

Timber Shores Lake Boating & Swimming Rules & Regulations



Boating & Swimming Rules & Regulations for Timber Shores Lake

1. All boats operating on the lake must comply with all Timber Shores Rules and Regulations as well as all rules and boating regulations established by Nebraska Game and Parks.
2. It is the lot owner's responsibility to ensure their guests are aware of all Lake Rules and Regulations.
3. Violation of these rules should be reported to the local HOA.

Nebraska Game and Parks Boating Rules and Regulations; Inclusive of the Following

4. It is unlawful to allow any child under 13 years of age to be aboard any vessel when not wearing a Coast Guard approved life preserver.
5. All persons being towed must wear coast guard approved life preserver in good condition.
6. No one under the age of 14 years shall operate a motor boat of any class at any time. No one under the age of 16 can tow tubers or skiers.
7. Any operator born after Dec. 31, 1985 must have successfully completed the Nebraska boating safety course and be in possession of a valid certificate.

Note: Boaters have three options to fulfill the boater education requirement: 1) attend a six-hour course with a proctored exam, 2) home study, then attend a three-hour course review with a proctored exam. Study materials may be downloaded from BoatSafeNebraska.org, or 3) complete the course online at Boaterexam.com/usa/nebraska.

8. All boats must have an efficient whistle, horn or other mechanical sound producing device.
9. All boats towing any skier or device must have a hunter orange warning flag not less than 12 inches square on board and displayed only when the person towed is down.
10. All boats with a tow must have a mandatory observer, 12 years or older in the vessel with the operator, or a wide angled mirror.
11. All powered and non-powered vessels in use from sunset to sunrise shall display lights as required for the class of vessel.

Timber Shores Specific Rules and Regulations

12. All boats on the lake must be owned by Lot Owners registered with the Association and contain the appropriate and current Association sticker. No other boats shall be permitted on the lake.
13. All boats must display the Owner's Lot number and Association sticker in the size to be established by the Association in a visible position on the starboard aft (right rear) side. All other floatation devices placed in the lake must have the owners lot number clearly displayed.
14. Airboats, jet-powered boats, jet-powered watercraft classified as jet skis, wave runners, or any other jet-powered personal watercraft of any brand, make or model, and any boats with above water exhaust systems are prohibited.
15. The maximum boat speed on the lake is 35 MPH.

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16. Speed in the launching dock and shore areas are always NO WAKE. This also applies to all areas of the lake for the time between sundown and sunrise. NO WAKE means speed at which a vessel does not produce a wake, not to exceed 5 MPH.
17. All boats, skiers and others being pulled by a boat must remain a minimum of fifty (50) feet from the shore and/or docks.
18. The entrance to the boat ramp is to be secured and locked at all times. Lot Owners must secure the entrance after launching or removing their boats to/from the lake.
19. For the prevention of Zebra Mussels:
 - a. No visitor boats are allowed.
 - b. Lot Owner boats can be brought on to the lake only after draining all water from a previous launch and 5 days out of water or applying a decontaminate. This also applies to dealer boats and trailers.
 - c. Any floatation or inflatable device brought from outside the lake must be thoroughly scrubbed before placing in the lake.
20. Gas powered boats or vessels operating under mechanical power are to yield to individuals fishing, swimming, or in self-propelled floatation devices.
21. Lot Owners must observe NO WAKE restrictions during designated periods of high water.
22. All boats will be driven in a Counterclockwise direction.
23. When fishing or traveling at five (5) mph or less within seventy-five (75) feet of shore, boats may travel in either direction.
24. Boats of any kind must not operate between a downed skier or tuber and the towing boat. Down skiers and tubers always have the right-of-way.
25. Boats must not follow a person being towed closer than 200 feet.
26. Sailboats, canoes, rowboats, paddleboats, any vessel not operating under mechanical power, any anchored vessel and swimmers always have the right of way.
27. Maximum Boat Sizes and Horse Power allowed on the lake are:
 - a. Pontoon Boats: 26' & 115 HP
 - b. Inboard Ski Boats: 22' & 350 HP
 - c. Inboard/Outboard Ski Boats: 20.5' & 260 HP
 - d. Outboard Boats: 20.5' & 200 HP
28. Tubing speed shall not exceed 25 MPH.
29. Only one powerboat/motorboat may be operated at any one time from each lot.
30. At least one member of the Homeowner's immediate family, who is at least fourteen (14) years of age and familiar with all state laws and lake rules, must be in lot owner's motorized water craft whenever operated.
31. When boating during spring months, caution is recommended to not disturb fish spawning and nursery areas. During those times no wake boating should be observed in outlot areas boarding the lake (i.e. near Meigs Street and the boat ramp).

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32. Do not chase waterfowl.

Swimming Rules and Regulations

33. The 50 foot area adjoining owners' lots is reserved for swimming.

34. Swimming at the boat launch is prohibited.

35. All scuba divers must use a flag while diving. All boats of any kind must stay 75 feet from the flag.