# Lake Keowee set to host watersports event

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SENECA — The South Carolina International Novice Tour (INT) watersports league will kick off its season this weekend with a two-day event along the shores of South Cove County Park on Lake Keowee.

The event, which will feature both wakeboard and wake-surfing competitions, will start at 9 a.m. Saturday with the first round of wakeboarding. The wakesurf competition will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The final round for the wakeboarding event will start at 9 a.m. Sunday, while awards ceremonies will be held each day at 4 p.m. at South Cove Park.

The South Carolina INT league is a division of the INT amateur league and a partner with the World Wakeboard Association. The competition consists of amateur riders being pulled by an INT-supplied boat through a straight course approximately 1,800 feet long where up to six tricks are performed. Each rider gets two consecutive runs through the course and is allowed up to two falls.

The competition areas will be marked off by six round buoys, with one competition area on each side of the causeway that leads to the campground. Boating spectators are welcome but must anchor outside the competition area. A patrol boat will assist with boat traffic each day. Spectators can also watch from South Cove County Park.

"We are very excited to be able to host the first competition of the year for the South Carolina INT amateur league. Our goal, if all goes well, is to partner with them one weekend each year," said Phil Shirley, the PRT Director for Oconee County. "This is another opportunity for us to take advantage of our outstanding natural resources and showcase Oconee County."

For more information, visit intleague.com/southcarolina.