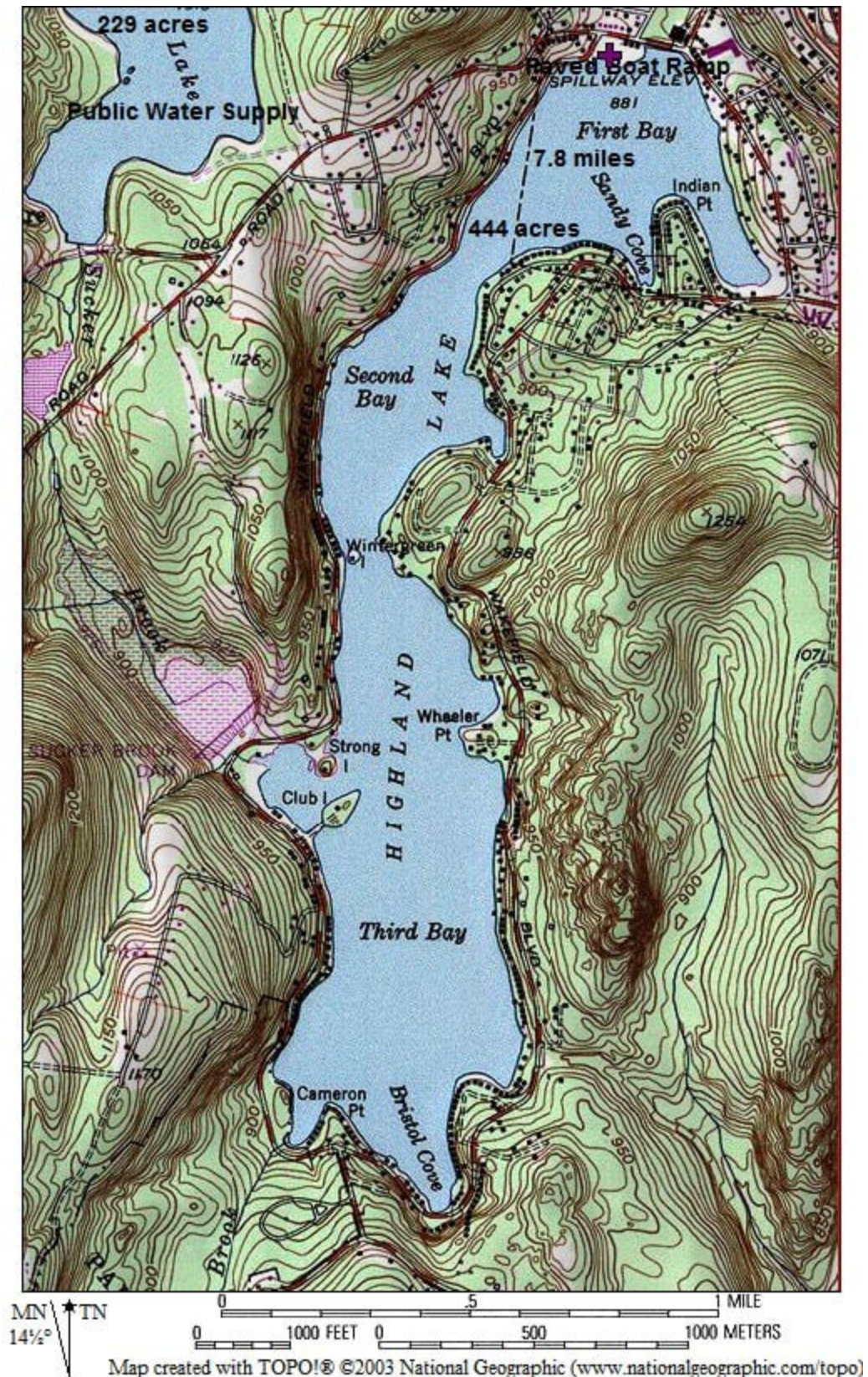


Size of Waterbody



Statement Regarding the Minimum Depths of the Entire Course Area and Areas Traversed by Vessel and Skier

May 21, 2025

Steve Valigorsky
Secretary LWSC Inc.
205 West Wakefield Blvd
Winsted, CT 06098

Water Ski Slalom Course Permit

Safety Guide Lines

Safety Guide Line #2 The depth of water shall be sufficient for the proposed activity and not less than six feet (6'). This includes any waters that may be traversed by the water-skier or vessel during the act of water-skiing.

Safety Guide Line #3 - The minimum distance to the nearest shore, house, dock, observation platform, mooring, dam, any physical object, other permitted slalom course/jump, boat launch, swim area or area of human activity from the water-skier or vessel during any phase of water-skiing shall be no less than one hundred feet (100').

Statement submitted by Steve Valigorsky, Secretary Laurel Water Ski Club on behalf of The Laurel Water Ski Club to address #2 and #3 of Safety Guide Lines:

Permit number 162/0111-399A is for a slalom course located on Highland Lake, Winsted, CT, in the area known as First Bay. The location is detailed by maps and diagrams submitted with this application. The course is located 425 feet out from shore as measured by Michael Peyton in May of 2002. The course is a standard slalom course made up of 26 buoys, anchored to a 6-7 foot deep cross member, and then again anchored on the bottom of the lake about 12-15 feet deep.

Steve Valigorsky
Secretary LWSC, Inc.



October 16, 2025

Laurel Water Ski Club

Subject: Response to Inquiry Regarding Conductors at Highland Lake

Dear Laurel Water Ski Club,

I'm writing in response to your recent inquiry to Eversource regarding the presence of any overhead or underwater electric conductors in the vicinity of the water ski course at Highland Lake.

After reviewing the location provided, we can confirm that Eversource has no existing electric distribution conductors in or above the water at that site.

Please feel free to reach out if you need any additional information or assistance.

Best regards,

Sebastien Morin
Manager of Distribution Engineering
Eversource Energy

Cc: Steven Lamontagne – Director Distribution Engineering

WINCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police · Christopher C. Ciuci



October 10, 2025

Steve Valigorsky
205 West Wakefield Blvd.
Winsted, Connecticut 06098

Dear Mr. Valigorsky,

In reference to your request and the Laurel Water Ski Club's requirement to renew permit # 162/0111-399A, I checked with our Marine Patrol Supervisor, the Team Leader, and the Highland Lake Watershed Association. No one had any objections. Specifically, there are no changes to the permit and they did not feel the existing course site and adjacent waters would interfere with channels or historical lanes of traffic or traffic patterns. Also, the proposed activity would not preclude existing recreational use. Please feel free to use this letter in support of your application renewal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christopher C. Ciuci". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "C" and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Christopher C. Ciuci
Chief of Police



TOWN OF WINCHESTER
Planning and Community Development Office
Town Hall 2nd Floor – 338 Main Street
WINSTED, CONNECTICUT 06098


10/20/2025

Highland Lake Ski Club
C/O Steven Valigorsky

RE: Highland Lake Waterski Slalom Course, Permit # 162-0111-399

I have reviewed the records and have found no complaints about any shoreline erosion or any other complaint regarding the continued use of the permitted course which is in First Bay and is approximately 425 Feet from shore at its closest point. I also do not anticipate any impact on any sensitive areas considering the location of the course.

I understand you are required to renew your State permit every five years with the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and am pleased to offer this memo to be included in your request.



Geoffrey M. Green
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agent
Town of Winchester, CT

Documentation from DEEP Wildlife Division

From: [Valigorsky, Steven](#)
To: [Cooley, Yolanda](#)
Cc: [Steve Valigorsky](#)
Subject: FW: Laurel Waterski Club- Slalom Course Renewal
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 11:20:28 AM
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Hi Yolanda,

Below is the email from Brian Hess regarding osprey and bald eagles.

Steve Valigorsky

From: Hess, Brian <Brian.Hess@ct.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 9:25 AM
To: Valigorsky, Steven <Steven.Valigorsky@talcottresolution.com>; Dickson, Jenny <Jenny.Dickson@ct.gov>
Cc: DCF INFORMATION SYSTEMS CALENDAR <INFORMATION.SYSTEMSCALENDAR@ct.gov>; valigorskys@gmail.com; Byron, John <John.Byron@ct.gov>; Kilpatrick, Ann <Ann.Kilpatrick@ct.gov>
Subject: Re: Laurel Waterski Club- Slalom Course Renewal

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Hi Steve,

There is no known osprey nest in the area. I have good reason to believe that there is an eagle nest on or around Highland Lake; however, that is unconfirmed. I don't know any specific location to avoid, so no direct concerns about this permit renewal

Thanks,
Brian

Brian Hess (he/him)

CT DEEP – Wildlife Division

860-876-9259 (call or text)

Documentation from DEEP Fisheries Division

From: [Bade, Andrew](#)
To: [Valigorsky, Steven](#)
Cc: [Beauchene, Mike](#); [Gocowski, Matthew R](#); [Cooley, Yolanda](#)
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Hi Steve,

There are still no known or likely fish spawning or nursery grounds within fifty feet (50') of the proposed slalom course located at first bay, Highland Lake.

Best regards,
Andrew

Andrew Bade, PhD

Supervising Fisheries Biologist
President, Northeastern Division of the American Fisheries Society
Bureau of Natural Resources Fisheries Division
Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
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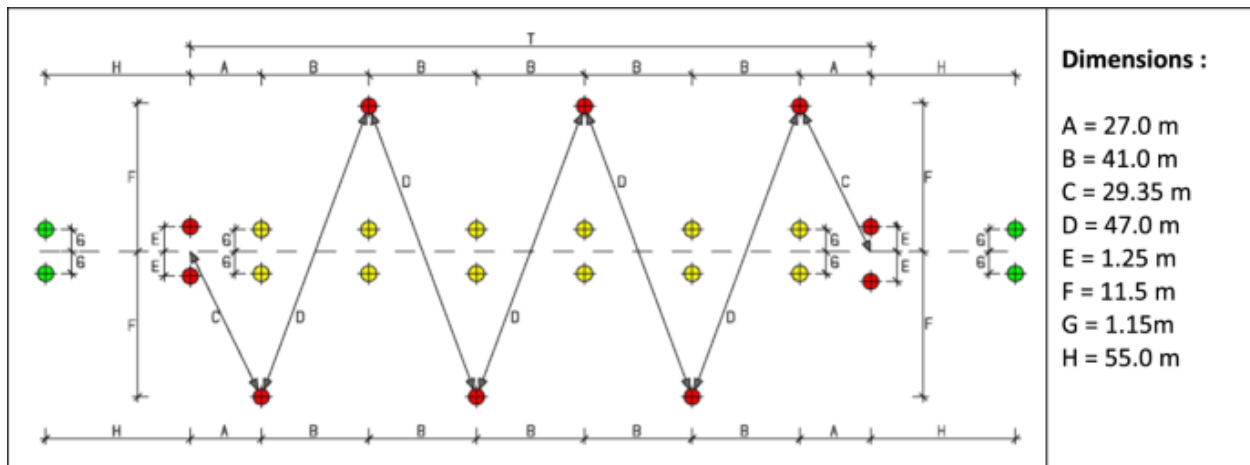
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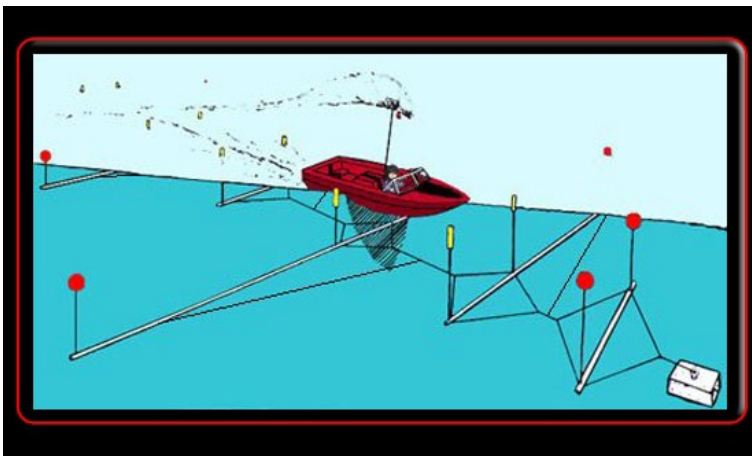
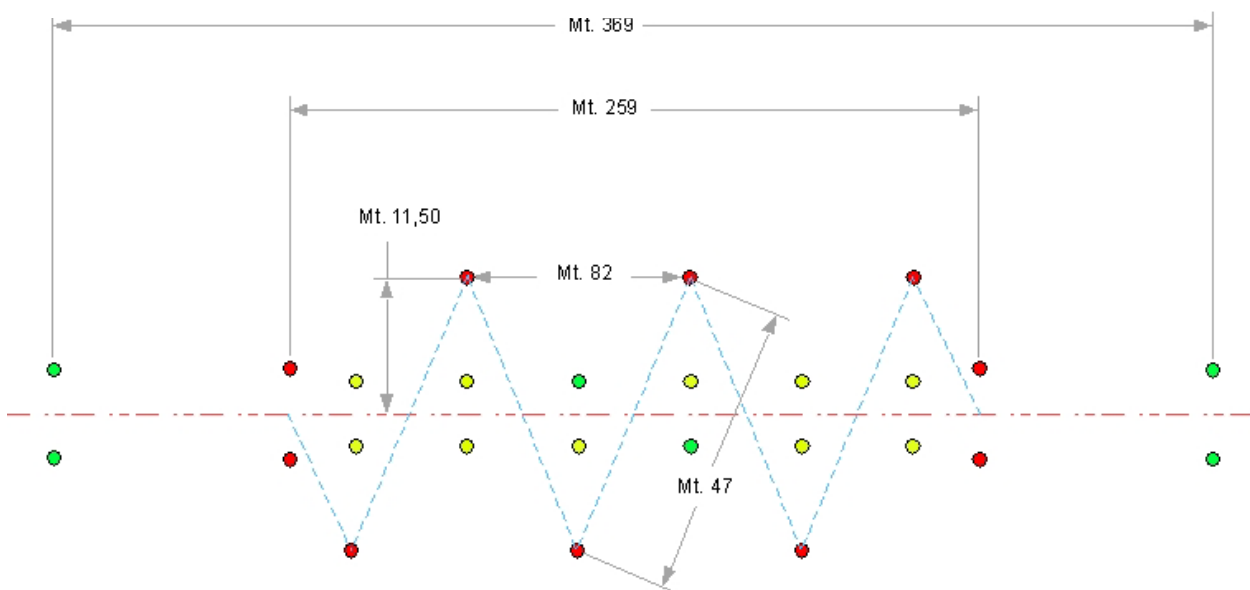


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Size and Type of Buoys



Distance Measurements to and Between Buoys



HIGHLAND LAKE, WINCHESTER

BOUCEYARD

HIGHLAND LAKE

CRUSHED ROCK WALL protecting launch

SOUTH END Concrete retaining wall

CENTER LINE OF 510m Course
Minimum distance to shore 500'
orientation of 240°
minimum Course depths 20'

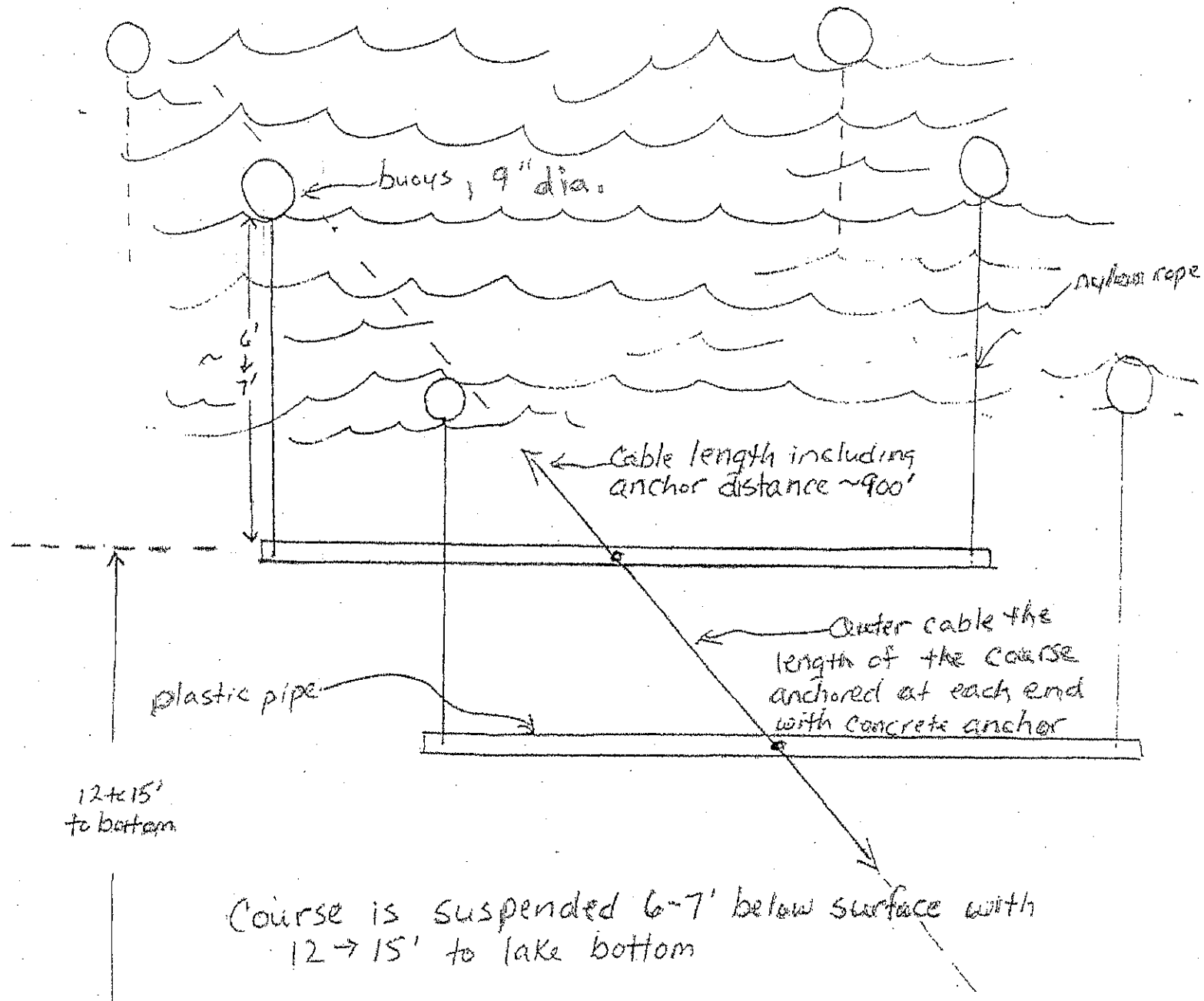
HIGHLAND LAKE

SEE MAP 1871

N 395,500 N 395,500

N 395,500 ———— N 395,500

Slalom Course Anchor



LAUREL WATER SKI CLUB - SLALOM COURSE
HIGHLAND LAKE, WINCHESTER
Permit #162/0111-399A

Attachment B