# SPABELL, DOME CAP & POWER VANE BASICS

**SPABELLS** are designed to track smoothly through the water, provide variable resistance to accommodate all fitness levels, and maximize water as an exercise medium, so you can experience a safe, pleasant and effective total body workout.

The basic SpaBell has three areas of resistance: 1) the FUNNELS 2) the SMALL set of vanes 3) the LARGE

set of vanes

When slightly crouching in chest-deep water you can use a pair of SpaBells for a variety of upper body exercises (see exercises #1–16).

**DOME CAP5** are used to trap water or air inside the SpaBells, so you can perform free-weight exercises (see #17–19) or buoyancy exercises for the legs, arms and stomach (see #20–26).



A third pair of **POWER VANES** is used to connect

two SpaBells together (see #32-36).

### BASIC SPABELL - UPPER BODY Exercises

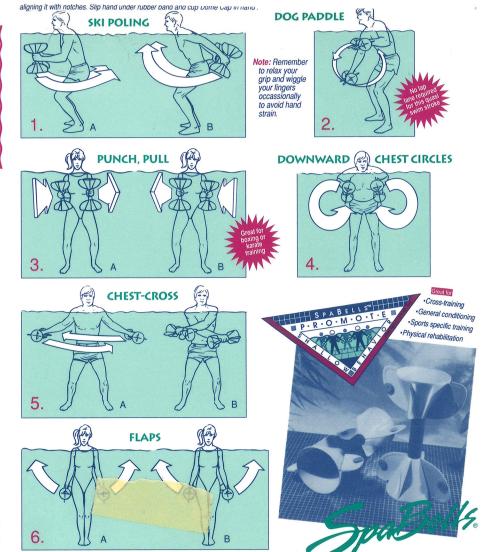
**IMPORTANT:** Always warm up for a few minutes first by doing a variety of exercises (e.g. 1, 3, 5, 6) at light to moderate intensity. After the main part of your exercise session take a few minutes to stretch and cool down.

FOR AEROBIC BENEFIT – Do more reps (15-30) with less resistance at medium to high intensity. (See Basic SpaBell, Arms & Legs, and Dome Caps sections).

FOR BUILDING STRENGTH – Do fewer reps (10-15) with more resistance at medium to high intensity. (See Basic SpaBell, Power Vanes and Max. Power Vanes sections).

FOR INCREASING FLEXIBILITY – Slowly twist, turn, push or puil the SpaBells to the fullest extent of a particular exercise pattern and hold for a few seconds. Slowly move out of this extended position.

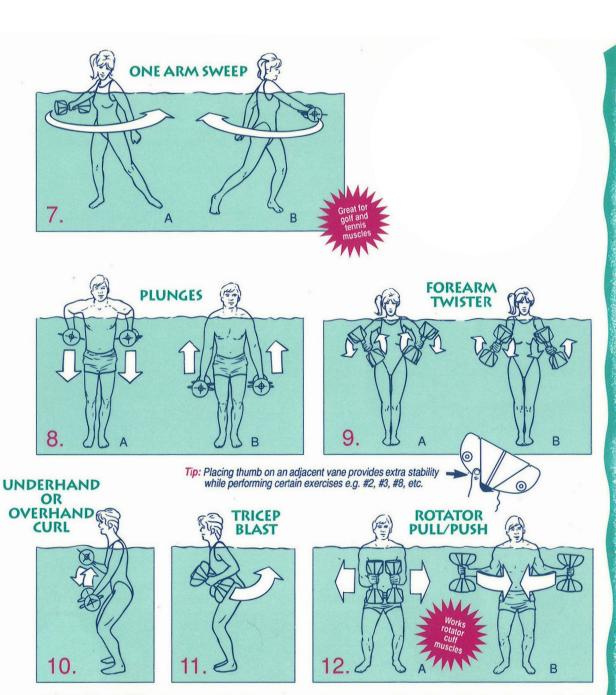
- SKI POLING A. Primary resistance FUNNELS; Hold SpaBells so LARGE VANES are <u>vertical</u> as they pass by hips; Move arms simultaneously backwards, but keep arms slightly bent throughout "SKI POLING" motion. B. Bring SpaBells forward simultaneously. Repeat.
- 2. DOG PADDLE Primary resistance Transitions from LARGE VANES to SMALL VANES; With OVERHAND CRIP and with LARGE VANES <u>horizontal</u>, alternately push each SpaBell forward at top of circular DOG PADDLE pattern, then pull down and towards the body, then pull up to top of circle; Do small or large overlapping cicles; Aviod hitting chest with SpaBell vanes by bending over from waist and not pulling SpaBells in too close to the body on the upward stroke. Repeat.
- PUNCH/PULL A. Primary resistance LARGE VANES (shown), SMALL VANES (optional); Keep SpaBells below water surface; With PUNCHING MOTION push one SpaBell forward while pulling the other one backward. B. Alternate punching motion. Repeat.
- 4. DOWNWARD CHEST CIRCLES Primary resistance - Transitional from LARGE VANES to SMALL VANES; Bend over slightly from waist; Keep back and legs straight; Hold SpaBells so LARGE VANES are <u>vertical</u>; Simultaneously swing arms outward at top of circular pattern, then swing down and pull SpaBells toward each other — at bottom of pattern pull straight up to starting position. Repeat.
- 5. CHEST-CROSS A. Primary resistance FUNNELS; Hold SpaBells so LARGE VANES are <u>horizontal</u>; Feet apart; Elbows slightly bent; Pull SpaBells simultaneously around to front, crossing one over the other. B. Pull SpaBells simultaneously apart, returning arms to spread position. Repeat. NOTE: When repeating motion, cross opposite SpaBell under.
- FLAP A. Primary resistance LARGE VANES (shown), SMALL VANES (optional); *FLAP* arms simultaneously downward, ending motion at hips. B. Raise arms simultaneously to water surface. Repeat.



- 7. ONEARM SWEEP A. Primary resistance FUNNELS; Hold SpaBell with LARGE VANES <u>horizontal</u>; With elbows slighty bent, sweep SpaBell across to opposite side. B. Pull SpaBell back to opposite side. Repeat.
- 8. PLUNGES A. Primary resistance LARGE VANES (shown), SMALL VANES (optional); Simultaneously *PLUNGE* the SpaBells straight down at sides. **B.** Simultaneously *RAISE* SpaBells to just below water surface. Repeat. Variation: Alternately raise and lower the SpaBells. This works the side muscles more.
- 9. FOREARMTWISTER A. Primary resistance LARGE VANES (shown), SMALL VANES (optional); ROTATE SpaBells outward using grip position as a pivot point; Keeping arms straight puts emphasis on wrists and forearms. B. Rotate SpaBells inward. Repeat. Variation: Hold SpaBells in front and simply CURL and UNCURL the wrists, thus engaging the LARGE and SMALL VANES simultaneously.
- 10. OVERHAND OR UNDERHAND CURLS Primary resistance - LARGE VANES (shown), SMALL VANES (optional); For OVERHAND CURL, grip SpaBells so back of hand faces up — For UNDERHAND CURL, grip is palm up; Important: Make elbows fixed flex points; Alternately PUMP the SpaBells up and down, bending arms only at the elbows; Hands should almost touch top of knees when arms are extended downward.
- 11. TRICEP BLAST Primary resistance FUNNELS; START Hold the SpaBells with the LARGE VANES <u>vertical</u>; Important: Make elbows fixed flex points to emphasize tricep muscles; Simultaneously straighten both arms by pulling SpaBells as far back as possible. RETURN TO START — Keep elbows as fixed flex points; Bring SpaBells forward by bending arms only at the elbows. Repeat.
- 12. ROTATOR PULL/PUSH A. Primary resistance-LARGE VANES (shown), SMALL VANES (optional); Simultaneously pull SpaBells apart while keeping elbows a relatively fixed pivot point. B. Simultaneously push SpaBells together. Repeat. Variation: Instead of pushing SpaBells straight back together, return to starting position by first pushing the SpaBells forward, then bringing them together, thus, creating a circular pattern. This emphasizes the chest muscles. Reversing directions of the circular pattern emphasizes the upper back muscles.

#### **EXERCISE PRECAUTIONS**

- Check with your doctor before engaging in these exercises.
  Don't overdo it. If you experience any unusual muscle or joint pain STOP that particular exercise. Increase the intensity and duration of your exercise sessions slowly to avoid injuries.
- At a minimum, know how to float and tread water.



**REMEMBER:** The FASTER you try to move the SpaBells through the water the more FORCE is required to do so. In other words – the more "oomph" you put into it, the more you will get out of it!

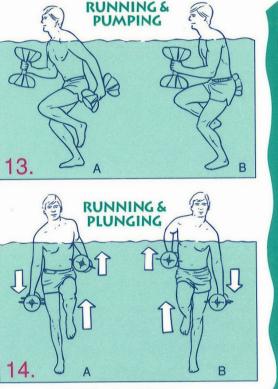
### MS & LEGS — Highly AEROBIC

**LUNNING & PUMPING** Primary resistance -UNNELS; Hold SpaBells with LARGE VANES <u>vertical</u>; *Vhile RUNNING IN PLACE* pump arms up & down, bending Ibows significantly on forward upstroke; Keep arm and leg totions in sync. Repeat.

**KUNNING & PLUNGING** Primary resistance -ARGE VANES (shown); SMALL VANES (optional); While *VUNNING IN PLACE* perform upward & downward plunges ith the SpaBells: **NOTE:** As left knee rises also raise the ift SpaBell and vice versa — this is different from the way pu normally move your arms and legs when performing a unning motion as in #13. Repeat.

**UMPING JACKS** A. Primary resistance - SMALL ANES (preferable because arm speed is faster); Do a *JUMPING JACK*" by simultaneously swinging arms up while imping up and spreading feet apart. B. Simultaneously pull rms down to sides while jumping up and bringing feet ogether. Repeat.

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# **DOME CAPS** attached to SpaBells (Water Filled) for performing Free-weight exercises

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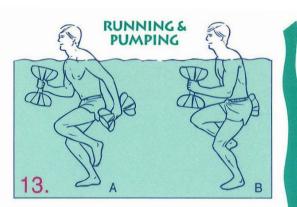
- **17. FLAP-UPS** A&B SpaBell configuration DOME CAPS attached (water filled); While standing in waist deep water alternately raise and lower each SpaBell with arms kept straight. Emphasis is on the shoulders.
- 18. SHOULDER PRESS A&B SpaBell configuration -DOME CAPS attached (water filled); While standing in waist deep water do SHOULDER PRESSES by alternately raising each SpaBell straight overhead. Be careful not to bang your shoulders or head with the LARGE VANES. Repeat. NOTE: Use less water in SpaBells if they seem too heavy for this or any other free-weight exercise. Use only enough weight to perform 10-20 reps without undue strain. For maximum weight, hold both SpaBells in one hand.
- 19. STRAIGHTARM RAISES A. SpaBell configuration - DOME CAPS attached (water filled); While standing in waist deep water simultaneously *RAISE* SpaBells straight up as high overhead as possible; Keep elbows slightly bent. B. Lower arms slowly. NOTE: In the interest of conserving space, other free-weight exercises such as UNDERHAND or OVERHAND BICEP CURLS are not shown.

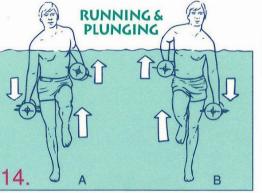


## ARMS & LEGS — Highly AEROBIC

- **13. RUNNING & PUMPING** Primary resistance -FUNNELS; Hold SpaBells with LARGE VANES <u>vertical</u>; While *RUNNING IN PLACE* pump arms up & down, bending elbows significantly on forward upstroke; Keep arm and leg motions in sync. Repeat.
- 14. RUNNING & PLUNGING Primary resistance -LARGE VANES (shown); SMALL VANES (optional); While *RUNNING IN PLACE* perform upward & downward plunges with the SpaBells: NOTE: As left knee rises also raise the left SpaBell and vice versa — this is different from the way you normally move your arms and legs when performing a running motion as in #13. Repeat.
- **15. JUMPING JACKS** A. Primary resistance SMALL VANES (preferable because arm speed is faster); Do a *"JUMPING JACK"* by simultaneously swinging arms up while jumping up and spreading feet apart. B. Simultaneously pull arms down to sides while jumping up and bringing feet together. Repeat.
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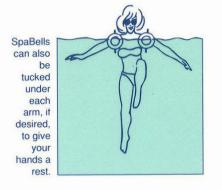
JUMPING JACKS Hold SpaBell underwater; line up notch with vane; press HARD on **FLAP-UPS** one side, then press in center of Dome Cap to force it on completely. Gym class was never B A Tip: While holding SpaBell underwater, DEPRESS the center of BOTH Dome Caps Co **CROSS COUNTRY STRAIGHT ARM** simultaneously to create a suction that holds both caps on tight. RAISES **SHOULDER PRESS** T Hold two 00-18 \*by cross-stacking SpaBells R

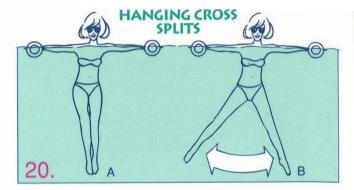
NOTE: When FILLED with water, each SpaBell weighs approximately 8 lbs.

# **DOME CAPS** attached to SpaBells (Air Filled/Buoyancy Mode) — for LEG exercises

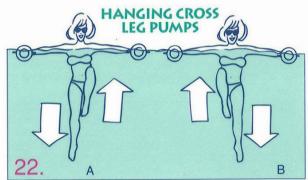
Important: A SpaBell with Dome Caps attached and filled with air <u>IS NOT A LIFE SAVING DEVICE</u>. In a panic situation the DOME CAPS could become dislodged and the SpaBell would immediately lose its buoyancy.

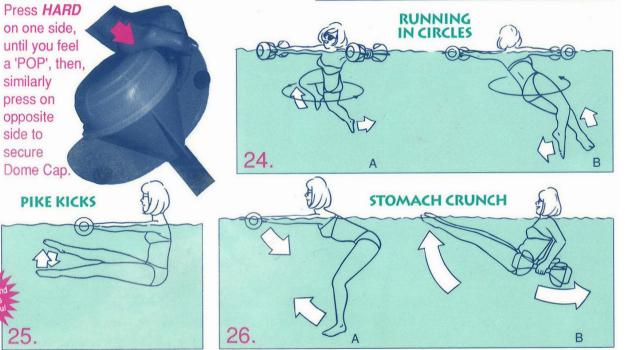
- 20. HANGING CROSS SPLITS A&B SpaBell Configuration - DOME CAPS attached (air filled); While using SpaBells to support body (with feet off pool bottom) swing legs wide apart and then bring feet back together. Repeat. Variation: When bringing feet back together, cross one foot over the other as far as possible; Alternate which foot crosses in front on successive repetitions. NOTE: SpaBells can also be be tucked under each arm if desired (See drawing at left of #20).
- 21. PRONE KICKS SpaBell configuration DOME CAPS attached (air filled); While supporting body in a prone position with arms straight down holding SpaBells steady, either do deep "SCISSOR KICKS" (shown) or do "FLUTTER KICKS". You can also do "FROG KICKS" or a "BICYCLING" motion from this position. NOTE: Leave room to move through the water, since this exercise will propel you forward.
- 22. HANGING CROSS LEG PUMPS A&B SpaBell configuration - DOME CAPS attached (air filled); While using SpaBells to support body perform "BICYCLING" motion with legs; Feet do not touch pool bottom. Repeat. Variation: Instead of bicycling motion, keep legs straight and do "SCISSOR KICKS". Repeat.
- 23. SUSPENSION RUNNING SpaBell configuration -DOME CAPS attached (air filled); While using SpaBells to suspend body in water simply "RUN IN PLACE" and vigorously pump arms back and forth; Bring knees up as high as possible. Variation: Use "SCISSOR KICK" motion, i.e. legs kept straight throughout motion. Repeat.
- 24. RUNNING INCIRCLES A&B SpaBell configuration - DOME CAPS attached (air filled); While using SpaBells to support body, begin "BICYCLING" while attempting to lie on your left side; Proceed in a COUNTER-CLOCKWISE direction for several revolutions, then switch to your right side and proceed in a CLOCKWISE direction for several revolutions.
- 25. PIKE KICKS SpaBELL configuration DOME CAPS attached (air filled); Hold SpaBells with arms straight out in front;"SCISSOR KICK", "FLUTTER KICK" or "FROG KICK" so that you move <u>backwards</u> through the water; Continue as space allows.

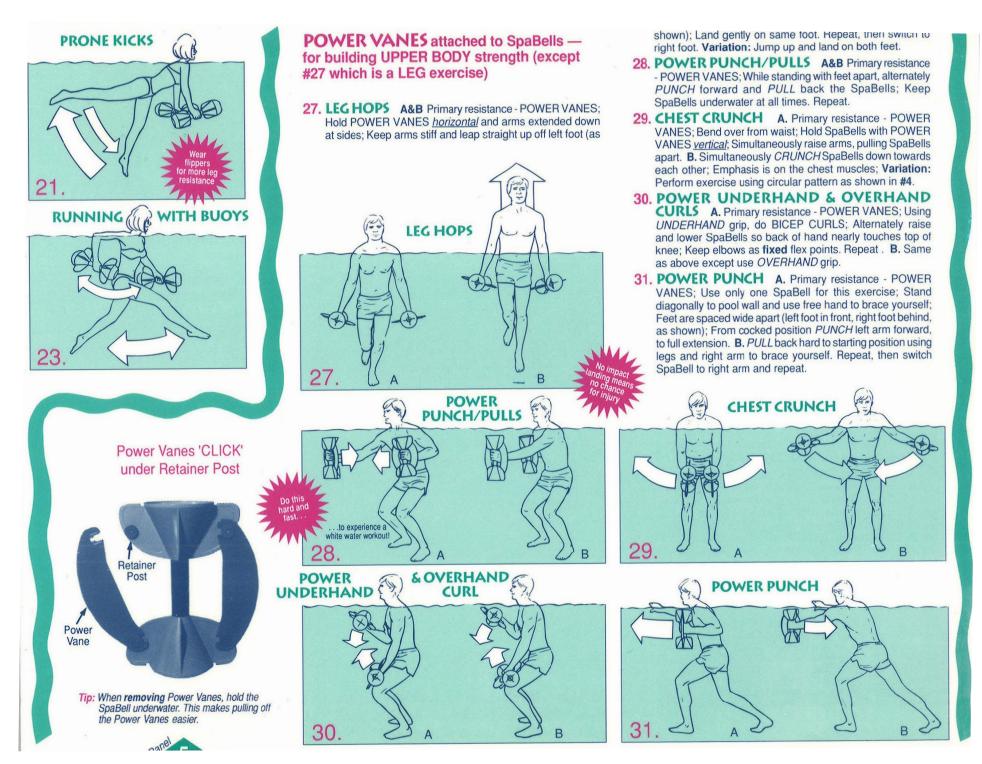




26. STOMACH CRUNCH A&B SpaBell configuration - DOME CAPS attached (air filled); From starting position (feet <u>on</u> pool bottom, arms outstretched) simultaneously pull back SpaBells as far back as possible while pulling both feet up to water surface. Return to starting position. Repeat. Variation: Instead of returning feet to pool bottom, swing feet from water surface in front all the way back behind you. At this point, you have returned SpaBells to front position and your body is stretched out in a somewhat prone position. NOTE: This variation takes some practice and is more strenuous and aerobic.







### MAX. POWER VANE SET-UP

Two SpaBells (with Power Vanes attached) <u>CONNECTED</u> together with an extra pair of Power Vanes. (6 Power Vanes total) — for heavy duty UPPER BODY work

- 32. POWER STRIDE A. Primary resistance 3 pairs of POWER VANES; Hold SpaBells so POWER VANES are <u>vertical</u>; Both feet are together at this point. B. Lean forward and step with either left or right foot; As your forward foot is landing, push the SpaBell configuration forward *HARD*, using your back leg to brace yourself; Fully extend your arms. C. From the fully extended position, bring your back foot up beside your forward foot while you pull back on the SpaBells to recock your arms; Step forward again to repeat this "POWER STRIDE" motion. Repeat as space allows.
- **33. TWO ARM SWEEP A.** Primary resistance -FUNNELS; Hold SpaBells with POWER VANES <u>horizontal</u>; Swing configuration from left to right side; Pull mainly with right arm and right side; Keep feet firmly planted. **B.** Swing SpaBell configuration from right to left side, this time pulling mainly with left arm and left side. Repeat.

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- 34. PLUNGE & LIFT A. Primary resistance 3 pairs of POWER VANES; Hold SpaBell configuration with POWER VANES *horizontal*; Keep back straight and bend over slightly from waist; Push SpaBells straight down, fully extending arms. B. Lift SpaBells straight up to surface of water. Repeat.
- 35. OVERHAND CURL/DIVE RETURN A. Primary resistance - 3 pairs of POWER VANES; Hold SpaBells with OVERHAND grip, but slip hands <u>under</u> POWER VANES, then over grips, i.e. POWER VANES should rest on top of forearms; Keep back straight and knees bent; Lift configuration by doing BICEP CURL; Keep elbows as fixed flex points for this part of motion. B. At top of BICEP CURL swing elbows back and up while curling wrists downward to bring POWER VANES into a <u>vertical</u> position. C. Dive SpaBell configuration, edge first, straight down until arms are fully extended to starting position. Repeat.
- 36. UNDERHAND CURL A. Primary resistance 3 pairs of POWER VANES; Hold SpaBells with UNDERHAND grip; POWER VANES should rest on top of forearms; Keep back straight and knees bent; Lift configuration by doing a BICEP CURL; Keep elbows as fixed flex points. B. Return configuration to starting point by extending arms until back of hands nearly touch top of knees. Repeat.

Note: Try to avoid over bending the middle Power Vanes. Never hold set-up out of water by just one SpaBell.

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#### **POWER STRIDE**

#### CARE & HANDLING

- Avoid extreme heat or cold which could cause warpage or cracking.
- Avoid prolonged exposure to sunlight which could cause colors to fade.
- Avoid dropping or throwing equipment onto hard surfaces which could cause superficial scratches or breakage.



