

# Bay Area Waterski Club

# Flat Water Times



January/February 2024

## Message from the Board

by Gwen Cauthren, 2024 Membership Chair



## Welcome to the 2024 BAWSC Watersports Season!

In January, the **eleven members of the BAWSC Board of Directors** worked on the calendar of events for 2024. With a tentative BAWSC calendar of events ready to go, the Board is eager to kick off the 2024 season since we have **an exciting mix of activities on and off the water**. We have **ten watersports days scheduled** with **five on weekdays**, and **five on weekends** (on Saturday or Sunday). Please *see the calendar* in this issue or view it on the website. Also, **Jerry Baxter** had graciously **volunteered his beautiful home in Copperopolis** for two weekend events, one in **February** and another at the **end of September!** Make sure to mark those dates on your calendar.



Last year's theme for the club was **"Growth"** during which we grew to 52 memberships. I'd like to **keep that theme going forward in 2024**. We can all do that by **wearing club logo apparel, telling family and friends about BAWSC and its activities, and invite them to attend an event**. We have **club patches, business cards, and a club brochure** that can be easily printed off the website to distribute.

**To all boat owners:** If you have ever had trouble finding a third to join you for a day on the water, this club is ideal for meeting people that are passionate

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## Message from the Board (con't)

By Gwen Cauthren, 2024 Membership Chair

Delta Tunnels Update:  
[savethedelta.org](http://savethedelta.org)

about watersports. The **main mission of the club** is **connecting boat owners with non-boat owners**. It works so well in our club that one of our non-boat owner members, **Joanne Noce** said she **skied 17 times last summer**. She is the “queen” of networking!

*As a boat owner, if you want to know more about the BAWSC, please contact any board member, we would be happy to fill you in on the details.*



**Gwen Cauthren**  
*Membership Chair*

# 2024 Officers and Directors



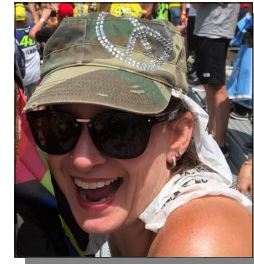
## Elected Officers



**Larry Ligon**  
*Vice President*



**Kristin Thornquist**  
*Treasurer*

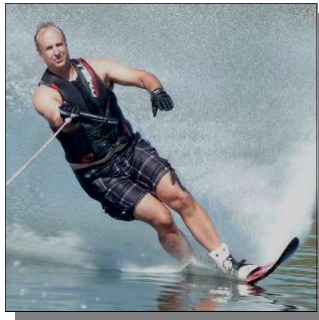


**Monica Fitzgerald**  
*New Secretary*

## Board Members



**Gwen Cauthren**  
*Membership Chair*



**Chris Feduniw**  
*Webmaster*



**Jerry Baxter**



**Darcy Murray**



**Karl Smith**



**Keith Epstein**  
*New Board Member*



**Eric Johnson**



**Susan Schmidt**



**Lynette Wong**  
*Newsletter Editor*

## Special Committees:

*Flat Water Times Editor:* Lynette Wong

*Webmaster:* Chris Feduniw



## Past Events

### ***Watersports Day, September 15, 2023***

By Gwen Cauthren, Membership Chair

#### **September 15 Watersports Day - Another Smashing Success!**

This is the third year Larry and I have chaired this event in mid-September; this year it was **Friday, September 15, 2023**. We again based this event out of Discovery Bay Marina. This worked out well since we had **two boats** that **live in Discovery Bay**, **Larry Ligon's** and **Mark Kutchi**.

By 9:30 am that Friday, all three boats with 12 skiers headed for Victoria sloughs. We were lucky to have great weather; however, it does take some time for it to warm up at this time of year.

**Water conditions in Victoria** turned out to be **spectacular with flat water** and **No other boats to disturb our skiing**. Under those superb, **glassy conditions**, it appeared the participants all got plenty of skiing. We met up at Union Point for lunch and some socializing before we headed back out for the afternoon.

**Mark Kutchi** with surprise in the sky!



**Stephanie Handler**, Great Stance.



**Dianne Rust** carving a turn.



## **Past Events**

### ***Watersports Day, September 15, 2023 (con't)***

By Gwen Cauthren, Membership Chair



**Mark Kutchi, Stephanie Handler, Karl Smith and Adam Wegel during lunch at Union Point.**

Feedback about the event from the all skiers and boat owners was stellar and suggested that we should hold more weekday events in the future.



**Marji McGinnes saying hi at lunchtime.**

## Past Events

### *Watersports Day, September 15, 2023 (con't)*

By Gwen Cauthren, Membership Chair



*Dave, Gwen, Tracy, and Eric catching up during lunch.*

With *special thanks* to *Mark Kutchi, Eric Johnson, and Larry Ligon* for volunteering to bring their boats on that Friday. Also, *thanks* go out to the *backup drivers, Karl Smith, Tracy Fallon* and *Gwen Cauthren* who provided boat owners with opportunities to ski.



**Gwen Cauthren**  
*Membership Chair*



## Tidbits

### **Ordering your BAWSC T-shirts!**

By Debbie De Sousa, 2023 BAWSC President



### *How to order BAWSC Logo T-shirts:*

1. **Make your own BAWSC Logo T-shirts** by going to **www.bawsc.org**
  - Click on "Get Club Apparel & Gear" (far right link on top navigation bar)
  - Click on BAWSC Gear Order Instructions.docx
  - Click on the do-it-yourself link, [www.zazzle.com](http://www.zazzle.com)
  - \* Follow the instructions for applying the logo on the shirt

2. **Order BAWSC Logo Heat Transfers** that can be ironed on any fabric.

**Cost: \$5.00 plus shipping two logo transfers**  
5.5" x 5.5" for the front.

7.5" x 9.75" for the back

*To order, contact Debbie DeSousa at 925-672-9598 or email her at [barterbucks1@yahoo.com](mailto:barterbucks1@yahoo.com)*

3. **Have Debbie DeSousa make your T-shirt**

**Cost: \$20.00 plus shipping shirt with logo**

*To order, contact Debbie DeSousa at 925-672-9598 or email her at [barterbucks1@yahoo.com](mailto:barterbucks1@yahoo.com)*

## Tidbits

### *BAWSC on Instagram!*

By Monica Fitzgerald, Secretary/Board Member



Instagram

We are pleased to announce:

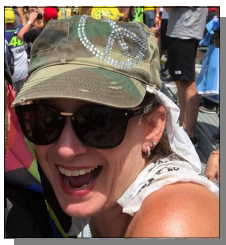
*BAWSC has a new Instagram Page!*

The site is still in its beginning stage, so it's a little bare.  
We'll keep updating this page as more events take place.

Summer is inching its way and is sure to be a splash of fun.  
So spending the day on the water with great people and looking at  
the entertaining pics on our new Instagram page will help capture  
the essence of BAWSC.

[Check it out and Click to Follow Us. Stay tuned for more!](#)

See ya on the water!



**Monica Fitzgerald**  
*New Secretary*



## Tidbits

### **BAWSC Covid-19 Safety Protocol** (updated 2/1/23)

By Chris Feduniw, Webmaster/Board Member



In an effort to keep all BAWSC members and guests safe and to align the club policies with current County Public Health Department recommendations to minimize the spread of Covid-19, *all event participants attending club-sponsored Calendar Events in 2024 are required to be fully vaccinated with a booster shot or show proof (picture) of a negative Antigen Home Test kit result the day of the event if not fully vaccinated.*



**Members:** Please **update your profile** on the **club website** to **record your vaccination status.**

**All event participants** regardless of vaccination status are strongly *encouraged to take an Antigen Home Test ideally the morning of an event, or at a minimum, the night before an event to validate they are currently Covid-19 negative.*

Most insurance providers will cover 100% of the cost to obtain eight home test kits per month from your local pharmacy.

**Please note:** several boat owners may request only participants who can show proof of a negative test that day to be assigned to their boats. You may be asked to be placed on one of these boats.



Please *be prepared to show a picture of your negative test strip if requested by a boat owner that day.*

## Tidbits

### **Update: Delta Tunnels**

By Chris Feduniw, Webmaster/Board Member

BAWSC Contacts:

The Board of Directors would like to inform you that the **Department of Water Resources** released its **Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)** in late July 2022 for the Delta Conveyance Project (tunnels). Documents for federal review of the project will be provided later this fall.

**This plan will directly impact the Delta where we hold most of our club events.**



We encourage you to **stay informed of the project and take any action you feel is appropriate.** *A good resource to stay informed that has links to the various groups, letter templates and contact information for government officials is <https://www.restorethedelta.org/>*

Please **stay informed and reach out to your government representatives** with your opinion about this project while they are collecting public opinion.

Thank you,  
BAWSC Board of Directors



## Tidbits

### **Ski Tips: Online Coaching Videos**

Brought to you by Chris Feduniw, BAWSC Webmaster/Board Member

Hey Skiers,

As a reminder, we have a *members-only forum with links to skier tips and training videos.*

*Check out:* <https://www.bawsc.org/water-sport-resources> which can help you improve your skiing and also provide you with opportunities to [get in-person and video coaching](#). You also get to see how the pros execute great form!



*Please add content to the forum* if you have found resources that have helped you improve your watersport of choice e.g. water skiing/wakeboard/wakesurfing, etc.

# Tidbits

## Exciting Changes to the Website

By Chris Feduniw, BAWSC Webmaster/Board Member

Over the past several months our website vendor **Personify Wild Apricot**

has introduced **several new functions and features** that the Bay Area Waterski club (BAWSC) has decided to take advantage of and we have recently **redesigned and upgraded the clubs website** [www.bawsc.org](http://www.bawsc.org) to a new look and feel so please check it out.



### Key Changes that have been made:



**Entire Site** is now **mobile friendly** meaning you can now easily fill out forms and read content on any device as it will **scale automatically**

- o **Note:** On cell your phone, the menus are under the hamburger bars on the left and you log-in by clicking the right icon on top of the page

**Clicking the “Add to my calendar” button** on a cell phone and then clicking on the .ics file link pop-up will allow you to easily add the event to your personal calendar on your phone.

**Menu Bar** has **moved to the top of the page** and **content has been consolidated under fewer menu items** and sorted in alphabetical order making it easier to find things

**Menu Bars and Sub-menu's/Content** changes when you log into the site e.g. member-only content menu bars and content show up once you log into the system. **board members see more than members and members see more than non-members.** However, everything is all under the same top menu bar e.g. all documents are under documents the list just increases what you see based on your log-in credentials

**All Main pages and Sub-pages** have a friendly URL e.g. [bawsc.org/calendar](http://bawsc.org/calendar) or [bawsc.org/newsletter](http://bawsc.org/newsletter) or [bawsc.org/documents](http://bawsc.org/documents), etc. so if you want to get to something quickly you can just enter in the full URL

**Every Page** has a **bread crumb trail** so you know exactly where in the site you are at and can move up the bread crumb trail to any level you want

**A Site Map** <https://www.bawsc.org/Site-Map/> has been created that list every page and document available on the site that you can **directly click the link to reach that page**

**A Search Bar** has been added that will allow you to search for anything in the site to easily find it **without having to know what page it is on** e.g. enter “reimbursement request” in the search bar and it will immediately return the clubs Reimbursement Request Form

*If you discover any issues or have suggestions how the site could further be improved, please provide your feedback at: <https://www.bawsc.org/feedback> or send an email to [bawsc.webmaster@gmail.com](mailto:bawsc.webmaster@gmail.com)*



## Tidbits

### Attention BAWSC Club-Certified Boat Driver

By Chris Feduniw, BAWSC Webmaster/Board Member

Updated 03/2022



This year the Bay Area Water-Ski Club Board of Directors will require that anyone driving a boat at a club event must not only be a club-certified driver but also **have a California Boater Card License Number registered with the club in your membership profile** or **provide proof of age that you are over the current age restriction which is currently**

⇒ 2022: Individuals who are 45 years old or younger

⇒ **2023 Individuals who are 50 years old or younger**

**Information on how to obtain a California Boater Card** including options for how to complete the course are available at: <https://californiaboatercard.com/>

Several members of the club of attended the Coast Guard Auxillary Course <http://www.cgaux.org/boating/classes/2011/abs.php> found the instructors to be very good and a good use of time as they **guarantee you will pass the course and get your card.**

Others have taken the **free on-line course offered by BoatUS** <http://www.boatus.org/california/> that lets you take the course at your own pace through multiple sessions if needed.

**Once you have your California Boaters Card, please go the club website and update your membership profile** <https://www.bawsc.org/Sys/Profile> to include your card number. **If you are old enough to not require a card, please send proof of age to our Membership Chair Gwen Cauthren.**

**Note: Anyone who does not have a card number on file in the website or has not provided proof of age for an exception by 5/31/2021 will not be able to drive at club events until you have met the criteria.**

# Tidbits

## **Safety Comes First!**

By Debbie DeSousa, 2023 BAWSC President



## 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, 2023 BAWSC President



facebook

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

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 can 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).



*Blowing Out the Candles in*



Wishing all a very

*David Victor, 1/6*

*Annette Orejuela, 1/9*



*Robert Lohse, 1/15*

*Gwen Cauthren, 1/31*

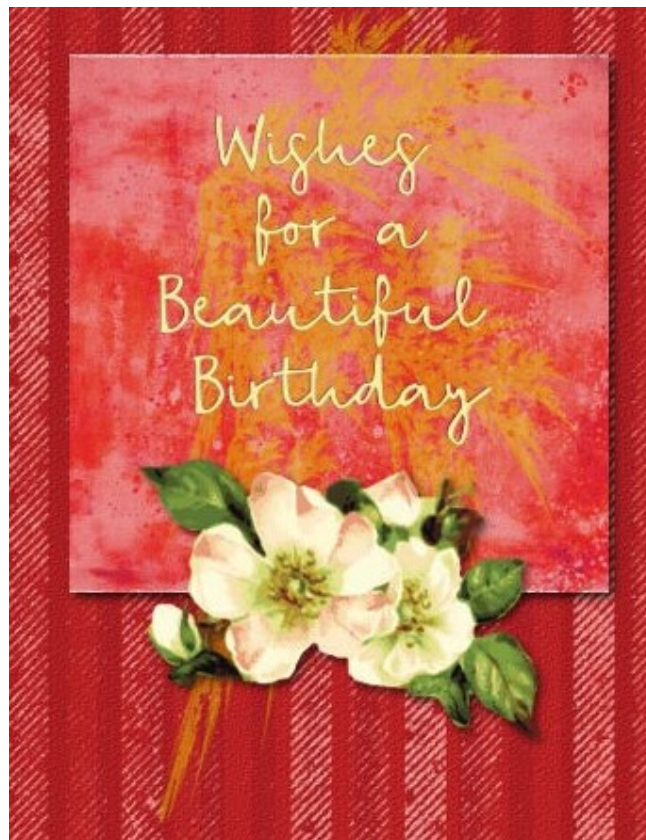
*Blowing Out the Candles in*



Wishing all a very *Happy Birthday*

*Mark Kutchi, 2/15*

*Pamela Epstein, 2/19*



*Deba Christensen, 2/20*

## BAWSC 2024 Event Calendar of Events

Start date	End date	Event title	Event location	Event Chair	Co-Chair
Fri, 2/23	Sun, 2/25	Winter Sports Weekend in Copperopolis	Casa Copperopolis	Jerry Baxter	Janice Baxter
Sat, 4/13	Sat, 4/13	BAWSC Day Hike & Picnic	Almaden Quick Silver Park - South San Jose	Chris Feduniw	n/a
Sat, 5/11	Sat, 5/11	BAWSC Spring Social/ Season Opener & General Meeting	Susan & Karl's House, Livermore	Susan Schmidt	Karl Smith
Fri, 5/31	Fri, 5/31	Boat Driver & Crew Clinic	Ligon Home Disco Bay	Larry Ligon	Gwen Cauthren
Fri, 6/14	Fri, 6/14	BAWSC Water-Sports Day	Delta - TDB	Darcy Murray	Keith Epstein
Sat, 6/29	Sat, 6/29	BAWSC Water-Ski Skills Building	Holland Riverside Marina	Chris Feduniw	Paul Wesolowski
Sat, 7/13	Sat, 7/13	BAWSC Water-Sports Day	Orwood Marina	Lynette Wong	Kristin Thornquist
Mon, 7/22	Mon, 7/22	BAWSC Water-Sports Day	Orwood Marina	Debbie DeSousa	Eric Johnson
Sun, 8/4	Sun, 8/4	BAWSC Water-Sports Day	Orwood Marina	Karl Smith	Susan Schmidt
Wed, 8/14	Wed, 8/14	BAWSC Water-Sports Day	Orwood Marina	Debbie DeSousa	Eric Johnson
Fri, 8/23	Sun, 8/25	Calif ProAm Slalom Ski Tournament	Short Line Ski Lake, Elk Grove, California	Larry Ligon	Gwen Cauthren
Fri, 8/23	Fri, 8/23	BAWSC Water-Sports Day	Orwood Marina	Lynette Wong	Marji McGinnes
Fri, 9/13	Fri, 9/13	BAWSC Water-Sports Day	Discovery Bay Marina	Larry Ligon	Gwen Cauthren
Fri, 9/20	Sun, 9/22	Water Sports Weekend in Copperopolis	Casa Copperopolis	Jerry Baxter	Jan Baxter
Sun, 9/29	Sun, 9/29	BAWSC Water-Sports Day	Dellta - TBD	Jerry Baxter	Monica Fitzgerald
Sat, 10/5	Sat, 10/5	BAWSC Water-Sports Day	Holland Riverside Marina	Chris Feduniw	Paul Wesolowski
Sat, 12/14	Sat, 12/14	BAWSC Holiday Party and Club Updates	Feduniw Home	TBD	TBD





## **BAWSC On-line Membership Application**

By Larry Ligon, Vice President

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](mailto:gwen_cauthren@sbcglobal.net) or our webmaster **Chris Feduniw** at 925-413-3421 for assistance.

-The **BAWSC** website address is: [www.bawsc.org](http://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](http://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](http://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.

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By Larry Ligon, Vice President

- 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** as 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](http://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 visible 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](#)”



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By Larry Ligon, Vice President

c) In the **Message Board** forums' section, individually click on each forum you want to receive 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 profile**” 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](http://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>*