



EASTERN REGION TOURNAMENT BID

Lake Holly Ski Club Sparta, VA

Lake Holly Ski Club bid for the AWSA Eastern Region Water Ski Tournament for 2015

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EASTERN REGION TOURNAMENT SITE DATA

Lake Holly - Sparta, VA



Lake Holly Ski Club (LHSC) Information

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LHSC submits this bid to host the 2015 Eastern Regional Championship Water Ski Tournament. LHSC is a Ski Club dedicated to Tournament Skiing. The club has hosted six (6) previous Regional Tournaments (years: 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2006), the US Jr. Team Trials, and a Record (E/L/or R) Tournament each of the past 20+ years. LHSC is able and comfortable offering a regional tournament that meets (E/L/) requirements. Our site is virtually turn-key ready for any level tournament. Lake Holy will sanction the 2015 Regional Tournament as Class E/L in S/T/J.

The site is a private dedicated water ski lake owned by members of the Lake Holly LLC. It is approximately 2800 feet in length with sufficient width - there are no entrance challenges or length deficiencies. There is a permanent air conditioned judge's facility that hosts a scorer's table, an isolated announcer's station, slalom end course video, and a computer station for video jump.

LHSC has spent considerable time, money, and effort over the past two years reforming the banks, installing breakwater stone shore facing, and reforming the shoreline to provide NEAR PERFECT slalom conditions. Wind is negligible, and when wind occurs it is always a head or tail wind on the slalom course.

Regional Tune Up

LHSC will also be hosting a two round S/T/J tune up tournament two weeks prior to the Regionals.(July 11-12). It will be sanctioned Class E/L in preparation for the Regionals.

We anticipate many if not all of the proposed regional officials will officiate at this warm-up tournament. It will also allow LHSC to resolve any unforeseen issues and to insure the 2015 Regionals are a success.

NAMES OF ACTIVE MEMBERS – LHSC

Active Members and individuals associated with Lake Holly Ski Club who will be actively involved in the preparation and hosting of the 2015 Eastern Regionals

- Bill & Julie Mahan
- Jon & Diane Thacher
- Lee & Julie Gotschalk
- Ralph & Marlaine Hall
- Chip & Pat Shand
- Adam & Julie Sanders
- Kenneth & Kathy Roach
- Rick & Lois Stansberry
- Lewis & Marie Fields
- Jerry Stansberry
- Jeff & Sonya Hardin
- Dave & Gail DeWitt
- Sara & Dan Lemley
- Dr. Jeannie Savis
- Dr. Wick & Barbara Merchant

DIRECTIONS TO LAKE HOLLY:

Address: 20482 Pendleton Road, Sparta, VA 22552

- FROM THE NORTH

Take I-95 South to exit 126B Massaponax and take right onto US 1.

After less than 1 mile, take a left onto US 17 for about 6 miles

Take a right onto Rt.2 and follow Rt. 2 13 miles to Bowling Green.

Drive straight through town and the highway becomes US 301

Three miles south of Bowling Green, take a left onto Rt. 721, Sparta Road

After 5.6 miles, take a right onto Rt. 654, Pendleton Road.

After 0.8 miles, turn right into Lake Holly

- FROM THE SOUTH

Take Rout 301 N. travel toward Bowling Green, VA

Just south of Bowling Green (not long after 301 becomes 4 lanes)

Make a right (east) onto Route 721 (Sparta Road) toward Sparta.

Travel 5.6 miles and make a right onto Pendleton Road (Rt. 654).

After 0.8 miles, turn right into Lake Holly.

GPS Coordinates for lake—

37⁰59'04.83" N

77⁰15'28.60" W

GPS for the Gate/Rd into Holly-

37⁰58'47.26" N

77⁰15'14.26" W

CLINICS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Lake Holly has been a host lake for Junior Development for the Eastern Region every year for the past 20+ years.

SKIER & SPECTATOR VIEWING:

LHSC is fortunate to have shoreline the entire length of the slalom course, trick course, and jump course. Spectators can view all of the slalom event from the pre-gates to pre-gates. The site uniquely provides complete sight lines for spectators to all skiing activity.

SKIER SAFETY:

There are no known negative safety issues at LHSC; we have hosted over 75 tournaments, and any/all safety issues have been addressed. The Bowling Green Volunteer Fire and Rescue is located approx. 1 mile from the gate of the facility. The Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center with a large trauma center in Fredericksburg, VA is located approximately .25 miles from the site. Lake Holly Ski Club has two physicians that are members of the club, who are also available in case of emergency to facilitate transport to the hospital.

SITE PREPARATION AND FACILITIES

Ski Course Specifics:

LHSC has a large, accessible, covered starting dock. The entrance to the slalom course is approx. 75 yards from the starting dock. Skiers are dropped back at the starting dock after completed passes if they do not fall in the course. The slalom course is close enough to shore for skiers to swim to shore. Routinely juniors and extreme seniors are often picked up by a pickup/safety boat when swimming in is not practical due to age or ability of the skier.

ON SITE FACILITIES:

LHSC has a large pavilion adjacent to the judge's stand that will seat approximately 100 people and is frequently used for banquets.

There is a bath house with both men and women's facilities that include showers, toilet, and wash basins. It is a permanent facility with hot and cold running water. It will be supplemented with porta johns on the site in strategic locations



JUDGING FACILITIES:

LHSC has a permanent-structure air conditioned judge's stand, see above the site has a slalom tower with dual video gate recording and review. The site also includes five permanent umbrella shaded trick towers that are appropriately located and spaced along the middle of the trick course, in such a position and height that allows for good vision of tricks and complies with all applicable rules.



TOURNAMENT LOGISTICS

Dock starters: Lake Holly members routinely serve as the dock starter for the first event of each day of a tournament. This is to insure the tournament begins on time, the flag presentation and national anthem occur on time, and the day begins on a positive note. For the 2015 Regionals we will continue this practice. The club will also recruit volunteers from other clubs and other states to serve as dock starters throughout the tournament as needed. The dock will have a dock starter at all times to insure the tournament does not lose time unnecessarily and skiing continues throughout the schedule without delay.

TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS

The lake has a record capability/surveyed slalom course that is permanently anchored along with a regulation ski jump with a surveyed jump course, and video jump capability.

Lake Holly is “plug n play” for a record capable tournament with all infrastructure already in place. The site is versatile and can accommodate different setup configurations (if a backup strategy is needed).

SLALOM:

Wireless end course with DVR recording. Three different configurations are possible with current infrastructure:

A central tower on one shore with video gates (recommend for “E” only, but real time boat video can be added for “L”))

Two towers symmetrically placed “old style” with one judge each and video gates (good for E, L, or R)

Two towers symmetrically placed “old style” with two judges each (with no need for video gates) (good for E, L, or R)

TRICK:

Three different configurations are possible:

Real-time video judging (wireless from the boat) – quicker judging than shuttling chips because judges know a skier is waiting.

Delayed video judging (shuttling chips)

Five judges with no video (five permanent trick towers)

JUMP:

Video jump using Corson software. Three cameras and grids. Two grids are wired and one is wireless (might be wired before Regionals). Jump distances up to 216 can be measured.

RADIOS:

Lake Holly owns a complete set of good quality marine band two-way radios.

CELL COVERAGE:

Excellent Verizon 4G signal. Other carriers have weak, but acceptable signal at lake level.

INTERNET:

Actively working with an ISP provider for internet connectivity.

ENTRY FEE

These entry fees are calculated and are contingent upon the approval of the Regional Council of the proposed slate of officials in **APPENDIX A**.

TOURNAMENT FEES

One Event - \$110

Two Event - \$125

Three Event - \$140

The region pays for 25% of the junior's entry fee.

PRACTICE

Paid practice will be available at Lake Holly Monday through Wednesday at Lake Holly
\$20.00 for 4 slalom passes, 3 jumps 4 trick passes or two trick falls.

Reservations will be made online with open slots for volunteers and officials.

EASTERN REGION BANQUET:

The Eastern Region Banquet will be held at the Bowling Green Town Hall. Tickets will be sold separately; they are transferrable but not refundable. The cost is \$____. It is approximately 10 miles from the site.

LODGING:

OFFICIALS:

LHSC will insure that all officials that require housing will be provided housing at the Comfort Inn
24058 Welcome Way Drive, Ruther Glen, VA 22546 (Exit 104 off I 95)
(804- 448-1144) (19 miles)

SKIERS:

See APPENDIX B for list of nearby motels

CAMPING:

LHSC has the capability to park approximately 10 campers in the skier parking lot. Hook ups are not provided. There are campgrounds located less than 2 miles from the lake that offers hookups, electrical, etc.

- R & D Family Campground 22085 Sparta Road, Milford, VA 22514 (804) 633-9515
- Hidden Acres Family Campground, 17391 Richmond Turnpike, Bowling Green, VA 22514

FOOD ON SITE:

LHSC has a full kitchen on site in the lower level of the judge's stand, breakfast and lunch are available each day of any tournament.

Lunches will be provided to all invited officials.

RESTURANTS:

SEE APPENDIX C for list of nearby restaurants

OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

Kings Dominion Amusement Park (20 Miles south on route 301)

Fredericksburg, VA (29 miles)

Washington, DC (88 miles)

Richmond, VA (47 miles)

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AWARDS

Awards will be given for:

Slalom

Trick

Jump

Overall

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

LHSC will host a Junior Development event Friday evening at Pitts Pond.



**2015 EASTERN REGIONALS AWSA WATER SKI TOURNAMENT
RUNNING ORDER**

Thursday:

Slalom

Trick

Friday:

Slalom

Jump

Saturday:

Slalom

Trick

Sunday:

Slalom

Jump

(Complete running order will be printed in our program)

APPENDIX A

Lake Holly Ski Club proposes, and thus offers this listing in the form of a motion to the Regional Council to approve this slate of Officials for the 2015 Regional Waterski Championship.

All of the listed officials have been chosen by the Eastern Region in the designated positions multiple times, have worked in some cases over ten to 15 recent regionals; International PanAm, World Championships, Team Trials, Nationals, and other R level tournaments both in the United States and overseas.

Many of the proffered officials will not require housing, or housing has been arranged for them at the site or nearby, thus providing a cost saving and making it possible for Lake Holly to offer this E/L Tournament without an increase in entry fees.

Financial decisions will be finalized after the officials listing is confirmed. This list is presented in an effort to maintain the current pricing for the regionals, without INCREASED ENTRY FEES to the skiers, while utilizing Senior Judges, Scorers, Drivers and Safety personnel. (*will update to Sr. this year).

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICIALS			
1.	Chief Judge	Sara Lemley	Sr. Judge, Pan Am Judge
2.	Asst Chief Judge	Bill Baker	Sr. Judge, Pan Am Judge
3.	Chief Driver	Marie Fields	Sr. Driver
4.	Chief Safety	Peggy Harris	National Safety
5.	Asst Chief Safety		
6.	Technical Controller	Chip Shand	Sr. Tech Controller
7.	Chief Scorer	Kathy Roach	Sr. Scorer
8.	Asst. Chief Scorer		
9.	Chief Announcer	Bill Mahan	
	Invited Judges		
10.	Invited Judge	Roger Hammel	Sr. Judge, Pan Am Judge
11.	Invited Judge	Kevin Driggers	Regular Judge*
12.	Invited Judge		
13.	Invited Judge		
14.	Invited Judge		
15.	Invited Judge		
	Invited Drivers		
16.	Invited Driver	Ralph Hall	Sr. Driver Sr. Judge
17.	Invited Driver	Jon Thacher	Sr. Driver Sr. Judge
18.	Invited Driver	Al Harris	Sr. Driver
19.	Invited Driver		
	Scorers		
20.	Invited Scorer		
21.	Invited Scorer		

APPENDIX B

Motel Lodging near Sparta, VA

A. Bowling Green Motel

18138 A.P. Hill Blvd, Bowling Green, VA 22427

804- 633-6444 (12 miles)

B. Relax Inn Motel,

18080 A. P. Hill Blvd, Bowling Green, VA 22427

804- 633-6755 (12 miles)

C. Comfort Inn

24058 Welcome Way Drive, Ruther Glen, VA 22546

804- 448-1144 (19 miles)

D. Days Inn

24320 Rogers Clark Blvd. Ruther Glen, VA 22546

804-448-2011(22 miles)

E. Econo-Lodge

24368 Rogers Clark Blvd, Ruther Glen, VA 22546

804-448-9694 (22 miles)

F. Super 8

24011 Ruther Glen Road, Ruther Glen, VA 22546

804-448-2608 (18 miles)

APPENDIX C

Restaurants near Sparta, VA

A. Roma's Italian Restaurant

Moderate priced – Excellent Food,

114 W. Broaddus Avenue Bowling Green, VA open 10:30 – 10:00

B. Courthouse Grill

Moderate priced American food – 117 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, VA

C. Pizza Hut

156 E. Broaddus Avenue, Bowling Green, VA open 11 – 9

D. China Inn Restaurant

15412 Rogers Clark Blvd, Bowling Green, V

E. McDonalds

301 W. Broaddus Avenue, Bowling Green, VA 22427

F. Subway Restaurant

316 W. Broaddus Avenue, Bowling Green, VA 22427 open 9 – 9

And

2385 Rogers Clark Blvd, Ruther Glen, VA 22546

G. River Haven Restaurant

136 Main Street Port Royal, VA 22535, open Friday and Saturday 11 – 10 and Sunday 10 -2

804-742-5113

(A more up-scale restaurant)

H. Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant

18024 Center Drive Ruther Glen, VA 22546

804-448-2725

I. Horne's Restaurant

25532 A P Hill Blvd, Port Royal, VA 22534

804-742-5743