

PERSEVERANCE AQUATIC CLUB INC.

Information for Members

As at August 2011

President	Roger Fuss
Vice President	Scott Chapman
Secretary	Jonathan Druce
Treasurer	Scott Cutmore
Membership Secretary	Rhianna Mathison Brad Williams

www.perseveranceaquaticclub.com.au

MEMBERSHIP

All new members must attend a meeting to contact the Membership

Secretary to comply with the following:

- a) Pay dues
- b) Show boat registration papers
- c) Show Third Party Insurance policy
- d) Show boat licence
- e) Obtain a copy of the Club rules
- f) Arrange to meet a Committee member at the Dam to have rules for the use of the Dam explained.
- g) New members are encouraged to attend monthly meetings of the club. Members must attend at least one in every three meetings.

New members cannot join by proxy. They must attend a meeting in person

To renew membership each year, all members are to attend a meeting to comply with the following:

- a) Pay dues
- b) Show current Third Party Insurance policy
- c) Show current boat registration papers
- d) Show licences for all boat driver
- e) Return key to obtain a new season replacement.
(The lock is changed each session)

MEMBERSHIP FEES current for 2007 – 2008

Nomination Fee	\$220.00
Annual Membership	\$165.00
Key Deposit	\$ 15.00
2 Working bee attendance discount	\$ 60.00
Inactive Membership	\$ 50.00

Fees must be paid at the August (AGM) or September meetings.

Members who rejoin after the September meeting and before the October meeting, will be charged a late fee of \$50.00. Members who rejoin after the October meeting will be charged a renomination fee of \$220.00.

A member may operate up to two (2) boats under one membership, but only one boat may be used on the dam at any one time. Insurance and registration papers for both boats must be sighted. If a members wants to use two boats at any one time, then two memberships must be paid. The second nomination fee would be waived.

PERSEVERANCE AQUATIC CLUB

The Perseverance Aquatic Club Inc, is a Club to facilitate members who wish to ski. The Club has negotiated a lease with Toowoomba City Council and as a result has use of Perseverance Dam. Any boats using Perseverance Dam must be members of the Perseverance Aquatic Club Inc.

The Perseverance Aquatic Club Inc. has carried out a number of improvements such as the boat ramp, the shed, the terracing and most recently, the toilet block. The Club also provides some equipment for the use of members.

Queensland Transport rules obviously apply to the dam. The lease from the Toowoomba Council also has certain conditions and unless these are strictly adhered to, the Club's use of the Dam may be endangered.

The Dam is closed for skiing from 1st July to 31st August each year, and also may be closed at other times by the Toowoomba City Council.

The following list of Club Rules and other information is designed to assist all members in enjoying the facilities on offer.

NO SWIMMING OR WADING IN THE WATER

DRIVING

1. A boat driver must only be responsible for driving the boat.
2. The boat driver is at all times responsible for ensuring that he/she does not allow the skier to get into a position where other boats or skiers may be endangered or inconvenienced.
3. Under no circumstances will a boat driver cut across the bow of another boat. Should this occur, the boat being mistreated stops first and argues afterwards.
4. All boats will travel in a general anti-clockwise direction. This must be strictly obeyed.
5. From the take-off area a boat may proceed directly up the dam (if this is the best action to take due to congestion) and then continue to proceed in an anti-clockwise direction.
6. When two boats appear in danger of collision, each driver will, on realising the situation, ease off throttle before diverging to starboard (right).
7. When two boats are towing skiers, one should not follow directly behind or within a distance of two hundred (200) metres from the first skier.
8. Drivers must cut motor before picking up a fallen skier.
9. Boat drivers approaching or leaving shore must keep a sharp lookout for other boats
10. A boat landing takes precedence over a boat leaving shore.
11. All boat names must be entered in the logbook when you arrive at the Dam. You must also enter the total number of people in your party for the day. (This is for insurance purposes)
12. Under no circumstances are unlicensed drivers to drive on the Dam, even if not towing a skier and even if a licensed driver is next to them in the boat.

DRIVING

1. The following are to be strictly observed:
 - a. Designated skier landing – on eastern side of shed
 - b. Rope retrieval – 150 metres out from bank (giving way to all other boats)
2. The first eight boats arriving at the dam are to moor on the shed side. Late arrivals can moor on the spillway side of the boat ramp and take off from the slalom course side (so long as slalom course is not in use).
3. Boat in distress – observer or driver will stand erect in boat and wave arms over head. Nearest boat will pull alongside and render assistance.
4. All boats are advised to carry an effective fire extinguisher.
5. No screamers are to be attempted within 200 meters of landing zone.
6. Drinking of alcoholic beverages to excess (ie beyond normal legal limits) by boat drivers or boat crews is strictly prohibited.
7. No alcohol is to be allowed to be consumed in any boat.

8. No skiing is allowed between and boat ramp and the small island. (This is a 4 knot area)
9. All boat drivers are to hold a current boat drivers' licence and permanent drivers must be members of the Perseverance Aquatic Club Inc.
10. A boat towing a skier wishing to drop a ski shall do so in an area outside main ski lane. Ski is dropped at own risk.
11. Persons in boat may not sit on edge of boat while it is operating.
12. No person shall use or ride on illegal equipment. (kites and parachutes)
13. Tubes and toboggans can be used in areas away from ski lanes.
14. No more than 20 boats shall operate at any one time, *while the dam is at high water levels. During times of lower water levels, this limit shall be lowered. As at March 2007, the limit is 4 boats operating at any one time.*
15. Skiing is not permitted between sunset and sunrise.

OBSERVERS

1. All boats carrying skiers must carry an observer 12 years of age or older.
2. Whilst the boat is towing a skier, the observer must face the stern of the boat.
3. Immediately after the skier falls the observer will inform the driver and raise his/her arm to indicate to other boats that a skier is in the water and keep it raised the whole time the skier is still in the water.
4. The observer will communicate signals from skier to driver.
5. The observer will coil in the towrope when the boat has stopped, seeing it does not foul the propeller. The towrope must be coiled in before the boat returns to shore.

HAND SIGNALS

1. I am diverging to the right – pointing to the right
2. I am diverging to the left – pointing to the left
3. Skier to be dropped off – raising the right hand
4. Skier in the water – observer raises hand and keeps it up whilst skier is in the water.
5. A fallen skier should clasp hands over head if unhurt.

SKI JUMP

1. Any person using the Club ski jump shall only do so if he/she uses approved skis and a helmet. The Club's jump skis and helmet are stored in the shed.
2. Persons using the jump must ensure that the surface is wet at all times.
3. Persons wishing to use the ski jump must wait in the allotted area – that is the downstream end of the island.
4. Persons using the jump shall only be allowed four more attempts after observing a waiting boat.

SLALOM COURSE / TOURNAMENT PRACTICE AREA

1. One boat only permitted in this area at any time
2. Persons wishing to use the area must wait in the allotted area – that is next to the staging buoy.
3. Persons using the area shall only be allowed four more attempts after observing a waiting boat. Up and back constitutes 2 passes.
4. No tubing / tobogganing permitted in this area.
5. Boats are to move outside the area to change skiers.

CLUB EQUIPMENT

If any club equipment is damaged and unusable, it is the responsibility of all members to ensure that the equipment is delivered to either Brauers Marine or Waterskiers Warehouse for repair. This should be done as soon as damage occurs.

KNEEBOARD

1. The club owns a kneeboard, which is kept in the shed. This may be used by Club Members and must be returned to the shed at the end of each day.

AIR CHAIR

1. The Club air chair is kept in the shed.
2. There is a book available for members to reserve the use of the air chair.
3. If other crews are waiting to use the air chair, boats are limited to using the air chair for one hour only at a time or per day if demand is high.
4. The seatbelt and ankle straps must be used at all times by air chair users.

QUEENSLAND TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS

1. A PFD type 1, 2 or 3 must be carried for each person in the boat. (unless a person is already wearing a lifejacket)
2. All boats over 5m must carry a fire extinguisher
3. Department of Transport Rules are to be obeyed at all times unless a rule has been changed to suit the circumstances on Perseverance Dam.
4. Under no circumstances are unlicensed drivers to drive on the dam, even if not towing a skier and even if a licensed driver is next to them in the boat.
5. All vessels towing skiers must have seats for driver and observer, and sufficient space to carry an injured skier.

GENERAL RULES

1. All members are responsible for the cleanliness of the area and must **take away their own litter.**
2. Any person found duplicating or lending a Club key without authority from the Club Executive Committee shall be liable to expulsion from the Club.
3. Any person who infringes Club Rules or Council conditions and consequently jeopardises the Club's lease with the Toowoomba City Council shall be responsible for all costs incurred by such infringement.
4. The Perseverance Aquatic Club Inc. Executive Committee reserves the right to alter, add to or delete any of these rules to meet special circumstances on special occasions.
5. All boats must remain 15 metres from Eastern shore for the safety of canoers, as shown on the map.
6. In accordance with the Environmental Management Plan, dogs are NOT permitted on the leased area of land.
7. No body contact with the water unless engaged in skiing. **Swimming and wading are strictly prohibited.** This a very strict Council regulation and members / guests must abide by it at all times.
8. Parking is not permitted in the areas so signposted
9. Chain, fire extinguishers, shed, toilet block and main gait are to be **locked by the last member leaving the dam.**
10. Boat ramp is to be chained and locked **after launching each boat**

11. Last member leaving the dam is asked to start the pump to water the lawn. This may involve filling the engine with the fuel provided. If you are not sure what to do, ask another Club member. If there is no fuel, please advise a Committee member. Starting procedure: Turn switch "ON", set timer to 40 minutes, Start engine – use choke if necessary.
Watering limitations may be applied during low water levels. As at March 2007 there is no watering permitted.
12. Club members must only operate from the leased area. No landfall is to be made elsewhere on the Dam

CLUB RULE INFRINGEMENTS

1. A member may report in writing to the Executive Committee that a member has blatantly broken Club rules. This will be presented at an Executive Meeting, whereby the executive reserves the right to use its discretion to send a letter notifying the member he/she has been reported. If that member re-offends in the same season, he/she will receive a second warning. If that member re-offends for a third time during the same season, he/she will be asked to show cause why they should not be suspended or expelled from the Club.
2. A member who lends a key to a non-member will be immediately dismissed from the Club
3. The Executive Committee reserves the right to check on members' insurance policies, boat and trailer registration and licences, should the need arise.
4. Notwithstanding the above, it is the responsibility of every Club member to ensure that people using the Dam do so according to these Club rules and terms of the lease.
5. All Club members must accept responsibility for any crew they have at the Dam with them.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. Lock the chain after launching the boat.
2. Travel strictly in an anti-clockwise direction
3. Drop skier off before the shed
4. Boats landing have priority over boats leaving.
5. Move out at least 150 metres before retrieving rope
6. Do not wade or swim in the water. Children also must not paddle in the water.
7. When leaving:
 - * Take rubbish with you
 - * Lock shed, fire extinguishers, toilet, and gate
 - * Turn on pump to water lawn (*when restrictions allow*)
8. There are two (2) fire extinguishers – one at the club shed and one at the boat ramp.
9. Do not leave personal property in the Club Shed. It is for club property only.

Map shows towing direction and layout of dam at full water levels.
 As at September 2007, this map is not correct, see map 2 for outline of lower water levels.

