



## **BOATING AND SWIMMING RULES**

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### **A. GENERAL RULES:**

1. All members participating in boating and swimming activities agree to know and follow these rules. Violation of these rules may result in verbal warnings, written warnings, citations or denial of boating privileges. General categories of fines and the range of fines are attached.
2. Members and guests will follow Lake Safety personnel instructions at all times.
3. In case of an accident, contact 911 and call Lake Safety at 909-744-2766 to get immediate assistance.
4. Launching or throwing objects, including water, at or from vessels or docks is prohibited.
5. Physical or verbal abuse of ALA employees, afloat or on the shoreline is prohibited.
6. Discarding any litter from boats or on shoreline is prohibited.
7. Indecent exposure is prohibited.
8. Recreational scuba diving, spear fishing, or bow fishing is prohibited.
9. Overnight camping is prohibited.
10. Lone Pine Island is closed to all visitors, boaters, fishermen and swimmers after the Lake Safety closing procedure (flashing amber and red lights) and before 7:00 AM.

### **B. BOATING RULES:**

*“(Boat Operators” include operators of all vessels including motorized boats, sail boats and non-motorized vessels. The following Boating Rules apply to all boating activities on Lake Arrowhead).*

1. Boat owners are personally responsible for the safe operation of their boats at all times, current registration, current insurance, required equipment and ensuring that all operators possess a current ALA Boat Operator’s License. Any boat operator stopped by Patrol and not in possession of a California Boater Card (as required by the State of CA) will be cited with a Fix-It ticket and directed to dock their boat pending issuance of the California Boater Card. The operator must show proof of correction within thirty (30) days or a fine of \$250.00 may be imposed. Proof will include a copy of the CA Boater Card or a temporary CA Boater Card.

The ALA will not issue an ALA Boat Operator's License to anyone required by the State of CA to have a CA Boater Card until the applicant shows proof of having a CA Boater Card or a Temporary Boater Card.

2. Boats shall not remain on the lake overnight past normal launch ramp operation hours unless at the boat owner's slip or in a slip as recorded by a rental agreement on file with ALA.
3. All boat operators shall know and follow State and County boating laws and ALA Boating and Swimming Rules.
4. Boat operators shall ensure the safety and proper behavior of their passengers.
5. Boat operators shall not exceed the safe passenger or overall load limits of the boat.
6. Boat operators shall not be under the influence of alcohol or any illegal, legal or prescription substance.
7. The direction of travel for all boats outside of the No Wake buoys is counter clockwise. When outside of the No Wake buoys, the closest buoy line must be on the boat operator's right side. When inside the No Wake buoy line, boats may move in any safe direction.
8. Motorized boats operating between sunset and sunrise or at times of restricted visibility, (except human powered boats), shall display proper navigation lights;
  - a) Motorboats and sailboats under auxiliary motor power must display a red port side light, a green starboard side light and a white light or lights in the rear. The white light(s) must be un-obscured and visible from all directions, (360 degrees).
  - b) Sailboats using wind power only, must display a red port sidelight, a green starboard sidelight and a single white stern light. The white stern light shall have a 135 degree display. No other white light shall be displayed.
  - c) All human powered boats, kayaks, rowboats, etc.), and small sailboats not equipped with navigation lights must be equipped with a fully charged lantern or flashlight. Such lantern or flashlight must be mounted for continuous display to maximize visibility.
9. The use of docking lights as running lights is prohibited. Dock lights may only be used inside of the no wake zones and within 50 feet of a dock while docking.
10. ALA Lake Safety boats will use flashing amber and red lights to implement the 5 MPH and No Wake speed limit at sunset, in an emergency, during special events or while towing another vessel.
11. Children 12 and under must wear a Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device of the proper size when aboard a boat in operation. Operators of all ages of small human powered vessels must wear a Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD).

12. Suggested additional safety equipment: horn or whistle, paddle, towline, flashlight, first aid kit, bailing device and cellular phone. It is recommended that boats be equipped with a functional rear view mirror
13. Boat operators must observe the right of way of other boats and yield (give way) when in doubt.
14. Boat operators must stay clear (at least 100') of fishing boats, tube fishermen or downed skier(s).
15. All boats on Lake Arrowhead must be registered by the State and ALA. Unregistered boats are prohibited. Human powered boats are not required to be registered with the State.
16. Amplified music that disturbs other members' enjoyment of Lake Arrowhead or boat noise that exceeds State Guidelines, as set forth in the Muffler Requirements , are prohibited. Refer to Section F.
17. Swimming is permitted from boats only when the boat is inside the No Wake zone buoy line and the motor is off.
18. Boat operators must ensure the safety of all persons at the scene of any accident.
19. Personal water craft (Jet Ski, WaveRunner, etc.) and windsurfers are prohibited on Lake Arrowhead.
20. Moving, tying to, or damage to any buoy(s) or the Tower is prohibited.
21. An operator shall not wear any aural devices that may interfere with any audible alert or siren.
22. Operators of inboard motor boats must run engine compartment blower for at least five minutes, open engine compartment hatch and sniff for fumes before starting motor.

### **C. BOAT OPERATOR LICENSES:**

1. The ALA will not issue an ALA boat Operator's License to anyone required by the State of CA to have a CA Boater Card until the applicant shows proof of having a CA Boater Card.
2. Any boat operator who is stopped by Patrol and not in possession of a CA Boater Card (as required by the State of CA) will be cited with a "Fix It Ticket" and directed to dock their boat pending issuance of the CA Boater Card. The Operator must show proof of correction within thirty (30) days or a fine of \$250.00 may be imposed. Proof will include providing a copy of the CA Boater Card or a temporary CA Boater Card.
3. Operators of the following vessels are required to obtain an ALA Boat Operator License for the safety of all members recreating on Lake Arrowhead and to ensure proper knowledge of all boating rules:
  - Motorized boats
  - Sail boats
  - Kayaks

- Stand Up Paddleboards (SUPs)
- Canoes
- Row boats
- Pedal boats

***Operators of small human powered boats are not required to possess a CA Boater Card***

4. Power boat operators must be age 16 or older with an ALA Boat Operator's License. An operator who is at least age 14 and under the age of 16, who has obtained an ALA Boat Operator License, may operate a boat if supervised on board by an ALA Boat Licensed person at least 18 years of age who has a California Boater Card.
5. An operator who is at least age 10 and under the age of 16, who has obtained an ALA Boat Operator License may operate a boat with a motor of 9.9 HP or less. It is the boat owners' responsibility to ensure that young operators adhere to the ALA Boating and Swimming Rules.
6. An operator who is at least age 10, who has obtained an ALA Boat Operator License, may operate human-powered boats such as kayaks, canoes, row boats and pedal boats. An operator under age 10 must have adult supervision.

**D. MOTORIZED AND WIND-POWERED BOATING RULES:**

*(All underlined equipment and items must be present to launch on Lake Arrowhead.)*

1. Trailered boats are to be launched at the ALA Marina only or by special ALA permit.
2. All boats measuring 12 feet to 26 feet maximum length, must be registered and display current state DMV registration stickers on both sides of the bow and a current ALA sticker on the starboard bow.
3. All boats with Day Use decals must be launched and retrieved on the same day within regular launch ramp hours.
4. The operator and all passengers must be properly seated whenever the boat is underway. Children under ten (10) years of age riding in the bow of a boat with a HP rating of 10 and above must be accompanied by an adult in the bow.
5. One type I, II, or III Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) of the proper size for every person aboard, or a type V only if it is worn throughout the time the vessel is underway, as well as an approved throwable device which must be immediately available, are required.
6. When using non-motorized vessels. Personal Flootation Devices,(PFDs) must be worn.
7. Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) riders must wear a Personal Flotation Device, (PFD) or be attached to the board by a leash.
8. Motorized boats must carry the Coast Guard-approved type, number and size of fully charged fire extinguisher(s) required for the vessel.

9. Navigation lights must be kept in serviceable condition and displayed between sunset and sunrise and at times of restricted visibility.
10. A sound signaling device is required.
11. Motorized boats with an inboard or I/O, gasoline-fueled engine must have a Coast Guard-approved backfire flame arrestor in good condition.
12. Motorized boats must have a reverse gear on all motors over 10 HP.
13. Sailboats have the right of way over powerboats except when the sailboat is overtaking another vessel.
14. Boats shall not follow any boat or skier(s) closer than 200 feet.
15. Beaching of Motorized or Sail boats on Lone Pine Island is prohibited when ALA multiple courtesy dock is present.
16. Swimming, diving or fishing is not permitted on Lone Pine Island courtesy dock.

#### **E. SPEED LIMIT:**

1. ALA Lake Safety may use radar to check boaters' speed.
2. **Speed outside of the buoys:**
  - Day - 7:00 a.m. to sunset maximum 35 MPH.
  - Night – sunset (as indicated by the Lake Safety closing procedure: flashing amber and red lights), to 7:00 a.m., maximum 5 MPH and No Wake.
  - Ski trainers, maximum speed, 10 MPH.
3. Between No Wake buoy and the shoreline: maximum speed 5 MPH and no wake.

#### **F. MUFFLER REQUIREMENTS:**

1. All motor boats on Lake Arrowhead shall conform to State Guidelines, as set forth below.
2. The operator is responsible for the control of the noise level of the boat.
3. All motorboats must be muffled or otherwise prevented from exceeding the following noise levels when measured by the Stationary Sound Level Measurement Procedure for Pleasure Motorboats (SAE J2005\*):
  - 90 dB (A) for engines manufactured before January 1, 1993.
  - 88 dB (A) for engines manufactured on or after January 1, 1993.
4. All motorboat noise levels must be below 75 dB (A) when measured by the Shoreline Sound Level Measurement Procedure (SAE J1970\*\*).

\*SAE J2005: This measures the engine sound at idle with the microphone ~5 feet away.

\*\*SAE J1970: This measures the engine sound of a vessel underway with the microphone at least 50 feet away.

## **G. TOWING ACTIVITIES:**

*("Skier" refers to any person being towed on an ALA approved device.)*

1. Towing a skier does not give the vessel operator any special right of way privileges.
2. When the Lake Safety closing procedure (flashing amber and red lights) is used at sunset or in an emergency, ski activity will stop and all boats shall travel at 5 MPH and No Wake and maintain a safe distance from the ALA Lake Safety boats.
3. Observers must display a 20 inch X 20 inch red flag on a 36 inch minimum display pole, held at least four feet above the water when recovering a down skier or with a tow line in the water.
4. Observers must display a 20 inch X 20 inch yellow flag on a 36 inch minimum display pole, while towing a ski trainer or any person who is not visible over four (4) feet above the water.
5. Observers must be at least 12 years of age and be positioned to observe the skier(s) at all times.
6. Observers must inform boat operator when his or her skier(s) fall and hold up red flag until skier(s) and equipment are in the boat.
7. Boats shall not follow any boat or skier(s) closer than 200 feet.
8. Only the following ALA approved towed devices/activities are permitted on Lake Arrowhead:
  - **Water Skis**
  - **Barefoot Skiing**
  - **Wakeboards**
  - **Wakeskates**
  - **Airchairs**
  - **Kneeboards** – requires use of a yellow flag.
  - **Training Skis, including Easy Ski Trainers** – requires use of a yellow flag. Tow rope must be attached to training device with the boat-end of rope held by a person in the stern of the boat. **10 mph maximum speed.**
9. When starting towing activities, boat operators should start in the direction of traffic and only when it is safe.
10. Skier(s) must wear a US Coast Guard approved PFD of proper size.
11. Tow rope must be 36 feet to 90 feet in length, measured from the stern of the boat.
12. No more than two skiers may be towed at one time on the same type of towable equipment using equal length tow lines EXCEPT air chairs, kneeboards and ski trainers which are limited to only one person being towed. Operators shall not start a skier with the boat or skiers between the NO SKI buoys and shore.
13. **BOAT ENGINE MUST BE TURNED OFF** when recovering skier(s) or equipment.

14. No dropped ski(s) or equipment shall be left on the lake.
15. Skiers shall not ski within 200 feet of swimming areas or docks.
16. No skiing inside buoy lines except where allowed during dock starts.
17. It is prohibited to follow skier(s) within 200 feet.
18. Skiing is prohibited between sunset and 7:00 a.m.
19. Shore starts are prohibited. Dock starts are permitted from end of dock only except where prohibited by NO SKI buoys.
20. Water starts are prohibited by boats within no wake zones.

#### **H. FALLEN OR DROPPED SKIERS:**

1. Reduce speed, make sure the path is clear, turn left to pick up fallen skier(s) in a safe manner.
2. Stay between fallen skier(s) and other boats.
3. Do not drop skier(s) or tow line(s) in unsafe areas.
4. WHEN PATH IS NOT CLEAR, EVEN WHEN TOWING A SKIER, THROTTLE BACK AND STOP.
5. Boat operators shall raise their hand acknowledging fallen or dropped skier(s) within 200 feet and lower their hand after passing the skier's boat.

#### **I. FISHING:**

*(See ALA Fishing Rules for additional information. **Advisory:** A valid State Fishing License is required for ages 16 and up. Please follow all State fishing rules and requirements.)*

1. A 20 inch X 20 inch white flag must be displayed on a 36 inch minimum display pole at least four feet above water while fishing.
2. Between May 1 and October 1 fishing and trolling are prohibited: (A) In Marina area inside the buoy line between the patrol dock and Kiwi Service Ramp, and (B) In the Village Bay, in the area between the shore and the east end of the McKenzie Ski School pier, the Queen dock, Woody's dock and the east end of the McDonald's dock including all slips of docks listed. Exception, ALA A. B. and C. dock slip holders may fish from their docks and docked boats.
3. Fishing and trolling in the Marina area between the patrol dock and the marina tenant launch ramp within the buoy line is prohibited within 2 weeks after fish stocking at the launch ramp.
4. Unattended fishing lines in the lake are not permitted.

## **J. NON-MOTORIZED BOATING RULES:**

*(For all human-powered vessels)*

1. Boats and other watercraft less than 12 feet in length must be registered by ALA, shall not have a motor or sail, must display a current ALA sticker on the starboard bow (visible from a patrol boat) and must stay within 100 feet of the nearest shoreline.
2. Non-motorized boats may be launched at any access point along the shoreline.
3. Flotation devices or swimming aids must stay within 100 feet of the nearest shoreline.
4. All non-motorized/human-powered vessels must comply with lighting rules between sunset and 7:00 am as outlined in section B. 8. (c)
5. Operators of the following vessels are required to register their boats with ALA and obtain an ALA Boat Operator License to ensure proper knowledge of all boating rules:
  - Kayaks
  - Canoes
  - Row boats
  - Pedal boats
  - Stand Up Paddleboards (SUPs)

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6. When using non-motorized vessels, personal flotation devices (PFDs) must be worn.
7. SUP operators are required to wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) or be connected by a leash at all times.
8. It is recommended that SUP and small human powered vessel operators carry a sound producing device.

## **K. SWIMMING RULES:**

1. Swimming is allowed only within 100 feet of the nearest shoreline and is not allowed in posted channels and designated areas.
2. Swimming is permitted from boats only when the boat is inside of the No Wake buoy line, within the No Wake zone, and when the motor is off.

## **L. VIOLATION FINE SCHEDULE:**

Violation of these rules may result in verbal warnings, written warnings or citations. General categories of fines and the range of fines are attached.

The following Violation Fine Schedule is a breakdown of some of the categories from which the Lake Safety Committee, meeting as the Violations Committee, can choose in order to charge a boat owner or member who has received a citation on Lake Arrowhead or on ALA property. Please contact the ALA at 909-337-2595 if you have any questions regarding this schedule.

In addition to the Fine Schedule below, any violation of a serious nature may result in the suspension of rights and/or removal of the boat from the lake.

<b><u>Operational Violations</u></b>	<b><u>Fine Range</u></b>
a. Unsafe, reckless, or negligent operation of a boat	\$ 300 - \$5,000
b. Skiing in prohibited areas	\$ 200 - \$1,000
c. Wrong direction of travel	\$ 300 - \$1,000
d. Underage observer while skiing	\$ 400 - \$1,000
e. No observer while skiing	\$ 400 - \$1,000
f. Leaving the scene of an incident. Failure to report accident	\$ 500 - \$2,000
g. NO PFDs on children age 12 and under on motor/sailboat	\$ 300 - \$1,000
h. Not displaying a proper flag at the proper time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Downed skier - Red</li> <li>▪ Fishing – White</li> <li>▪ Towed device under 4 ft. – Yellow</li> </ul>	\$ 100 - \$1,000
i. Prohibited use of the lake	\$ 500 - \$1,000
j. Excessive speed	\$ 300 - \$2,000
k. Exceeding safe number of passengers in boat	\$ 300 - \$1,000
l. Towing restricted devices	\$ 100 - \$ 500
m. Excessive boat noise level (88 – 90dB at idle when underway)	\$ 300 - \$2,000
n. Excessive amplified music	\$ 300 - \$1,000
o. Swimming or use of small water devices including kayaks, SUPs and canoes beyond 100 ft. from nearest shoreline	\$ 100 - \$ 500
p. Insufficient number of personal flotation devices (PFDs)	\$ 100 - \$1,000
q. Not wearing PFD in small human powered boat	\$ 100 - \$1,000
r. No PFD or leash while operating a SUP	\$ 100 - \$1,000

<b><u>Static / Non-Operational Violations</u></b>	<b><u>Fine Range</u></b>
a. Licensed ALA boat operator not in possession of license	\$ 25
b. Unlicensed operator operating boat. No ALA Boat License	\$1,000
c. Operating boat with no CA Boater Card as required	\$ 250
d. No current boat insurance	\$ 500 - \$2,000
e. No ALA decal (or incorrectly placed)	\$ 25 - \$1,000
f. No DMV or state issued decal (or incorrectly placed)	\$ 25 - \$1,000
g. No vessel numbers on boat (or incorrectly placed)	\$ 25 - \$1,000
h. Not following ALA personnel direction	\$ 500 - \$2,000
i. Physical or verbal abuse of ALA employees, afloat or on shoreline	\$ 500 - \$2,000
j. Littering	\$ 100 - \$1,000
k. Polluting	\$ 300 - \$2,000
l. Missing or improper required equipment	\$ 300 - \$1,000
m. Trespassing	\$ 200 - \$1,000
n. Unauthorized slip usage	\$ 500 - \$2,000
o. Prohibited use of ALA property	\$ 500 - \$2,000