

Chief Driver's Responsibilities

1. **Before the tournament day** - check availability of boats.
2. **Before the start of the tournament** – check in boats
 - a. Verify that supplied boats are in approved configuration (engine/transmission/propeller combination)
 - b. Check for existing damage
 - c. Verify fuel level
 - d. Check fluid levels – engine & transmission
 - e. Verify speed control settings and baselines – slalom; jump; accuracy of trick speeds
 - f. Work up assignment of drivers to events with approval of Chief Judge
3. **Before each event** – ensure the event driver has prepared the boat for the next event –
 - a. fuel
 - b. jump switch
 - c. second timing sensor
4. **During the tournament** – carry a radio:
 - a. Monitor boat paths (and correct if necessary)
 - b. Monitor times (and correct if necessary)
 - c. Be prepared to solve any problem that may occur
 - d. Check on fuel levels
5. **After the tournament:**
 - a. Complete the boat/speed control reporting forms
 01. Give them to the Chief Scorer for submission to USA Water Ski
 02. Be sure to report any problems with boats or speed control systems
 - b. Check for any damage to the boats which occurred during the tournament – inform boat owner of damages
 - c. Fuel boats prior to their release

As Chief Driver, it is your responsibility to take care of all activities related to boats, speed control systems and drivers.

As this checklist suggests, you need to make certain adequate boats are available and ready for use, that speed control systems parameters have been set and agreed to by all drivers; and that the systems are fully calibrated.

During the event, carry a radio. Listen to the times and talk to the driver, if necessary, to ensure actual times are delivered throughout the event. Walk to the end of the lake or check the monitor for boat path—make corrections, as necessary, by talking to the boat crew.

As the event progresses, make certain the next boat and driver are set and available.

Once the day's activities have completed, make certain the boats are taken care of and are ready for the next day's use.