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## 10 Tips to Better Wakeboarding

- 1) **Bindings should fit snug on your feet.** They should not hurt but be able to stay on while performing your tricks. If you have one board for the family, get bindings for each person. This will insure a proper fit.
- 2) **For spins, try a short board.** A short board is between 127 and 134 centimeters. They are lighter and easier to spin.
- 3) **Big boards have more traction.** A big board is between 134 and 143. With a larger surface area, a big board will provide a better grip on the water. Better traction will allow easier landing after an aerial maneuver.
- 4) **Small fins allow the board to slip out easily.** This gives you the capability of “Snowboard” riding. A small fin is anything under 1 ½ inch deep.
- 5) **Big fins grab the water.** A fin deeper than 1 ½ inch will give you maximum traction. A deep fin is great for the beginner who needs more traction or the rider landing huge jumps.
- 6) **Go finless.** No fins will let you do surface spins. You don't have to worry about a fin catching and spilling you when the board is sideways.
- 7) **Use a rope with take off loops.** If you're a beginner, then you should start at 50 feet from the boat. The wakes are narrower and easier to jump. As you become more confident, start increasing the length. Eighty feet should be your limit. Remember: as the line gets longer, the boat speed will need to increase.
- 8) **Use a No-Stretch line.** Except when learning to get up, stay away from stretchy rope. Tight lines add height and distance to your jumps and keep you in contact with the pull of the boat.
- 9) **ALWAYS wear a flotation jacket.** A coast guard approved vest not only keep you above the water, they also protect your ribs from the impact of a fall.
- 10) **Always wear a helmet when learning sliders.** Trying to slide across boards and tubes is risky. At the very least, protect your head by wearing a helmet.