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# Get kids interested in golf

Most children today face no shortage of things to do, and many kids are involved in competitive sports. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau indicates that the proportion of boys and girls playing on sports teams has increased in recent years.

The lasting appeal of athletics and recreation is undeniable, and kids as young as preschool age can participate in a wide range of sports, including baseball and soccer.

And though it might require a little more

## Local Junior Golf Program begins soon

Willow Brook Golf Course will hold its 2024 Junior Golf Program – open to kids ages 8 to 18 – Mondays, June 17 through Aug. 5.

Participants will receive a half hour of instruction to learn fundamentals of the game, including basic rules and proper etiquette.

The junior golfers will then get on the course immediately after to apply those skills learned. Note that on June 17, there will be a one-hour lesson and no golf on the course afterwards.

Lesson times will be determined prior to the first lesson based on age, experience, and/or the number of participants who sign up. An e-mail will be sent with details once they've been decided.

The cost is \$50 per junior golfer. Lunch is available for purchase after each golf outing. Willow Brook offers a hot dog, bag of chips, and a fountain drink for \$6. Other menu items are also available at list price.

A banquet will be held for the junior golfers and their families on Sunday, Aug. 11, at noon.

For more information or to sign up, visit [Willowbrookgolfwhitewater.com](http://Willowbrookgolfwhitewater.com), Willow Brook Golf Course on Facebook, or contact Angie at Willow Brook or Kim by text to 920-728-4405.

Willow Brook Golf Course is at N9035 Highway 89 South, Whitewater. The phone number and email are 262-473-3305 and [Willowbrookww@gmail.com](mailto:Willowbrookww@gmail.com), respectively.



patience on the part of players and parents, golf is another great sport to introduce to children.

Kids unfamiliar with golf may be hesitant to give it a shot, but the following are some strategies parents can try to get their youngsters more interested in the game.

- Start with miniature golf. Though mini golf and the real thing are two entirely different activities, many an avid golfer first picked up a club on a miniature golf course. Mini golf is all about having fun, and the joy kids have on a miniature golf course might spark an interest in playing traditional golf.

- Play with kids. Young children typically are excited to engage in any activity if it involves playing alongside their parents. Parents who play golf can take their kids along to the course, first taking them to the range and practice green so they can teach them some of the fundamentals of the game.

As kids' skills develop, parents can play nine holes with their youngsters. The time spent bonding on the course will be unforgettable for parents and children. Older children might want to bring a friend along when playing with parents, and this, too, can be a great way to foster a love of the game in kids.

- Make it about fun, not the final score. It's up to parents if they even want to keep score, but the primary focus when golfing with young children should be fun. Try to take lessons on the range or putting green out to the course, but don't overemphasize technique or score. If kids are having a frustrating round, note that every golfer has such rounds and divert their attention by pointing out the surrounding beauty. And keep in mind that it never hurts to leave time for some post-round ice cream.

- Set a positive example. Golf can be a frustrating game for novices and veterans

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Strategies parents can try to get youngsters more interested in the game of golf include setting a positive example, beginning with miniature golf and focusing on the enjoyment of it rather than the score.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Southern Wakes United Ski Team

Remaining shows this year are on Whitewater Lake at the Scenic Ridge Campground, Lauderdale Landing on Lauderdale Lakes, and Babe Mann Park on Elkhorn Lake.

## Whitewater Lake Scenic Ridge Campground, Whitewater

All shows 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

- Saturday, July 27
- Friday, Aug. 16

## Lauderdale Lakes Lauderdale Landing, Elkhorn

All shows at 6 p.m.

- Friday, June 21
- Friday, July 5
- Friday, Aug. 9
- Friday, Aug. 23

## Elkhorn Lake Babe Mann Park, Elkhorn

Saturday shows at 6 p.m.;

Sunday shows at noon

- Saturday, June 29
- Sunday, July 14
- Sunday, Aug. 18 (Alumni Show)
- Saturday, Aug. 31

The Southern Wakes United Water Ski show team is Walworth County's only water ski show team. SWU is a merger of the



Whitewater Lake Sports Club (Minneiska) and Lauderdale Aqua Skiers.

The group is a non-profit whose purpose is to give all a chance to build confidence in their abilities, learn new skills and promote leadership, water safety education and sportsmanship.

For more information, go to [southernwakesunited.com](http://southernwakesunited.com).

## Farmers markets

Markets throughout the area vary as far as the number of vendors on any given week as well as the items available. But they seem to share a common goal – featuring products from locals, including farms, growers, artisans, and others.

Here is information on the two local

Whitewater markets as well as a few others in the area:

## Whitewater City Market

The City Market is held Tuesdays, 4 to 7 p.m. (May 7 to Sept. 22, 4 to 6 p.m. (Sept. 29 to Oct. 29).

It brings area farmers, artisans, food carts, and the community together to create not only a unique shopping experience but a celebration of what is local. Hosted by Downtown Whitewater, this vibrant market includes music, kids' activities, and a variety of vendors.

The market is held near the Whitewater Depot, 301 W. Whitewater St. (Note that during the cooler months, the City Market is held 10 a.m. to noon, Saturdays, at Irvin L. Young Memorial Library, 413 Center St.)

For more information, follow Whitewater City Market on Facebook or email [whitwatercitymarket@gmail.com](mailto:whitwatercitymarket@gmail.com).

## Whitewater Farmers Market

The Whitewater Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon, through October in the Depot Museum parking lot, 301 W. Whitewater St.

This producer-only market features a variety of locally grown produce, eggs, baked goods, flowers, artisan crafts and more.

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## Full STEAM ahead!

Whitewater's Ferradermis Booster Club hosted its first-ever STEAM Fair at the high school May 18.

A wide range of activities were available for students including art and plants. In addition, members of the Ferradermis team were on hand for demonstrations. At left: UW-Whitewater Planning and Management program shows tomato, pepper and basil plants; acrylic trays are shown by the Whitewater High School arts program.

TOM GANSER *The Breeze*



# Library expansion construction to begin July '29

By Dave Fidlin  
CORRESPONDENT

After years of discussion, construction on the long-discussed expansion plans at the Irvin L. Young Memorial Library will get underway this summer, officials reported at a recent municipal meeting.

Diane Jaroch, who became library director in January, provided an update on the imminent construction project in a report to the Common Council on May 7.

“The idea of a new and improved library building for our community has been a dream for many years,” Jaroch said. “It is with great pleasure that I can say the dream has finally become a reality. We break ground on the new

library on July 29th.”

Jaroch and the Young Library Board have unveiled a preconstruction timeline, leading up to the midsummer heavy lifting that will become noticeable within the community.

This month, several behind-the-scenes tasks are taking place, including bidding and architectural work that will continue into next month with approvals sought from city officials.

Based on the plans in motion, there will be some adjustments to the library’s operations as work gets underway. For a four-week stretch – July 29 to Aug. 23 – the library building will be closed as demolition work takes place.

In the second phase – Aug. 23 to May 30, 2025 – construction on the library’s

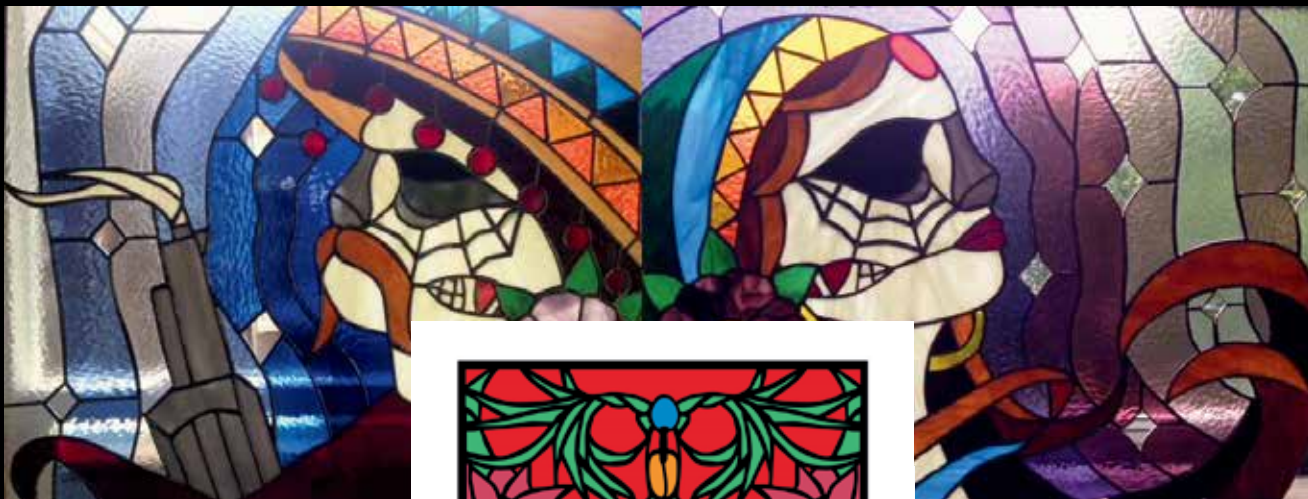
4,400-square-foot addition will take place, and the library will be open to patrons during this time.

In additional phases, stretching late into 2025, the existing library space will be closed off to public access as operations are shifted into the newly constructed area and are held there on an interim basis.

The timeline calls for having all work completed by Oct. 17, 2025.

Council President Patrick Singer expressed gratitude for the behind-the-scenes planning that has gone into the extensive project at the recent meeting.

“Thanks for all your hard work in getting that going,” Singer said to Jaroch. “We look forward to seeing it open in 2025.”



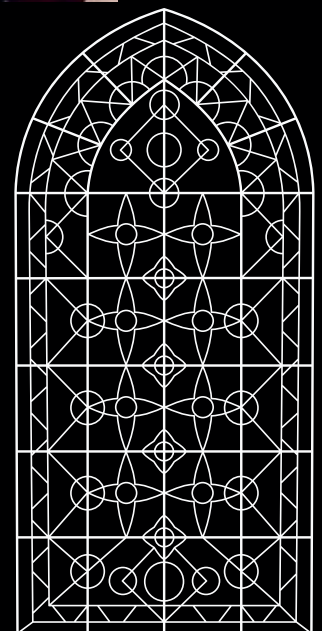
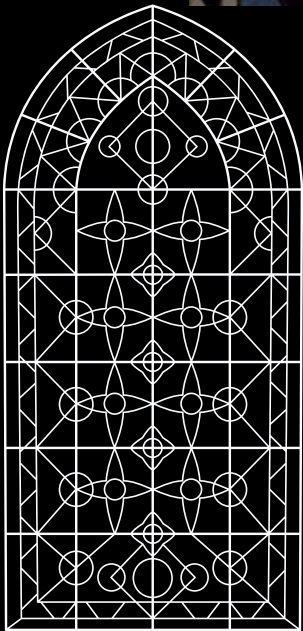
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alike. Parents can set a good example by remaining positive even if their own score is nothing to write home about. Resist any inclination to lash out after a shank or slice, and stay patient even when struggling with your short game. Kids are always watching their parents for cues, so it's best to ensure any frustration does not manifest itself outwardly.

- Avoid forcing the issue. Parents who are avid golfers understandably want to share their passion for the game with their children. But forcing the issue when kids are young might compel them to avoid the game at all costs. Let kids' love of the game develop organically, even if that means putting their clubs away until they're ready to try again.

Golf is a great game that can teach kids invaluable lessons. Certain strategies may foster a lifelong love of the game in youngsters.

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# BaristaCats wins first-ever Whitewater Windup

*Competition focuses on businesses that meet the community's needs*



By Jennifer Eisenbart  
STAFF WRITER

After a difficult 2023, winning a Whitewater contest could not have come at a better time for a local business.

BaristaCats Café – a coffee and drink shop located at 135 W. Center St., Whitewater, with cats available for visitors to spend time with – was recently announced as the winner of the city's first-ever Whitewater Windup competition.

The competition started in April, with the city focusing on startups and novel business concepts that “align with the community’s needs and aspirations,” a news release from the city said.

Attendees took part in mandatory workshops, and then created pitch videos.

BaristaCats Café in Whitewater was recently named the winner of the Whitewater Windup competition – a business competition designed to help small businesses. The business suffered a fire last summer but has continued to shelter cats and make them available for visits with customers, including this cat, Linda.

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The community had an opportunity to vote for their favorite videos from April 21-27.

That narrowed the field to eight finalists – BaristaCats, the Whitewater Grocery Cooperative, The Book Teller, Uptown Revive, Stellar Vintage, The Wellnest Shop, the Poppy Seed Company and BH Events LLC, Bowers House.

Wellnest Shop ended up second, with Stellar Vintage finishing third.

Nearly 1,000 votes were cast for the 13 participants in the contest.

The finalists took part in the last round of competition May 18, held at the Whitewater University Innovation Center.

Judges for the event included:

– Derek D’Auria, the executive director of the Walworth County Economic Development Alliance

– Kevin Kaufman, a professor at UW-Whitewater’s College of Business and Economics

– Long-time Whitewater residents Neil Hicks and Miguel Aranda

– UW-Whitewater student Chad Tjugum

– Christ Christon (owner of Second Salem in Whitewater)

– Deb Reinbold, a UW-Whitewater alumni and director of Thrive ED and the Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium.

While the final prize is still to be determined by the City of Whitewater, BaristasCat Café owner Natalie Serna said the money will definitely come in handy.

“We will be repairing our back room area, we need all new drywall, ceilings and floors,” Serna said. “This will also enable us to get much needed equipment for the kitties.”

Right now, BaristasCats Café has 21 cats at the café and 33 in the owner’s care.

However, the café suffered a fire last summer. While there was no fire damage, there was smoke damage, and the café has been struggling to pull things back together.

The café was closed for a time, and Serna said “everything counts” with a small business.

“When we lose that, it can cripple someone,” she said. “Because of our amazing community, and ongoing mission, we kept going. “The winnings ensure our doors stay open and mission of saving livings continues moving forward,” Serna added. “We are excited for what the future holds.”



# Know water skier safety codes

Water skiing is a popular sport on area lakes. When participating in any water sport, safety is key. Know the rules of the water when before putting on the skies.

**Rule 1** – Always wear flotation. A properly fitted personal flotation device is designed to fit snugly, so that it won't slip up on the body during a fall. The recommended type is a jacket or vest that covers the chest, abdomen and back.

**Rule 2** – Always be sure your equipment is in good condition. Your personal safety and enjoyment depend on the equipment you use.

Check your equipment regularly. Be sure that your skis do not have sharp or protruding surfaces that could cut or scrape the skier. Check towropes for frayed areas or broken bridges and handles. Repair or replace damaged or unsafe articles.

**Rule 3** – Don't give the starting signal until ready. Make sure you are ready; the slack has been taken out of the rope and you are clear of any dangerous obstacles around you. Keep your ski tips up.

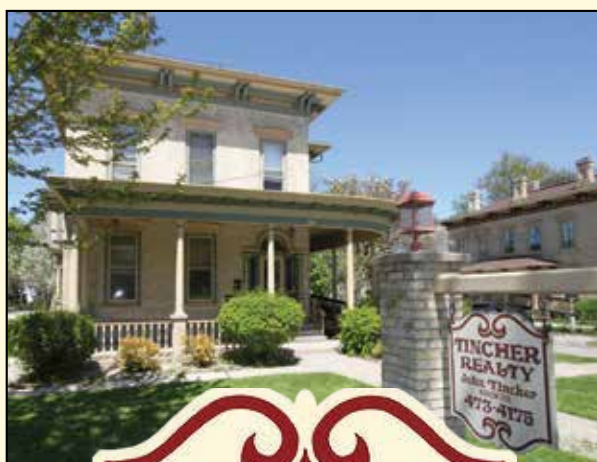
**Rule 4** – Do not ski near docks,

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Before getting up on the skis, make sure you know the rules. Even longtime water skiers can benefit from a quick review along with reminders on the standard hand signals to use when out on the lake.

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# Make fishing a fun outing for the family

There may be nothing sweeter in this big, wide world than gazing upon photos and videos of kids, nieces and nephews, and grandkids – with smiles a mile wide – holding up what they think is a huge “monster” fish (even if it’s just a small sunfish or bluegill), or photos of the family all together enjoying a day of fishing and having fun on the water.

If you love fishing and you want to share it with your family, it’s important to put a little planning in up front to help the experience go as smooth as it can to create those lasting memories and those stories that will be told for years of the monsters that were caught, and the big ones that got away.

To help you introduce the ones you love to a lifetime of fishing fun, the folks at Rapala, the legendary lure maker, offer these tips:

## Cherish the little wins

If you have smaller kids or beginners in the family, it’s likely they’ll be pulling up smaller catches. Though their sunfish might look measly to you, they might think it’s a monster! Hint, hint: So should you. Snap a picture to remember the beaming look on their faces and use this opportunity to show them how to conserve fish for future generations.

## Let them guide you

When and where it’s safe, let the kids “co-pilot” with you by operating your boat’s trolling motor and guiding you to the perfect spot. Kids want to experience what the adults do.

Operating a trolling motor will give them experience in positioning the boat and learning how to properly and safely approach a spot.

## Expand the circle

Families come in all shapes and sizes nowadays. Use fishing as an opportunity to gather in the great outdoors and share some precious time together.

Involve your partner or spouse, uncles and aunts, grandparents and close friends who feel like family. A day on or near the water can be a great way for a family to get away from our always-on digital world.

## Use quality gear

Don’t skimp on cheap fishing gear. If your low-quality fishing gear breaks or malfunctions, it could ruin the moment. Good gear doesn’t cost a fortune.

Choose gear with a lot of positive reviews and fishing lures, like Rapala lures, which are well-known for catching fish.



A little planning goes a long way in making a family fishing trip fun for everyone. Stock up on snacks, get the gear ready and don’t forget to take some photos and videos out on the water to capture the special moments.

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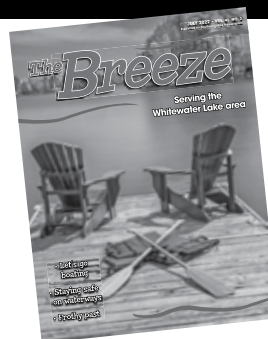
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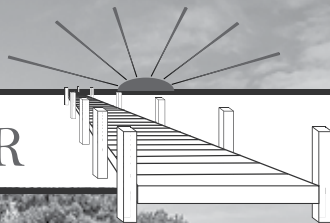
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**Palmyra Farmers Market**

The Palmyra Farmers Market (also known as Makers Market) is held Mondays through Sept. 30 on Taft Street between 2nd and 3rd streets.

This maker's market is a bustling haven of fresh produce, artisanal foods, and lively entertainment. A community gather place where people come together to celebrate food and culture, connect with their neighbors, and support local businesses.

For more information, follow Palmyra Makers Market on Facebook or email [abcdfarmhouse@outlook.com](mailto:abcdfarmhouse@outlook.com).

**Market at Tower Park**

The market is held Thursdays, 3 to 6 p.m. to Aug. 29 at Tower Park, (between Walworth Avenue and Park Place) in downtown Delavan.

Featuring home-grown and hand-crafted items, fresh produce, eggs, baked goods, plants, and more.

For more information, call 262-728-

5095 or email [info@delavanwi.org](mailto:info@delavanwi.org).

**Saturdays on the Square**

This farmers market is in Elkhorn on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., through Aug. 31. It features a variety of fresh produce, crafts, commercial products and more. Vendors set-up on a first come first serve basis with plenty of room for all who attend. Find food trucks and a morning workout on the square and get your weekends started off right!

Held at Veterans Park, 100 W. Walworth St., Elkhorn. For more information, email [info@elkhornchamber.com](mailto:info@elkhornchamber.com).

**Other events****Duesterbeck's Brewing Company, N5543 Highway O, Elkhorn**

Duesterbeck's has live music most weekends at its location, as well as weekday events. For more information, call 262-729-9771 or go to [dbcbrewery.com](http://dbcbrewery.com).

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Similarly, be prepared for accidents that happen and practice patience if a rod tip gets broken, a fishing rod falls into the water, or a fishing lure gets stuck high up in a tree. Remember, stuff happens.

**Bring a scale**

Practice catch-weigh-photo-release to get the family in the swing of things. You can even have a competition to see who had the heaviest catch!

Weigh the fish caught with a Rapala scale, perfect for taking photos that display just how hefty your catch is.

**Don't forget the snacks!**

Make everyone's day and keep spirits high by bringing special treats along for the ride. Ask each family member their favorite snack beforehand to make sure everyone is included. The only 'hangry' ones on your fishing trip should be the fish!

**Think beyond fishing**

Tell stories, take pictures, and bring coloring books for the little ones if they need a break. And remember, it's okay if not everyone wants to fish.

Some members of your family may not be too keen on fishing. Make sure they feel welcome and invite them to read a book or do another activity while others in your family are fishing. They will surely want to be there when the others are showing their catches off.

**Safety first**

Being in or around water means safety comes first. Make sure everyone has lifejackets, stays hydrated, and that you brief the kids on hook and water safety before handing over the rod.

Remember to check the weather ahead of time so you can bundle up if it's a crisp morning, and bring sunscreen and hats if the sun is blazing.

**Fishing is about learning**

Fishing can be fun, but it's also an opportunity to be part of nature and experience other precious moments, such as watching other wildlife (turtles, frogs, ducks, squirrels), identifying plants and trees, learning how a boat works, and trying different types of presentations to see which one is most effective in catching fish.

If some members of your family really turn on to fishing, feed that passion with videos about fishing. Rapala has more than 600 informative videos on its YouTube channel alone.

**Make a video**

Take lots of photos and videos of your fishing trips with the family, then create a short movie with iMovie to help them relive the memories of fishing when it's cold and wet outside. It'll be fun to make, and the final product will be a memento your family will cherish forever.

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pilings, other boats or swimmers. Always look ahead and be sure you are aware of your surroundings and where you are going at all times. Many water ski injuries result from collisions with docks or other solid objects.

**Rule 5** – Never put any part of your body through the handle or wrap the line around yourself in any way.

**Rule 6** – Never ski in shallow water or an area where there may be obstructions above or just beneath the surface.

**Rule 7** – When a fall is inevitable, try to fall backward or to either side. A forward fall increases the chances of contact with the ski.

**Rule 8** – Know and use the skier hand signals. It is particularly important to use the skier's "I'm OK" signal after a fall if you are all right.

**Rule 9** – If you fall in an area where there is other boat traffic, lift one ski half way out of the water. This will signal to other boats that there is a skier in the water.

**Rule 10** – Never ski to the point of excessive fatigue.

**Rule 11** – Always ski during daylight, from sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

**Rule 12** – Never ski directly in front of another boat.

**Rule 13** – Always use equal length ropes when skiing double.

**Rule 14** – Always ensure that the motor is "off" when a skier is entering and exiting the boat.

**Rule 15** – Always have an observer in the towboat.

For more information, visit [USA Water Ski and Wake Sports at usawaterskiandwakesports.org](http://USA Water Ski and Wake Sports at usawaterskiandwakesports.org).

# Water skiing hand signals

**1. Speed up**

The "thumbs-up" gesture indicates that the skier would like the speed increased.

**2. Slow down**

The "thumbs-down" gesture indicates that the skier would like the speed decreased.

**3. OK**

If the set speed or boat the path is good, the skier may use the OK signal.

**4. Turn**

When either the skier or the driver wants the boat turned, a circle motion with the arm over the head with one finger in the air is used. It is usually followed by pointing in the direction of the turn.

**5. Back to the dock**

A pat on the head indicates that the skier would like to return to the dock.

**6. Cut Motor/Stop**

A slashing motion with the hand across the neck indicates the boat is to stop immediately. This signal can be used by the skier, driver or observer.

**7. I'm OK (after a fall)**

This important signal indicates that a skier is OK after a fall. It consists of both hands clasped over the head. It should be used every time the skier falls.



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