

# WATER ACTIVITIES RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Revised 2011 By LTPOA Board)

## I. FISHING

1. Fishermen must be accompanied by a lot owner except by special arrangements made with the lake patrol.
2. Fish may be taken using a rod or pole. Only three rods or poles per person are allowed, and there is a three hook limit on each rod or pole.
3. Trotlines and jugs are prohibited.
4. The maximum number/quantity of fish per take, creel, catch or possession shall be according to the Tishomingo Anglers Association's current recommendations in accordance with the continuing effort to improve and modify each species and their population. These regulations are formulated after consulting our local fisheries biologist.

## II. PATROL BOAT

1. The LTPOA patrol boat operator is responsible for water safety and enforcement of Water Activities Rules and Regulations and Boat Registration and Regulations.
2. The patrol boat will be operated in a safe and courteous manner and has the right-of-way on the lake at all times.

## III. BOAT & MOTOR IDENTIFICATION

1. All boats must be registered with the LTPOA and must be the property of a lot owner.
2. Registration stickers will be furnished for those boats in compliance with the LTPOA Boat Registration Rules and Regulations. Stickers must be placed on the left (port) side of the craft near the block and lot identification.
3. Boats of all types must have the owner's lot and block number placed on each side of the craft in letters not less than three (3) inches in height. Placement should be toward the front of the boat if possible.

## IV. BOATS - All boaters must be in compliance with Missouri State Rules and Regulations

1. The maximum boat length allowed is seventeen (17) feet excluding pontoon boats.
2. No boat shall be overloaded beyond the OBC rated capacity, or have a motor that exceeds the OBC maximum rating.
3. No hydroplanes, jet skis, inboard motor, or air boats (swamp buggies) are allowed.

## V. PONTOON BOATS

1. Pontoon boats cannot exceed 24 feet in length.
2. No such type of craft shall be permitted unless the owner has a residence at Lake Tishomingo.
3. No such craft shall have any temporary or permanent sleeping, cooking, sanitary or toilet facilities thereon. No enclosing or screening of craft.
4. Pontoon boats are restricted to "No Wake" (*a very slow speed whereby the wake or wash created by the vessel would be minimal*).

## VI. MOTORS

1. No craft shall have attached a motor which exceeds a total of forty (40) horsepower.

## VII. MOTOR BOATING

1. From 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. (prevailing time), maximum speed allowed.
2. From 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m., all crafts shall be restricted to "No Wake" (*a very slow speed whereby the wake or wash created by the vessel would be minimal*).
3. During ski hours all boats are to maintain a marine pattern of counter-clockwise travel.
4. Zigzagging, facing toward the stern while operating boat, reckless speed, operating craft while intoxicated and any other form of careless or reckless operation is prohibited.
5. Minimum clearance of freeboard from gunwale to the surface of the water while operating shall be six (6) inches for any craft.
6. Every craft must be equipped with an approved type of life preserver for each person aboard.
7. Boats operating after dark must be properly lighted.

8. All boating must be at least 100 feet from shore.
9. Right-of-way shall be in the following order: sailboats, row boats, canoes, pontoons.
10. No boats are to enter swimming area under any circumstances.
11. Reduce speed of all craft while in coves or launch area to "No Wake" (*a very slow speed whereby the wake or wash created by the vessel would be minimal*)
12. If you see or think that anyone is in distress, make effort to help and notify patrol boat.

#### VIII. SKI AND SURFBOARD SAFETY

1. Skiing or surfboarding is permitted from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. (prevailing time).
2. Skier must wear an approved life saving belt or jacket at all times.
3. Keep boat and skier 100 feet from shore while operating.
4. All boats when pulling skiers must either be equipped with a rearview mirror or have at least two occupants.
5. Travel counter clockwise at all times and circle counter clockwise when picking up a fallen skier.
6. Never drive boat so that skier is closer than 50 feet from any object.
7. Take signal from skier only and never sit on gunwale of boat.
8. Operators of boats pulling skiers must be at least sixteen (16) years of age.
9. Skiing from cove entrance is not permitted. Skiing should start and end up on the main body of the lake.

#### IV. SCUBA DIVING

1. Any property owner or guest scuba diving must have card signifying accredited course in techniques of diving.
2. Report to the patrol approximate area where you intend to dive from.
3. Display diver flag on float or boat and stay within 100 feet of same. Boats and skiers to keep 150 feet from flag. Remove flag after dive.
4. No scuba diving in ski lanes except when search and rescue diving is being conducted.
5. Fish and game Laws must be observed by divers.

#### X. SWIMMING

1. All swimmers must stay within fifty (50) feet of the shoreline except as noted below.
2. Swimming from pontoon boats is permitted (for short periods of time) in the lane between swimming, 50 feet from shoreline, and the ski lanes, 100 feet from shoreline.

#### XI. BUOYS

1. No buoys/tethered objects may be used in Lake Tishomingo without LTPOA approval.

#### XII. RESPONSIBILITY

1. Lot owners will be held responsible for the actions of their guests.