

NLMD and Lake Usage Committee Guidelines for Boating

The North Lake Management District (NLMD) and the Lake Usage Committee have agreed upon a set of safe and courteous boater guidelines to assure enjoyable use of our lake during summer seasons. The guidelines are presented below. The guidelines went into effect in 2019 and are being evaluated over a two year period (2019-2020). We are counting on responsible and courteous behavior, from all of us on North Lake, to make these guidelines work well for everybody. We strongly encourage all residents to help each other be aware of these guidelines and respect them. Have a great summer!

All wake traffic to operate at least 250' from shore.

Wake boat traffic to operate as close to the middle of the lake as possible. Please attempt to position your boat so the largest surf wake flows away from closest shoreline.

To minimize wake creation when skiing, boating or surfing, employ a "drop, stop and turn" technique. What is that? When your skier falls or drops in the water, stop your boat and under idle speed make an ultra-sharp U-turn back to skier remaining within your boat's wake. If done properly, no further unnecessary wake will be created, and your wake will not "swamp" or otherwise affect your boat when returning to your skier.

Please avoid going over our sandbars. When creating a wake, please avoid traveling between the sunken island and the shore when boats are parked on the island.

When wake traffic is present on the lake, non-wake traffic (pontoons, other boats operating at no-wake speed) and sports (canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, etc.) please operate within the no-wake zone within 250' of shore. This pattern not only optimizes safety it allows wake traffic to operate more efficiently by not have to dodge non-wake traffic.

On Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, please observe "Slow-No Wake" beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Above all, please be courteous and thoughtful when operating your chosen craft on North Lake.