

LAKE SANTEE BOATING RULES

BOATING

- 4.1 Only one boat of each type available is allowed on the Lake per membership. For example only one speed, pontoon, sail, bass and motorized fishing boat will be permitted. A deck boat may be substituted for either a speed or pontoon boat. In addition the member may have a canoe, rowboat, paddle boat, raft, etc. The length of speed, bass & fishing boats shall not exceed 20 feet. Deck boats are not to exceed 22.5 feet. Pontoon boats are not to exceed 28 feet. No watercraft with sleeping or on board toilet facilities will be permitted. Wake enlarging equipment (ballast, mechanical blades, etc.) will be limited to boats 20 feet in length and under.
- a) Paddle Boards will be considered a watercraft and will comply with all boating rules included in this boating section. Members may have up to six paddle boards in addition to the boats and watercraft listed above. Paddle boards will only require a single set of lot numbers and will only display one permit.
- 4.2 All boats shall have affixed the property Owners' lot numerals, in a contrasting color not less than three (3) inches in height. Lot numbers shall be placed in the middle of the boat on each side thereof, clearly visible to the Lake Patrol at all times.
- 4.3 All watercraft must have a current permit affixed on the port (left) *and starboard (right)* side of the boat near the lot number or on the left *and right* side windows prior to launching. Annually, upon payment of dues, assessments and fees, members shall be entitled to purchase registered boat permits, which authorize them access to Lake Santee. Permits will be available in five different classes depending on the type of boat. The Board of Directors shall determine from time to time the amount of fee to be charged for such permits.
- 4.4 Boat permits shall be purchased on an annual basis and shall be in effect from the first day of March until the last day of February of the following year.
- 4.5 No person shall operate a boat on Lake Santee unless said boat is owned by a member of the Association. Proof of Ownership shall be by state registration and/or certificate of title, which will be shown before a permit is issued for any motorboat (as defined by Indiana State Law).
- a) Members shall certify that they are financially responsible or have liability insurance at the time permits are issued.
 - b) Effective January 1, 2018 for boats that do not already have a copy of title or registration on file in the office, manufacturer specifications will be confirmed by office staff to ensure compliance with rule 4.1. Items confirmed by specification may include but are not limited to length, type and options available.
- 4.6 No person under the legal age of 16 years shall be permitted to operate a motorboat or watercraft of more than 5 HP on Lake Santee at any time.
- 4.7 From sunset to sunrise no person shall operate a watercraft without displaying lights as follows:
- a) Motorboats and auxiliary sail boats must display a white 360 degree aft light, or a combination aft and masthead light, at all times while under power or sail,
 - b) Motorboats and auxiliary sail boats with engine rated 15 hp or greater must display red and green bow lights when under power or sail,
 - c) Boats with engines less than 15 hp or using only trolling motors must display hand lantern or flashlight (visible for two miles) or white aft light in sufficient time to avoid a collision with any other boat.
 - d) All boats when not underway are required to display a white light visible in all directions whenever they are moored or anchored away from the dock between sunset and sunrise.
- 4.8 The following restrictions shall apply to motorboats while under power. No person shall:
- a) Sit on gunnels (sides) or railings of a boat
 - b) Dangle feet from boat
 - c) Ride forward of the safety railing on pontoon boats
 - d) Stand, sit on seat backs or move about while pulling skiers, tubers, etc.

e) Ride on the upper deck of a pontoon.

4.9 All watercraft shall move in a counter clockwise direction with the shoreline on the right side of the power craft.

4.10 Slow moving boats should stay close to the shore.

4.11 No person shall operate a power craft upon Lake Santee during daylight hours at a greater speed than is reasonable, having due regard for traffic, surface and other hazardous conditions, with no power craft to exceed the speed of 35 miles per hour. Except that on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays the speed shall not exceed 30 miles per hour. No person shall operate a power craft upon Lake Santee from dusk to sunrise at a speed greater than idle speed. The period from dusk to sunrise shall be determined by observing the red signal light located at the south end of the Lake. The yellow signal provides a warning period during which you should begin to terminate high-speed operation, skiing and related activities.

4.12 No person shall operate a power craft within or through the shore zone or any cove at a speed greater than 5 miles per hour or a speed that creates a wake. The shore zone means that water area of a uniform width of 100 feet lying parallel and contiguous to the shoreline. The dam shall be considered a shoreline.

4.13 No boat of any type shall be operated within the swimming area adjacent to the Association beaches.

4.14 All watercraft shall have the safety equipment required to meet the current Indiana Boating Laws.

4.15 Docking limit of 15 minutes shall be enforced at the boat launching ramps and a sign shall be placed nearby which states "Docking Limited to 15 Minutes". Selected docks at the main beach and east beach shall be posted and no overnight docking enforced. The sign posted shall state "No Overnight Docking".

4.16 A person may not operate a power craft on Lake Santee, unless the boat motor is equipped with a muffler or underwater exhaust that muffles or suppresses the sound of the exhaust to prevent excessive and unusual noise at all speeds.

4.17 No person shall moor a boat in an Association slip that has been designated as reserved. Violators will be subject to a daily fine as established by the Board of Directors.

4.18 It shall be prohibited to attach any fixture to any Association dock. Fixtures would include, but not be limited to, fenders boxes, diving boards, ladders, etc. Boat lifts will also not be permitted by Association docks.

SKIING

5.1 Water skiing shall be permitted on Lake Santee from sunrise to dusk, except in the posted fishing area, beach areas and coves. The period from sunrise to dusk shall be determined by observing the green signal light located at the south end of the Lake. The yellow signal provides a warning period prior to a red signal, during which skiing and related activities shall begin to be terminated.

5.2 There shall never, at any time, be more than two individuals pulled by any power craft.

5.3 No skiing, tubing or other similar water sport activity will be permitted without two (2) occupants in the boat, one for spotter. Spotters will be eight (8) years of age or older.

5.4 Any skier, tuber or anyone engaging in a similar water sport must have on his person a US Coast Guard approved type I, II or III personal flotation device.

5.5 No special equipment will be allowed on the Lake, such as jet skis, ski jumps, ski kites and other equipment used to perform special effects. This list is not all-inclusive and may at the Board's discretion include other equipment as it becomes available. The use of commercially manufactured ski booms will be allowed on weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays from green light AM to 12 noon. Booms will not be allowed on any holiday or any three-day weekend.