

LAKE MCQUEENEY

BOAT WAKE

ETIQUETTE & SAFETY

GUIDELINES



Practice Wake Awareness



**WHAT'S iN FRONT OF YOU
iS JUST AS iMPORTANT
AS WHAT'S BEHiND YOU!**



A Note to All Lake McQueeney Residents

Lake McQueeney is a shared resource. These guidelines are offered in the spirit of mutual respect so everyone can enjoy the lake whether cruising, enjoying water sports, fishing, docking, or relaxing on the shore. These guidelines were created by residents who want Lake McQueeney to remain enjoyable for everyone. Ballasted boating is a lawful and valued part of life on the lake. Courtesy, awareness, and respectful operation help preserve access, reduce conflict, and protect the lake for future generations.

COURTESY AROUND DOCKS & SLIPS

- Slow to idle speed when passing boats that are docking or maneuvering into slips. Large wakes can make docking difficult and damage boats, docks, and lifts.
- Be patient. Giving someone a moment to dock safely helps protect people and property.



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CHANNEL NAVIGATION & WAKE AWARENESS

- Stay near the center of the navigable channel whenever practical to reduce shoreline impact. Keep your surf wave toward the center of the lake whenever possible.
- In narrow or congested areas, reduce ballast or avoid wake-generating speeds until conditions improve.
- When picking up a fallen rider, continue straight ahead before turning back. Avoid power turns unless safety requires them.
- Teach riders to raise their board or skis when in the water to improve visibility.



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COURTESY TO RIDERS GETTING UP

- Slow down and minimize your wake when passing boats with riders preparing to start. Give them plenty of room or wait until they are underway.
- If another boat is approaching while your rider is down, allow it to pass before retrieving your rider when possible.
- Large wakes can knock riders off before they even start. If you're not towing, avoid creating unnecessary wake near towboats.



HIGH-CONSIDERATION AREAS

- **Ski Lodge:** Idle within 200 feet of the dock.
No ballast use in this area.
- **Treasure Island:** Shallow water and a popular skiing area. Please do not use ballast here.

Be Safe & Neighborly

- Use only the ballast needed for your rider's size and skill. Drain ballast when not towing to reduce wake.
- Avoid making repeated passes along the same shoreline.
- When cruising, move out of the center of the channel when practical to allow towboats to maintain a safe, predictable line.
- Stay aware of your surroundings-not just your rider, but other boats, swimmers, and hazards in every direction.
- Be respectful of audio volume especially in the morning and evening... think driving back from the Lake Breeze Ski Lodge!



Texas Boating Law

In Texas, anyone born on or after September 1, 1993, must complete boater education to operate a motorized vessel over 15 horsepower, a windblown vessel over 14 feet, or a personal watercraft. Operators must be at least 13 years old to operate alone. Younger operators require supervision from a qualified adult.

Please ensure any renters or guests also follow these laws.