

WEST SHORES BOATING RULES

All boats 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 on the Lake must be owned by Lot Owners, registered with the Association and contain the appropriate and current Association sticker. This West Shores sticker must be displayed on the upper right aft (rear) side of the watercraft.

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: \$100.00 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 West Shores for one year from the date of the conviction.

Rules

- A. Maximum speed limit is 40 MPH.
- B. All boats will be in a COUNTERCLOCKWISE direction. See map for further reference.
- C. When exiting coves, boats must yield to oncoming traffic.
- D. Boats including their tow must be 90 feet from docks.
- E. It is unlawful to allow any child under 13 years of age aboard any vessel when not wearing a U.S. Coast Guard approved life preserver.
- F. No one under the age of 14 years shall operate a motor boat of any class at any time.
- G. 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%.
- H. All boats must have an efficient whistle or other mechanical sound producing device. Horn.
- I. It is prohibited to stand or sit on the side edge of a moving power boat.

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- J. Sailboats, canoes, rowboats, any vessel not operating under mechanical power, any anchored vessel and swimmers ALWAYS have the right of way.
- K. No one under the age of 16 can tow tubers or skiers.
- L. All persons being towed MUST wear life jackets.
- M. All boats towing any device must have an orange warning flag on board and display it only when the person being towed is down.
- N. Boats with a downed passenger being towed (skier, wakeboarder, or towables) 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 West Shores lake.
- O. Boats of any kind must not operate between a downed skier and the towing boat. Tow lines must not exceed 75 feet.
- P. 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.
- Q. All boats with a tow must have a mandatory spotter, 13 years or older or a wide angled mirror.
- R. Boats must not follow a boat with a tow closer than 200 ft. (2/3 of a city block). Do not tailgate behind boats.
- S. Swimming across the lake is prohibited.
- T. Swimming at boat launch or marina is prohibited.
- U. 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.
- V. No wake (5mph) rule will be enforced from the period of one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise. Nothing can be towed during this period (towables, skiers, etc.).
- W. Chasing waterfowl with powered water vehicles is prohibited and is reason to lose lake privileges.

*It is suggested that during holidays and high traffic times on the lake, residents should be the only operators of motorcraft. If a guest does operate a motorcraft, it is the lot owner's responsibility to make that guest aware of all lake rules and regulations.