

# THE HESEA WATER SKI PROGRAM



Welcome to the **HESEA Water Ski Club** Program AKA Radar River Rats. 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, four meals on Saturday & Sunday, and all the beer and soda you can drink at the river. All this is yours for only \$165 plus carpool expenses.

Non-skiers & children are welcome to join in the fun for \$95 & \$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 10 AM. There will be a one-hour break for lunch on Saturday. Sunday brunch has been eliminated due to the earlier check-out time. Boat drivers may operate extended hours, but it is at their discretion.



## 2023 COLORADO RIVER SCHEDULE

**\$165\***

**June 9 – 11**  
**Aug 4 – 6**  
**Sept 8 – 10**  
**Oct 13 – 15**

**July 21 – 23**  
**Aug 18 – 20**  
**Sept 22 – 24**

### PRICES

- \$165 \*\*** Skier / Boarder
- \$95 \*** Non-Skier
- \$35 \*** Non-skier 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, 4 Meals, Beer, Wine, Soda, Water

## Available at Needles Marina—

- Pool
- Showers
- 1 PM Check-In (11 AM Check-out)
- Option to Ski/Board on Friday/Monday

## SIGNING UP

You must be a member of the **HESEA 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 \$165 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 \$82 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 2-4 campsites close together with full hook-ups. Our sites may 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. Hard to believe we've been at Needles for almost 10 years. 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 now 11 AM so this will take some adjusting. Check in is now 1 PM.** There is the possibility of reserving some campsites starting Thursday night.

There is still a possibility to ski/board on Friday/Monday. There will be a \$10 per ride charge to be paid directly to the boat driver. You will need to pay the \$10.50 per person entrance fee if arriving before 1 PM on Friday. You will need to bring your own food and drinks for Friday.

Needles Marina is charging \$82 per campsite for 6 persons and \$10.50 per person for the extras, including children. You will be told whether to pick up a prepaid campsite tag or pay the fee that will be reimbursed to you. **EVERYONE** on the trip will have their entrance fee paid for Friday and Saturday nights regardless of 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 before departure on Sunday.

## HOOK-UPS

Each campsite comes with full hook-ups for one RV or trailer. We've prepaid for up to four campsites that cover the entrance fees for 6 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 no longer an additional charge per air conditioner for an RV, trailer or car.

## 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 or chicken salad with chips, salsa and veggies. Cocktails and appetizers are served Saturday at 5 PM. 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 no longer owns a trailer that is fully stocked with skis, vests, a BBQ, beer, soda, paper goods, cooking utensils, sun shades, etc. We have cherry picked the best of the skis and boards and stored them in Needles. If you need to use Club equipment please let us know so we can retrieve it before your arrival. On Sunday, we will need help in breaking down camp and cleaning up.

## LIABILITY

The Hughes El Segundo Employee Association (HESEA) 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 **HESEA Water Ski Club** is a non-profit organization.

**Everyone MUST Sign A Liability Release Waiver.**

## SUGGESTED ITEMS TO BRING

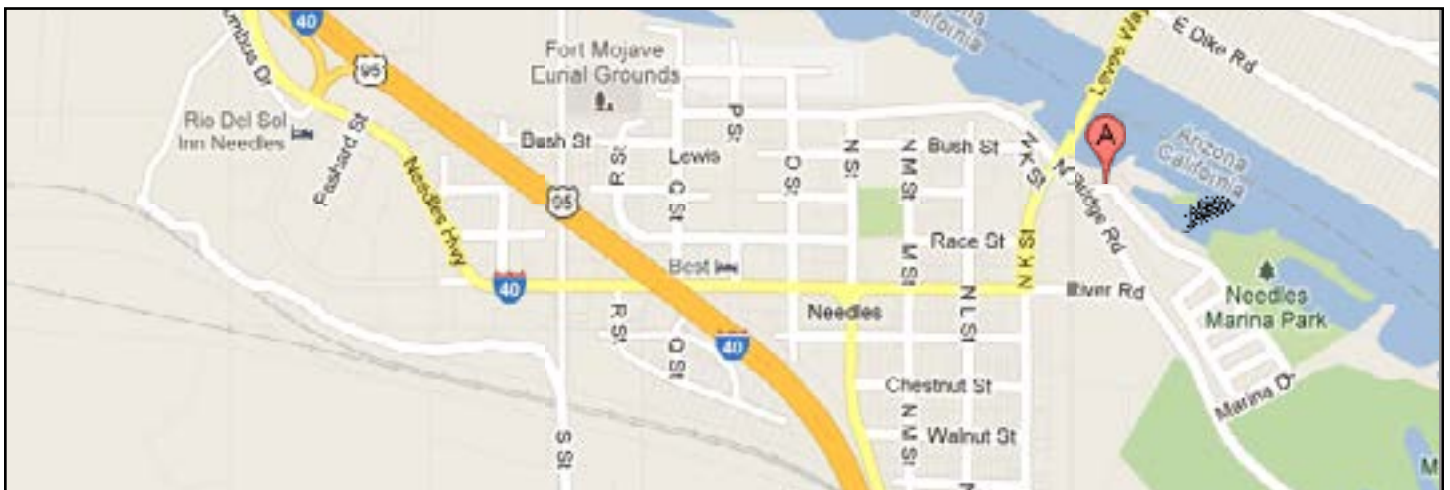
Hat/Visor	Ski Gloves	Swim Suit
Sunglasses	Tee-Shirt	L/S Shirt
Sunscreen	Beach Umbrella	Beach Chair
Sandals	Insect Repellent	Towel
Flashlight	Drinks/Food for Friday	Sm. Cooler

# 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 seven weekends throughout the summer. We don't always 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 2023

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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 10 am on Sunday. There will be a one hour break for lunch on Saturday. Brunch on Sunday will be around 10 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

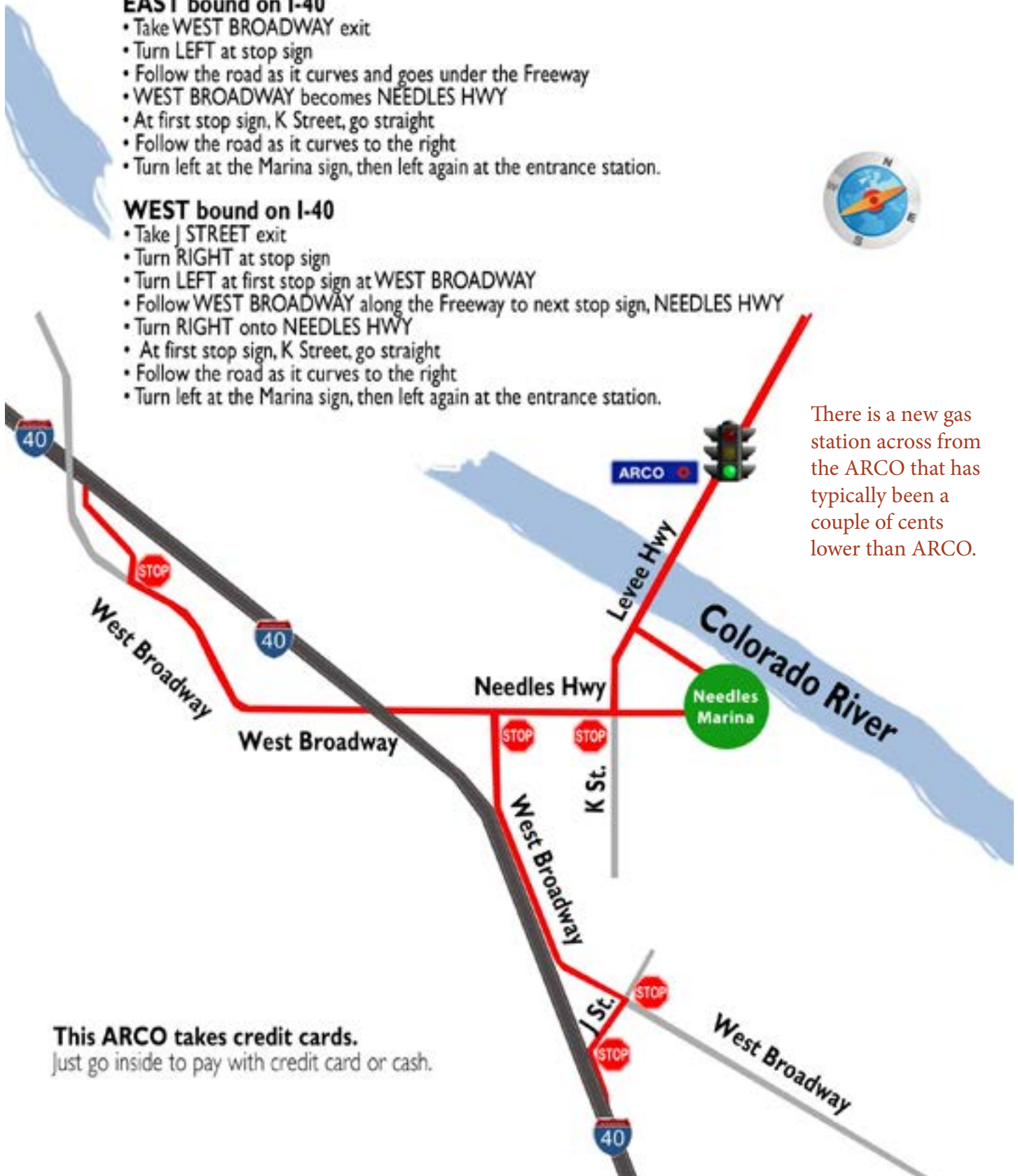
GAS AT THE ARCO ACROSS THE RIVER IS ABOUT \$1.00 / GALLON LESS THAN ANY GAS IN NEEDLES

## 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.



There is a new gas station across from the ARCO that has typically been a couple of cents lower than ARCO.

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



# 2023 HESEA 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** (subject to change).
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.

Summer 2023





# 2023 HESEA 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 **HESEA 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 **HESEA 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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# 2023 HESEA Water Ski Club Reservation Application



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

**Check Trip Date:** June 9 – 11     July 21 – 23     Aug 4 – 6     Aug 18 – 20     Sept 8 – 10     Sept 22 – 24     Oct 13 – 15

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 \$165    \_\_\_ Non-skier Child (6-12) \$35  
   \_\_\_ Non-skier \$95                \_\_\_ Child (5 and under) FREE

**Make check payable and send with this form to: HESEA 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 **HESEA Water Ski Club** reserves the right to reject a reservation. For further information, call Simone before 9 pm at 714-841-5562. **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. **Friday skiing must be arranged with Catherine (858-405-0637) at least one week prior to the trip. You will need to pay \$10.50 pp for day use and \$10 a run at the river.**

The Trip Leader will pay all the campground fees when he/she arrives at Needles Marina. You need to pick up your car pass from the trip leader when you arrive. Confirmation will be sent in advance so you know what campsite you are assigned to.

**Arrival before 1 PM will cost an additional \$25 per camp site. Arrival before 11 AM will cost an additional \$82.**

License Plate: \_\_\_\_\_ Color, make, model of vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_

Let us know if you are interested in traveling with others.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**I need a to use club equipment.** Ski (size) \_\_\_\_\_ Wakeboard: \_\_\_\_\_ Vest (size) \_\_\_\_\_

I need a hookup for my RV or Trailer.

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

## MEMBERSHIP

You must be a member of the **HESEA 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 **HESEA Water Ski Club's** 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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## Map of Needles Marina, Needles, CA

- Tent Camping
- Sleep Cabins
- R.V. Hook-Ups
- Store
- Mobile Home Park
- Boat Slips & Launch
- Laundry
- Swimming Pool
- Jacuzzi

**CAUTION!**  
SAND BARS & ROCKS MAY BE  
PRESENT IN RIVER AT  
LOW WATER LEVELS!

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