



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: Requirements for Launch)

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 under the age of 13 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 designated for motorboats, P.W.C. and other powered vessels. The *Sailboat Cove launch ramp*, located on the South shore is designated for sailboats, float tubes, and other non-powered boats. During the slow winter months non-powered boats may have to purchase a launch permit at the Park Headquarters 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 un-baffled 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.

