



BLUEWATER BOATING RULES

All boats and jet skis operating on the Lake must comply with all the Lake Rules and Regulations as well as Regulations established by the State of Nebraska for boating.

ALL BOATS AND JET SKIS ON THE LAKE MUST BE OWNED BY LOT OWNERS, REGISTERED WITH THE ASSOCIATION AND CONTAIN THE APPROPRIATE AND CURRENT ASSOCIATION STICKER. THIS BLUEWATER STICKER MUST BE DISPLAYED ON THE UPPER RIGHT AFT (REAR) SIDE OF THE WATERCRAFT. Stickers can be obtained from the Association with proof of current registration, proof of liability insurance and current dues. Any non-member boat found on the lake may be removed by the Association.

Courses are offered by the Nebraska Game & Parks. Visit the boater education page to learn more at outdoornebraska.gov.

Rules

1. Maximum speed limit is 35 MPH. (5 MPH sunset to sunrise)
2. All boating will be in a COUNTERCLOCKWISE direction. [See map](#) for further reference.
3. When exiting coves, boats must yield to oncoming traffic.
4. Boats including their tow must be 75 feet from docks.
5. It is unlawful to allow any child less than 13 years of age aboard any vessel when not wearing a U.S. Coast Guard approved life preserver.
6. No one under the age of 14 years shall operate a motor boat of any class at any time.
7. As of January 1, 2004, any motorboat operator between the ages of 14 and 18 must complete a Boating Safety Course and be in possession of a course certificate when operating a boat. The only acceptable course for those under 18 is Nebraska's 6-hour classroom course with a proctored exam. The passing score is 75%.
8. All boats must have an efficient whistle or other mechanical sound producing device. Horn.
9. It is prohibited to stand or sit on the side edge of a moving power boat.
10. Sailboats, canoes, rowboats, any vessel not operating under mechanical power, any anchored vessel and swimmers ALWAYS have the right of way.
11. No one under the age of 16 can tow tubers or skiers.
12. All persons being towed MUST wear life jackets.
13. All boats towing any device must have an orange warning flag on board and display it only when the person being towed is down.



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14. Boats with a downed passenger being towed (skier, wakeboarder, or towable) should turn around ONLY while turning into or toward shore in order to pick up their skier. This would be a right hand turn on the entire Bluewater lake.
15. Boats of any kind must not operate between a downed skier and the towing boat. Tow lines must not exceed 75 feet.
16. Boats are limited to one tow during busy times on the lake. Never more than two tow lines and that is only in low traffic times.
17. All boats with a tow must have a mandatory spotter, 13 years or older or a wide angled mirror.
18. Boats must not follow a boat with a tow closer than 200 feet (2/3 of a city block). Do not tailgate behind boats.
19. Swimming across the lake is prohibited.
20. Swimming at boat launch or marina is prohibited.
21. All boats must use appropriate lights on the lake at night. All boats operating later than sunset or earlier than sunrise must have the proper fore (bow) and aft (stern) running lights in use.
22. Boat drivers must all understand and abide by Bluewater Rules. Only Boat Owners / Residents can operate jet skis – friends/relatives are expressly prohibited from driving these.
23. Insurance: Must provide proof of insurance to boating committee / HOA.
24. No wake (5 MPH) rule will be enforced from the period of sunset to sunrise. Nothing can be towed during this period (towable, skiers, etc.).
25. Chasing waterfowl with powered water vehicles is prohibited and is reason to lose lake privileges.
26. All Boat / Jet Ski trailers must be garaged or stored off premises.
27. Boat Sizes and Horsepower:

Pontoon Boats. Maximum advertised manufacturer's pontoon length of less than 27 feet.

Inboard & V Drive (wake board boats) Ski Boats. Maximum advertised manufacturer's length of less than 23 feet 1 inch.

Inboard/Outboard Ski Boats. Maximum advertised manufacturer's length of less than 23 feet as measured from bow tip to drain plug.

Outboard Boats. Maximum advertised manufacturer's length of 23 feet. All outboard engines must be 4 stroke.

Boat Motors. No motors may be altered or modified from their original factory production standards to increase their performance or HP.

Jet Skis. Are permitted and may be subject to limitations as set forth by Rules & Regulations. All must be 4 stroke. Jet Skis cannot under any circumstance be operated from sunset to sunrise.

Jet Boats and Air Boats are prohibited. It is the boat owner's responsibility to verify that lengths do not exceed the above mentioned classifications and all boat lengths will be verified by the Bluewater



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Association. Any discrepancies will be reviewed by the Association's Board of Directors using the following: Advertised manufacturer's length and hull identification/model number.

The basis of these clarifications is to insure boater's safety and minimize erosion.

28. All boats must have a U.S. Coast Guard – approved life saving device of Type I, II, or III for each person on board. In addition, every vessel shall carry at least one U.S. Coast Guard-approved throwable flotation device (Type IV).
29. Docks
 - A. The Declarant shall approve the location of all docks.
 - B. Lot 1-31 shall have all the same dock/lift setup. It will be a floating Shoremaster, single load / slip
 - C. Floating docks are recommended.
 - D. Shoremaster Dock Installation:
 - i. Shoremaster product is delivered to site
 - ii. Shoremaster Dock is assembled on site
 - iii. Shoremaster Dock is set into approved location
 - iv. Anchor Pipe is inserted through pipe collars
 - v. Anchor Pipe are self-seating.
 1. No Auguring
 2. No side-casting
 3. No excavation of lake bottom
 - vi. Gangway is attached to the floating dock and then extends to the lot beyond shoreline
 - vii. All docks installations are completed by Shoremaster Certified Installers.
30. Lifts
 - A. The Declarant shall approve the placement of all lifts
 - B. Floating lifts are recommended.
 - C. Lots 1-31 shall all have the same lift setup. It will be a floating Shoremaster, single load with a beige canopy.
 - D. All canopies need to be gray or black.
31. For the prevention of zebra mussels:
 - A. NO visitor boats or visitor jet skis
 - B. Once a resident's boat is launched in the spring; it MUST stay within the lake Property until fall, unless service is needed.
 - C. Once a boat is removed from within the lake Property during the season it cannot be brought back.
 - D. All vendor boats must provide proof of decontamination.



32. There is a punitive system for violations of the boating rules. This is set by the Board of the Association.
- First offense: warning
 - Second offense: \$500.00 fine
 - Third offense in one boating season: suspension of boating privileges for the rest of the season. Reinstatement will only be after written application is made to the Association Board.

Any property owner, or property owner's guest, who is convicted of a crime of operating a boat or other motorized watercraft under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substance, shall not be permitted to operate a boat or other motorized watercraft on Bluewater for one year from the date of the conviction.