



BOATING AND SWIMMING RULES

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2026

A. GENERAL RULES:

1. All members participating in boating and swimming activities agree to know and follow these rules. All members while on ALA property or on the water also agree to and will follow all State and County laws and local ordinances. Any violation of these rules, laws or ordinances may result in verbal warnings, written warnings, citations or denial of boating privileges. General categories of fines and the maximum fine amounts by category are attached.
 - a) Members agree to and will take responsibility for actions or violations of their guests.
2. Members on ALA property agree to treat all other members, guests, and employees with courtesy. Threatening language, physical or verbal abuse and assault and battery as defined by State law are prohibited.
3. Members and guests will follow Lake Safety personnel directions and instructions at all times.
 - a) Members and guests shall provide their ALA Membership Card, ALA Boat License, California Boaters Card, and Photo Identification to ALA staff when requested. Photographs of licenses are allowed.
4. In case of an emergency, contact 911 AND call Lake Safety at **(909) 744-2766** for assistance.
5. Launching or throwing objects and the use of any projectile devices, including water from a vessel, is prohibited.
6. Discarding any litter from boats into the lake or onto the shoreline is prohibited.
6. Indecent exposure is prohibited per California Penal Code (Section) 314 (1).
7. Overnight docking in ALA courtesy docks is prohibited, unless permission has been obtained in advance from Lake Safety due to an emergency.
8. Blocking pedestrian traffic and/ or interfering with boat docking traffic on ALA courtesy docks is prohibited.
9. Horseplay, fishing, diving, swimming, sunbathing or lounging on ALA courtesy docks is prohibited.

10. Recreational scuba diving, including any pressurized compressed air delivery system, spear fishing, or bow fishing is prohibited.
11. Overnight camping is prohibited.
12. Lone Pine Island is closed to all visitors, boaters, fishermen and swimmers after the Lake Safety closing procedure (flashing amber and red lights) until 7:00 AM.
13. **Human Powered Vessels (HPV)** do not use motors and are propelled solely by the operator by hands, feet, use of oars, or pedaling. They may include: Kayaks, Stand Up Paddleboards (SUPs), Canoes, Row boats, Pedal boats, and Inflatable Fishing Seats. These vessels are required by the ALA to be registered and the operator must possess an appropriate ALA Boat or HPV Operators License.
14. **Motor Boats** include any vessels propelled by any type of motor including electric. **Sailboats** are considered to be in the same class as Motor Boats for ALA registration requirements. The operators of these vessels must possess an ALA Boat Operators License.
15. ALA owned vessels and vehicles are exempt from registration and rules during the course of duties and response to calls for service. This is not to supersede California State law and San Bernardino County Ordinance.
16. Dogs must be on leash up to six feet at all times on ALA property.

B. BOATING RULES:

“Boat Operators” include operators of all vessels including motorized boats, sailboats and non-motorized vessels. The ALA Boating and Swimming Rules apply to all boating and aquatic activities on Lake Arrowhead and ALA shoreline properties.

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 and CA Boater Card.
 - a) The ALA will not issue an ALA Boat Operator’s License 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 dock rental agreement on file with ALA.
3. Boat operators shall not exceed the safe passenger or overall load limits of the boat as established by the boat manufacturer.
4. Boat operators shall not be under the influence of alcohol or any illegal, legal or prescription substance.

5. 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 travel in any safe direction.
6. 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 sidelight, a green starboard sidelight and 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 vessels (e.g., kayaks, rowboats, canoes, SUPs, pedal boats and Inflatable Fishing Seats) 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.
7. The use of docking lights as navigation lights is prohibited. Docking lights may only be used within 50 feet of a dock while docking.
8. ALA Lake Safety boats will use flashing amber and red lights to implement the “No Wake” speed limit at sunset, in an emergency, during special events or while towing another vessel. Boats must yield the right of way to ALA Lake Safety or any Service boat displaying flashing amber or red lights.
9. Children 12 and under must wear a Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device of **THE PROPER SIZE** when aboard a power or sail boat in operation. Operators and occupants of all ages of human powered vessels must wear a Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) of the proper size.
10. Suggested additional safety equipment:., paddle, towline, flashlight, first aid kit, bailing device and cellular phone. It is recommended that boats be equipped with a functional rear-view mirror.
11. Boat operators must observe the right of way of other boats and yield (give way or shut down) when in doubt. Common courtesy suggests that one does not cross in front of a sail boat or boat towing a person.
12. Boat operators must stay clear (at least 100 feet) of fishing boats, tube fishermen or downed skier(s).

13. Amplified music and public address speakers that disturb other members' enjoyment of Lake Arrowhead are prohibited.
 - a) Boat noise that exceeds State Guidelines, as set forth in the Muffler Requirements, is prohibited. (Refer to Section F)
14. Swimming is permitted from boats only when the boat is inside the "No Wake" zone buoy line and the motor is off.
15. Boat operators must ensure the safety of all persons at the scene of any accident and report all accidents to Lake Safety at 909-744-2766.
16. Personal water craft (Jet Ski, WaveRunner, etc.) and windsurfers are prohibited on Lake Arrowhead. Motorized Kayaks, SUPs and other traditional Human Powered Vessels of any length adapted to be motorized are prohibited. Other Motorized devices including swim aids are also prohibited.
17. Moving, tying to, or damaging any buoy(s) or the Tower is prohibited.
18. An operator shall not wear any aural devices, including earphones/earbuds, that may interfere with any audible alert or siren. A single ear bud in one ear is allowed.
19. It is recommended that operators of inboard motor boats run their engine compartment blower for at least five minutes, then open the engine compartment hatch and check for fumes before starting motor.

C. BOAT OPERATOR LICENSES:

1. The ALA will not issue an ALA Boat Operator's License to anyone until the applicant shows proof of having a CA Boater Card.
2. Operators of all vessels are required to obtain an ALA Boat License or HPV License, depending on vessel type.
 - a) Operators of the following vessels are required to obtain an ALA Boat License and California Boater Card:
 - Motor Boats
 - Motorized Sail Boats
 - b) Operators of the following vessels are required to obtain either an ALA Boat Operators License or an ALA Human Powered Vessel License:
 - Kayaks
 - Stand Up Paddleboards (SUPs)

- Canoes
 - Row boats
 - Pedal boats
 - Inflatable Fishing Seats
3. 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.
 4. 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.
 5. An operator who is at least age 10, who has obtained an ALA Boat Operator License or Human Powered Vessel License may operate Human Powered Vessels. An operator under age 10 must be supervised by a properly licensed adult (18 years of age or older).
 - a) Special needs individuals, of any age, may operate Human Powered Vessels, while they are under direct supervision of a properly ALA licensed adult. They are NOT required to have an ALA Boat Operator License or Human Powered Vessel License. (See **Human Powered Vessel Study Guide**).

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. Motor boats and sailboats permitted to launch shall measure 12 feet minimum to 26 feet maximum overall length. Vessels newly registered from 2022 or later cannot exceed 26 feet overall in length and are measured from the farthest attachment to the stern (including, but not limited to, outdrive/outboard, swim step, propeller etc., whichever is longest) to the front tip of bow. Vessels continually registered with ALA before 2022 are measured by hull length as specified by manufacturer's specifications and California Registration. Any appeal regarding boat registration and boat length may be considered by the ALA on a case-by-case basis.
 - a) All motor and sailboats 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 ALA Day Use decals must be launched and retrieved on the same day within regular launch ramp hours. At the discretion of the Lake Safety Supervisor, the launch ramp may be reopened after hours for a \$50.00 fee.

4. The boat operator and all passengers must be properly seated while underway. During low-speed maneuvering, transitioning to plane, or docking, only the OPERATOR of the vessel may stand to gain better visibility. While boaters are trolling at idle speeds, while inside the No Wake zones, anglers may stand while fishing.
5. One type I, II or III Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) of the proper size must be available for every person aboard. Alternatively, a type V (inflatable, either suspender or belt pack type) may be substituted for the type I, II or III PFD if worn throughout the time the vessel is underway.
 - a) Type V inflatable PFDs can only be worn by persons at least 16 years old.
 - b) Motorized vessels must carry an approved throwable flotation device, (known as type IV) which must be immediately available.
6. A well maintained and functioning Active Ventilation System is required as standard equipment on all inboard, gasoline-powered boats.
7. Motorized boats must carry the Coast Guard-approved type, number and size of fully charged fire extinguisher(s) required for the vessel.
8. Navigation lights must be kept in serviceable condition and displayed between sunset and sunrise and at times of restricted visibility.
9. A sound signaling device is required (e.g. air horn, whistle, PA system)
10. Motorized boats with an inboard or I/O, gasoline-fueled engine must have a Coast Guard-approved backfire flame arrestor in good condition.
11. Motorized boats must have a reverse gear on all motors over 10 HP.
12. Sailboats have the right of way over powerboats except when the sailboat is overtaking another vessel.
13. Boats shall not follow any boat or skier(s) closer than 200 feet.
14. Beaching of motor or sailboats on any shoreline, including Lone Pine Island, is prohibited. EXCEPTION: Sailboats may be beached briefly for the purpose of minor maintenance such as draining water from the hull. Sailboats must be returned to their regular mooring site immediately after the completion of that maintenance, and not left overnight at the beach.
15. No mooring within 100 feet of Lone Pine Island.
16. Boat traffic through the Lone Pine Island Channel is prohibited.

17. Children ten (10) years of age and under, riding in the bow of a boat with a HP rating of 10 and above, must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older) in the bow. Children ten (10) years of age and under who are inside the safety rail of a pontoon type vessel and properly seated are exempt.
18. The Engine Cut-Off (ECOS), also known as Lanyard Cut-Out, which is designed to kill the engine if the operator is thrown out of his/her seat, shall be used by attaching the lanyard to the operator whenever a vessel is above displacement speed or up on-plane – excluded are docking, loading/unloading from trailers, trolling and operating in “No Wake” zones, etc. Vessels not originally equipped with an ECOS are exempt.
19. Anchoring a motor boat, sailboat, or human powered vessel is only permitted inside the buoy line and must not interfere with the ability to enter or exit a dock.
20. Anchored boats left unattended without an operator or passenger being within close proximity of the boat is prohibited.
21. No wake enhancing devices of any type are allowed to be used on any boat operating on Lake Arrowhead.

E. SPEED LIMIT:

1. ALA Lake Safety Staff may use radar to check boaters’ speed.
2. Speed outside of the “No Wake” buoys.
 - a) Day: 7:00 a.m. to sunset, maximum speed is 35 MPH.
 - b) Night: sunset (as indicated by the Lake Safety closing procedure: flashing amber and red lights) to 7:00 a.m., maximum speed is “No Wake”.
 - c) Ski trainers, maximum speed is 10 MPH.
3. Between “No Wake” buoys and the shoreline the speed is “No Wake”.

F. MUFFLER REQUIREMENTS:

1. All motor boats on Lake Arrowhead shall conform to State Guidelines, as set forth below.
2. The Registered Boat Owner is responsible for 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 (SAE J2005*)
 - 88 dB (A) for engines manufactured on or after January 1, 1993 (SAE J2005*)
4. All motorboat noise levels must be below 75 dB (A) when measured by the Shoreline Sound Level Measurement Procedure (SAE J1970**).
 5. Member boats on Lake Arrowhead are prohibited from operating exhaust bypass mechanisms.
 6. **EXCEPTION:** Competition boats participating in ALA approved sanctioned events, but **ONLY** during sanctioned events.
 7. Member boat owners issued violation notices for exceeding noise level limits shall/may be required to show proof through certified mechanic verification that member's boat is equipped with stock unmodified exhaust.
 8. Member boats issued violation notices for exceeding noise level limits may be subject to required removal from the lake pending presentation of certified mechanic verification of stock exhaust and proof of the boats ability to operate under maximum allowable noise level.
 9. If ALA staff suspects that a vessel muffler system is equipped with a bypass switch, the vessel must be taken to an ALA certified mechanic to certify the vessel muffler system meets ALA and State of CA regulations. Inspections to be conducted at member's expense.

* 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. GENERAL

- a) Towing a skier does not give the vessel operator any special right of way privileges.
- b) Skiing is prohibited between sunset and 7:00 a.m. 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 with no wake and maintain a safe distance from the ALA Lake Safety boats.
- c) No skiing inside buoy lines except where allowed during dock starts, water starts, or after the skier has released the tow line.

- d) Allowed recreational towable devices are to be used with a solo rider only. More than one person on any recreational towable device is prohibited.

2. EQUIPMENT

- a) Only the following ALA approved towed devices/activities are permitted on Lake Arrowhead and are to be used only as originally designed to be used. If a device is not listed below, it is PROHIBITED on Lake Arrowhead:

- **Water Skis**
- **Barefoot Skiing**
- **Wakeboards**
- **Wakeskates**
- **Sit-down hydrofoil ski with permanently mounted seat (such as Airchairs and Skyskis)**
- **Kneeboards** – requires continuous use of a yellow flag. Prone position is allowable while transitioning to a kneeling position. Yellow flag must be held four (4) feet above the gunwale at all times.
- **Training Skis, including Easy Ski Trainers** – requires continuous 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. Laying prone or continuously sitting on an EZ Trainer is prohibited. Rider must be in a standing position. **10 mph maximum speed**. (Because the rope is held by hand in the stern end of the boat, the Ski Trainer is exempt from the 70 ft. minimum length rule. Ski Trainer minimum rope length is 36 ft.).

- b) No more than two devices, including: water skis, wakeboards, wakeskates, and kneeboards may be towed at one time. Airchairs, skyskis and ski trainers are limited to only one device being towed. When two devices are towed simultaneously, they must be using the same type of towable devices and equal length tow lines.

- c) Skier(s) must wear a US Coast Guard approved PFD of proper size.

- d) Tow rope must be **70 feet to 90 feet** in length, measured from the stern of the boat (as required by **San Bernardino County Code of Ordinances 52.0305**).

- e) No dropped ski(s) or equipment shall be left on the lake.

3. OBSERVERS

- a) In addition to the boat operator, each boat towing a skier must have a responsible observer onboard. Observers must be at least 12 years of age and be positioned to observe the skier(s) at all times.

- b) Observers must inform boat operator when his or her skier(s) falls and hold up a red flag until skier(s) and equipment are in the boat. All flags must measure at least 18 inches by 18 inches and be attached to a display pole, held at least four (4) feet above the gunwale (the upper edge of a boat's side) when recovering a downed skier or with a tow line in the water.
- c) When towing a skier on a ski trainer or kneeboard, or any skier who is not visible at least four (4) feet above the gunwale, observer must continuously display a minimum 18 inch by 18 inch yellow flag.

4. STARTS

- a) No towing activities may begin between the "NO SKI OUT" and the shoreline.
- b) Shore starts are prohibited.
- c) Dock starts from ALA Courtesy Docks are strictly prohibited
- d) When starting towing activities outside the buoy line, boat operators should start in the direction of traffic and only when it is safe.
- e) Inside the "No Wake" zones, dock starts from the end of the dock and water starts are permitted with additional restrictions:
 - Boats shall proceed straight and along the most direct route, perpendicular from shoreline, past the buoy line into the 35 MPH area, merging with traffic only when safe. Skiing parallel to the shoreline is NOT permitted in the "No Wake" zone.
 - After a failed start in the "No Wake" zone, when picking up a downed skier, boats shall operate at a "No Wake" speed, including the initial left turn.
 - Boats towing skiers have no special right of way privileges over other boats, swimmers and human powered vessels inside of the "No Wake" zones. Ski starts are prohibited while swimmers and vessels are within 100 feet of the intended path of the powerboat. Boats shall wait for the path to be cleared before proceeding with start. Failure to ensure the intended path is clear is a violation: Unsafe, Reckless or Negligent Operation of a Powerboat. (**San Bernardino County Code of Ordinances 52.00302, 52.0307**)

H. FALLEN OR DROPPED SKIERS:

1. Reduce power, TURN LEFT when it is safe and the path is clear to maintain boat right of way 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, as they approach and pass by at a safe distance, SHALL RAISE THEIR HAND acknowledging fallen or dropped skier(s) within 200 feet and lower their hand after passing the skier's boat.
6. BOAT ENGINE MUST BE TURNED OFF when recovering skier(s) or equipment.

I. FISHING:

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

1. While afloat in any type of vessel or flotation device, a minimum 18 inch by 18 inch white flag must be displayed on a display pole at least four (4) feet above the gunwale (the upper edge of a boat's side) 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.
 - b) In the Village Bay, in the area between the shore and the east end of the McKenzie Ski School dock, the Queen dock, Freedom (Woody's) dock and the east end of the Independence (McDonald's) dock including all slips of docks listed.
 - c) Exception, ALA Marina Rental docks A, B and C dock slip holders may fish from their own dock and from their boats while in their slip.
3. During the McKenzie Ski School Hours of Operation, fishing and trolling are prohibited:
 - a) On or from the shoreline between the McKenzie Ski School dock and Village Point.
 - b) Within 100 feet of shore, between the McKenzie Ski School dock and Village Point.
 - c) Within the McKenzie Ski School boat traffic lane buoys.
4. Fishing from the Independence (McDonalds) dock, Freedom (Woody's) dock, Liberty (Museum) dock, McKenzie Ski School dock, Tavern Bay Courtesy dock and the Lone Pine Island Courtesy dock has a specific time schedule. Fishing from boats docked in the above listed courtesy slips is prohibited from May 1 through October 1. Fishing from boats docked

in the above listed courtesy slips is allowed October 2 through April 30. 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.

5. Unattended fishing lines in the lake are not permitted.
6. On all areas of Lake Arrowhead, chumming and or feeding wildlife is prohibited.
7. . Anglers may stand while trolling at idle speeds while inside the “No Wake” zones.

J. NON-MOTORIZED BOATING RULES:

For all Human Powered Vessels (HPV).

1. Human Powered Vessels, must be registered with ALA, shall not have a motor or sail, and must display a current ALA Registration Sticker on the top of the bow. The Registration Sticker must be visible and easily read by Lake Safety Staff from a Patrol boat.
 - a) Human Powered Vessels, boats and other watercraft UNDER 12 feet in length must stay within the “No Wake” buoy line and shoreline.
2. Human Powered Vessels may be launched at any access point along the shoreline.
 - a) Vessels new to Lake Arrowhead or coming from another body of water must be inspected for invasive species contamination at the ALA Launch Ramp before launching.
3. Flotation devices or swimming aids must stay within the “No Wake” zone.
4. All Human Powered Vessels must comply with lighting rules between sunset and 7:00 a.m. as outlined in section B. 8. (c)
5. Members with the following vessels are required to register their boats with ALA and obtain an ALA Boat Operator License or Human Powered Vessel License to ensure proper knowledge of all boating rules:
 - Kayaks
 - Canoes
 - Row boats
 - Pedal boats
 - Stand Up Paddleboards (SUPs)
 - Inflatable Fishing Seats

Operators of Human Powered Vessels are not required to possess a CA Boater Card.

6. When using Human Powered Vessels, personal flotation devices (PFDs) must be worn constantly by all occupants of all ages.
7. SUP operators are required to wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) or be connected by an ankle leash at all times. Additional SUP passengers on same SUP are required to wear a PFD with no leash option.
8. It is recommended that SUP and small Human Powered Vessel operators carry:
 - a) A whistle (preferably a “storm whistle”, i.e., very loud, and self-expelling of water in case it gets dunked) to signal for help or alert an inattentive power boater of your presence.
 - b) A cell phone (best carried in a waterproof zip bag, and programmed with the Lake Safety Cell number: **(909) 744-2766** to quickly call for help.
 - c) Unless you use a sit-on-top kayak or a SUP, a “dewatering device” is recommended, especially for sit-inside kayaks and canoes that might fill with water from a sudden wave, etc.: either a small bucket, or else a hand pump with a discharge hose to place over the side.
 - d) Know how to signal for help by waving arms as the universally recognized signal in case of an emergency.
 - e) If you take your dog on a HPV, it is recommended putting a suitable PFD on your pet.

K. SWIMMING RULES:

1. Swimming is allowed only within the “No Wake” buoys, 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 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 Not to Exceed fines are shown below. NOTE: Specific amount of fine to be determined by the Lake Safety Committee at Violation Hearings.

The following Violation Fine Schedule lists the categories from which the ALA may charge a boat owner, member or other signatory to ALA rules, who has received a citation on Lake Arrowhead or on ALA Property. Please contact the ALA Lake Safety Office at **(909) 337-2595, Ext. 201**, 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 Lake Arrowhead.

OPERATIONAL VIOLATIONS	NOT TO EXCEED FINE
1. Unsafe, reckless, or negligent operation of a boat endangering life and limb	\$ 5,000
2. Unsafe operation of a boat	\$ 1,000
3. Skiing in prohibited areas	\$ 1,000
4. Wrong direction of travel/operating in closed area	\$ 1,000
5. Underage observer while skiing	\$ 400
6. No observer while skiing	\$ 1,000
7. Leaving the scene of an incident. Failure to report accident	\$ 2,000
8. NO PFDs on children age 12 and under on motor/sailboat <i>(Per child)</i>	\$ 500
9. Not displaying a proper flag at the proper time:	
▪ Downed skier - RED	\$ 500
▪ Fishing - WHITE	\$ 100
▪ Towed device under 4 ft. - YELLOW	\$ 500
10. Prohibited use of the lake	\$ 1,000
11. Excessive Speed <i>(no greater than 5 MPH per maximum speed limit)</i> ADMIN FINE*	\$ 300
12. Excessive speed – No Wake prior to 7:00 a.m. ADMIN FINE*	\$ 300
13. Exceeding safe number of passengers in boat	\$ 1,000
14. Towing restricted devices	\$ 300
15. Excessive boat noise level (88 – 90 dB at idle. 75 dB over 50 feet away)	\$ 500
16. Excessive amplified music or public address (PA) speakers	\$ 500
17. Swimming or use of small water devices including kayaks, SUPs and canoes beyond the “No Wake” buoy line	\$ 500
18. Insufficient number of Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)	\$ 200
19. Not wearing PFD in Human Powered Vessel <i>(Per occupant)</i> ADMIN FINE*	\$ 200

20. No PFD or leash while operating a SUP	ADMIN FINE*	\$ 200
21. Beaching motor or sailboat on shoreline	ADMIN FINE*	\$ 500
22. Use of unlawful lighting on vessels		\$ 300
23. Child 10 years of age and under in bow seat of boat with no adult (18 years of age or older) in bow of same boat		\$ 1,000

ADMIN FINE* (may be paid without attending a Hearing)

STATIC/NON-OPERATIONAL VIOLATIONS	NOT TO EXCEED FINE
24. Licensed ALA motor or sailboat operator, or Human Powered vessel operator, not in possession of a license	\$ 25
25. Unlicensed motor or sailboat operator with no ALA Boat Operator License	\$ 1,000
26. Unlicensed Human Powered Vessel operator without ALA Human Powered Vessel License	\$ 100
27. Operating power boat with no CA Boater Card as required	\$ 250
28. No current boat insurance	\$ 2,000
29. ALA unregistered power boat or sailboat	\$ 400
30. ALA unregistered Human Powered Vessel	\$ 100
31. ALA registered boat with no ALA decal (or incorrectly placed)	\$ 50
32. No state issued decal (or incorrectly placed)	\$ 1,000
33. No vessel numbers on boat (or incorrectly placed)	\$ 1,000
34. Not following ALA personnel direction/instruction	\$ 2,000
35. Physical or verbal abuse of ALA members or ALA employees afloat or on the shoreline	\$ 2,000
36. Littering	\$ 200
37. Polluting (<i>Includes hazmat & biohazard</i>)	\$ 5,000
38. Missing or improper required equipment	\$ 500
39. Trespassing	\$ 1,000
40. Unauthorized slip usage (<i>Commercial use</i>)	\$ 5,000
41. Prohibited use of ALA property	\$ 2,000

42. Unauthorized slip usage (<i>Per occurrence</i>)	\$ 500
43. Overnight docking at ALA Courtesy Docks (<i>Per night</i>) (<i>Fine is doubled for each consecutive occurrence during the same season</i>) ADMIN FINE*	\$ 150
44. Launch ramp use after hours	\$ 50
45. Dog Off Leash	\$1,000
46. Dog On/Off Leash with incident	\$1,000

ADMIN FINE* (may be paid without attending a Hearing)

Glossary

Abbreviation	Definition
ALA	Arrowhead Lake Association
AIS	Aquatic Invasive Species
BOL	ALA Boat Operators License
dB	Decibels
ECOS	Engine Cut Off Switch
HP	Horse Power
HPV	Human Powered Vessel
LSC	Lake Safety Committee
MPH	Miles Per Hour
PFD	Personal Flotation Device
SUP	Stand Up Paddleboard

Boating And Swimming Rules Index of Changes

Change	Board Approval
2023 Boating & Swimming Rule Changes	
Standing While Boat is in Motion (Trolling-Fishing in No Wake Zones)	1/28/2023
Child in Bow – Pontoon Boat Exemption	1/28/2023
Water Starts Behind No Wake Buoys	1/28/2023
Towing Activities – Flag Position	1/28/2023
Single Ear Bud Allowed While Driving Boat	4/22/2023
Boat Length Clarified Measurement Tip of Bow to Farthest Stern Attachment	4/22/2023
Fishing from Boats Docked in Courtesy Slips Prohibited/Allowed Dates	4/22/2023
Overnight Docking at ALA Courtesy Docks Fine Revised	4/22/2023
EZ Ski Trainers – No Sitting, Rider Must Be in a Standing Position	10/28/2023
2024 Boating & Swimming Rule Changes	
Use of any projectile devices is prohibited. Children’s water toys exempt.	3/23/24
Use of pressurized compressed air delivery systems are prohibited.	3/23/24
Boats give right of way to Safety & Service boats w/ amber/red lights.	3/23/24
Report all accidents to Lake Safety.	3/23/24
Adult is defined as “18 years of age or older”.	3/23/24
The launch ramp may be reopened after hours for a \$50.00 fee.	3/23/24
No mooring within 100 feet of Lone Pine Island.	3/23/24
Boat traffic through the Lone Pine Island Channel is prohibited.	3/23/24
Wake enhancing devices of any type are not allowed to be used.	3/23/24
Anchoring any boat is only permitted inside buoy line.	3/23/24
Anchoring any boat must not interfere with ability to enter/exit a dock.	3/23/24
Anchored boats must not be left unattended.	3/23/24
Speed limit in No Wake Zones & Sunset to 7:00 a.m. is NO WAKE	3/23/24
Flag size must be at least 18 x 18 inches instead of 20 x 20 inches.	3/23/24
Unsafe/reckless/negligent boating endangering Life/Limb NTE \$5,000	3/23/24
Unsafe/reckless/negligent operation of a boat Fine NTE \$1,000	3/23/24
Unregistered Human Powered Vessels Fine NTE \$100	3/23/24

2026 Boating & Swimming Rule Changes	
Removed all references to CA Boaters Card as required by CA since as of 2025, ALL must have it	3-28-26
Removed Children's Toys are exempt	3-28-26
Removed redundant verbiage	3-28-26
Added Dogs Must be on leash	3-28-26
Added Patrol Mobile number	3-28-26
Recognized Inflatable Fishing Seats for anglers	3-28-26
Clarified language	3-28-26
Added Glossary	3-28-26
Added types of signaling devices	3-28-26
Made Registered Boat Owner liable for engine noise instead of Operator	3-28-26
Removed rule regarding lying prone	3-28-26
Added dock starts prohibited from ALA Courtesy Docks	3-28-26
Clarified fishing rules for ALA Courtesy Docks	3-28-26
Clarified ALA Rental Docks	3-28-26
Removed references to number of feet. Used known landmarks such as No Wake Buoys	3-28-26