

Lake Q&A

1. I'm shopping for a new boat. Are there restrictions on size and horsepower?
 - a. Yes – Maximum horsepower for inboards is 400, outboards 200. Maximum length is 25'. The complete list of boat parameters can be found in the Lake, Boating, & Fishing regulations.
2. My son has two jet skis he would like to bring to the lake. Are jet skis permitted?
 - a. No – Jet skis are not allowed on Lake Toxaway
3. We want to build a new boathouse. Are there any restrictions on what we can build?
 - a. Yes – Boathouses may not extend into the lake. Maximum number of slips is two and the maximum width is 32 ft. Refer to the ARB Standards for the complete list of requirements for boathouses.
4. Our old dock is rotten. We want to replace it. We are told it is non-conforming because it extends too far into the lake. We just want to rebuild it on the same footprint. Isn't it grandfathered in?
 - a. Boat dock renovation involving replacement of dock deck boards only may remain the same size and configuration. Boat dock renovation involving the replacement of structural elements below deck boards including foundations or structural framing must be reconstructed to conform to the current size and set back standards.
5. A large tree fell from our property into the lake. Who's responsible for removing the tree?
 - a. You are.
6. Boats come too close to our dock. Can we put some buoys out to re-route boat traffic?
 - a. Yes and No – You are not permitted to put permanent buoy(s) in the lake. You are permitted to put a buoy(s) out while using the lake to swim, paddle board etc. but they must be removed when the activity is done.
7. We want to put one of those cool blob/trampolines in the lake for our grandkids. Can we permanently anchor it to the lake bottom if we keep it close to our dock?
 - a. No – you may not permanently anchor any water toy/buoy etc. to the lake bottom.
8. I frequently fish Lake Jocassee. When I trailer my boat back to Toxaway, is there anything I need to do?
 - a. Yes – You must have Tony at the Marina clean your hull/trailer/engine before you can launch the boat in Lake Toxaway. Also, all boats on the Lake must have a current Lake Toxaway decal.
9. Our family loves to ski, fish and booze cruise. We have three boats, one for each purpose. Can we get three boat stickers?
 - a. No – Lakefront owners are allowed two stickers. Non-lakefront owners, one.
10. Is the lake ever "closed" to motor boat use?
 - a. Occasionally, yes, if the water level in the lake is higher than normal. We do get periods of high rainfall which exceed the capacity of our dam spillway, causing the lake level to rise. If the water level is elevated, motor boat traffic can damage seawalls and boats. During these abnormal periods, your Lake Committee and POA management confer and determine if motor boat traffic is prohibited or restricted (no wake, idle speed only). Residents must keep themselves apprised of any restrictions in place by consulting the list serve.

11. I'd like the area in front of my dock dredged. Who do I contact and what are the parameters for determining if my area should be dredged?

a. Contact the POA office. Dredging is done to remove silt, areas in the lake that are naturally shallow with no silt are not dredged. Places with severe silt accumulation that prevents or restricts a homeowner from accessing his dock or boat house are given a priority.

12. I want to clean my dock but want to make sure the cleaner will not harm the fish or vegetation. What can I use?

a: Of course, you can pressure wash your dock with plain water. If you want to use a chemical cleaner, one product is *Oxy Solve Deck and Fence Cleaner*. According to the manufacturer, Simple Green, it is fine for use near or over lakes or streams. The cleaning agent is hydrogen peroxide and can be ordered thru Amazon.