

Arrowhead Lake Association
Boating and Swimming Rules
Proposed 03/28/2009

Launching of Boats:

Trailer boats are to be launched at the ALA Marina only or by special ALA permit.

Registration:

- All boats 12' to 26' maximum, must be registered and display current CF, AZ, etc. sticker on both sides of bow and current ALA sticker on starboard bow or mast.
- Boats and other watercraft under 12' must be registered by ALA, shall not have a motor and must stay within 100' of shore.

Owner's Responsibility:

Boat owners are personally responsible for the safe operation of their boats at all times, requiring DMV registration and ALA Boat Operator's Certificate of all operators. Boats shall not remain overnight on the lake unless at the owner's slip or in a slip as recorded by the rental agreement on file with ALA.

Licensed Person's Responsibilities and Requirements:

- Age 16 or older with Boat Operator's Certificate.
- Age 10 or older who has passed the ALA test may operate a powerboat or sailboat that **has a motor under 10 HP**. (It is the parents' responsibility to insure that young operators adhere to Boating and Swimming Rules.)
- All **boat operators shall** know and follow ALA boat rules and state boating laws.
- Insure the safety and proper behavior of their passengers.
- Not exceed the safe passenger or overall load limits of the boat. All passengers must be properly seated whenever the boat is underway.
- Operators shall not be under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance.

Speed Limit:

Day – 7:00 a.m. to sunset, maximum of 35 MPH.

Night – sunset to 7:00 a.m., maximum of 10 MPH.

Between buoy and shore, **lesser** of 5 MPH or no stern wake.

Lake safety may use radar to check speed.

Traffic Patterns:

Traffic patterns for all boats is counter clockwise. (Boat operator's right shoulder closest to the shoreline.)

Night Operation:

- All boats operating between sunset and 7:00 a.m. shall display a white stern or mast light, red (port) light and green (starboard) bow lights and shall not exceed 10 MPH.
- Using docking lights as running lights is prohibited.

Lake Closing:

- Lake Safety boats will **display blue light to close the lake**.
- Ski activities will stop and all boats shall travel at 10 MPH maximum.

Required Equipment:

- One type I, II, or III Coast Guard approved personal floatation device (PFD) of the proper size for every person aboard as well as an approved throwable device which should be immediately available.
- Children under 12 shall wear a PFD of the proper size at all times when aboard a boat. It is suggested children under 12 wear a PFD any time near water.
- Coast Guard approved fully charged fire extinguisher and sound signaling device.
- Reverse gear on all motors over 10 HP.
- 20”X20” white fishing flag, when fishing, displayed at least four feet above water.
- Backfire flame arrestor.
- Suggested: horn, paddle, towline, flashlight, first aid kit, and cellular phone.
- Navigation lights must be kept in serviceable conditions and displayed between sunset and sunrise and at times of restricted visibility.

Safety Requirements:

- Boat operators must observe the right of way of other boats and yield when in doubt.
- Sailboats have the right of way over powerboats except when overtaking any vessel.
- Boats shall not follow any boat, skier(s) closer than 200’.
- Boat operators must stay clear (at least 100’) of fishing boats, tube fishermen or downed skier.

Prohibited Devices or Activities:

- Personal water craft (Jet Ski, Sea-Doo, etc.) and windsurfers.
- Any towed device not approved by the ALA Lake Safety Committee (contact ALA for approve devices).
- Floatation devices or swimming aids beyond 100’ of shoreline.
- Launching or throwing of objects, including water, at or from vessels or docks.
- Physical or verbal abuse of ALA Lake Safety employees, afloat or on shoreline.
- Discarding any litter from boats or on shoreline.
- Scuba diving, spear fishing, or bow fishing.
- Moving, tying to, or damage to any buoy(s).
- Overnight camping or indecent exposure.
- Personal B-B-Q’s on ALA shoreline or properties.
- Fishing and trolling in North Shore Marina area (between patrol dock and marina service dock) or where posted, between May 1 – Oct. 1.
- Unattended fishing lines in the lake.
- Beaching of boats on shoreline is allowed only at Lone Pine Island.
- Unleashed pets, per S.B. Code 32.0108.
- No bicycles, skateboards, or motorized vehicles are allowed on ALA shoreline trails.
- Unregistered boats.

Swimming:

Swimming is allowed only within 100’ of shore and is not allowed in posted channels and designated areas. Swimming is permitted from boats only when behind buoy line.

Muffler Requirements:

All motor boats on Lake Arrowhead shall conform to State Guidelines:

~~86 dbA for engines manufactured before January 1, 1976~~

~~84 dbA for engines manufactured on or after January 1, 1976~~

~~82 dbA for engines manufactured on or after January 1, 1978~~

Accidents:

- Boat operators must insure the safety of all persons at scene of accident. (Floatation devices, first aid, etc.)
- Contact Lake Safety or anyone to get immediate assistance.
- Immediately report all accidents to the ALA office, (909) 337-2595, at the first possible opportunity.

Safety Patrol:

Follow all Safety Patrol person's instructions at all times when they exhibit their blue and/or yellow lights or sound their sirens (to control traffic, authorize events, accidents or dangerous situations).

Skiing:

- Only when it is safe, start in the direction of traffic and use the most direct route.
- Skier(s) must wear a US Coast Guard approved PFD of proper size.
- No more than two skiers at one time using equal length lines between 36' and 90' in length.
- Do not start with boat or skiers behind the "no ski out" buoys.
- **BOAT ENGINE MUST BE TURNED OFF** when recovering skier(s) or equipment.
- No unattended ski(s) or equipment shall be left on the lake.
- No skiing within 200' of swimming areas, docks, or inside buoy lines.
- Do not follow skier(s) within 200' or within 100' if not in their wake.
- No skiing between sunset and 7:00 a.m.
- **Observers** must **use** a 20"X20" red flag and a 36" minimum display pole.
- Shore starts are not permitted. **Dock starts are permitted from end of dock only except where prohibited by NO SKI OUT buoys.**
- It is recommended that boats be equipped with a functional rear view mirror.

Observers:

- Must be at least 12 years of age and be positioned to observe the skier(s) at all times.
- Must inform boat operator when his or her skier(s) fall and hold up red flag until skier(s) equipment are in the boat.

Fallen or Dropped Skier(s):

Boat operators shall raise their hand acknowledging fallen or dropped skier(s) within 200' and after passing skier's boat lower their hand.

Make sure the path is clear, recommend turn left, and pick up skier(s) in a safe manner.

Stay between skier(s) and other boats.

Do not drop skier(s) or tow line(s) in unsafe areas.

WHEN PATH IS NOT CLEAR, THROTTLE BACK AND STOP.