

# Spring Preview



Clemson Water Ski Team

## Special points of interest:

- \* CU Ski finished 8th at Nationals—in DI!
- \* Recruits are starting to commit!
- \* New officers have been elected!
- \* We're getting a new boat!
- \* Spring schedule has been finalized!

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## CU SKI NEWSLETTERS ARE BACK!!!

We're so excited for the 2017 season! There's all kinds of stuff going on with the team, from new officers to our spring schedule. President **Vida Komer** says "We're excited to have had such a successful Fall Season and are planning to bring that success into the new year." Not only does it look like the team is on track to improve scores, but also to have better outreach and connection to the Watersports Club, the University, and the NCWSA. After our DI appearance at Nationals in fall, we were able to put our name out there and have seen the results—especially with recruiting!

Quite a bit of that credit goes to our newly elected officers. Everyone's always working hard and available to talk CU Ski if you reach out to us!

## Fall Recap

The Clemson Water Ski Team had a great Fall 2016 season, including competing in DI at Nationals for the first time since any of our seniors have been here! CU Ski entered ranked 12th and moved into the Top 10 to take home the 8th place trophy! We welcomed new freshmen **Michael Collier**

### New Officers:

- \* President: **Vida Komer**
- \* Vice President: **James Webber**
- \* Captain & Safety: **Glenn Barnes**
- \* Treasurer: **Colton Steffenson**
- \* Secretaries: **Ben Synoground & Ashley Stevens**
- \* Public Relations: **Matt Haertel**
- \* Maintenance: **Christian Vitzethann**
- \* Recruitment: **Michael Collier**
- \* Merchandise: **Will Dagley**
- \* Club Representatives: **Mario Krussig & Kevin Kaiser**



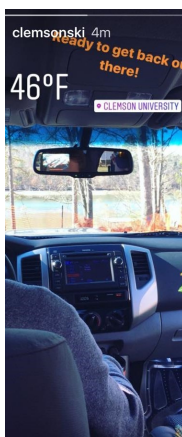
A photo of the lake at our first team practice of the Spring Season!

(MD), **Matt Haertel** (GA), **Ian Quisenberry** (CT), **Colton Steffenson** (NC), and **Ashley Stevens** (FL) team. Included in that freshman class was a beautiful Mastercraft NXT 20. After a few tower and pylon modifications (there were a few "incidents" with the originals), we have a gorgeous new &

straight tower, plus a fresh pylon (our club drivers were confident Lake Hartwell could benefit from the original). The club is loving every bit of it, and we had *over 600 Clemson students* show interest in joining!

## Spring Preview

The NCWSA Spring Season is just around the corner, and here at Clemson we're ready to get started! We've already had our first team practice of the season. We brought some new team members out to the lake and gave them a warm—well, cold—welcome as we all froze our butts off. Overall, it was a great time and an exciting look at what's coming.



A screenshot of our Instagram story before our first practice

The SAC Spring Schedule has been announced, and here it is:

- \* **3/25: SAC Tournament @ Okecheelee Park**
- \* **4/1: Auburn hosts @ Divorce Lake**
- \* **4/8: Clemson hosts @ Rodgers Family Pond**
- \* **4/22: Georgia hosts @ Jefferson Shores**
- \* **5/20: All-Stars @ Bull-neck Lake (Arkansas)**

To really kick off our spring, CU Ski is taking a Spring Break training/vacation trip down to Florida from 3/17-3/26. Team Secretary **Ashley Stevens** coordinated our route, which takes us through Savannah, Fort White, Groveland, and culminates in West Palm Beach with the Okecheelee Park Tournament on March 25th. We can't wait to get some scores in the books even we might be a little rusty. Make sure to follow our social media accounts for live updates on the trip!

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-Glenn Barnes, Capt.

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## New Boat

Possibly the most exciting addition to CU Ski for the new season is our brand-new MasterCraft ProStar 200. Needless to say, we're psyched to have a flagship ski boat pulling us. This will replace our old Malibu LXR. Captain **Glenn Barnes** says "Although the Malibu's been with us through thick and thin, we're excited to transition to MasterCraft and see how it treats us for the next two years!" Many thanks

to Central Watersports for working with us through the process of getting the new boat. Our friends over there helped us from the beginning, and we're ready to see the finish when the ProStar arrives to Hartwell in late March.

Be sure to watch for the speedy orange ski boat, and don't be afraid to say hi!



The team's new ProStar

## Recruiting

Looking forwards, we have a lot of good things on the horizon—specifically our recruits! CU Ski has been on an upward trend personnel-wise in the last few years, and that's set to continue. We had a great recruiting weekend in the fall. We hosted six recruits for two days of touring, skiing, and a football game. On top of that, we've been in touch with several others. Put them all together and we have a pretty comprehensive list!

In fact, we have word that a few have already committed (ssshh!) This momentum is outstanding. Plus, considering more recruits, it's only going to get better. Just take a look—we competed at Nationals in D1 for the first time since 2010 last year, and we're getting more and more recruits each year.

The SAC better be ready for the Clemson Tigers!



Fall 2016 Recruiting Weekend



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### Alumni:

Thank you to all of our Alumni for your support. We want to stay connected with you all and hear from you all as much as possible. Please feel free to reach out to us via email or any of our social media pages! Also, if you're around, we would love if you visited!

### Merchandise:

We are currently in the process of designing & ordering new merchandise. If you are interested in ordering any products, please contact us via email or through our social media pages.

### Donations:

Though CU Ski works closely with Clemson Club Sports to budget our funding, we always have something to take care of and donations are always appreciated. If you would like to donate to CU Ski, then please click [here](#). Thank you for your support!

### Thank you!

I hope you've enjoyed the newsletter and we appreciate your interest in the team! CU Ski is a great community that we're glad you're a part of. I'm honored to be bringing back the newsletter tradition. I plan to release a couple per season (most likely at the beginning and end), so keep an eye out!

Sincerely,

**Matt Haertel**, PR Rep