

Flathead Lake Efoiling Adventure

An efoiling boot camp hosted by Barry & Char Silverman (ski club founders)

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Two years ago, we were on a ski trip at Aspen Highlands with Chris and Kim Stoker. We took the Ritz-Carlton shuttle to get groceries and the nice young man driving the shuttle said, "would you like to see what I did recently?" He handed me his iPhone and as I watched his video my mouth dropped open in amazement. He was flying above the water on what looked like a surfboard. I soon learned he was riding an electric hydrofoil (or eFoil) and I had to learn more about this amazing activity. By the end of the week, we had become the demo partner and exclusive affiliate for Lift hydrofoils on Flathead Lake.



WHAT ARE EFOILS

(Barry "on foil")



Electric Hydrofoils, or eFoil, are battery-powered flying surfboards from the future, and quite possibly the greatest toy ever made. A propellor-driven hydrofoil attached to a carbon fiber board lifts riders to an effortless glide above the water's surface. Waves and chop disappear as you rise out of the water supported only by the lift generated by the wing of the hydrofoil.

These electrically powered boards allow riders to glide above the surface of the water and carve sweeping, buttery smooth turns at up to 30mph. The batteries last between 60 and 120 minutes depending on rider size, skill, board size, and wing size. Flathead eFoiling utilizes Lift eFoil, **the original electric hydrofoil inventors and leaders in their field.**

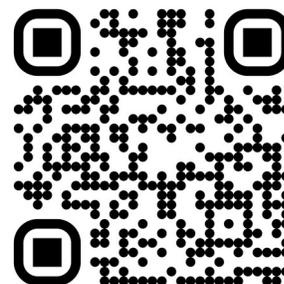
ABOUT FLATHEAD LAKE

Flathead Lake is in Northwestern Montana about an hour from Glacier National Park. Glacier is arguably the most visited park in the country. Flathead Lake is the largest lake in the USA (outside of the

great lakes) and considered the cleanest lake in the U.S. Flathead Efoiling base camp is lakefront in Polson on Polson Bay. To get there you fly into either Missoula or Kalispell, and it is about an hour drive from either. Flathead is also popular for fishing, sailing, boating and all water sports. Our lakefront property is a 5 minute drive to town where you'll find supermarkets, restaurants, a movie theater...just about everything you need and want close to home. And if you like to fish, you'll love this place.



Flathead efoiling website



WHY EFOILING

After all, we are the Villages **Ski & adventure** club, which means **adventure** is our middle name. Just as skiing is a thrilling adventure enjoyed in winter, efoiling is just as exciting and invigorating as skiing on fresh powder or perfectly groomed

corduroy. Two big advantages to efoiling, the learning curve is **MUCH** shorter and when you fall (and you will fall as I did many times) you land in *water*. In the two years we have given lessons, there have been NO injuries and our rider's ages have spanned from fourteen to eighty four. With two hip surgeries, two shoulder surgeries and a knee replacement, eFoiling is by far the easiest sport for my body. But my favorite part of teaching this new and exciting sport is that *every person* interviewed after their lesson has a huge smile on their face and many have said this was the coolest, funnest thing they have ever done. Visit our website and watch a few of our "first flight" videos to see for yourselves.



Barry using a "Blowfish"

Boot camp means you will be immersed into the sport of efoiling while you enjoy our magnificent scenery. You will be **Glamping** in an upscale, well appointed RV. You will be lakefront with the property's best views of the lake. Your RV has a king-size bed, two flatscreen TV's

with high speed internet, a kitchen, large fridge, etc. It's extremely comfortable and *a place all your own* for the week. Breakfast and lunch are up to you but dinners are enjoyed together in the main house, You may take part in two foiling sessions a day and each will last as long as two hours. If you want more efoil time, just ask. Each rider is fitted in a full wet suit (Flathead Lake is fed exclusively by snow melt) booties and an impact vest. You'll also wear an audio enabled helmet. You'll be getting real time suggestions and tips from your instructor, who will be riding along side of you. In the photo above, I'm utilizing Lift's wonderful add on called a *blowfish*. This inflatable tube is like training wheels on a bike. As soon as your instructor feels you're ready, the blowfish comes off. With this accessory it's nearly impossible to dig the tip of the foil into the lake and makes balancing initially much easier. By the end of your week you'll be getting "on foil" and can then continue to enjoy this fabulous activity you will enjoy for the rest of your life. When it's 95 degrees and 90% humidity in Florida, you can be learning a thrilling new sport in paradise, where days are generally in the 80's and nights in the 50's. And did I mention we have a regulation pickleball court. If you'd like to improve your pickleball skills, I'll be happy to raise your level. I'm a four time senior Olympic champion medalist and Montana champion two consecutive years (But that's another story).

HOW DOES BOOTCAMP WORK



WHAT DOES ALL THIS COST

Your week long adventure costs **\$2,500 per person**. That's everything other than the food you will want in your RV. Our regular cost for two hour efoil session is \$375, so your efoiling alone would normally run \$750/day. So, escape the summer heat, learn a thrilling

new sport and see some of the prettiest scenery in the United States. *Come join us in Montana...The Last Best Place.*

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