

Sleeter Lake Boating & Lake Access Rules

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Boats & Boating

- a) All boats must be operated in accordance with all federal, state and local regulations, including but not limited to loading, life preservers and other life safety equipment. No boat of a length greater than 18 feet shall be used on the lake or launched into the lake.
- b) Any person operating a boat must be at least 16 years or older, with a valid ID, unless accompanied by an adult with a valid ID
- c) All persons must wear a United States Coast Guard approved life preserver at all times while aboard a boat or vessel on Sleeter Lake.
- d) No person shall operate any boat while under the influence of alcohol, drugs or barbiturate.
- e) Gas-engine powered boats on Sleeter Lake are prohibited, with the exception of emergency response units and authorized agents of the RHOA and the Town of Round Hill. Boats with non-removable gas tanks are prohibited on Sleeter Lake.
- f) Boats operated on Sleeter Lake may be operated by electric motors. However, no boat used or operated on Sleeter Lake may be powered by one or more electric motors having a total power of more than 195 pounds of thrust, or the equivalent of 3.5 horsepower.
- g) Any unattended boat on Sleeter Lake or the shoreline without a RHOA sticker is subject to impoundment by RHOA or the Town. Any impounded boat may be recovered by its owner after showing proof of ownership. RHOA or the Town will sell boats not claimed within 60 days of impoundment at auction.
- h) Dumping, pouring, or throwing any material into the lake or onto the areas adjacent thereto, or any common area abutting the lake is forbidden.
- i) Under no circumstances may a boat trailer or vehicle be left anywhere on the shoreline, or park in the boat slip area/launch area.

- j) Boating capacity of the Sleeter Lake is 18 boats
- k) A boat is defined as a vessel propelled by oars, paddles, sail or electric power and having the following characteristics:
 - 1) Over 6 feet in length but not exceeding 18 feet in length
 - 2) Constructed so as to have a hull, frame, body or casing made of durable and water repellant material or pontoons attached which provides the floatation necessary for buoyancy of the main platform
 - 3) Have the capacity to accommodate a passage with a life preserver on board unless designed for one person only.
 - 4) Routinely powered by standard oars, paddles, sails or small electric motors.

General Lake Rules

- 1. No swimming or ice skating
- 2. Do not trespass in any dam or spillway
- 3. Use life rings only in an emergency
- 4. No littering into the Lake or into the drains, gutters or storm drains of Sleeter Lake
- 5. Fishing is permitted from docks and shores of Sleeter Lake Park property as appropriate, and where safe. All persons and older must possess a valid VA fishing license to fish in Sleeter Lake, ponds or streams. People that fish the lake are encouraged to:
 - a. Use “catch and release” method
 - b. Return to the Lake and ponds all bass between 11 and 14 inches
 - c. Refrain from eating fish from the lake, or consume at your own risk
- 6. Do not feed any wildlife or water fowl

Please Note: This is not the complete list of official rules and regulations. This list includes rules that impact visitors to the park or lake; not operational rules for Lake Management.