

## **ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **DRIVER**

Drivers are required to operate the towboats during the event. They are in charge of keeping everyone, skiers and the judge, safe on the water. The drivers are required to ensure the boats are fueled, running and functioning adequately, and where they need to be in a timely manner.

Requirements: Appropriate level of certification for event

Arrive prepared for any weather (sunscreen, rain gear, water etc.)

Fulfill role assigned by the Chief Driver or designate

Prior to start of tournament:

- Know the site and how to drive all events being held.
- Know the safety signals.
- Familiarity with path tracking systems may be required.

During the tournament:

- Operate the boats with a high degree of skill and consistency, and know how to use the speed control system.
- Drivers will pick up the skiers from the start area, and communicate with the boat judge to confirm what speed control settings to use.

Driving Slalom

- Setting the speed and letter for the skier at the start.
- Adjusting the speed after each pass, if needed and adjusting the rope length tuners on the Ski Nautique when necessary.
- Make any boat specific adjustments.

Driving Jump

- Setting the speed, letter, and jump/slalom gate (only in Nautique boats) per the skier's request.

Driving Trick

- Setting the speed, letter, and knowing how much weight is allowed in the boat.
- When using the Ski Nautique, the boat driver is required to adjust the ballast for the skier.
- After the first trick pass, the driver may be required to adjust these settings again.
- During the tricker's pass, the skier may ask for the speed to be adjusted. The driver will be responsible for adjusting the speed when asked to by the pin person.
- In some situations, the driver may also be the Boat Judge.