

6.0 LAKES

6.1 Introduction

The lake rules and regulations are focused on ensuring a SAFE and COURTEOUS environment on HSVPOA lakes for all users, as well as to protect our precious resources (specifically shorelines, docks, and seawalls of both private and common areas, marinas, beaches, launch ramps, spillways, etc.), and to minimize actions that drive lakes-related maintenance and repairs (such as dredging, rip-rap installation, weed abatement, water treatment, etc.).

A. Lake use and boat launching areas are monitored by HSVPOA Police, HSVPOA Lakes Management, Compliance personnel, and Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

6.2 General Regulations

A. All state and federal boating, fishing, and environmental regulations apply to Hot Springs Village lakes. The Arkansas state laws can be found on the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission [Website: https://www.agfc.com/en/fishing/boating-information/](https://www.agfc.com/en/fishing/boating-information/). In addition, Hot Springs Village imposes the following rules and regulations:

B. The following watercraft, are not permitted on Hot Springs Village lakes: i. Houseboats (watercraft used as living quarters) or any boats with toilet facilities; "unconventional craft," such as Personal Watercraft (PWC), jet skis, wave runners, drag boats, hydroplanes, tunnel boats, power racing boats, and wake boats with filled ballast; or any motorboats without a muffler as determined by the POA.

ii. Additionally, the use of any mechanical augmentations, or other methods, to generate or shape wakes is prohibited.

iii. Recreational boats (power or sail) more than twenty-eight feet in length.

C. No homemade modifications to boats will be allowed without the written approval of the HSVPOA Lakes Department and Compliance Department.

D. All boats must be maintained and kept in a seaworthy condition. Failure to maintain boats in good mechanical or physical condition shall be cause for removal from the slip upon written notice. Upon such notice, the POA may store or otherwise dispose of the boat in any reasonable manner at the owner’s expense. These rules apply to all boats stored or used on any lake within Hot Springs Village.

E. The landing and takeoff of aircraft from HSV lakes is prohibited.

F. Spraying of aquatic weeds with chemicals can only be performed by HSVPOA staff. Applicable fees apply.

G. Geothermal Systems: Lake geothermal systems are strictly prohibited. However, the current geothermal systems are allowed until replacement of unit is necessary.

6.3 Safety Regulations

A. Overloading: No boat shall be loaded with persons or cargo to exceed the weight limits normally applied to a specific class or type of craft.

B. All boats must have one Personal Flotation Device (PFD) for each person on board, plus one throwable device on vessels sixteen feet or longer.

C. Children 12 years of age and younger must always wear a PFD while aboard a boat, except within the area enclosed by railings and only when the vessel is not underway.

D. Operating any motorboat or other vessel or manipulating water skis or other devices, while under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or both is prohibited.

E. Excessive noise after dark is prohibited.

F. All boats must be properly lit between sunset and sunrise as prescribed by Arkansas State Law.

G. Right-of-way: i
i. Powerboats (over 7.5 HP) shall yield the right-of-way to sailboats, anchored boats, manually powered boats, motor powered boats (7.5 HP or less) and other craft, when necessary, to avoid risk of collision.
ii. Boats departing from docks, piers or ramps shall have right-of-way over all other watercraft approaching the structure.

This applies within one hundred feet of the dock, pier, or ramp. H. Speed: A. “No Wake Speed” is the speed at which a boat does not produce a wake, not to exceed 5 MPH. All travel within one hundred feet of shorelines (including islands), designated recreation areas, dams, docks, piers, rafts, floats, or anchored boats must be at NO WAKE SPEED.

H. Racing boats on Hot Springs Village lakes is prohibited.

I. Speed limits and lake specific prohibitions are as follows:

Lake Maximum Speed (MPH)

- Balboa 35
- Coronado 30
- Cortez 30
- DeSoto 30
- Granada – tubing only 20
- Pineda – no water sports 20
- Estrella – no water sports No wake speed only.
- Isabella – no water sports No wake speed only.
- Maria – no water sports No wake speed only.
- Segovia – no water sports No wake - Electric powered trolling motors only.
- Sophia – no water sports No wake speed only.
- Lago WATER RESERVOIR – NO PUBLIC ACCESS

6.4 Towing Water Sports

- A. Boats towing water sports (e.g., skiing, tubing, wake boarding, etc.) are allowed on Lakes Balboa, Coronado, Cortez, and Desoto in areas specifically marked for skiing. Tubing is allowed on Lake Granada in the main body of the lake.
 - i. Boats towing persons on water skis or similar devices must stay in the main body of water and NOT ENTER COVES, keeping the boat and towable one hundred feet from the shoreline, docks, marina, launch ramps, floating markers, other craft, and any areas so designated.
 - ii. Towing empty tubes outside of designated ski areas is permissible only at NO WAKE speed.
 - iii. Wake surfing is prohibited.
- B. Boats towing people on water skis or similar devices must have, in addition to the driver, an observer (at least 12 years of age) or a wide-angle mirror to observe the person being towed.
- C. All towing of water sports traffic patterns must move in a counterclockwise direction.
- D. Towing water sports are permitted from ½ hour after sunrise until ½ hour before sunset.
- E. Parasailing is prohibited.

6.5 Swimming

- A. Swimming is not allowed near boat launching and storage areas.

6.6 Fishing

- All rules and regulations of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission apply to anyone fishing the lakes and streams of Hot Springs Village including, but not limited to the following:
- A. Persons 16 years of age or older who wish to fish on Hot Springs Village lakes must have a valid Arkansas Fishing License. The POA may adopt local regulations relative to limits and size of fish.
 - B. Rod-and-reel fishing only.
 - C. Trotline, limb line, yo-yo, jug fishing, hoop nets, or use of commercial nets is prohibited.
 - D. Spear fishing and bowfishing are prohibited.
 - E. Property Owners may not deposit brush piles, trees, and artificial structures in the lake without the approval of the HSV Lakes Superintendent.

6.7 Littering

- A. No person shall deposit, place, or throw from any boat, raft, dock, marina, shoreline, etc., any cans, paper, bottles, cigarette butts, shrubbery, trimmings, grass cuttings, leaves, weeds, tree limbs, garbage, or general refuse, nor solid or liquid waste, into the waters of any Hot Springs Village Lake, or into any drainages leading to lakes.

6.8 Boat and Trailer Registration

- A. Lake use is considered any boat (powered or unpowered) used in a Village Lake, or any boat sitting upon or suspended above the lakes within HSV, or any boat trailer sitting within the parking area of any HSV boat launch area. Examples of powered boats include, (but are not limited to) aluminum and fiberglass fishing boats, ski boats, pontoons, sailboats with motors, etc. Examples of unpowered boats include, (but are not limited to) kayaks, canoes, paddle boats, paddle boards, Jon boats, row boats, sail boats without motors, etc.
- B. The HSVPOA requires all property owners to purchase and display annual lake use decals for all boats (powered or unpowered) and trailers used on HSV lakes. An annual lake use decal must be affixed to the boat before use on any HSV lake. For boats with a transom, the decal must be affixed left of center and above the water line. For boats without a transom, the decal must be affixed to

the left rear of the boat and above the water line. Trailer decals must be affixed to the top of the trailer tongue. Boats that remain covered shall affix the decal in the same location as stated above but below the cover for visibility. Boats may be launched in designated boat launch areas.

C. Any lake user that does not have an annual lake use decal is required to purchase a daily lake use permit, available at each boat ramp or the HSVPOA Administrative office. For extended temporary lake users, a 7-day lake use permit is available at the HSVPOA Administrative office.

D. Long-term renters (defined as renters who have a lease of six months or longer) may purchase and display the same lake use decals available to property owners. To purchase a decal, the renter must present a copy of his or her lease. The fee will be established in the annual fee schedule as approved by the HSVPOA Board of Directors.

E. Failure to properly display a decal may result in the suspension of privileges and an administrative fine. Failure to produce and display a daily or extended lake use permit will result in the violator being asked to purchase the registration or leave the lake.

F. Work passes do not grant access to lakes for recreational use of any kind. This includes fishing from the shore, beach access, or any other lake activity. Work pass holders that require lake access to complete a project for an owner can purchase daily lake use permits at each ramp. Violations may result in removal of work pass access, administrative fees, and could include complete revocation of work access.