

Town of Waterford Board  
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### **Town of Waterford Board and Chair,**

I am requesting a spot on the July 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting agenda to discuss and hopefully win approval for a Water Ski Slalom Course on the Fox River, East of Egg Island and South of Blue Heron Point.

I have been in discussions with Jason Roberts from the DNR and Sergeant Adam Nelson, Water Patrol, for the appropriate direction and guidance in this process... both being very helpful.

A Water Ski Slalom Course is a grid of marker balls used in water ski competitions and at the recreational level, a great tool for improving one's skill in the sport of slalom water skiing.

Establishing a Water Ski Slalom Course falls under the Waterway Marker Ordinances in State waters and requires a permit (Form 8700-58) per Chapter 30.12, of Wisconsin State Statutes.

Attached I have the Waterway Markers Handbook (LE0317.pdf), which covers "Establishing a Slalom Course" on page 22. I have also attached a blank version of the application (8700-058.pdf) for your review. *The actual application will be submitted as soon as we have all the required riparian owner signatures, which I believe we are only three short as of right now, due to people not being home.* I have also included a slalom course diagram (slalomcourse.png) which provides the dimensions and a visual of what a slalom course looks like and a location map (course-proposal-three.jpg) which was created in Google Earth. This also includes GPS coordinates.

The proposed course location has been reviewed by Sergeant Nelson and has been adjusted to minimize safety concerns with recreational traffic.

The ordinance suggests the use of slalom course marker buoys, which Jason says aren't typically used, but in this case I think they should be, to satisfy any further safety concerns with northbound traffic.

With approval and moving forward, we would like to create a non-profit club of sorts, as an entity that could assume ownership for the purpose of communication, establishing rules of etiquette, course maintenance and to potentially carry liability insurance.

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For the sake of education, information and efficiency at your meeting, please feel free to contact me with any questions prior to the meeting.

All the attachments, discussion, progress, documents, diagrams and illustrations are also housed at <http://villagepier.com> for easy access and review.

**Attachments:**

Waterway Markers Handbook (LE0317.pdf)  
Blank Permit Application form (8700-058.pdf)  
Proposed course location map (course-proposal-three.jpg)  
Slalom Course Illustration (slalomcourse.png)

Warm summer regards,

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