

Wakeboarding Tips

Keep things in perspective – As the sport of wakeboarding has evolved, and the *wakes* have gotten bigger, it has given beginner and intermediate riders the chance to ride with a pro wake size and boat speed. Be careful out there and learn how to control your speed and do all the fundamental tricks frontside and backside on the surface, and wake to wake from all the angles with a small wake and short rope first and you'll progress quickly. Once you learn these key tricks, start to let the line out a little and beef the wake up. Remember, the PROs were going huge and doing big tricks with shorter lines, smaller wakes, and slower speeds. Check out this video: <http://vimeo.com/15751641> — If you need to go bigger than this, simply buy any v-drive with a tower and use only stock ballast...



The PROs that pioneered our sport learned first, then made the wakes bigger, let the line out and sped the boats up. If you watch from the boat, most all of the best PROs cut into the wake like its slow motion and go so high it is amazing. When they cut in moderately fast they go huge into the flats. That's the advantage of the bigger wakes. It's awesome! But, are you easing into the wake or are you cutting in hard and hauling ass into the wake?

Watch the approach, especially on double ups in this video and others. Ben is a great example of a rider who maximizes pop and makes wakeboarding look easy – <http://www.spike.com/video-clips/63nwmw/innuendo-ben-greenwoods-part>.

It is important to realize that edging hard and using a lot of speed is unnecessary. Speed will also get you to the other side quicker and make the water harder when you do screw up. Your focus should be balance and using the rope as an enabler to fly. Get the timing right and balance right and you'll go way bigger and land way softer.

Good luck!! My next blog will discuss balance in more detail.

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