



# GENERAL BOATING/BOAT INSPECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS

FRANK G. BONELLI PARK-PUDDINGSTONE LAKE



## SPEED LIMITS:

Puddingstone Lake is divided into **three separate zones** that regulate the speed of vessels:

- 1. Speed Zone:** 35 M.P.H. maximum and 20 M.P.H. minimum, located on the east side of the lake
- 2. No-Plane Zone:** 12 M.P.H. maximum, located in the center of the lake. Vessels are allowed to accelerate up to 12 M.P.H. in this area, but not plane off.
- 3. No-Wake Zone:** 5 M.P.H. maximum, located in any of the coves, launch ramp areas and 100 Ft. from any shoreline.

## HOURS/DAYS OF OPERATION:

**The Lake is open from sunrise to sunset each day** except Dec. 25. Fast boating begins at 10:00 A.M. and is only allowed in the *SPEED ZONE*. No boat is allowed to exceed 12 M.P.H. in the *SPEED ZONE* before 10:00 A.M. At one half hour before sunset, fast boating ceases and all boats in the *SPEED ZONE* must slow to 12 M.P.H.

## ODD-EVEN SYSTEM:

The **ODD-EVEN SYSTEM** separates power-boating and water-skiing from personal water craft (P.W.C.) activities. This system applies only to the *SPEED ZONE* and is in effect from April 1 through September 30, of each year. Water skiing and power-boating over 5 M.P.H., are permitted on *EVEN* numbered days of the calendar only. *ODD* days are reserved for P.W.C.'s. During the remainder of the year (Oct. through March) both P.W.C. and power boating are allowed in the *SPEED ZONE*.

## BOAT INSPECTION: (See Reverse)

**All vessels must be inspected and issued a launch permit prior to launch.**

## PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES: (PFD'S)

**Life preservers must be on board, of proper size and readily accessible at all times.** Water skiers and children 11 years of age or younger must wear a life preserver at all times while on the water.

## REGISTRATION:

**Vessels requiring registration must have *CF numbers* properly displayed with a *current sticker* and a *Certificate of Number* on board the vessel.** Vessels using electric trolling motors (including rafts) also must be registered.

## FIRE EXTINGUISHER:

**All motorboats shall carry fire extinguishers accepted by the U.S. Coast Guard.** Exceptions are for boats without fixed fuel tanks and which do not have spaces where explosive and flammable fumes can collect. An example is an open-hulled outboard aluminum motorboat.

## LAUNCH RAMP:

**Puddingstone Lake has two launch ramp areas.** The *power boat launch ramp*, located on the North shore of the lake, is generally designated for motorboats, P.W.C. and other powered vessels. The *Sailboat Cove launch ramp*, located on the South shore, designated primarily for sailboats, float tubes, and other non-powered boats. During the slow winter months non-powered boats often must pass inspection at the powerboat launch and then proceed to Sailboat Cove to launch.

## BOAT ENGINES:

**All engines must have muffling device** to keep engine noise to an acceptable minimum. Most unmodified outboards meet legal requirements. Inboards with unbaffled exhaust pipes (stacks) and water-injected pipes generally do not meet legal noise level requirements. **Inboards must also be equipped with backfire flame control device** if the engine is not exposed to the atmosphere above the level of the gunwale.

## FEES:

**A fee is charged per vessel per day for boat inspection and launch.** The fee is nonrefundable if an operator is ejected from the lake for operational violations. Annual passes are available and can be purchased at the park headquarters.

## QUAGGA/ZEBRA MUSSELS

**All boats, PWC, float tubes, etc. are subject to inspection prior to launch.** Launching may be denied if a vessel does not meet the criteria established in preventing the spread of Quagga/Zebra mussels.

