

radar **RIVER** rats 2017

colorado **RIVER** skiing/boarding
needles **MARINA**



You must be a current member of the Radar River Rats and sign a Liability Release to participate in our water ski/board events.



photo courtesy Catherine Ohl

\$145**

& water **SKIING** wake **BOARDING** at its very best!

2017 Colorado River **SCHEDULE**

June 16-18

July 7-9

July 21-23

Aug 4-6

Aug 18-20

Sept 8-10

Sept 22-24

Oct 6-8

Oct 20-22

Everyone Welcome

Friends ° Family ° Beginner ° Expert

Please note: Our skis and wake boards are best suited for Beginners to Intermediates. We suggest if you require more advanced equipment that you rent them from your local sporting goods store.

Trip Includes—

- 1 Full & 1 Half Day Skiing/Boarding
- Equipment & Instruction
- Waterfront Camping
- 5 Meals— 3 on Saturday & 2 on Sunday
- Saturday Happy Hour
- Beer, Wine & Soda on Saturday & Sunday

What's Available—

- Location— Needles Marina
- Pool, Showers & Rental Cabins available
- 6 PM Check-in Fri, 5 PM Check-out on Sun
- Option to add Friday Skiing/Boarding

Prices—

- \$145 ** Skier / Boarder
- \$75 Non-Skier *
- \$35 Child age 6-12 *
- Free Child 5 and under*



Must be a member of Radar River Rats—

- * May not ride in the club boat during club hours.
- ** Subject to fuel surcharge if gas is more than \$5/gal

For Trip Information—

Visit www.RadarRiverRats.org
Call Patricia at 323-651-0686 (before 9 PM)

Boat Drivers—

Call Gene at 858-467-9469 (before 9 PM)

THE RADAR RIVER RATS PROGRAM



Welcome to the HEASB "Radar River Rats" Water Ski Program. We hope that the following will answer many of the questions you may have concerning our river weekend trips to the Colorado River.

WATER SKI WEEKENDS

The intent of a Rats water ski weekend is to SKI, have lots of FUN and RELAX in the SUN (or shade) with like-minded water skiers.

We provide the boats, water skis, wake boards, vests, sunshades, instruction for beginners to experts, sandy beaches for camping and sunning, five meals on Saturday & Sunday, and all the beer and soda you can drink at the river. All this is yours for only \$145 plus carpool expenses.

Non-skiers & children are welcome to join in the fun for \$75 & \$35, respectively, plus carpool expenses. The non-skier and child fees cover meals, drinks, and camping. Non-skiers and non-skiing children will not be able to ride in a Club boat during Club hours.

Club boats are scheduled to operate Saturday, from 8 AM to 5 PM, and on Sunday, from 7 AM to 11 AM. There will be a one-hour break for lunch on Saturday. Garbage omelets will be served for brunch on Sunday. Boat drivers may operate extended hours, but it is at their discretion.



2017 COLORADO RIVER SCHEDULE

\$145*

June 15-18

July 6-9	July 20-23
Aug 3-6	Aug 17-20
Sept 7-10	Sept 21-24
Oct 5-8	Oct 19-22

PRICES

- \$145 **** Skier / Boarder
- \$75 *** Non-Skier
- \$35 *** Child 6-12
- Free *** Child 5 and under

* May not ride in club boats during club hours.
** May be subject to a fuel surcharge if gas goes above \$5/gal.

Trip Includes—

- 1 Full & 1 Half Day Boarding & Skiing
- Beach on the River
- Camping with Full Hook-Ups
- Ski Equipment & Instruction Provided
- Happy Hour, 5 Meals, Beer, Wine, Soda, Water

Available at Needles Marina—

- Pool
- Showers
- 6 PM Check-In (5 PM Check-out)
- Option to Ski/Board on Friday

SIGNING UP

You must be a member of the HEASB Water Ski Club aka Radar River Rats to sign up for a water ski trip. To join the club, fill out the membership application found in this package and send to the location indicated on the form. To sign up for a trip, you will need to fill out the reservation form included in your new member package or on the web site.

We take up to eight skiers per boat. After we fill a boat, we designate a driver for the Club. You should be notified by Monday evening before the trip about your status and carpool arrangements. Be sure to sign up early so we can guarantee a boat driver. Your check will not be cashed until two weeks before the trip date, and only if you are confirmed on the trip. Any check written for over \$145 will be cashed upon receipt.



We will be releasing our reserved campsites 2 weeks before our reservation. You really need to sign up early to be assured we have a spot for you on the trip. If you are staying at a motel, we should probably be able to accommodate you. **There may be a surcharge for a solo requesting a hook-up (up to \$48 per night).**

CAMPING

Our weekend trips are scheduled at Needles Marina, Needles, CA. Our campsites are along a stretch of beach on the Colorado River. We've reserved 4 campsites close together with full hook-ups. Our sites will vary from trip to trip. Tent camping is also available.

Running water, flush toilets, showers, laundry, a store and a pool are also included in our entrance fees. Needles Marina is located near the Bridge that crosses the river and the cheap gas in Arizona. In addition hotels are minutes away or you can check out the cabins available at the marina.

The River water temperature is usually in the low to mid 70s. Air temperatures can reach as high as 120°F in the summer and drop as low as 45°F at night in the early spring and late fall. Sunshades (at times with misters) are provided by the Club. We strongly recommend you bring personal umbrellas & float toys.

OUR CAMPGROUND

After almost 35 years at Park Moabi we have moved to Needles Marina. It's a great location with many advantages. There is a pool, laundry, showers and cabins on site for rent. We are close to town and closer to Laughlin.

The check out time is 5 PM so we won't be chased out of the campground at 11 AM. The late check-out means there's a late check-in time of 6 PM. Therefore we will be reserving some campsites starting Thursday night.

There is now a possibility to ski/board on Friday. There will be a \$10 per ride charge to be paid directly to the boat driver. In addition, you will need to pay the \$10 per person entrance fee if arriving before 6 PM on Friday. You will need to bring your own food and drinks for Friday.

Needles Marina is charging \$10 per person per day entrance fee for everyone, including children. You will either be told what prepaid campsite to claim or we will have you pay the fee and will reimburse you. EVERYONE will have their entrance fee paid regardless the number of people in a vehicle. The only exception may be a single in a trailer/RV requiring their own campsite. Reimbursements will be made after the trailer is packed on Sunday.

HOOK-UPS

Each campsite comes with full hook-ups for one RV or trailer. We've prepaid for four campsites that cover the entrance fees for 4 people each. If you are bringing a RV or trailer, it's important that you sign up early. Hook-ups will be assigned on a first signed up first served basis. Priority will be given to boat drivers and the trip leader. If we get sign-ups early enough we can try to add more campsites. There is an additional charge of \$5 per air conditioner on your RV or trailer. You will be required to pay that when you check in.

EVERYONE HELPS

There is at least one trip leader on each of our weekend trips. We expect everyone to lend a hand when asked as it makes the trip fun for everyone. Breakfasts are do-it-yourself meals. Lunch and dinner are group projects. Since many of us now own RVs with air conditioning, most of the lunch and dinner preparations are done inside. Our chef will need help with BBQ prep. Everyone needs to help with clean up.

Breakfast will consist of cereal, bagels, donuts or muffins. Saturday lunch is typically pasta salad with chips, salsa and veggies. Cocktails and appetizers are served Saturday at 5 PM. Sunday brunch is garbage omelets, pancakes or whatever is left over. The dinner menu varies from trip to trip; it will include bar-b-que chicken with steak, tri tip, pork loin, fresh ahi or something special cooked up by our chef. If you require special foods, we encourage you to bring what you need.

The Club owns a trailer that is fully stocked with skis, vests, a BBQ, beer, soda, paper goods, cooking utensils, sun shades, etc. The trailer will be out at our campsite on Friday. Gene usually unpacks the trailer and sets up the tables and drinks. If he needs help on Saturday, set up gets done before skiing. On Sunday, we will need help in breaking down camp and cleaning up.

LIABILITY

The Hughes Employee Association South Bay (HEASB) Water Ski Club, the Radar River Rats (RRR), Hughes Employees Association (HEA), and Raytheon Employee Association (REA), shall not be held liable to anyone for injury or loss incurred by him/her while traveling to, participating in, or traveling from an activity sponsored by the Club, including Club meetings, Club trips or while using any facilities controlled by the Club. The HEASB Water Ski Club is a non-profit organization.

Everyone MUST Sign A Liability Release Waiver.

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO BRING

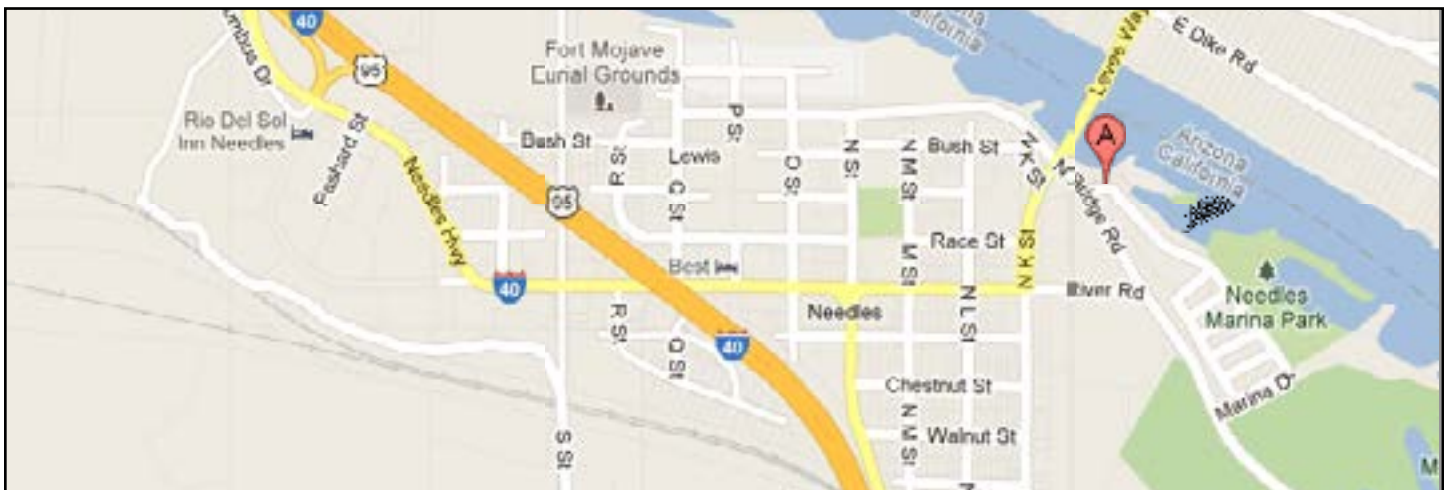
Hat/Visor	Ski Gloves	Swim Suit
Sunglasses	Tee-Shirt	L/S Shirt
Sunscreen	Beach Umbrella	Beach Chair
Sandals	Insect Repellent	Towel
Flashlight	Drinks/Food for Friday	Sm. Cooler

MAP OF NEEDLES MARINA

This is a Map of Needles Marina, located in Needles, CA along the Colorado River, where the Rats will camp and play nine weekends throughout the summer. We don't get the same campsites every weekend. so the Campsite Tracker on the right should help you find where we are located on any given weekend. The bottom map shows you where in Needles we will be.

Campsites for 2017

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Ski, Board & Boat Etiquette—

The club typically takes up to eight skiers per **club boat**. Non-skiers and non-skiing children will not be able to ride in a **club boat** during club hours.

At times we have boats on the beach that are not designated as a **club boat** for the weekend. If invited for a run feel free to take them up on their offer. Since they are not being reimbursed by the club for their expenses, it would be appropriate to offer them some gas money.

Club boats are required to be in operation from 8 am – 5 pm on Saturday and from 7 am to 11 am on Sunday. There will be a one hour break for lunch on Saturday. Brunch on Sunday will be around 11 AM. Boat drivers may operate extended hours, but it is at their discretion.

It is recommended that a **club boat** go out on a ski run with no more than four (4) skiers plus the driver. This requirement will help cycle the skis and skiers and reduce the amount of time a boat is out at one time.

A minimum of one skier and another skier/observer (at least 12 years old) plus the driver are required for any given run.

All skiers shall have a chance to take one ski run before any skier goes out for a second run.

When filling their **club boat**, boat drivers should attempt to give priority to the skiers with the least number of runs for that day.

Each time a **club boat** goes out, each skier will be allowed **ONLY ONE RUN**— ski, wake board, trick ski, barefoot OR air-chair. A driver may limit a skier's run to ten (10) minutes. This should allow a boat to return to the beach to pick up another load of skiers in approximately 1 hour, 15 minutes. **AGAIN NO DOUBLE RUNS.**

Children 12 and under must wear a coast guard approved life vest at all time while in a boat.

A **club boat** is not required to operate if conditions (wind, rain, lightening. etc.) make skiing unsafe.

It is required that you have fun and to help out when asked.



NEEDLES MARINA & Cheap Gas in Arizona

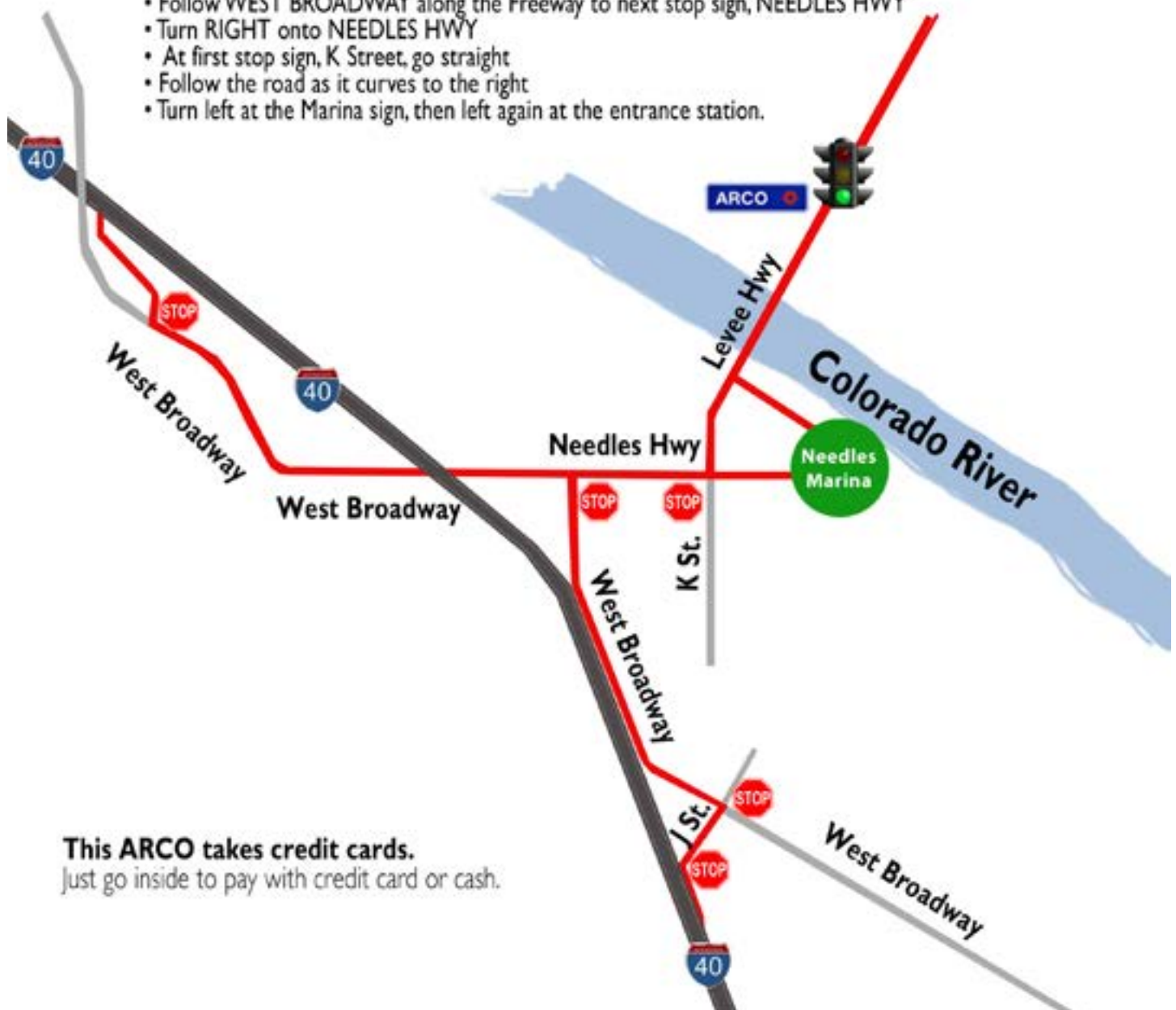
GAS AT THE ARCO ACROSS THE RIVER IS ABOUT \$1.00 / GALLON LESS THAN ANY GAS IN NEEDLES

EAST bound on I-40

- Take WEST BROADWAY exit
- Turn LEFT at stop sign
- Follow the road as it curves and goes under the Freeway
- WEST BROADWAY becomes NEEDLES HWY
- At first stop sign, K Street, go straight
- Follow the road as it curves to the right
- Turn left at the Marina sign, then left again at the entrance station.

WEST bound on I-40

- Take J STREET exit
- Turn RIGHT at stop sign
- Turn LEFT at first stop sign at WEST BROADWAY
- Follow WEST BROADWAY along the Freeway to next stop sign, NEEDLES HWY
- Turn RIGHT onto NEEDLES HWY
- At first stop sign, K Street, go straight
- Follow the road as it curves to the right
- Turn left at the Marina sign, then left again at the entrance station.



This ARCO takes credit cards.
Just go inside to pay with credit card or cash.



2017 HEASB Water Ski Club

Dog Owner Responsibilities

We strongly recommend that dogs NOT be brought to the river under any circumstances. The heat of the desert and lack of shade makes for a miserable environment for any animal, including us humans.

However, if you must bring your dog to the river, the following must be adhered to:

1. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times. There are no exceptions. Needles Marina has a leash law and dogs must be accompanied at all times. **There is a \$5 per day per dog charge to be paid directly to the marina.**
2. Dogs will be kept far away from all food, drink coolers, food preparation areas, the boats and the beach area at all times.
3. Dogs are NOT allowed in any boat while pulling for the club at any time.
4. Dogs must be quiet. This doesn't just mean that the owner is to keep the dog quiet — the dog must be quiet so as not to be bothersome to our other guests.
5. Dog owners will clean up after their dog.
6. In the unfortunate event that the dog can't be kept quiet, the offending dog must be removed from the area.
7. Judgment that a dog is being offensive will be made by the trip leader and club officers in attendance.
8. There will be no refunds to dog owners who may have to leave due to an unco-operative dog.



2017 HEASB Water Ski Club Membership Application

Please, ONE application form per membership type (Individual or Family)

Name(s): _____	Home Ph: () _____
E-Mail Address:** _____	Business Ph: () _____
Birthday (Mo/Day): _____	Cell Phone: () _____
Home Address: _____	Emergency: () _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	Contact: _____

** Note — Email will be the tool used for most of our communication with members. Please print clearly.

The membership year is from April 1 through March 31.



Please check (ONE only) the type of membership that applies to you:

_____ \$20 **Single Membership**

_____ \$40 **Family Membership** (two or more skiers at same address and includes skiing kids under 18)

There is no membership fee for a non-skiing child 12 years and under.
However, ALL skiers must be members, regardless of age.

Submit application with your check payable to HEASB Water Ski Club by mail to:
Membership, P.O. Box 3080, El Segundo, CA 90245

We are always looking for volunteers. I may be interested in helping run the club: Yes _____ No _____

I would like to volunteer / suggest / comment: _____

WAIVER: I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators waive and release any and all rights and claims I may have against HEASB Water Ski Club, Radar River Rats, Raytheon Employee Association (EA) or its representatives, agents, or board members of any and all injuries. The Raytheon Employee Association (EA) is a non-profit organization that has no association with Hughes Aircraft Company, Raytheon Systems Co., or Boeing.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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2017 HEASB Water Ski Club Reservation Application



(Please, ONE reservation form and ONE check for EACH person EACH trip)

Circle Trip Date: June 15-18 July 6-9 July 20-23 August 3-6 August 17-20 Sept. 7-10 Sept. 21-24 Oct. 5-8 Oct. 19-22

Name: _____ E-mail: _____
Home Addr: _____ Cell Ph: () _____
City: _____ Zip: _____ Home Ph: () _____
In case of emergency, notify: _____ Phone: () _____

My reservation is for the following: _____ Water skier \$145* _____ Non-skier child (6-12) \$35
_____ Non-skier \$75 _____ Child (5 and under) FREE

Make check payable and send with this form to: HEASB WATER SKI CLUB, P.O. Box 3080, El Segundo, CA 90245.

Reservations must be received THREE weeks before the trip. Cancellation must be received IN WRITING AT LEAST TWO WEEKS before trip date. No substitutions without the Trip Coordinator's permission. The HEASB Water Ski Club reserves the right to reject a reservation. For further information, call Simone before 9 pm at 714-841-5562. *May be subject to fuel surcharge if gas is more than \$5 per gallon. **There may be a surcharge for a solo requesting a hook-up.**

REQUIRED VEHICLE/TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION (your form may be returned if not complete)

The Trip Coordinator will try to arrange carpools for those wishing to travel with the club. Each passenger will pay the carpool driver for transportation expenses, an amount determined by the driver (typically \$35-\$60) beforehand. Most drivers leave on Friday after work and arrive at Needles Marina around midnight. Your request for a specific carpool is not guaranteed. Arranged carpools will be non-smoking.

Most all of you will use our pre-paid credit when you arrive at Needles Marina. Anyone paying the entrance fee will be reimbursed on Sunday. Someone will let you know what campsite you are assigned to and whether to pick up a credit.

Arrival before 5 PM on Friday may cost an additional \$12 per person or \$48 per camp site.

_____ License Plate: _____ Year, make, model of vehicle: _____

_____ I prefer to drive myself to the river.

_____ I am available to drive my vehicle to the river and can take this many _____ passengers.

• Other passengers: _____

_____ I prefer a ride to the River. Carpool Driver Preference: _____

• How much gear will you bring? Ski: _____ Chair (type): _____ Tent: _____

• Other bulky items? _____

_____ I need a hookup for my RV or Trailer. **There is an additional \$5 per air conditioner per day fee for each unit.**

_____ I am bringing a boat _____ personal water craft _____. Check the web site for boat driver guidelines.

_____ I plan to ski on Friday arriving at _____. I will pay boat driver \$10/ride and bring my own food & drinks for Friday.

MEMBERSHIP

You must be a member of the Radar River Rats (HEASB Water Ski Club). The membership fee and application MUST be sent to Membership at the P.O. Box 3080, El Segundo, CA 90245. Membership should be a separate check.

I have paid my membership fee: _____ (Initial) (Non-skiers aged 12 and under, membership not required)

WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED AND ACCOMPANY PAYMENT

I am aware that participation in the RADAR RIVER RATS' events, has, in addition to the usual risks, dangers and hazards associated with travel, water skiing, air chairing, skurfing and boating, including, but not limited to: boarding, riding and disembarking boats; changing weather conditions, exposed rock, earth, trees or other natural objects; the condition of the water, skis and boats; impact or collision with other skiers, boaters, jet skiers; the failure to ski safely or within one's own ability or within designated areas; negligence of other skiers, boaters and jet skiers and negligence on the part of the organizations or their staff. I am also aware that the risks, dangers and hazards referred to above exist throughout the area and that many are unmarked. I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS, RESULTING THEREFROM.

PARTICIPANT (Please print clearly)

SIGNATURE (Parent if under age)

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