

Lucaya Lake Club  
Lake Usage Guidelines  
2017

LLCHOA has created these *Lake Usage Guidelines* to establish a consistency of permitted watercraft, hours of operation, safety guidelines and boat dock design for Lucaya Lake Club. In utilizing these guidelines, the residents will benefit in increased aesthetics, lake safety, attention to detail, and preserved property values.

Lake Usage:

The lake is available for use by all Lucaya Lake Club residents for non-motorized use including canoes, kayaks, rowboats and paddleboats. Only owners with property abutting the lake may be permitted to have a motorized boat subject to the restrictions established by the LLCHOA. No guest boats are allowed on the lake at any time.

Hours of operation on the lake are as follows:

Non-motorized boats: Daylight hours daily until 1 hour before dusk daily

Motorized boats 10:00am until 1 hour before dusk daily

No nighttime use of the lake allowed for any purpose except for fishing from individually owned docks.

No refuse shall be thrown into or left on the shoreline of the lake; no oil from a bilge pump shall be allowed to discharge into the lake; no person shall deposit any type of fish, amphibian or plant into the lake.

General Safety Guidelines:

Operation of motorized boat by anyone under age 14 is prohibited, operation of non-motorized boat under age 12 is prohibited without supervision in boat of an adult age 18 or older. Boaters under 18 must complete state required boater safety course.

As per Florida law, maneuvering a boat by weaving or jumping wakes, swerving at last minute, etc. is classified as reckless operation of a vessel (a first-degree misdemeanor)

Any person demonstrating lack of respect for safety while operating a boat may be fined and may have their boating privilege suspended for a period of up to three (3) years.

MAXIMUM SPEED IS 35 MPH

All Boats must be equipped according to Florida Boating Law Safety Requirements.

CHILDREN under the age of 12 are required to wear a personal flotation device while on board a vessel that is underway.

WATERCRAFT shall maintain a 100 foot distance from all other boats while operating above wakeless speeds.

OPERATORS should maneuver boats slowly and carefully, since fluctuating lake levels can cause unmarked natural or manmade hazards to occur.

ALL SAILING CRAFT have the right of way over motorized boats, except in an overtaking situation.

LIGHTNING STORMS can develop quickly and frequently strikes the lake's surface. Boaters are advised to quickly seek shelter and safety.

BE A SOBER BOATER - Alcohol and boating are a deadly mix!

Here is a quick checklist provided to help ensure that you are ready for a safe and fun boating.

Check Life Jackets- Life Jackets are the most important piece of safety equipment on your boat. Ensure that they are still serviceable, with no rips, tears or other defects. Also make sure the kids' jackets still fit.

Check Fire Extinguisher- Fire extinguishers have a habit of discharging over the winter. Make sure you still have a fire extinguisher in your boat and that it is still charged.

Charge Batteries- This is an important on often-overlooked mechanical issue. No power, no boating. Charge batteries and make sure they hold that charge.

Electronics and Lights Electronics can fail even without use. You should also make sure you navigation lights still work and examine exposed wiring for cracks and wear. Make sure that bilge pump still works.

### Watercraft:

All watercraft shall be kept in a neat and orderly condition. All watercraft must have a valid Florida license at all times. Additionally, all boats including canoes, kayaks, etc must be registered with LLCHOA and have an approved watercraft sticker issued by LLCHOA prominently displayed on both the port and starboard side of the watercraft. Jet skis and other personal motorized watercraft are specifically prohibited to be used in the lake.

Motorized boats shall be limited to 24 feet in length and a motor size of no more than 250HP for a 4 stroke engine and limit a 2 stroke engine to 150HP. Boat covers will be custom fitted to the vessel and maintained in good condition.

No more than one (1) motorized boat per lot shall be allowed to moored at a lot owner's dock and no more than two (2) non-motorized boats may be moored or stored at a lot owner's dock. No boats shall be allowed to be stored on a shoreline overnight and must be stored in the garage or on a boat rack on the owners dock or properly moored to a boat dock.

### Skiing and Towing:

All Boats towing a skier or tuber or any person behind the boat must have a spotter at least 12 years of age in addition to the driver of the boat.

A red flag must be displayed whenever a skier or equipment is in the water.

All Boats engaged in waterskiing shall maintain a counter clockwise direction.

No person shall operate water skis or similar device so as to endanger the life of any person.

Aerial devices are prohibited to be towed by a boat.

Water skiers shall wear personal flotation

### Docks:

Docks shall be constructed only in compliance with the dock construction guidelines set forth in the Architectural Guidelines for Lucaya Lake Club and require a permit from Hillsborough County EPC and approval from the LLCHOA.

Non-attached apparatus may not be stored on dock piers or decking, unless it is for that day's use only. This includes items such as lockers, skis, ski boards, coolers, towels, boxes, etc. Necessary hoses, electric cords and tie-lines must be coiled neatly. A limit of two (2) tables and no more than eight (8) chairs made of durable materials shall be allowed to be stored on any one dock (note most docks are shared by two lot owners).

### Lights:

Lights on docks are permitted. Must be low luminescence, so as to cause minimal disturbance to others. Lights mounted on a piling may not exceed piling height. Piling mounted lights shall burn on a "as needed" basis and may not burn overnight. Lights mounted on a fixed or floating dock should not exceed forty-eight (48") inches in height.

### Noise:

Noise levels from boats must not exceed noise levels of eighty (80) decibels on adjacent land. Jumping wakes, spinning out and other potential boat operations that make load noise or blasts shall be prohibited. Residents and their guests, radios, etc. should be kept to a noise level so as to not cause unnecessary disturbance to others. Boat mufflers and other items should be maintained in a way that provides minimal disturbance.

### Weather Emergencies:

During weather emergencies such as hurricanes and gale winds, it is recommended all craft be double-tied. Bimini tops should be secured to the craft separately from the standard mounts. All Hydro-Hoists should also be double-tied in addition to the sliding rings provided.

### Boat Lifts:

- A. BEAMS: The top of beams shall not exceed six feet in height above the finger pier deck.
- B. CARRIAGES: All cradles (or carriages) will remain lower than the finger pier deck, unless it is during severe weather. During these times, the carriage may be raised as high as the lift will safely permit. Guide poles on boat lifts should not exceed gunwale height by more than 24".
- C. ELECTRIC CONTROLS: Electrical controls may be mounted either on a piling or a fender. Fender mounting shall at no time obstruct passage to a finger pier. No fenders shall be extended in height to accommodate any electric controls.
- D. FENDER SYSTEMS: Fender systems can be installed to prevent boats from drifting under finger piers during low tides. They will be kept in good repair at all times, and will not be used as a substitute for cleats. Except as allowed above, no items will be mounted on any fender systems.
- E. GEAR BOXES: All gear boxes and motors will have covers installed as protection from the elements and to minimize their visual impact.
- F. PAINT/FINISHES: All paint/finishes as a rule will be a flat finish. Boat boxes will be gel coat finish.
- G. PILINGS: If any pilings need replacement, they will always be replaced in an identical manner to the original installations. All pilings will be new materials only. No used pilings are allowed at any time.
- H. DAVITS: Davits are not permitted.

- I. LADDERS: All ladders will be constructed of aluminum. No ladders will be mounted directly opposite from an adjacent ladder.

#### *Fishing:*

- FISHING is prohibited within posted "No Fishing" areas.
- ANGLERS 16 YEARS OR OLDER must have a current fishing license properly displayed.

#### *Swimming*

- SWIMMING is allowed within a specific designated swimming area, within 20 feet of a private dock, or as incidental or necessary to waterskiing, sailboarding or in an emergency.
- SCUBA DIVING is prohibited.