





Summer Update May 2023

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# Important **Dates**

June 9 - 11, 2023

July 21 - 23, 2023

Aug 4 - 6, 2023

Aug 18 – 20, 2023

Sept 8 – 10, 2023

Sept 22 – 24, 2023

Rat's Water Ski / Board Weekend Needles Marina, Needles, CA

#### September 30, 2023

Wine Maker Dinner for MS San Diego, CA

#### October 14 - 16, 2023

Rat's Water Ski / Board Weekend Needles Marina, Needles, CA

#### November 8 – 16, 2023

Fun Trip to Cabo San Jose Contact ohl@acatmeowz.com

Contact gene@radarriverrats.org

## **SOUNDING** bored

We had a very short year in 2022 due mainly to some back luck with the lower water levels. My boat is now fixed and we are headed back to Needles Marina for the summer again.

## Pricing for 2023

The good news is that we are not increasing our prices this year. We did a detailed analysis of our costs since 2014. In that time period the cost of renting the campsites at Needles Marina has more than doubled and went up again this summer. We are assuming that basic cost of food and drink will increase... we will deal with that next year.

- Skier fee will be \$165 based on a gas cost of \$5 a gallon in Needles. If the price of gas exceeds this threshold, we may have to add a gas surcharge. This is a real possibility.
- Non-skier fee will be \$95.
- The child fee of \$35 remains unchanged for 2023. Children 5 and under will still be free. We love your kids, their energy and spirit. Skiing children pay the adult price.
- Individual membership will remain at \$20. A family membership will be \$40.

## What's new this year

Needles Marina now has an on-line reservation system which doesn't work to our advantage. In the past we have been able to roll over our reservations so that we would get the same campsite every trip. This year we must make our reservations 90 days out so it might be a crap shoot as to where we end up.



## **BOAT DRIVER** update

### Welcome to Summer

Hope you are ready for the river.

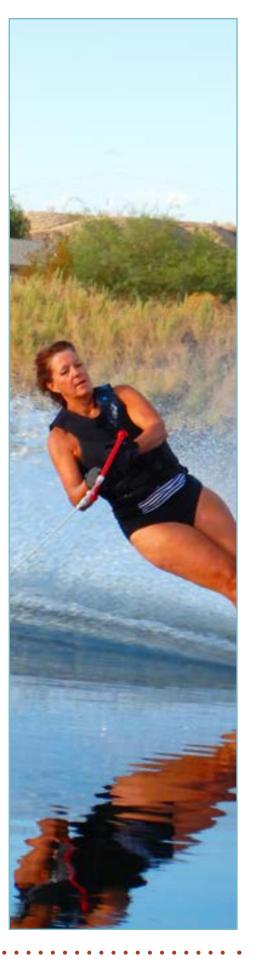
I would like to welcome back our very excellent boat drivers— **Catherine Ohl, Mark Mathis** and maybe even **Craig Henderson**. All are busy getting their boats ready for the summer.

Needles Marina is building a new pool. I'm not sure where it will be and it's size or even when it will be finished. It's something to look forward to. Contruction is finally finished on the storage units.

I will continue to embellish the river menus, adding some new twists, while staying within our budget. Come out to the river for a taste. Looking forward to skiing with you all again in 2023.

#### Wine Maker Dinner

The date for our 23th annual Wine Maker Dinner is Saturday, September 30, 2023. Catherine will be sending out announcements in June. Let me know if you'd like to attend by sending your donation. Cost is \$125 for "Can Do MS". Mary is planning to join us again this year. See page 3 for more information. ■



## Can Do MS Fundraiser—



- The dinner will consist of 7 courses with an exquisite wine or cocktail specifically matched to each course.
- The dinner typically lasts 5 hours.
- **Chef Mary** will be creating our feast again this year.

## For Information

Call Catherine at 858-405-0637



## ALL proceeds to benefit

Can Do MS formerly

Heuga Center for MS IRS 501(c)(3) No. 74-2337853

www.mscando.org • 970-926-1290

#### Send your \$125\* Tax Deductible Contribution payable to

Can Do MS c/o Gene Fulkerson 10818 Viacha Dr., SD, CA 92124

\* 100% Tax Deductible. Since this is a fundraiser for charity, there will be no refunds.

## happy **BIRTHDAY**

#### May

- 13 Jayne Glodowski
- 14 Paul Matsui
- 16 Jim Jeffery
- 27 Danielle Hess
- 30 John Erickson

#### June

- 6 Sean Griffin
- 13 Craig Henderson
- 14 Jordyn Mathis
- 21 Lisa Rivera

#### July

- 4 Krislyn Pomeroy
- 6 Carl Palczewski
- 16 Rick Fisher
- 16 Barbara Shanberg
- 18 Troy Stickney
- 28 Joel Voelzke
- 29 Janice Hess

#### August

- 1 Tom Fulkerson
- 4 Kenny Pomeroy
- 6 Dan Kowieski
- 12 Thomas Newcomb

#### September

- 6 Laura Priess
- 8 Catherine Ohl
- 9 Carmen Jackson
- 9 Conor Griffin
- 23 Jennifer Rea
- 24 Mickey Klinger
- 25 Dallas Wymes
- 28 Frank Rabourn

#### October

- 2 Gene Fulkerson
- 6 Mary Trimmins
- 6 Steve Klinger
- 10 Betty Jeffery
- 10 Casey Mervine
- 22 Simone Beaudoin





at its very best!

#### 2023 COLORADO RIVER SCHEDULE

June 9 – 11

July 21 – 23

Aug 4 - 6

Aug 18 – 20

Sept 8 – 10

Sept 22 – 24

\$165\*\*

Oct 13 – 15

#### Trip Includes—

• 1 Full & 1 Half Day Skiing/Boarding



- Waterfront Camping
- 4 Meals— 3 on Saturday and 1 on Sunday
- Saturday Happy Hour w/ appetizers & cocktails
- Beer, Wine & Soda on Saturday & Sunday

#### What's Available—

- Location— Needles Marina
  - Pool, Showers & Rental Cabins & Trailers available at the Marina
- 1pm Check-in Fri, 11am Check-out on Sun
- Option to add Friday/Monday Skiing/Boarding

#### Prices—

\$165 Skier / Boarder \*\*

\$35 Child age 6-12 \*

\$95 Non-Skier \*

Free Child 5 and under \*

- \* May not ride in the club boat during club hours.
- \*\* Subject to fuel surcharge if gas is more than \$5/gal

#### For Trip Information—

Visit www.RadarRiverRats.org
Call <u>Patricia</u> at 323-651-0686 (before 9 PM)
or Catherine at 858-405-0637

Everypne Welcome

## Friends • Family • Beginner • Expert

**Please note:** Our skis and wake boards are best suited for Beginner to Intermediate skiers/boarders. We suggest if you require more advanced equipment that you rent them from your local sporting goods store.

Must be a current member of Radar River Rats and sign our **Liability Release** to participate in any of our events.

## THE HESEA WATER SKI PROGRAM



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 likeminded 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. IYou 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 retreive 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 June 9 – 11 176, 183 July 21 – 23 172, 99 Aug 4 – 6 185, 186 Aug 18 – 20 172, 99 Sept 8 – 10 TBA Sept 22 – 24 TBA Oct 13 – 15 TBA





## 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.

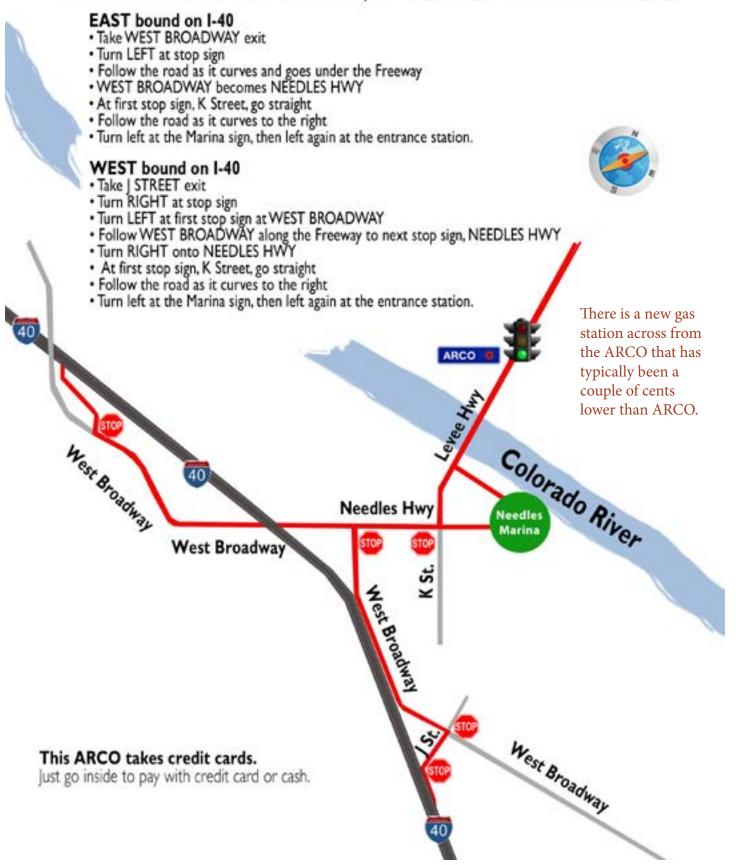
A **club boat** is not required to operate if conditions (wind, rain, lightening. etc.) make skiing unsafe.

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







## 2023 HESEA Water Ski Club

## Dog Owner Responsibilities

We strongly recommend that dogs <u>NOT</u> 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 uncooperative dog.

Summer 2023



Name(s):

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

## Please, ONE application form per membership type (Individual or Family)

Home Ph:

E-Mail Address:**				Business Ph: (	)
Birthday (Mo/Day):				Cell Phone: (	)
Home Address:				Emergency: (	)
City:					
** Note — Email will be the too	ol used for mos	st of our cor	mmunicat	tion with members. F	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 Membershi	р				
\$40 Family Membersh	<b>ip</b> (two or mor	e skiers at s	ame add	ress and includes skii	ng 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 <b>HESEA Water Ski Club</b> 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 <b>HESEA Water Ski Club</b> , 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	e	
Signature			Dat	e	
					Revised 04-2023

## 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:			( )_		
City:					
In case of emergency, notify:		_ Phone:	( )		
My reservation is for the following:		\$165 595			
Make check payable and send with this form	to: HESEA WAT	ER SKI CLUB, I	P.O. Box 3080	), El Segundo,	CA 90245.
Reservations must be received THREE weeks TWO WEEKS before trip date. No substitutions we reserves the right to reject a reservation. For furt There may be a surcharge for a solo requesting	vithout the Trip ( her information,	Coordinator's pe	ermission. The	HESEA Water	
The Trip Coordinator will try to arrange carpools carpool driver for transportation expenses, an andrivers leave on Friday after work and arrive at N guaranteed. Arranged carpools will be non-smoat least one week prior to the trip. You will not the Trip Leader will pay all the campground fees from the trip leader when you arrive. Confirmation Arrival before 1 PM will cost an additional \$25	for those wishing mount determine wheedles Marina a sking. Friday skiigeed to pay \$10.5 when he/she arron will be sent in a per camp site.	g to travel with ed by the driver round midnigh ing must be are 50 pp for day uives at Needles advance so you Arrival before	the club. Each (typically \$35 t. Your requestranged with use and \$10 a Marina. You n know what care	n passenger will -\$60) beforehar st for a specific Catherine (858 a run at the riv eed to pick up y ampsite you are	pay the nd. Most carpool is not 3-405-0637) er. your car pass assigned to.
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Let us know if you are interested in tra I am available to drive my vehicle to t Other passengers:				_ passengers.	
I prefer a ride to the River. Carpool Dr					
<ul> <li>How much gear will you bring? Ski:</li> <li>I need a to use club equipment. Ski</li> </ul>					
I need a to use club equipment. Ski I need a hookup for my RV or Trailer.	(SIZE)	Wakeboard	l•	vest (size)	
I am bringing a boat perso	onal water craft _	C	heck the web	site for boat driv	er guidelines.
MEMBERSHIP You must be a member of the HESEA Water Sk Membership at the P.O. Box 3080, El Segundo, C I have paid my membership fee: (Initial)	A 90245. Membe	ership should be	e a separate c	heck.	0
WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED AND ACCO I am aware that participation in the HESEA Wa hazards associated with travel, water skiing, air ing, riding and disembarking boats; changing with the condition of the water, skis and boats; imparts	<b>iter Ski Club's</b> e r chairing, skurfi weather condition	events, has, in a ng and boating ons, exposed ro	g, including, b ock, earth, tre	out not limited es or other nat	to: board- ural objects;

**PARTICIPANT** (Please print clearly)

RESULTING THEREFROM.

**SIGNATURE** (Parent if under age)

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,

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