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NORTH LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER

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Boating/Vessel Issues

We have received complaints covering some vessel operations. Please follow the listed rules below – they are not guidelines but the law.

1. Operate at "slow no-wake" within 200 feet of other vessels including (wave and other power boats, kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, etc.) and swimmers.
2. Operate at "slow no-wake" within 100 feet from shorelines, docks, rafts, and piers.
3. Operate at "slow no-wake" from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.
4. The following rules apply to Personal Water Craft (PWC).
 - a. Every person on board a PWC must *wear* an approved life vest.
 - b. An operator of a PWC equipped with a lanyard-type engine cut-off switch must attach the lanyard to his or her person, clothing, or PFD.
 - c. A PWC may not be operated between sunset and sunrise.
 - d. A PWC may not be operated at faster than "slow no-wake" speed within:
 - 100 feet of any other vessel on any waterbody
 - 200 feet of shore on any lake
 - 100 feet of a dock, pier, raft, or restricted area on any lake
 - e. A PWC must be operated in a responsible manner. Maneuvers that endanger people or property are prohibited, including:
 - Jumping a wake with a PWC within 100 feet of another vessel
 - Operating within 100 feet of a vessel that is towing a person on water skis, inner tube, wakeboard, or similar device, or operating within 100 feet of the tow rope or person being towed.
 - Weaving a PWC through congested waterway traffic.
 - Steering toward another object or person in the water and swerving at the last possible moment in order to avoid collision.
 - Chasing, harassing, or disturbing wildlife with a PWC.

Parents, please discuss the PWC regulations with your children and guests. They are the main operators of PWC and the people not following the rules/laws. The Lake Patrols have and will continue to issue tickets for infractions.

See DNR website for complete listing of the boating rules.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dredging the Channel

The Channel between Little and Big North Lake will be dredged the week of July 26. The channel will be closed during the entire project so please make arrangements prior to July 26 if you need to get from one lake to the other during that time period. The timing and length of this project is dependent upon weather and equipment failures. Thank you for your patience.

Sand Bars

Someone put a large trench in the South Bay Sand Bar. It is approximately 1 foot wide 50 feet long and 8 inches deep. The sand bars are ecologically important to North Lake, especially to fish habitat. We have marked most of the Sand Bars with buoys (South Sand Bar is not marked—it is frequently used for swimming). Please go around the buoys and not across the Sand Bars. Thank you.

NLMD Annual Meeting

The NLMD Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Room of North Lake School. We will update you on major topics and activities. We hope to see you then.

North Lake Management District