



SMWS is proud to offer Rip 'n Ride!

Rip 'n Ride is a national grassroots program developed by Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada to encourage a greater number of Canadians to learn and enjoy the world of towed water sports. Rip 'n Ride is well suited for all ages, and especially for children aged 6 to 16. Water skiing, wakeboarding and its different activities are something that anyone can learn, and can enjoy for a lifetime of fun and fitness.

The name Rip 'n Ride comes from terminology often heard around the water. Because of how a ski carves or rips the water, putting off a spray, "Let's go for a rip" is a common call to get up behind the boat. And wakeboarders are known for "riding" their board.

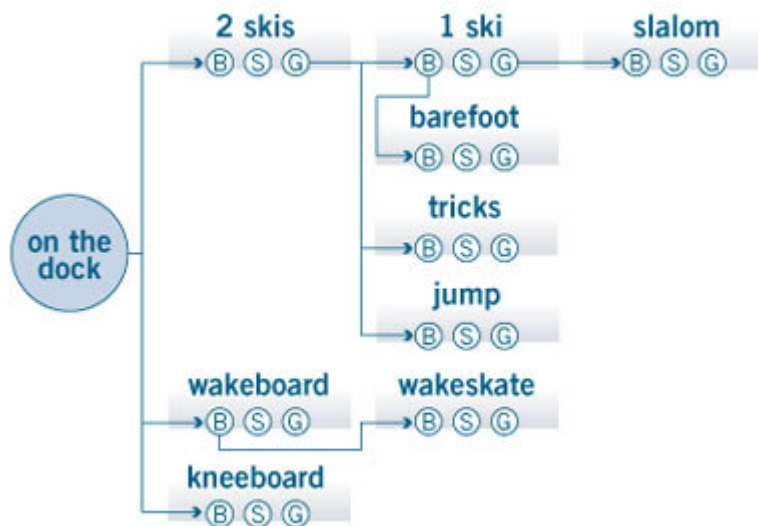
It's a program developed by Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada to introduce the sport of towed waters sports to newcomers. Lesson programs are offered through summer camps, water ski and wakeboard clubs and schools, resorts, traveling clinics and other groups. They are delivered by qualified Water Ski Wakeboard Canada trained Rip 'n Ride instructors. It teaches beginners about water safety and the fundamentals of the sport using a system that promotes fun, progression and continued enjoyment in the sport.

A certificate of achievement will be given to each participant. The certificate also doubles as a tracking chart, allowing the participant to apply stickers earned to track achievement and progress. Each attendee also receives a cool report card for added encouragement and keepsake. SMWS is happy to include this in the weekly day program. (It is offered at a \$10 option for single day camp or other per lesson programs.)

There's a whole line-up of various forms of towed water sports, and the skill achievement for each at the bronze, silver and gold levels. You can branch out to try all the different variations, like wakeboarding, kneeboarding, 1 ski slaloming, and such. Or, you could decide to go as far as you can in any one of those. In terms of what's next, by the time you have achieved a gold level in any one of slalom, tricks, jump, barefoot, wakeboard or wakeskate, you are darned good! It is at that level where, if of interest, you are ready to enter the exciting realm of competition.

Skill Development System

Rip 'n Ride is a roadmap for the different fundamental skills of any one of the variations of towed water sports:



The program teaches you how to perform the basic skills of the sport, encourages you to try all of its variations, and to keep getting better by learning the skills of the next level up. Each level consists of 4 to 7 skills that must be successfully performed in order to "Pass" and move on to the next. The beauty of being a national, standardized program is that you can pursue continued instruction towards your next level or be tested by any recognized instructor in Canada, whether you're in Nova Scotia or British Columbia.

More stickers and report cards help you see your progress.