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## BLUEWATER BOATING RULES FOR ALL LOTS: LOTS 1 - 268

All boats and jet skis operating on the Lake must comply with all the Lake Rules and Regulations as well as Regulations established by the State of Nebraska for boating.

**ALL BOATS AND JET SKIS ON THE LAKE MUST BE OWNED BY LOT OWNERS, REGISTERED WITH THE ASSOCIATION AND CONTAIN THE APPROPRIATE AND CURRENT ASSOCIATION STICKER. THIS BLUEWATER STICKER MUST BE DISPLAYED ON THE UPPER RIGHT AFT (REAR) SIDE OF THE WATERCRAFT. Stickers can be obtained from VALLEY MARINE (Monday thru Friday 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and Saturday 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.) with *proof of liability insurance card*. ANY NON-MEMBER BOAT FOUND ON THE LAKE MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE LAKE AT ASSOCIATED LOT OWNER'S EXPENSE.**

**NOTE: Nebraska requires all boats to be registered with the State of Nebraska, and your appropriate registration numbers to be installed on the boat per regulations, or the vessel is not coming through the gate.**

**Courses are offered by the Nebraska Game & Parks. Visit the boater education page to learn more at [outdoornebraska.gov](http://outdoornebraska.gov).**

### Rules

1. Maximum speed limit is 35 MPH. (5 MPH sunset to sunrise)
2. All boating will be in a COUNTERCLOCKWISE direction. See map for further reference.
3. When exiting coves, boats must yield to oncoming traffic.
4. Boats including their tow must be 75 feet from docks unless on the way to your home dock or actively fishing. No swimming or floatation devices beyond 75 feet. \$1,000.00 fine for any offense reported / verified via picture, etc.
5. It is unlawful to allow any child less than 13 years of age aboard any vessel when not wearing a U.S. Coast Guard approved life preserver.
6. No one under the age of 14 years shall operate a motor boat of any class at any time.
7. As of January 1, 2004, any motorboat operator between the ages of 14 and 18 must complete a Boating Safety Course and be in possession of a course certificate when operating a boat. The only acceptable course for those under 18 is Nebraska's 6-hour classroom course with a proctored exam. The passing score is 75%.
8. All boats must have an efficient whistle or other mechanical sound producing device. Horn.
9. It is prohibited to stand or sit on the side edge of a moving power boat.
10. Sailboats, canoes, rowboats, any vessel not operating under mechanical power, any anchored vessel and swimmers ALWAYS have the right of way.
11. No one under the age of 16 can tow tubers or skiers.
12. All persons being towed MUST wear life jackets.



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13. All boats towing any device must have an orange warning flag on board and display it only when the person being towed is down in the water.
14. Boats with a downed passenger being towed (skier, wakeboarder, or towable) should turn around ONLY while turning into or toward shore in order to pick up their skier. This would be a right hand turn on the entire Bluewater lake. \*\*NOTE: No jumping off a moving boat at any time! If stopped and swimming around boat, lifejacket and flag are required.
15. Boats of any kind must not operate between a downed skier and the towing boat. Tow lines must not exceed 75 feet.
16. All boats are limited to one tow line at all times.
17. All boats with a tow must have a mandatory spotter, 13 years or older, or a wide angled mirror.
18. Boats must not follow a boat with a tow closer than 200 feet (2/3 of a city block). Do not tailgate behind boats.
19. No personal watercraft (eg. Jet ski, sea doo, wave runner, etc.) shall be operated in such a manner as to ride or jump the wake of another vessel within 100 feet of such other vessel unless the vessel is overtaking or meeting such other vessel in compliance with the rules of the road for vessel traffic and, having passed or overtaken such other vessel, the operator of the passing or overtaking vessel shall not change or reverse course for the purpose of riding or jumping the wake of such other vessel within 100 feet of such other vessel.
20. Swimming across the lake is prohibited.
21. Swimming at boat launch or off-water slip area is prohibited.
22. All boats must use appropriate lights on the lake at night. All boats operating later than sunset or earlier than sunrise must have the proper fore (bow) and aft (stern) running lights in use.
23. Boat drivers must all understand and abide by Bluewater Rules. Only Boat Owners (immediate family) / Residents can operate jet skis – friends / relatives are expressly prohibited from driving these.
24. Insurance: Must provide proof of insurance to boating committee / HOA.
25. No wake (5 MPH) rule will be enforced from the period of sunset to sunrise. Nothing can be towed during this period (towable, skiers, etc.).
26. Chasing waterfowl with powered water vehicles is prohibited and is reason to lose lake privileges.
27. All Boat / Jet Ski trailers must be garaged or stored off premises.
28. Boat Sizes and Horsepower:  
Pontoon Boats. Maximum advertised manufacturer's pontoon length of less than 27 feet.  
Inboard & V Drive (wake board boats) Ski Boats. Maximum advertised manufacturer's length of less than 23 feet 1 inch.  
Inboard/Outboard Ski Boats. Maximum advertised manufacturer's length of less than 23 feet as measured from bow tip to drain plug.



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Outboard Vessels. Maximum advertised manufacturer's length of 23 feet. **All outboard engines must be 4 stroke.** If 2 stroke engines are found to be in use on the lake, the following will occur:

First Offense: warning

Second Offense: \$1,000 fine and revoke boating privileges

Boat Motors. No motors may be altered or modified from their original factory production standards to increase their performance or HP.

Jet Skis. Bluewater is one of very few lake developments in our entire area that allow jet skis. Please note: in the past, there have been a pair of Jet Ski accidents and many reports of very close calls with various types of Jet Ski driving. Jet Skis will continue to be allowed and will be strictly monitored as the population on the lake grows. The following rules will be implemented immediately:

- All Jet Skis must be 4 stroke
- Jet Skis may not, under any circumstance, be operated from Sunset to Sunrise
- **Jet Skis may not operate from NOON – 5:00PM on Saturdays, Sundays, and all Holidays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend**
- Jet Skis must follow the same rules in NO WAKE ZONES – 5mph max
- Towables are not allowed behind Jet Skis
- Anyone born after 12-31-1985 must have and carry a boater's certificate

Jet Boats and Air Boats are prohibited. It is the boat owner's responsibility to verify that lengths do not exceed the above mentioned classifications and all boat lengths will be verified by the Bluewater Association. Any discrepancies will be reviewed by the Association's Board of Directors using the following: Advertised manufacturer's length and hull identification/model number.

The basis of these clarifications is to ensure boater's safety and minimize erosion.

29. All boats must have a U.S. Coast Guard – approved life saving device of Type I, II, or III for each person on board. In addition, every vessel shall carry at least one U.S. Coast Guard-approved throwable flotation device (Type IV) and a fire extinguisher.
30. Docks
  - A. The Declarant shall approve the location of all docks.
  - B. Lots 1-31 and 250-266 shall have all the same dock/lift setup. It will be a floating Shoremaster, single load / slip
  - C. Floating docks are recommended.
  - D. Shoremaster Dock Installation:
    - i. Shoremaster product is delivered to site
    - ii. Shoremaster Dock is assembled on site
    - iii. Shoremaster Dock is set into approved location
    - iv. Anchor Pipe is inserted through pipe collars
    - v. Anchor Pipe are self-seating.
    - vi. Gangway is attached to the floating dock and then extends to the lot beyond shoreline
    - vii. All docks installations are completed by Shoremaster Certified Installers.
31. Lifts
  - A. The Declarant shall approve the placement of all lifts



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- B. Floating lifts are recommended.
- C. Lots 1-31 and 250-266 shall all have the same lift setup. It will be a floating Shoremaster, single load with a beige canopy.
- D. All canopies need to be gray, black, or beige.

32. Wakeboarding & Wakesurfing

- A. Always try to stay at least 200 feet\* away from any shoreline, dock, or fixed objects.
- B. The non-surfing side of a wakesurfing boat creates waves that are 10% to 23% smaller with 23% to 33% less energy than the surfing side. When possible, present the non-surfing side of the boat to the closest shoreline (this would be surfing on the left side of the boat at Bluewater).
- C. Maintain a reasonable sound level on your boat.
- D. Waves tend to increase in height on the inside of a gradual turn. Avoid such maneuvers close to shore.

\*The 200 feet offset recommended by the WSIA, however, is based on the conclusion that “wakeboard and wakesurf wakes/waves, when operated at least 200 feet or more from shore, do not carry enough energy to have a significant impact on most shorelines or on properly maintained docks and other man-made structures”. This conclusion is based on an analysis by Goudey and Girod (2015).

**THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAIN TO THE FUEL STATION AND OFF-WATER SLIP AREAS**

- 33. Each Preserve Lot will have a single boat slip. The Lot Owner will pay for and maintain the slip at its own expense including power to operate the lift and insurance. Bluewater HOA will incur no costs associated with these slips.
- 34. All lifts will be kept in an operable and safe manner and maintained yearly for safety and aesthetics. All lift covers must be replaced when there are signs of wear and tear.
- 35. There will be no jet ski slips unless the slip Owner uses the boat slip to house a jet ski in place of a boat.
- 36. ATVs and/or golf carts are recommended for transportation to and from the area. There will be NO VEHICLE parking in this area.
- 37. There will be no lighting permitted in or around the boat slips due to the dark light policy.
- 38. Absolutely no swimming within 100 yards of the area.
- 39. No loitering, loud music, or partying allowed on any dock. This is to protect the quiet enjoyment of other lots near this area.
- 40. Low volume bubblers must be installed in lift area to prevent ice damage.



### PREVENTION OF ZEBRA MUSSELS ON BLUEWATER LAKE

- A. NO visitor boats or visitor jet skis
- B. Once a resident's boat is launched in the spring; it **MUST** stay in Bluewater lake on dock or resident's beach until fall, unless service is needed. Documentation from the dealership where repairs were made and guarantee that boat was not launched in another body of water will need to be provided in order to relaunch boat in the lake.
- C. Once a boat is removed from within the lake Property during the season it cannot be relaunched into the lake without proper documentation.
- D. All vendor boats must provide proof of decontamination.
- E. Homeowners must be vigilant and responsible for all forms of craft or toys that they put into the lake such as: wake boards, paddle boats, kayaks, canoes, floaties, and the like. If any of these items are used on another body of water, please be sure to follow the protocol listed below before using in Bluewater Lake.

#### PROTOCOL FOR CLEANING WATERCRAFT, TRAILERS, TOYS, AND EQUIPMENT

- a) REMOVE all plants and mud and dispose of in trash
- b) WASH all surfaces inside and out with high-pressure hot water (140-155°). DRY as much as possible
- c) DRAIN all water from areas of item
- d) DRY item for at least (7) days in warm, dry weather
- e) **HIRE a local marina qualified to clean and certify**



There is a punitive system for violations of the boating rules. This is set by the Board of the Association.

- First offense: warning
- Second offense in one boating season: \$1,000 fine and suspension of boating privileges for the rest of the season. Reinstatement will only be after written application is made to the Association Board.

Any property owner, or property owner's guest, who is convicted of a crime of operating a boat or other motorized watercraft under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substance, shall not be permitted to operate a boat or other motorized watercraft on Bluewater for one year from the date of the conviction. Various residents around the lake will be watching and taking film/pictures of any violation(s) they may see and reporting directly to the HOA. If found to be needed, the HOA will consider hiring lake patrol.

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Homeowner – Printed Name

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Homeowner – Signature

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Address

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Date