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President's Message

by Bob Lever



As of September 15th, I will have completed my first two-year elected term on the Board and, I'm sorry to say, this is the last president's message I will write as a member of the current Board of Directors. It has been a privilege working with the Members of this Board, all of whom have spent much time and effort being responsible and dedicated directors for our community.

My year as president was both challenging and rewarding. Although the lawsuits took a tremendous amount of time and energy, having had the opportunity to work with a Board that contributed its time and supported my efforts has balanced the stressful aspects of the job. I was consistently

amazed and extremely gratified to interact with six individuals who had no personal agendas or self-serving motives. Thank you, current Board.

The question now is do I want to run for a second term? I was appointed to the Board in 2005 after Board member, Jim Money, who was beginning the second year of his two-year term, resigned. Three months after his resignation, I was asked to fill Money's vacancy for the remaining nine months of his term. In 2006, I was elected to the Board, first serving as Vice President and then President.

Since working with and then as a member of the Board, I've been involved in a number of difficult, time-consuming issues. Before being appointed to the Board, I chaired the Budget Committee. The budget reports at that time were confusing – many line items seemed to be in the wrong categories and, most important, our reserve account was only 11% funded! After many hours of hard work on the part of the Committee, and with the support of the Board and our Membership, a special road repair assessment was passed, the budget report became readable, and our reserve account is now fully funded.

Once elected to the Board, I chaired the CC&Rs Committee. As many Members are aware, our present CC&Rs were written in 1970 by the developer of Oak Shores, long before we had any population to speak of. Between then and now, the CC&Rs, which are in the process of being approved, have been restated and are now in compliance with California Civil Laws governing private communities.

I feel even more could have been accomplished had it not been for the inordinate amount of time spent by the Board and the Manager on addressing all the litigation brought against our community by a few members. Over and above Board business, the many additional hours devoted to legal correspondence as well as hearings, depositions, meetings, and mediations took me away from my family much more than I ever anticipated. For this reason I debated for a long time whether or not I wanted to continue.

My conclusion is that I cannot, in good faith, walk away at this juncture. There are, at present, four various legal actions in which we are heavily involved. While each is separate, all are interconnected and very complex – most include the same individual(s) and have overlapping issues. For me to leave at this time could, I feel, severely jeopardize the position of the Association. I have decided, therefore, to run for a second term.

My purpose and direction on the Board has always been to protect our investment, to have clear, concise and current governing documents, and to keep Oak Shores a beautiful and unique place that we all can enjoy, feel safe in and be proud of.

I hope you will give me the opportunity to complete the work necessary for us to reach a conclusion to these legalities that, I am confident, will be positive and beneficial for the vast majority of our Members.



Oak Shores Election Committee

by Jim Cordle



Jim Cordle
Election Inspector

The Oak Shores Election Committee is comprised of OSCA Members who volunteer to help register voters and count ballots on the day of the Election. The Chairman of the Committee is the Board appointed "Election Inspector" Jim Cordle. He is responsible for the secure handling of the ballots and the procedures required to assure a fair and accurate count. He is also responsible to report the election results to the Board of Directors

The Election Committee assists the Election Inspector. Current members include:

- ♦ Jerry and Sydney Cain
- ♦ Jim and Georgia Cordle
- ♦ Randy & Nancy Feltman
- ♦ Perry and Jill Frederiksen
- ♦ Don and Bernice Krause
- ♦ Marion LaFave
- ♦ Gerry and Connie Main
- ♦ Faye Middleton
- ♦ Jim and Sue Money
- ♦ Chris and Karen Smith
- ♦ John and Toni Watkins

This year Oak Shores will be electing three Members to the Board of Directors on September 20, 2008.

Introduction to Candidate Information

by Randy Feltman

In this Election we seek to provide the Membership with helpful information about each of the candidates running for the three vacancies on the Board of Directors. The Election Committee developed specific questions for the candidates that would supplement their official "Candidate Statement". Each candidate was asked to submit responses to these questions along with their official Candidate Statement. There are five candidates, and each chose to prepare this information in their own style. The following pages present the candidates' information exactly as they submitted it.

The candidates are presented in alphabetical order.

The Election Committee's questions are as follows:

1. Why have you chosen to run for a seat on the Board?
2. What knowledge, experience or abilities do you have that would make you an effective Board Member?
3. What do you believe are the top three priorities for Oak Shores Community Association in the coming year?
4. Do you have any business or other financial interest that could pose a financial conflict of interest if you were elected to the OSCA Board of Directors? If so, please describe how you would assure Members it would not influence your Board actions.
5. What are your views about the current and future development plans for Oak Shores?
6. Have you previously volunteered/served on any OSCA committees or the Board of Directors?
7. How much time do you expect Board Membership and related activity will require of you each week? Are you willing and able to devote that time? Are you willing to serve on various committees?



Official Candidate Statement – Remy Frank



Since many of you don't know me, I thought a quick introduction would be helpful. Although we live and work in Ventura County, my husband and I consider Oak Shores to be our home. We enjoy the lake, the wildlife and the great friends we have met throughout the community.

Oak Shores has so much to offer and I believe that by continuing to find ways that enable us to share feedback, voice concerns and collaborate on ideas that benefit our neighborhood, we can maximize everyone's enjoyment. I hope to earn a seat on the board and contribute to this strong sense of community.

Here are my answers to the candidate questions including a few key objectives:

Why have you chosen to run for a seat on the Board?

I would like to be a member of the OSCA board to enhance the strong sense of community, ensure that the highest number of residents can enjoy the community throughout the seasons, and to find ways for community members to share their ideas and collaborate on solutions.

What knowledge, experience or abilities do you have that would make you an effective Board Member?

For the past 20 years, I have enjoyed managing marketing teams. I believe in gathering feedback and sharing ideas among all of the team members and I look forward to bringing that philosophy to our lakeside community.

What do you believe are the top three priorities for Oak Shores Community Association in the coming year?

Without having the opportunity to research the details of the community, I believe the top three priorities we need to address include:

- ♦ **Developing effective and cost efficient solutions throughout the community.**
- ♦ **Maximizing the capacity of our marina and enhancing the lakeside services provided by Oak Shores.**
- ♦ **Budget management to ensure that all aspects of the community (marina, roads, security, etc.) are well maintained without requiring additional assessments.**

Do you have any business or other financial interest that could pose a financial conflict of interest if you were elected to the OSCA Board of Directors? If so, please describe how you would assure Members it would not influence your Board actions.

I do not have any business or financial interests that would affect my ability to serve as an objective board member.

What are your views about the current and future development plans for Oak Shores?

I would like to see the board focus on objectives that have a positive impact on the highest number of members within our community. I would also like to explore the best solutions for diffusing security issues while protecting the rights of our members.

Have you previously volunteered/served on any OSCA committees or the Board of Directors?

This will be my first time running for the OSCA Board.

How much time do you expect Board Membership and related activity will require of you each week? Are you willing and able to devote that time? Are you willing to serve on various committees?

I look forward to devoting a few hours each month to serving the Oak Shores community. And, depending on the time commitment needed, will consider serving on specialized committees.

**Bob Lever—Candidate Statement**

I am running for a second term on the OSCA Board of Directors. Please see the "President's Message" which includes my qualifications and reasons I am running.

Aside from solving our litigation issues, my priorities for Oak Shores in the upcoming year include ensuring the overall security of our community; dealing with individuals/developers who use our Oak Shores entrance to access their property; and, solving the gasoline availability problem.

I feel that it is very important to maintain as much continuity as possible on the Board at this time.

Thanks for your support.
Bob Lever

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Saturday 8am —12pm

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E-Mail—alouder@oakshores.us

Winter Gate Hours (Starts Tuesday September 2)

Sunday—8am to 9pm

Mon—Thur—6:30am to 6:00pm

Fri., Sat—6:30am to 6:00pm (Extended as Necessary)

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Sue Money 472-2015 - Georgia Cordle 472-2775—Nancy Feltman 472-2258



Jim Marshall—Candidate Statement



My wife and I have owned a home in Oak Shores since 1989 and have lived here full time since 1994. We have been married for 36 years, have 2 children and 5 grandchildren.

I am asking for your vote as I feel that I am a qualified candidate and willing to work for the best interest of the community. I have a considerable amount of knowledge as to the community history and events that have occurred in the past and present. Oak Shores Community is an investment all of us have made! I would like to make sure that it continues to prosper and grow in a positive and healthy manner for everyone!

Some of the areas I would like to address as a board member are; to reduce our legal expenses, security and safety, budget, gas facilities – to help serve our members and reduce gas storage in garages and make our community more fire safe.

If you have any questions or would like to contact me I can be reached at jim@usctrojans.com or 805-472-2400. Thanking you in advance for your vote,
Jim Marshall

Responses to Election Committee Questions

Why have you chosen to run for a seat on the Board?

To do my part in keeping Oak Shores a wonderful place to live and vacation.

What knowledge, experience or abilities do you have that would make you an effective Board Member?

I have run a successful business for 35 years. I have a strong accounting background and years of Oak Shores Community history to help with keeping the future of Oak Shores the best place to be on Lake Nacimiento.

What do you believe are the top three priorities for Oak Shores Community Association in the coming year?

Legal issues, our budget and helping to ensure the quality of our infrastructure and amenities.

Do you have any business or other financial interest that could pose a financial conflict of interest if you were elected to the OSCA Board of Directors? If so, please describe how you would assure Members it would not influence your Board actions.

My outside, private, or business activities would not interfere with my ability to perform on the board. If an area of concern should arise, I would excuse myself from any involvement or vote.

What are your views about the current and future development plans for Oak Shores?

A lot is going on in our community; I feel we must involve the members and how they feel about issues concerning their investments and financial responsibility.

Have you previously volunteered/served on any OSCA committees or the Board of Directors?

Yes, I have served on several committees over the past 14 years and on the Board of Directors.

How much time do you expect Board Membership and related activity will require of you each week? Are you willing and able to devote that time? Are you willing to serve on various committees?

Involvement is the key to keeping Oak Shores a nice place to live, however much time it takes is what I'm willing to give, including committees and member forums.



Don Reader—Candidate Statement



I have decided to run for a seat on the 2008 OSCA Board of Directors for the following reasons:

It is my belief that the current OSCA board, of which I am a member, has made some real progress in dealing with many of the issues plaguing our community. However, there is still much to be done and because I never leave a job unfinished want to continue on the board so I may help with and be part of the final solution.

The fact that I have served the community now for two years and have been part of the decision making process that has brought us close to resolution of the myriad of legal issues confronting us qualifies me to continue to be a member of the OSCA board of directors.

Response to Election Committee Questions

First and foremost, we must deal with the litigation facing us and put an end to frivolous law suits that cost every member of this community untold dollars. This will be my #1 priority. Second, we must work with Annette and the office staff to streamline the daily operation of Oak Shores and thereby reduce that cost. Third, finish all the hard work already done to complete the implementation of the new CC&R's. It is extremely important that our community gets up to date and in step with the State of California and the Stirling/Davis Act.

Fourth; at this time or at any time in the foreseeable future, do I have or plan to have any type of business interest that would be in conflict, financial or otherwise, with my duties as an OSCA board member.

Fifth; while Oak Shores is a growing community, my feeling is that we need to take care and nurture what we have. As a board member my primary responsibility is to all the members who make up this community because their dues pay the bills and they look to us, the board, to protect their interests. I feel we have done that to the best of our ability and will continue to do so.

Six and seven, having previously served as a member of the board in 2007-2008 I am very aware of the responsibility that comes with that volunteer position and that those responsibilities do not end after the Saturday board meeting is over. We work constantly behind the scenes on various committees seeking to find the best solutions to problems that arise in the community. I will continue to do so as a member of the new board and together we can make Oak Shores our pride and joy.

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How much time do you expect Board Membership and related activity will require of you each week? Are you willing and able to devote that time? Are you willing to serve on various committees?

I do not feel that the board should have to meet or work on a daily/weekly schedule. We have hired a professional manager who can handle all the daily operational needs with her support staff. I feel that the purpose for the board is to deal with legal & personnel issues as they arise and to meet once a month at the board meetings to go over manager reports and other issues, and to assist the manager when requested.

If elected, I will serve the community to the best of my ability.



Matt Taylor—Candidate Statement

Hello,

My name is Matt Taylor. My family and I have been enjoying the lake all my life. I am a 3rd generation Paso Robles native with deep roots in the local community. After retiring from the California Youth Authority in 1998, I met my wife Leslie, who introduced me to the community of Oak Shores. We soon decided to make this our home. Never in my wildest dreams did I realize just how many great friends and neighbors that I would meet and how involved with the community that I would get.

Leslie's Mother Lynda Patrick was "The Gate" supervisor at the time and asked if I wanted a job checking-in visitors at the gate. I thought it would be a great opportunity to get to know my neighbors in the community, plus it was a good excuse to get me off the couch. From there my community involvement continued to

grow into a fulltime position at the gate all the way up to OSCA Operations Manager. Wow, did I learn a lot about this beautiful lake front community.

My wife and I have been living in Oak Shores full time for 9 years. My extended family has lived in Oak Shores full time for over 20 years. We have seen a lot of changes over the years.

Response to Election Committee Questions

Why have you chosen to run for a seat on the Board?

I love this community and would like help to keep Oak Shores moving in the right direction, and to protect home owner rights. I have seen some very positive changes and I would like to continue in that direction. I have chosen to run for the board to help in anyway I can.

What knowledge, experience or abilities do you have that would make you an effective Board Member?

I believed that my knowledge from working almost every position in Oak Shores from Gate attendant, Maintenance, Code Enforcement and Operations Manager, has given me a unique perspective of the community. I have also served on several committees'. I am a retired Peace Officer with knowledge of safety & security. I'm currently employed as a real estate agent.

What do you believe are the top three priorities for Oak Shores Community Association in the coming year?

- 1st Reduce our legal expenses.**
- 2nd Finalize the CC&R's.**
- 3rd Protect Oak Shores Community property and rights from neighboring developers.**
- 4th Add amenities (playgrounds, Bar-b-que areas, and upgraded campgrounds, swim docks, clean safe day beach areas, maybe even a game room/gym) and I would like to see the amenities we have updated and maintained often.**

Do you have any business or other financial interest that could pose a financial conflict of interest if you were elected to the OSCA Board of Directors? If so, please describe how you would assure Members it would not influence your Board actions.

No. But if a situation arose where there was a conflict, I would excuse myself from all discussion and voting for that situation.

What are your views about the current and future development plans for Oak Shores?

I do not have enough information on what the OSCA current and future development plans are, to have an opinion at this time.

Have you previously volunteered/served on any OSCA committees or the Board of Directors?

I have served on several committees' in the past. I am also a former OSCA employee who has worked almost every job in Oak Shores including Manager.

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Labor Day BBQ & OAK SHORES 1st LABOR DAY JEEP PARADE RALLY

**Aug.
31st
Flags!
Fun!**



**Meet 4PM at
the
West Launch
Ramp**

This is a Fun Fundraiser for the Recreation Committee to help put on other fun events throughout the year and purchase items that benefit the community. Entry Fee of \$25 per Jeep, includes one BBQ dinner ticket, an assigned parking and an American Flag.

Plan to have your Jeep in its best appearance.

You can decorate your Jeep and/or your Parking Space.

Four trophies awarded—1st, 2nd, 3rd places.

Special Award for the Ugliest and Dirtiest Jeep!

For Information Call 472-2869—Sign in at the Clubhouse 3:30pm to 4:15pm

Event Sponsored by:

Ted Miles Jeep Dealership — Atascadero

Schedule

3:30PM - Jeep Registration—Clubhouse

4:30pm - Parade from West Launch Ramp to Clubhouse

5:00pm - Parking Lot Displays—Judging for Awards

5:30pm - Award presentations

6:00pm - BBQ—Freddy and Kathy Escalera

(My Place Restaurant Owners)

7:00pm - DJ Jim Lovato

Music/Dancing

BBQ Tickets @ \$15 — Children Under 12 @ \$10

Call 472-9404 about the BBQ or

472-2869 about the Jeep Parade Rally



**BACK BY POPULAR
DEMAND
BIG \$\$\$
CHICKEN-SHOT
BINGO**



Oak Shores in Pictures

We are continuing our new photo feature devoting these two pages to Member photos of Oak Shores. People, events, our beautiful lake and natural environment, our wild animals, any pictures that relate to Oak Shores in some way. E-Mail your favorite digital photos to Cathy Anding Wolfe, our photo editor, at Cathyatthelake@msn.com or drop them off at her home.



OAK SHORES' PEOPLE IN THE NEWS !

ENS. RUTH & CDR. ANDING
SEE RELATED STORY
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ENSIGN BENJAMIN RUTH,
WITH PARENTS, ANN., ROSS, &
SISTER, JENNA
COMMISSIONING CEREMONY



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS



CDR. DARREN ANDING
WITH FAMILY NICHOLAS, LORI ANN,
& ERIN
CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY



GRANDPARENTS LIN & MARGE LUTZ,
BEN & GRANDMOTHER CAROL AT
GRADUATION BEFORE COMMISSIONING



OUR COUNTRY'S SYMBOL
FROM
JACKIE DeBERNARDI
ONE OF OUR EAGLES



ARIZONA MEMORIAL, PEARL HARBOR, HI



WOW AND CONGRATULATIONS!!
SAM & FRAN McKIBBON CELEBRATED
50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE IN RENO
WITH FAMILY AND
SEVERAL FRIENDS FROM OAK SHORES



KID'S FISHING DERBY
Five TROPHY WINNER
MIRANDA FAULKNER



2nd PLACE WINNER
FRANK ZALUSKY



SEPTEMBER 1990
OAK SHORES —
MARINA AND BONE
DRY LAKE!!
(PRAY WE DON'T
HAVE THIS SITE
AGAIN!)



BABY OWL
FELL
INTO AN
OUTDOOR
FIREPLACE
CHIMNEY



SWALLOW'S NESTS
ALONG DAM



PASO ROBLES WATER
PROJECT'S.....



BABY
BIRD
FELL
OUT OF
NEST



POOL AREA COMPLETED
AND IS A SIGHT TO BEHOLD!!!



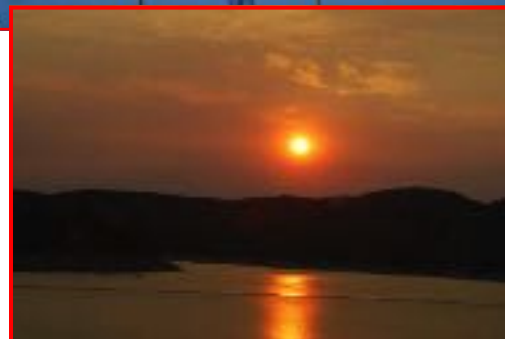
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SAFETY DAY WAS HELD AND
EXTREMELY IMPORTANT



SIMULATED
HOUSE FILLS WITH
SMOKE FOR
TEACHING WAYS
TO ESCAPE



SMOKE FROM MONTEREY
FIRES GAVE US BEAUTIFUL
SUNSETS

Neighborhood Watch
We look out for each other....

Oak Shores Neighborhood Watch volunteers have their eyes and ears open. Participants are available all hours of the day, throughout the year, to assist the effectiveness of Code Enforcement and our local law enforcement.

OSCA streets have been divided into several areas, with each section having a Block Captain (BC), in charge of obtaining information from homeowners in their section. BCs observe homes and streets daily and provide a local contact **while you are away or during a disaster.**



Below is a list of Block Captains, their section, and their contact information. Please contact the BC in your area and provide them with your home schedule, emergency contact numbers, and any pertinent safety information. It's up to each of us to keep our community a safe place to live and vacation.

Block Captain	Contact #	Section
Bud Berard (380-88)	472-2090	Woody Point/Stern Deck
Tooti Bevill (380-185)	472-2156	Upper Ridge Rider
Jerry & Sydney Cain (381-171)	472-9557	East Beach Circle
Joanie Douglas (381-66)	472-9302	Boat Hook/Shoreline
Nancy Feltman (378-15)	472-2258	West Deer Trail/Spike Ct.
Patti Franke	472-2627	Shoreline/Cove Lane
Dick Frederiksen (378-120)	472-2801	East Deer Trail/Saddle Way
Janice Gillenwater (381-48)	472-9404	Lakeview/Ready Rd.
Peggy Johnson (380-39)	472-9638	Lower Captains Walk
Chris Kirk (380-34)	472-9272	Upper Captains Walk
Lynne Kincannon (380-164)	472-9703	Lower Ridge Rider
Don Krause (378-109)	472-2278	Pronghorn/Circle Oak
Marion LaFave (381-222)	472-9450	Shoreline
Gerry Main (381-225)	472-9630	Shoreline/Lakeview
Sam McKibbin (381-06)	472-2951	Lakeview/Rough Rd.
Phyllis McKibben (381-249)	472-2826	Pine Branch/Pine Ridge
Sandy Rice (379-83)	472-2804	Lookout Loop
Bob Sutherland (380-203)	472-2855	Lariat Loop
Diane Taylor (381-116)	472-2084	Bass Point

There are many streets/sections without a BC. If you live in one of these areas and are interested in volunteering as a BC, please contact Tooti Bevill at 472-2156. If you observe something suspicious, please contact our local law enforcement agency – SLO Co. Sheriff’s Office at 434-4290 or 911 in case of an emergency.

Trash Tip

The raccoons are out in force and they are making a mess with many of the local trash cans. Try sprinkling a little ammonia inside your can and on the lid when you put it out at the street. Raccoons hate ammonia.

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**Fire Department Update
Company 34
Chris Kirk, Administrator**

Over 1,700 fires have broken out, due mostly to lightning strikes throughout California since May. As of this article, over 100 residences and 126 outbuildings have been destroyed and over 20,000 structures threatened. Two of the biggest fires were the Gap fire in Goleta and the Big Sur fire in Monterey County. The reason I bring this up is to show the importance of having the proper clearances around your home. The deadline for weed cutting and debris removal has passed and Cal Fire has finished their inspections of properties in the Oak Shores area, and only had to issue two warnings for debris on roofs. Company 34 would like to thank the community and the OSCA maintenance crew for doing an outstanding job of clearing lots and greenbelt areas making our fire environment easier and safer for our department to manage.

Company 34 responded into Monterey County for a wildland fire in the Bryson Hesperia area, which ended up burning 12 acres and a double wide mobile home. The fire appeared to be started by someone cutting metal with a welding torch. The structure involved did not have the proper 100-ft clearance around the structure and could not be saved. In other news, Company 34 has responded to 3 incidents involving prop cuts injuries from boats. Please make sure your boat is shut down when anyone is in the water close to the boat.

We have been working on maintenance at the Station on Lower Ridge Rider and making sure all of our equipment is in service and ready to respond. Company 34 is always looking for new potential members to join our company and become firefighters. It is a great way to help the community in which you live. You can contact Chris Kirk @ 472-9272 or any one of our firefighters.

In closing, one of our Volunteer Auxiliary couples are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this July. Congratulations to Sam and Fran McKibbin. Hope you have 50 more!

EXPANDED BIG SHOT Contest

Oak Shores in Pictures — Now Two Full Pages -

(Send us YOUR Best Photo of the Lake & Oak Shores FUN & BEAUTY....)

The BEST SHOT will receive a Logos Gift Certificate and be featured in the OAK LEAVES

You may submit more than 1 photo

Judging by an outside Professional Photographer

Submit Photos By November 1, 2008 CathyAtTheLake@msn.com — Subject: Pix 4 Prizes

**So go out...BE A BIG SHOT...Capture the people, wild animals, lake and natural beauty
it's a WIN/WIN for everyone!!**

CONGRATULATIONS To Dick Frederiksen (Photo on Back Page)

BRIDGE ANYONE?



Bridge players are welcome to join the small group that plays every Thursday from 12:30 to 4:00pm. This is a friendly game of rubber (one table) or party bridge (two or more tables). Occasional players, as well as regulars, of any level of ability are welcome. If you're here during the summer or anytime, come play with the group. One week's notice would be helpful. Please call Patti at 472-2627.





Towing a Wakeboarder

(Perfect for your rider and others on the lake)
by Brent Frank

Have you ever had to ride behind a boat with a driver that was not used to pulling a wakeboarder? They could not maintain the speed you wanted, would drive through another boat's wake, and send rollers back down your path. It makes a big difference if you have an experienced wakeboard driver pulling you. Towing correctly will enhance everyone's enjoyment of the sport.

Maintain Desired Speed

Maintaining consistent boat speed is important and requires a lot of attention on the part of the driver. Any distractions can easily result in the speed dropping or increasing one or two mph. Use the speedo, not the tachometer, to maintain boat speed across the water, making minor adjustments accordingly. Using the tachometer doesn't control for other factors that can affect boat speed across the water besides engine RPM. The driver should keep their lower arm on the armrest. This allows the driver to hold the throttle and make adjustments using their fingertips, allowing precise adjustments to speed without the rider noticing.

Concentrate on Driving

Often times, drivers will talk too much, mess with the stereo or turn around and watch the rider. If you want to see the rider pulling off their signature moves, have someone video tape them. Your number one priority should be maintaining speed, a straight line and looking ahead; giving your rider a nice safe session.

Drive Straight

To maximize the number of cuts the wakeboarder gets at the wake, refrain from sweeping turns and try to always drive in a straight line. If you have to make a turn, make it sharp. Remember to adjust the throttle to keep the speed consistent when the boat is turning if you don't have cruise control.

Find Smooth Water

Get to know your lake and how the wind and boat traffic will affect the water. This will enable you to find the smoothest conditions available even when the weather and crowds are not cooperating. The rider will appreciate it and return the favor when it is your turn to ride.

Keep Your Nose Dry

Dipping the boat nose is a common occurrence when the driver turns around to pick up a fallen boarder. It's caused by not slowing down and crossing over your own rollers on your way back to the rider. When you see the rider fall, simultaneously shut the throttle down. As you decelerate, turn to the right. If you practice this move you will find that your own wall of water coming up behind you will actually push the back of your boat around to the left and spin you on a dime to the right. Now, accelerate slowly back towards the rider, keeping perfectly in your own line. You are actually protecting your rider from oncoming boats more so than a big power turn. (Saves gas too.) You will notice that there will be no rollers to cross back over, no wet bow and no rollers heading off across the lake to deal with later. Try it! Watch and you will see other experienced drivers doing the same thing.

Don't Power Turn

A power turn is a high-speed turn that is typically made very quickly in order to retrieve a fallen wakeboarder, popular among old school skiers. The power turn sends rollers out in all directions, which will ruin your water and ruin the water for others around you. The best way to get to a fallen boarder is described in the section above. The big wide power turn also leaves you rider unprotected and vulnerable.

Talk to the Rider

Ask the rider some questions before they jump in the water: What speed do you usually ride? Where would you like to ride? It's also a good idea to ask the rider how the driving was after their first fall. Was the speed OK? Is there anything different that you would like me to do? This also gives the rider the opportunity to say something that they might not have brought up otherwise. Your goal, as the driver, is to maximize the run for the wakeboarder by maintaining the rider's desired speed, getting the rider the best possible water conditions, and maintaining straight lines. If you can do all of these things, plus follow a few tips above, you will be able to correctly pull a wakeboarder.



Former Oak Shores Owner, Darren Anding, Takes Command!



Darren's parents, Tim & Cathy Anding, bought their home at Oak Shores in 1987. In 1988, Darren, his sister, Jennifer & Mom became owners of a vacant lot (which they sold in 2005). Over the past years, Darren got just a few Oak Shores visits with his mom, Cathy, and stepdad, Gaylord Wolfe... Why? Read on.....

Born and raised in Simi Valley, Darren graduated from Simi High in 1986. He attended USC on a full NROTC scholarship. In December, 1990, he earned his Engineering Degree, was commissioned a Navy Ensign, and was accepted for flight training. Two days later he married Lori Ann Bortree, also a Simi Valley High grad. In April 1994

he received his Naval Aviator wings, and was selected to the Commodore's List for superior performance. He completed his training on the F-14 A/B Tomcat and finished as the "Top Hook" and "Top Stick" for superior landing grades during his initial Carrier Qualification. He was ordered to the "Jolly Rogers" (famous skull and cross bone insignia) Fighter Squadron and served aboard the aircraft carriers USS Enterprise and USS Eisenhower. He got deployed twice to the Mediterranean Sea and Persian Gulf, flying missions over Bosnia & Iraq. He also became 1 of about 10 U.S. pilots to fly an actual Russian MIG fighter jet.

In 1999, Darren reported to NAS Fallon, Nevada, to serve with the VFC-13 "Saints" Squadron as a TOPGUN Adversary Instructor pilot in the F-5E/F Tiger II, training fleet and student fighter pilots in the art of air combat maneuvering. He received the Richard T. Ryon Award, designating him as the 2001 Adversary Pilot of the Year. In October 2003, Darren reported to NAS Atlanta, GA where he served as Detachment Officer-in-Charge for the air wing's joint participation with the U.S. Air Force COPE THUNDER exercise in Arkansas. Although he continued flying the F-5, he received transition training in the F/A-18 Hornet.

In 2005, he became the Officer-in-Charge of the VFC-13 "Saints" Adversary Squadron for TOPGUN back in Fallon, NV. Besides flying adversary, Darren oversaw 185 personnel, 22 aircraft and a budget of \$170+ million. During his tenure, the VFC-13 Squadron completed 5000 mishap-free flight hours in direct support of the Fleet and was awarded the 2005 Battle "E" award for being the finest overall fighter squadron, and awarded the 2005 and 2006 Golden Wrench award for having the finest maintenance department in the air wing. During his Navy flying years, he accumulated over 2670 mishap-free flight hours in numerous jet aircraft, logged 327 arrested landings on 4 different carrier decks, and graduated TOPGUN. His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (2 strike/flight), Navy Commendation Medal (3 awards), Navy Achievement Medal (2 awards) and more.

In 2007-2008, although ending his flying career, Darren earned a Master Degree in National Policy and Strategic Studies at the Naval War College in Newport, RI...and the rank of Commander. So, what's next? On June 6, 2008, at the Change of Command Ceremony witnessed by wife Lori Ann, daughter Erin, son Nicholas, parents Tim, Cathy & Gaylord, and other family members, CDR Darren Edward Anding became the new COMMANDER of the Pearl Harbor, Hawaii Navy Operational Support Center (the Reserve Base) with over 750 Navy & civilian personnel. Not a bad "gig" for a 40 year old "kid" from Oak Shores!!

P.S. Darren has also influenced another Oak Shores' kid...Darren met 2 yr. old Benjamin "Benji" Ruth, grandson of Lin & Marge Lutz, (longtime Oak Shores owners, and next door neighbors to Cathy & Gaylord). Years later, Benji learned that Darren was a fighter pilot in the Navy, and spoke to him about a pilot career and how to achieve the dream...and he listened well. Attending Embrey-Riddle University, Florida on a full NROTC scholarship, in May, 2008, Benjamin earned his degree AND received his commission as an Ensign in the Navy. During college he learned to fly, and has now been ordered to begin Naval Flight Training at Pensacola, FL, and then onto Kingsville, TX, where he will get his wings, and begin his career as a Naval Aviator! Who knows, sometime in the future, one of the F-18 fighter pilots from Lemoore NAS (the guys who rattle your house windows while "playing" above the lake) could be one of our own Oak Shores' kids living their dream, and saying Hi from above...

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