

BOATING REGULATIONS LAKE MEAD - LAKE MOHAVE

The VOICE acknowledges the help of Chief District Ranger Buck Brant in making these National regulations available to our readers.

§ 3.14 Prohibited operations

(a) No operator or person in charge of any vessel shall operate or knowingly permit any other person to operate a vessel in a reckless or negligent manner, or in a manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property.

(b) No operator shall permit any person to ride on the gunwales, transom, or on the decking over the bow of a vessel propelled by machinery while the vessel is underway, unless the vessel is adequately equipped with rails or guards: *Provided, however,* That this shall not apply while the vessel is being maneuvered for mooring or unmooring, or when embarking or disembarking passengers.

(c) Operating or being in actual physical control of a vessel while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is prohibited.

(d) No privately owned vessel shall be used to carry passengers for hire, or be used in any other commercial operation, unless written authorization has been granted in accordance with § 5.3 of this chapter, except as provided by special regulations for areas having navigable waters.

(e) Vessels transported by vehicles must be launched or removed from the waters only at designated launching sites.

(f) No vessel shall be operated within an area designated by a uniform waterway marker or a white buoy, having a horizontal international orange band at the top and bottom and an international orange diamond with cross on the white portions of the buoy, or between a line of such markers or buoys.

(g) No vessel propelled by machinery shall be operated within 500 feet of any designated swimming area, except within marked channels in which instance slow speed shall be maintained.

(h) All vessels shall proceed with due caution and at slow speed while underway when in the vicinity of any diver's marker, designated by a standard square-shaped flag containing a white diagonal stripe on a red field.

(i) No vessel shall be operated in excess of 5 miles per hour within designated harbors or in any area designated by a uniform waterway marker or white buoy, having a horizontal international orange band at the top and bottom and an international orange circle with a black "5 MPH" therein on the white portions of the buoy, or between a line of such buoys and the nearest shore.

(j) Attaching a vessel to or interfering with any marker, navigational buoy, or other navigational aid is prohibited.

(k) Operating any vessel in a manner which will unreasonably interfere with other vessels or with free and proper navigation of the waterways is prohibited. Anchoring in heavily traveled channels or main thoroughfares shall constitute such interference if unreasonable in the prevailing circumstances.

(l) Every vessel which is propelled on the waters by an internal combustion engine shall be equipped with a muffler so constructed as to prevent any intense or prolonged noise in the operation of such vessel, and the said muffler shall not be removed, cut down, or put out of operation for any purpose, except upon authorization of the Superintendent during periods of regattas. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall apply to vessels equipped with underwater exhausts or to vessels discharging water through open exhaust pipes, so long as these methods of silencing the exhaust are effective.

(m) Leaving any vessel unattended, outside of designated mooring or beaching areas, for a period in excess of 24 hours without prior written permission of the Superintendent is prohibited, and any vessel so left may be impounded by the Superintendent.



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