

Selecting a new slalom ski can be a difficult decision.

Let's face it; there are many changes from skis of the past, bindings with hinges, carbon fiber, fiberglass and adjustable fin systems. Who would have thought the El Diablo would be out dated?

So the first question you must ask yourself when thinking about a new ski is: what kind of skier am I? Do you rip it up on the weekends with all of your closest friends or you the tournament skier looking for a new personal best in the slalom course?

Then turn to a great waterski company like Connelly that offers a unique line up of skis that can accommodate any skier. Here are Connelly's lineup:

For the weekend skiing enthusiast, I would recommend the Connelly HP or the SP. These skis offer a narrow tunnel and sit shallow enough to make hard turns. These are traditionally shaped and allows for enjoyment all day long.

Another great ski for the intermediate rider would be the Connelly Outlaw. The Outlaw is a shaped ski, which means it has a wider tail and tip. This makes for easier deep water starts. The best thing about this ski is the fact that Connelly has not sacrificed performance to make the ski easier to get up on. The ski allows the rider to carve hard and will cruise easily into 32 mph.

For the more advanced skier, Connelly has a stacked lineup of high performance skis. The first performance ski in the lineup is the Connelly Concept. The Concept has a dual concave tunnel which makes the ski hold edge better than the recreational skis. The dual concave allows the ski to be faster and turn harder. The ski is made with a soft flex pattern which makes it stable and predictable.

The next ski for the advanced skier is the Connelly F1X. It is a shaped performance ski. This ski is capable of performing at speeds of 34 mph. This is the ski of choice for Gunnells Marine owner, Gwen Gunnells. The F1X is a wider version of the tournament proven F1. It has a predictable tight turning radius that will make an advanced skier even better.

Third is the Connelly F1. It blends carbon, graphite, and fiberglass to give a fast predictable ski that can handle anything you throw at it. It also boasts a lifetime warranty. This is the ski of choice for Gwen's better half, Barney.

The final advanced ski in the Connelly line is the Prophecy. It is new for 2009 and is made of carbon and fiberglass. This ski is extremely fast and has proven tournament ability. This ski is known for its aggressive angle and is hand built and flex tested before leaving the factory. The Prophecy is the future of tournament slalom skiers of today and holds slalom ski record at 43' off. With an impressive lineup, Connelly can have any skier water ready.

So stop in or call Gunnells Marine to outfit you for the water and have you ready to carve up the glassy waters of a lake near you. Stop by anytime, Facebook, or e-mail us if you have any questions or would like more information on what Connelly and Gunnells Marine have to offer.