

THE TEAM

The Operator: knows towing signals and:

- Checks the path ahead for obstacles
- Does not accelerate until the skier signals “hit it”
- Does not attempt sharp turns, unless it’s an emergency
- Maintains a proper lookout
- Stays clear of anglers, swimmers, other vessels
- Judges the speed for the ability of the skier, the conditions and the limitations of the towed device
- Never backs the boat toward a person in the water
- Gives the boat and skier plenty of room; avoid congested areas where there is higher risk of collision

The Skier: knows towing signals and:

- Stay alert for swimmers, rafters, submerged objects or anything else between you and the boat
- Wear a Coast Guard-Approved personal flotation device
- Avoid falling over the top of skis, knee board, etc.
- Stop before you’re exhausted
- If you’re going to fall, relax. It makes water entry smooth

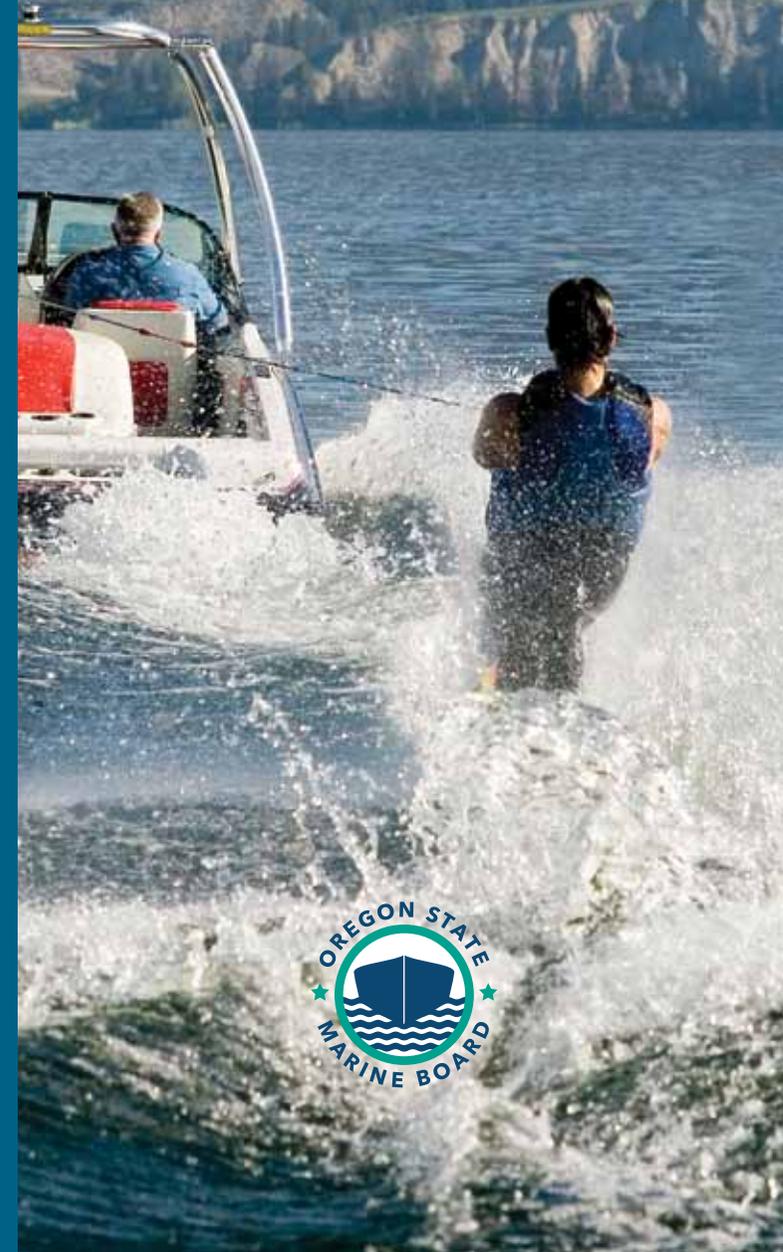
The Observer: keeps the operator aware of:

- Skier’s signals
- Skier’s position
- Location of a fallen skier or equipment
- Other boats in the area, especially behind the skier

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Fast Fact

The majority of water sport accidents involve collisions with other boats, other skiers or fixed objects.

HOW CAN WE PREVENT ACCIDENTS?

Know your role in boating safety when you're aboard the vessel or riding the wake.

WHAT'S THE LAW?

- A red or international orange "skier down" flag must be carried
- It takes three to ski. An observer must be on board while towing a person
- Towing devices are only permitted from sunrise until sunset

TOWING SIGNALS BEFORE YOU GO, MAKE SURE...

- Your equipment is in safe condition
- Foot and knee bindings are free of sharp surfaces
- Ski or knee boards are free of splinters or cracks
- Tubes are properly inflated
- Tubes are operated at a slower speed; they have no directional control to avoid in-water hazards
- Towlines are of equal length; moving towlines can cut like a knife

TOWING SIGNALS

The following signals, approved by the American Water Ski Association, are recommended on Oregon waters.



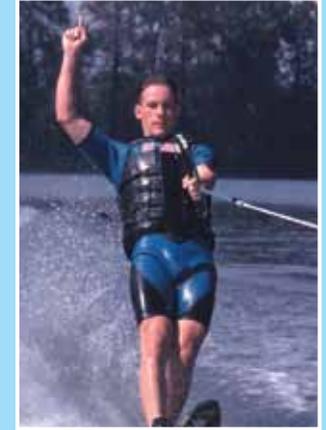
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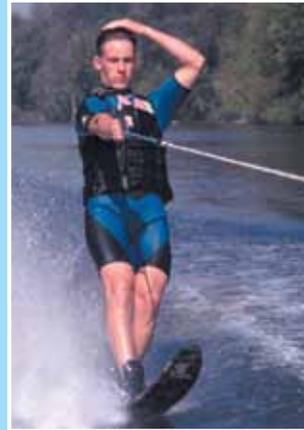
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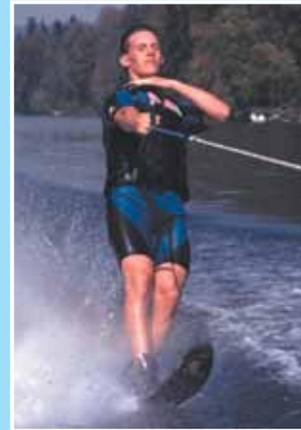
Speed Okay



Turn/Turn Around



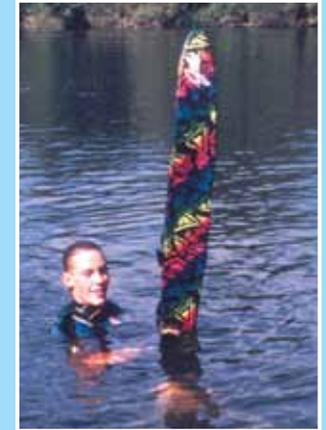
Home/Back to Dock



Stop/Cut Motor



Skier Okay After Fall



Fallen Skier/Pick Up

WATER SKI COURSES

A state permit is required to install a water ski course, ski jump, slalom course whitewater race gates or other special use devices on Oregon waters. Permits are issued following a limited public interest review of the proposed course or devices. Call or check the Marine Board's web site for information and a Marine Event Permit Application.

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