boat owner being fined by the Coast Guard.

4. **Ski Rope:** Remember to use a shock tube (goes over your rope). This tube will *prevent a rope from snapping back (like a rubber band)* and hitting the boat driver or passenger in the head. *A ski handle can knock your teeth out, wrap around your neck or worse!*

Always be safe!

THINK SAFE
ACT SAFE
BE SAFE

Tidbits

How to Use our BAWSC Page on Facebook

By Debbie DeSousa

We converted our Facebook page to a Group so everyone can have fun posting photos of events and use it as another communications tool. It's also open to the public so they can see our fun photos. We hope this will attract new members. (**Note:** Only approved members can post on our group page). If anyone makes a post that is not ski-related then the admin can remove them.

This is how you can post to our Facebook page.

1. Open a personal Facebook account.

2. Go to Facebook.com groups Bay Area Waterski Club
https://www.facebook.com/groups/717319205056101/

To find our group, type Bay Area Waterski Club on the search line (see top of your personal Facebook page). When you find our group then **"Join"** this group (admin must approve you, it might take a few days).

3. Now you c**an have fun posting event photos, events, boats & equipment for sale, etc.**

4. If you have a smart phone you can send photos from your phone directly to Facebook. Because there are many phones I cannot tell you how to use your phone here.

5. To post on our Facebook group see **top of the Facebook page** see where it says "Write Something." This is where you type your message. Above it you will see the button for photos/videos and events. The main thing to remember is you will have two accounts:

1. Your personal Facebook account and

2. You will also have an account with our BAWSC Group.

When you post on our BAWSC group page it will appear on **your** personal Facebook wall (**Note:** your friends will **not** see these post). If you want to share any of these posts with family or friends, click "Like" (see below each post). When you click "Like," the post will appear on **all** your friends' personal Facebook page. If you click "Share" you can select **one** person to send the post to (instead of **all** your friends).

This is a great tool for sharing and for finding new members!

New BAWSC Sponsor - Badal's H20 Ski Center

By Larry Ligon

Badal's H2O Ski Center
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e-mail skibadal@aol.com

Greg Badal, our annual Slalom Ski Clinic coach, has graciously agreed to join us as a BAWSC sponsor.

BAWSC members will get a 20% discount on the complete **HO Sports** family of water sports products, ranging from slalom skis (Syndicate), boots, gloves and **Accurate** brand handles/ropes to **Hyperlite** wakeboards.

The discount also applies to **Eagle Sports** wetsuits, ski vests and super-flexible neoprene heater shirts. Or, if you are in the market for a ski or wakeboard boat, Greg sells **Master Craft** boats.

Check out www.eaglesports.com and email Greg if you're interested in purchasing any of the items!

Greg, as a nationally top ranked skier, record holder and coach can provide club members *unmatched expertise* on the selection and demo (*on his private lake*) of slalom skis & accessories for your individual needs.

Contact Greg:
925-997-9914
email: skibadal@aol.com

Ad: Seeking: BAWSC flickr Photo Editor
* Collect/Organize BAWSC Pics *

Seeking BAWSC flickr Photo Editor
For more information, contact: Lynette Wong, lynette.wong25@gmail.com

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Download photos from facebook keeping date and notes from originator.

- Collect photos directly from people and have them send the photos via email in a compressed format that is common.

- After downloading photos, post to flickr

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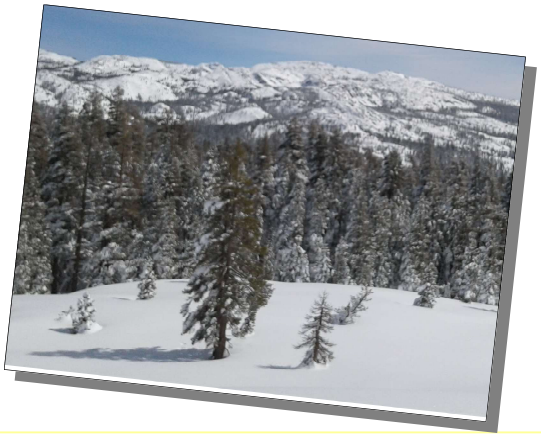

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Blowing Out the Candles in . . .

Wishing all a very

Larry Ligon, 12/12

Chris Feduniw, 12/15

Kathy Brewington, 12/19

Kate Brown, 12/20

Keith Epstein, 12/21

Mindy Stone, 12/27

Tom Sorri, 12/31

BAWSC On-line Membership Application

By Larry Ligon

*If you need help you may click on "**Help/FAQ**, **How To's**, **Member/Non-member Subscription & Forms**" in the lower left hand corner of the navigation bar on the Web site's Home Page or don't hesitate to contact our membership chair **Gwen Cauthren at 707-322-1157 or e-mail** at gwen_cauthren@sbcglobal.net or our webmaster **Chris Feduniw at 925-413-3421** for assistance.*

-The **BAWSC website** address is: **www.bawsc.org**

-Your **user-id** for the website is always your e-mail address.

Step 1. Create or reset your password:

A) Go to the new website **www.bawsc.org** & click on the "**Forgot Password**" link in the upper right hand corner of the home page and enter your e-mail address in the "**e-mail** (user-id)" field and then the six digit anti -spam characters into the "**code**" field and finally click on the "**Submit**" button which will then send an e-mail to that address with a link to create or reset your password.

B) Open the e-mail and click on the e-mail link and enter & confirm your chosen password then click "**Submit**".

(Note: The first time you actually log into the new site you will be asked by Wild Apricot to accept their use policy.)

Step 2. Initiate your new-member on-line application:

Note: BAWSC offers members the option to include one significant other as a co-member under one membership fee called a "Membership Bundle". Dependents under 12 years of age can also be added to your membership at no additional cost. Dependents aged 12-18 can be added to your membership for a small additional fee each year. Children over 18 and not living at home will have their own unique membership.*

A) Click on the "**Become A BAWSC Member** (New member application Only)" link found in the left hand navigation bar on the web site home page **www.bawsc.org**.

B) Fill-out the requested information for yourself
Note: If you will be adding a co-member/membership bundle to your account you will do this after you initiate the membership application and your account has been activated. *

C) Make sure you click on the "I ACCEPT I HAVE READ THE WAIVER AND RELEASE" link to read the club waiver and then click on the check box to accept.

D) If you will be adding dependents to your account beyond a single co-member, you will enter them in the "Additional Information" area of the Membership form. For each dependent you have between 12 to 18 please check the box for each person. If you have any dependents under 12 you want to associate with your membership enter the total number of children under 12 in the "Number of Children Under 12" field.

E) If you are a **boat owner**, please enter in the information requested for your boat and **send proof of insurance** as requested on the form to the Membership Chair**.**

F) Enter what water-sports you and your dependents participate in.

G) Click "**Next**" to review your completed membership form and Total Membership Fees that will be owed.

H) If everything looks correct, click on the "**Confirm and Proceed with Payment**" button to initiate your registration. *This step will automatically send a confirmation e-mail titled "Membership initiated at Bay Area Water Ski Club" to you.*

I) Check your e-mail for that confirmation that your account has been successfully initiated and an invoice with instructions how to submit your membership dues payment.

Step 3. Send your membership dues to the Membership Chair (*payable to BAWSC*):

To: BAWSC
c/o Gwen Cauthren
4835 Cottsberry Ct.
Santa Rosa, Ca. 95405

Step 4. **Complete your membership application/setup** (*ONLY after receipt of dues payment*):

Once your membership dues have been received, you will get an e-mail confirmation from the BAWSC Membership Chair verifying your account is active, at which time you can then complete your membership application & setup by choosing your ***privacy*** *and* ***e-mail subscriptions*** *an well as set-up yourself as a Bundle Administrator to* ***add a co-member*** *to your account bundle.*

A) Log onto the web site with your e-mail (user-id) and password. **www.bawsc.org**

B) Click "**View Profile**" in the upper right hand corner of the home page.

C) Click "**Edit profile**"

D) Review and modify your **privacy settings,** click "**Privacy"** and edit any field you don't want visi ble to other BAWSC members and then click "**Save".**

E) **To insure you are subscribed** to receive e-mail notifications from the ***forum based message boards*** when someone posts they are looking for a pull, crew, etc.

a) Click on "**Members Only Content**" link found on the left hand navigation bar
b) Click on "**Member Forums**"

c) In the **Message Board** forums' section, individually click on each forum you want to re ceive e-mail (e.g. –"Looking for a Car Pool, Crew or a Pull") *and individually* click on each forum's "**Subscribe to Forum"** link.

d) Then go back to the **Home Page** and click on "**View Profile"** again, click "**Edit pro file"** and click "**e-mail subscriptions"** and adjust how you want to receive e-mails; *immediately, daily or weekly* when someone posts to the forum. The default is daily. **CLICK "Save"** at the very bottom of the "**Edit Profile**" page and you are done.

F) **Setup a Co-Member Bundle***

Each paid member is allowed to add a spouse/ significant other to their account as a "Bundled" co-member. The following steps can be performed to add another person to your account once your membership fee has been received and your account has been activated by the Membership Chair.

a) Log into the web site with your e-mail (user-id) and password. **www.bawsc.org**

b) Click on the "**View Profile**" button found in the upper right hand corner of the home page
c) In the "My profile" screen scroll down to the "Bundle summary" section and then click "**Add member**"

d) You will then be presented with the membership application page where you will then fill out the form on behalf of your co-member.

e) Click "**SAVE**" and the co-member will be added to your account and they will receive their user-id (their e-mail address) and password setup link at the e-mail address you entered on the form. You will become the "Bundle Administrator*" for your bundled co-member.

CONGRATULATIONS, YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR BAWSC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND SETUP. We look forward to you joining us at BAWSC Events.

Note: If you receive an error message when clicking "SAVE" that states "This e-mail is already in use" you will then need to contact the BAWSC Membership Chair listed on the Contacts Page to manually associate that e-mail address with your account as Wild Apricot currently does not allow a member to add an existing Contact or Member to their bundle themselves. A member can only add a new Contact or new Member to their account themselves.

**The way Wild Apricot handles multiple people under one membership is called a Membership Bundle. A membership bundle is a group of members who are linked together and managed by one of their members – the bundle administrator. Bundle members share the same renewal date, status, and membership level. You can learn more about bundles including a short, how-to video at: http://help.wildapricot.com/display/DOC/Membership+bundles*