

LOCAL SKIER SPILLS CLOSE TO FINISH LINE AT CLEAR LAKE

Joe Balcao has taken many a spill during his years of water skiing, but none was quite so "colossal" as the one he took last Sunday at Clear Lake.

Balcao was an entry in the veterans' race and was being pulled at more than 70 miles an hour when he "flipped."

He was just about to overtake the race leader at the time of the mishap which occurred about 200 yards short of the finish line.

The race was sanctioned by the V-Drive Boat and Ski Racing Association and was held in the vicinity of Rendezvous Club at Clear Lake.

Greg Knoles of Stockton was first in the junior boys' race, and Chet Eccles of the Stockton Water Ski Club was second in the boys' class.

Sunday is the day set aside by the Stockton Water Ski Club for its annual outing to Brannon Island State Park.

A fleet of boats will leave Buckley Cove at 10 a.m. following a 9:30 a.m. briefing meeting.

The Stockton Water Ski Club members will have a picnic at the state park and ski in the nearby waterways.

The return route will be by way of Stockton Channel, according to chairmen Oscar Long and Jack Powers.

Stockton Water Ski Club members have another June date set aside.

On the 19th of the month they will participate in the second annual Inter-Club Ski Meet. The meet will be held at the SWSC beach on Ward Island.

The community of Rodeo has a water ski race scheduled this weekend in conjunction with its Aquatic Festival. There will be short course boat races and the ski event will be a marathon.

Main event of the festival is the 75-mile Napa River Marathon.

On the agenda of the Delta Yacht Club general membership meeting June 26 is a proposal to enlarge the club's floats.

On June 18-19, there will be a cruise for the same group to Steamboat Slough.

Still another June date is the 25th when the past commodores will hold their annual dinner.