

**National Show Ski D1 Tournament User Guide
Rock Aqua Jays Site
Traxler Park, Janesville, Wisconsin**



This guide was developed to assist teams in using the Rock Aqua Jays site to produce great water ski shows! We hope you enjoy your tournament experience! ***If you have any questions, please ask!***

Beach:

The beach is sand with a natural slope into the water allowing for comfortable landings and yet good depth for towboats. The beach runs the entire show course of 320' (starting dock to show course near right dock). *Please avoid the rock riprap that protects the bleacher area drainage pipes at the extreme end of each end of the beach.*

Stage:

The stage is 9' x 150' centered in the middle of the beach with steps running the entire length of water side allowing very easy access from the water. The stage is framed with concrete and is filled with playground rubber for comfort and safety.

Sound:

Teams have the option of using either the sound tower or the table area at the base of the bleachers to set up sound for your shows. Please take the time to examine and decide which locale suits your needs best.

Skiers Area:

The skier's area is configured as a large active area with 4 adjacent team staging areas of considerable size on level grassy ground. The skier's area is a level grass and concrete area. Changing tents are provided, as are portable toilets. Each area only gets used a maximum of twice a day, allowing for a relaxed setting to set up shows and ample time to pack back up.

Rope Drag:

There is a rope drag area that is set up to drag the ropes from the starting dock. A PVC pipe is in the water to assist in keeping the ropes straight. The rope drag can be used with ropes up to 110'. The rope drag greatly aids in winding the ropes quickly for reuse and keeps the ropes clean.

Water for Drinking/Cleaning/Cooling

There is a hose in the skiers with municipal drinking water for teams to use as they need for cleaning, cooling, soaking bindings, drinking, etc. Shower heads are also available using municipal drinking water for skiers to use as they need for cleaning, cooling, soaking bindings, drinking, etc. A bubbler using municipal drinking water is also available located on the shower piping. The water is optional to have on or off.

Jump

The jump used by the Rock Aqua Jays is the same jump that will be used for the tournament. It meets all specifications outlined in rule of the National Show Ski Association rulebook.

Height is 5'6" and 14' wide on the surface at all points with 21 to 22 feet out of water surface.

Buoy on right side of jump is the standard 49 feet from middle of jump.



Mini Jump

In 2016 we built a "mini" ramp as part of the site setup for all teams. This ramp is 8 feet wide, 22 feet long and rises to standard 5 feet 6 inches. It meets all specifications outlined in rule of the National Show Ski Association rulebook.

Show Course Near-Left Dock (Main Starting Dock or Performance Platform):

Main dock is a 20' W x 40' L (excluding walkway) carpeted stationary dock which provides a solid platform to perform dances, pre-fab pyramids, and other maneuvers without moving or tipping. The dock is adjustable to varying water levels. The height is set in accordance with the NSSA show rules. The audience-side edge of the dock has a water depth is usable from end to end. The water end of the dock has complete skirting down below the water surface to protect driver's arms, bumpers to protect boats, and a courtesy rope present for drivers to grip onto while waiting for the act to begin.

Show Course Far-Left Dock (Back Dock):

It is a 6.5' W x 39' L (excluding walkway) floating dock with a 6.5' W x 16' L end-loading platform capable of holding considerable numbers of skiers. The loading end has boat bumpers to aid in protecting the boats. The dock is set in a usable position, while not in the way for acts, allowing for maximum show flexibility. The dock may be skied from or be connected to barges. The dock is set in place with deeply driven poles such that barges may be connected solidly. Barges can be connected to either side or the water end edge allowing for substantial flexibility for shows.

Show Course Near-Right Dock (Beach/Mini Ramp Dock):

It is a 9'9" W x 13'L (excluding walkway) floating dock. The dock is set in a usable position, while not in the way for acts. The dock is set in place with deeply driven poles such that barges may be connected solidly.

Show Course Far-Right Dock:

It is a 5' W x 19' L (excluding walkway) floating dock capable of holding a fair number of skiers. The dock is set in a usable position, while not in the way for acts, allowing for maximum show flexibility. The dock may be skied from or be connected to barges. The dock is set in place with deeply driven poles such that barges may be connected solidly. Barges can be connected to either side or the water end edge allowing for substantial flexibility for shows.

Barges/Pontoons:

Details on all of the barge availability will be presented at the Chief Judge's meeting with the Team Representatives. The intention is to give every team the resources that they need to assist in putting on a top-quality show.

Mobile Pontoon:

There may be availability of a motorized mobile barge for teams to use.

North End Pontoon:

There are stability poles placed for barge attachment past the Memorial Bridge and just downstream of, and to the West of, the narrows. They are set such that the 2 main channels through the bridge are easily usable. This is out of the current and the water is deep enough for boats to take off. Generally this is where the north fixed in place tournament barge will be located and can remain for the tournament as it is out of the navigable portion of the waterway.

South End pontoons:

Typically there are several barges from teams that are connected together and fixed in place close to shore along the West side of the river at the South end of the tournament waterway. The water is relatively deep there and the barges are set at an angle intended to provide a nice straight shot to the show course. These barges are set to stay throughout the tournament as they are in a location that still provides access downstream.

If you wish to place team barges on the East side of the river against the railroad bridge, there are screw-eyes mounted on the railroad bridge pilings to which barges can be secured. A special note: if you attach team barges to the railroad bridge supports, please be aware of the odd takeoff angle and also where the marked shallow sandbar is located.

Boat Launching (North Traxler Boat Ramp):

Please be courteous and efficient when launching your team fleets. Once in the water, please stay up past the narrows to stage until it is your turn to ski. Do **NOT** sit between the bridge and the narrows. The teams use this space and you create unnecessary waves by being there.

Launch and stay in this area



