# OPERATOR'S MANUAL: WAKEBOARD AND BINDING

# <u></u> MARNING!

- Use of this product and participation in the sport involves inherent risks of injury or death. To reduce risks: Ski/board in control and do not use at speeds that exceed the skier's/rider's ability. Too slow is better than too fast. All riders should be towed at boat speeds that allow for reasonable control and stability. Use correct size ski/board and binding. Wet binding and foot with water before use. Adjust binding for a snug, not tight, fit. Even if properly fitted, the binding may or may not release in a fall which could result in injury. USE EXTRA CAUTION WHEN TOWING BEGINNERS.

- Attempting land or dock starts can increase the risk of injury or death.

  USE ONLY ON WATER. Do not use in shallow water or near shore, docks, pilings, swimmers or other watercraft.

  Always wear a vest (in a propper size) that is authorized by your local authority, such as ISO, CE, CCGA,DOT, USCG (type III), etc...

  Read the Operator's Manual before use.

If your ski/board is equipped with a high performance binding, please read the following warning:

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Even if properly fitted, the binding may or may not release in a fall which could result in injury. To reduce risks:

1) Binding should be properly fitted for a snug, not tight, fit.

2) Binding must not be used by others for whom it was not properly fitted.

3) Do not use any lubricant except water to put on binding.

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  Watersports can be safe and fun for all levels of enthusiasts. The Operator's Manual is presented to enhance your enjoyment of the sport. It is intended to alert you to some of the potential dangerous conditions that can arise in all watersports.

  The binding, even if properly adjusted, may or may not release in a fall which could result in injury to the ankle, knee, leg or other parts of the body. To reduce your risk of injury or death, follow these guidelines:

  Use correct size ski/board and binding. Binding should be adjusted for a snug, not tight, fit.

  Wet binding and feet with water before use.
  Inspect skis/board, fins and bindings for loose screws, wear, cracks, delamination or tearing.

  Check foot straps (bindings) and fins prior to each use to insure they are fastened securely to the ski/board.

  The faster you ski/board, the greater your risk of injury. Exercise additional caution when skiing/boarding at competitive speeds. Beginners should be towed at slower speeds that allow for reasonable control and stability.

  Waterskiing/boarding instruction is recommended before use. Instruction will teach general safety guidelines and proper skiing/boarding techniques, which may reduce your risk of injury. which may reduce your risk of injury.

WATERSPORTS SAFETY CODE:
Watersports are fun and challenging but involve inherent risks of injury or death.
To increase your enjoyment of the sport and to reduce your risks, use common sense and follow these rules:

### **Before You Start**:

- Familiarize yourself with all applicable federal, state and local laws, the risks inherent in the sport and the proper use of the equipment.

  Know the waterways. Keep track of swimming areas, no-wake zones and shallow water areas.

  Always have a person other than the driver as an observer.

  Skier/rider, observer and driver must agree on hand signals.

  Never start out until skier/rider signals he/she is ready.

  Observer and skier/rider should maintain constant eye contact.

  Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning from engine exhaust may cause injury or death. Do not sit on the boat transom or boarding platform while the engine is running.

  These activities may lead to excessive CO exposure which may cause injury or death. If you can smell engine exhaust while in the boat, do not stay seated in that position for prolonged periods. Never "Platform Drag" by holding onto the boarding platform or be dragged directly behind the boat. An improperly tuned engine will produce excessive exhaust. Have your engine checked and corrected by a mechanic. Changing boat speed or direction relative to the wind can reduce or increase boat exhaust from accumulating near the boat and rider. Consult your boat Owners Manual, or the United States Coast Guard's website: www.uscgboating.org for more information on how to help protect others and yourself from the dangers of CO poisoning

  Do not exceed the weight guidelines of your boat. Only use water ballast and people for additional weight. Do not allow passengers to hang outside the boat or sit on the gunwales outside the normal seating area of the boat. Uneven weight distribution or additional weight may affect the handling of the boat.

  Never allow water to overflow the gunwales of your boat.

### Your Equipment and your Tow Rope:

- Inspect all equipment prior to use. Check bindings, fins, tube and attachment point, and flotation device prior to each use. Do not use if damaged.

  Always wear a vest that is authorised by your local authority, such as ISO, CE, USCG (type III), etc...
  Rope should be attached to the watercraft in an approved fashion with hardware designed for towing.

  Refer to your watercraft manual for instructions on proper tow rope attachment.

  Tow ropes stretch during use. If a rope breaks or is suddenly released, it can snap back into the watercraft striking boat occupants or the user which could result in injury or death. Warn all riders/skiers and occupants of the danger of rope recoil.

  When in the boat, keep away from the tow rope to avoid injury. Passengers can be hit, or become entangled in the rope.

  Inspect tow rope and its attachments before using. Do not use tow rope if rayed, knotted or damaged. Replace when signs of excessive deterioration are indicated by discoloration, broken filaments, unraveling or other obvious signs of wear on the rope or hardware.

  Use proper tow rope for the activity.

  Ensure tow rope is clear of all body parts prior to starting out or during use.

  Keep persons and ropes away from propeller when engine is running, even in neutral. Should rope become entangled in propeller, SHUT OFF ENGINE AND REMOVE IGNITION KEY BEFORE RETRIEVING ROPE.

- When You Ski or Ride
  - Attempting land or dock starts can increase the risk of injury or death. USE THIS PRODUCT ONLY ON WATER.

    Always remove any slack in the rope between watercraft and skier/ rider before starting. Sudden shock loads may cause injury to skier/rider or failure of rope, resulting in snap-back or breakage.

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  - Do not ski or ride in shallow water, near shore, pilings, docks, rafts, swimmers, other boats or other obstacles. Such obstacles are examples or risks that inherent in the sport.

    The driver and skier/rider must watch for and be able to stop or turn to avoid obstacles.

    Falling and the injuries that may result are inherent risks in the sport.

    Always ski or ride in control and at speeds appropriate for your ability. Ski or ride within your limits.

    Do not ski or ride over ramps or jumps without prior instruction.

    Use a flag to signal others that a skier or rider is in the water.

    Driver must use extra caution approaching a fallen skier/rider and keep eye contact on fallen skier/rider at all times.

    Put the boat in neutral when near a fallen skier/rider. Turn the engine off when people are getting into or out of the boat, or in the water near the boat.

    Do not operate watercraft, ski or ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

THE WARNINGS AND PRACTICES SET FORTH ABOVE IN THE WATERSPORTS SAFETY CODE REPRESENT SOME COMMON RISKS ENCOUNTERED BY USERS. THE CODE DOES NOT PURPORT TO COVER ALL INSTANCES OF RISK OR DANGER. PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE AND GOOD JUDGMENT.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE
Under no circumstances should the bottom be waxed, painted or altered. Clean only with soap and water – rinse thoroughly. When used in salt or brackish water rinse thoroughly after each use.

Bright colors will fade when subjected to prolonged sunlight exposure. THIS IS NOT COVERED UNDER WARRANTY. To protect your ski/board from ultraviolet rays of sunlight, store your ski/board in a suitable bag when not in use.

## TWO YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

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The Sport en Recreatie Den Bol B.V. product warranties and obligations set forth below are in lieu of any other express warranties for obligations of Sport en Recreatie Den Bol B.V., it's distributors or retailers. The warranties and limitations extend only to the original purchaser or to the person for whom originally purchased for. Sport en Recreatie Den Bol B.V. will repair or replace at no charge any product which breaks or is defective in materials or workmanship; and, at manufacturer's option, will replace at one-half (1/2) the current retail price or repair at cost, for the remainder of the original warranty period. Damage due to misuse, abuse or modification is excluded...as is normal wear, such as handling dings, etc. For a period of two years from date of purchase, the product is warranted to be free of defects in materials and workmanship. The warranty does not extend to normal wear and tear or abrasion of the product, or damage due to improper handling, maintenance, modification, use or storage. To obtain repair or replacement, attach your name, address, phone number, desription of problem and proof of purchase (sales receipt) to your product and return the product to the retail store where the original purchase was made. The retail store must contact Sport en Recreatie Den Bol B.V. for settlement of the warrenty.

# WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER:

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  Any damage caused by sliders or rails. DO NOT use sliders/rails if you want to keep your warranty. There are no exceptions to this rule.
  Normal wear and tear including scratches, nicks, or fading.
  Damages caused by modifications and/or use of equipment not provided with the purchase of the product.
  This includes bolt-on systems to attach fins and bindings, cutting and reshaping boards, overlays and or binding parts, etc.
  Damage caused by misuse or an accident such as dock slides, dock or beach starts, striking a solid object, Tow rope handle striking product, etc.
  The validity of damage or any like situation reports are at the discretion of Sport en Recreatie Den Bol B.V. warranty personnel.
  Products used in commercial, rental, demo, or instruction programs.

## LIABILITY AND SUITABILITY OF USE

Activities involving the use of Sport en Recreatie Den Bol B.V. products assume the risk of bodily injury arising from those activities.

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