

# Rental Boat Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, and Operations

## **Please read before heading out!**

Let us know if you have any questions or concerns prior to going out on the lake.

**BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDED!** You can get this certification by taking an online course. The course takes roughly three hours and costs about \$20.00. This certification is good for the rest of your life. There is no renewal or continuing education required to maintain certification. **25% off if you present a valid certificate.**

**NO TOWABLES ALLOWED!** We do not allow anything to be towed behind the boat. No tubing, skiing, wakeboarding, knee-boarding, etc.

**MAXIMUM PASSENGERS!** At least two passengers must be 12 years of age or younger in order to reach the passenger limit. For example; if the boat has an 8 - passenger max, only 6 of the passengers can be over the age of 12. If the boat has a 13- passenger max, only 11 of the passengers can be over the age of 12.

**NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED!** The person operating the boat must not consume any alcohol. While it is legal for passengers to consume alcohol, we advise against the consumption of alcohol while out on the water.

**REGULATORY CHECK!** You will be supplied with the items legally required to operate a boat. Life jackets, throwable device, whistle, and fire extinguisher. ANYONE 12 years and younger must wear a life jacket at all times.

**NO WAKE!** When leaving the marina, you will be in a NO WAKE zone until you pass the marked buoys. Other coves and marinas around the lake will also have NO WAKE zones. 5mph or less is considered no wake.

**BOUNDARIES!** Lake Texoma is very large. Stay within the boundaries marked on the attached map. This area is still over 20,000 surface acres and up to 10 miles away from the marina. There are five other marinas located in the permitted boundary. All five have fuel docks and four of them have food service. Phone maps with GPS can be used to navigate the lake.

**KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!** Please stay at least 300 feet away from other boats, structures, or shoreline. Things can happen fast on the water. It is best to keep your distance to avoid an accident.

**UNDER WAY!** If the boat is moving, you are "under way". NO ONE can be outside or leaning over the fence while under way. This includes the rear facing lounge on certain models. NO ONE should be standing up in the boat while under way.

**NO BRAKES!** Boats do not have brakes. Begin slowing down well before you intend to stop. Do not operate at full speed unless you are at a safe distance from other boats, structures, or shoreline.

**ANCHORING!** An anchor is supplied with your boat. The anchor is for emergency use or for the use in shallow areas. It is not advised to use the anchor in deep water or in the middle of the lake.

**MOTOR TRIM!** There is a toggle switch on the throttle handle. This raises and lowers the motor and drive. While under way, it is best to keep it down. When approaching shallow water, you will want to lift it up to avoid contact between the ground and the propeller. **DO NOT LIFT THE PROPELLER OUT OF THE WATER WITH THE BOAT RUNNING.** This will ruin the motor. The engine will be suddenly louder if this happens. Immediately turn the key off if this happens. Lower the motor and restart.

**BEACHING!** Avoid rocky areas! Only attempt to beach in the sand. When approaching a shallow area or beach. Keep the front of the boat pointed toward shore. Slow the boat as much as possible. Trim the motor up as much as possible while keeping the propeller under water. Watch for stumps and rocks. Once the boat is in shallow enough water, tie and set an anchor to the boat. The best practice is to walk the anchor to the exposed beach and secure in the sand.

**DRIFTING!** Be mindful of the wind speed and direction while drifting. Do not swim around the boat while drifting.

**SWIMMING!** If you decide to swim from the boat, please make sure the boat is secured in a depth in which you can touch bottom. **MAKE SURE THE MOTOR IS TURNED OFF!** Do not attempt to swim around the boat in deep water. Be mindful of the prop and other sharp edges around the boat. You should always know the location of the ladder .

**DOCKING! KEEP IT SLOW!** Please ease into the dock. The attendants will help guide the boat in. Do not attempt to over-throttle the boat. If you are not sure of something, look to the attendants for guidance.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules above:

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