

Nonresident Motorboats
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BOATING GUIDE

INFORMATION FOR:

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- Boating Waters
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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The Boating Guide, a publication of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, is a summary of the state's boating regulations, orders and statutes. A complete listing of regulations, orders and statutes may be found at these links:

Regulations and Orders:

OutdoorNebraska.gov

Statutes:

law.justia.com/codes/nebraska/2022/chapter-37/

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Boating Definitions

Vessel – Description of any watercraft, other than a seaplane, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.

Motorboat – Any vessel propelled by any form of mechanical power, gas, electric or diesel, including an electric trolling motor.

Personal Watercraft – A class of inboard vessel less than 16 feet in length that uses an internal combustion engine powering a jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel.

Sailboard – A surfboard-type vessel with no freeboard and using a free-sail system with a swivel-mounted mast not secured to a hull by guys or stays.

Starboard – The right side of a vessel.

Port – The left side of a vessel.

Bow – The front of a vessel.

Stern – The rear of a vessel.

Leeward – Downwind.

No Wake Speed – Speed at which a vessel doesn't produce a wake, not to exceed 5 mph.

Boating Requirements

WHO MAY OPERATE A MOTORBOAT?

- Anyone operating a motorboat or personal watercraft in Nebraska must be at least 14 years of age.
- Any operator born after Dec. 31, 1985, must have successfully completed the Nebraska boating safety course and be in possession of a valid certificate. Nonresidents may present certification from their state or another source approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

NONRESIDENT AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES STAMP

Motorized watercraft registered outside of Nebraska must purchase and display an Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp before launching from any Nebraska boat ramp. (See page 15.)

BOATER EDUCATION

Boater education is open to anyone at least 14 years of age.

- Options to fulfill the boater education requirement are: 1) attend a six-hour course with a proctored exam, 2) home study, then attend a three-hour course review with a proctored exam. Study materials may be downloaded from BoatSafeNebraska.org, or 3) complete the course online at Boaterexam.com/usa/nebraska.
- 75% of the exam answers must be correct to pass.
- Find a list of classes at BoatSafeNebraska.org.

REGISTRATION

Length of Registration – Nebraska motorboat registrations are issued for three-year periods, expiring on Dec. 31 of the third year. No motorboat may be operated after Dec. 31 without the registration being renewed.

Where to Get a New Registration – Registrations may be obtained only from the county treasurer in the boater’s county of residence.

Where to Renew a Registration – Registrations may be renewed with the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles at clickdmv.ne.gov or at owner’s county treasurer’s office.

Duplicate – A duplicate certificate will be issued by the county treasurer on proof of loss for a \$5 replacement fee and \$4 issuing fee.

Proof of Registration – The registration certificate must be available for law enforcement inspection at any time.

What Must Be Registered – All vessels powered by any mechanical device (gas, electric or diesel) capable of propelling the vessel over any public or private waters of Nebraska must be registered.

Exceptions:

- vessels not powered by machinery at any time
- motorboats registered in another state and housed in Nebraska for less than 60 consecutive days
- vessels owned by any government or political subdivision
- racing type motorboats when competing in state-approved races and during trial runs 48 hours before or 48 hours after competition
- vessels documented by the U.S. Coast Guard

REGISTRATION FEES		
CLASS	LENGTH	* FEE
1	** shorter than 16 feet	\$23
2	at least 16 but less than 26 feet	\$46
3	at least 26 but less than 40 feet	\$67.50
4	40 feet and over	\$115
5	dealers/manufacturers for demonstration or testing	\$46

Classifications and Fees – The fees in the table above are for the different classifications of vessels, including the length range in feet.

* does not include \$4 issuing fee

** registering canoes and kayaks is optional

NOTE: If an application for a motorboat not previously registered in Nebraska by the applicant is made after the start of a registration period, the license fee will be reduced by 1/36 for each full month of the registration period already expired, as of the date the boat was acquired.

Change of Address – Anyone with a valid boat registration who changes his address shall, within 15 days, notify Game and Parks of the new address.

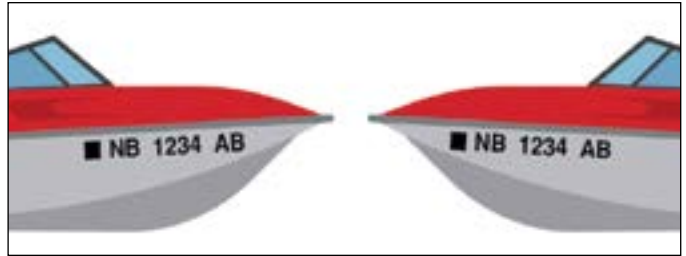
Transfer of Ownership – The boat owner shall furnish Game and Parks notice of transfer of all or any part of his interest, within 15 days of the effective date. If the transfer of part ownership does not affect the owner's right to operate the motorboat, the transaction will not affect the registration.

Destruction or Abandonment – The owner shall notify the Game and Parks of the destruction or abandonment of any vessel within 15 days, which will terminate the registration.

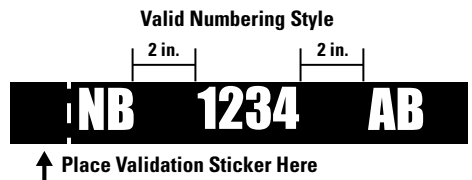
NUMBERING

Placement and Display

– The assigned numbers designated on the registration shall be placed on each side of the forward half of the vessel, reading left to right in one horizontal plane.



- Numbering shall start with the validation sticker, followed by the two capital block letters "NB," then a 2-inch space, then four digits in a numerical group, then a 2-inch space, and finally two or three capital block letters.
- Letters and numbers will be block figures at least 3 inches in height, of contrasting color and visible for 100 feet.
- Purchase of the letters and numbers designated on the registration are the responsibility of the owner. The validation sticker is provided.
- No numbers and letters other than the registration numbers, letters and validation stickers shall be displayed on any mechanically powered boat on either side of the forward half of the vessel.



Purchasers of Previously Owned Boats – All registrations are nontransferable. Even if the motorboat you recently purchased is displaying a current validation sticker, you must register this motorboat in your name within 30 days of operation on the waters of this state.

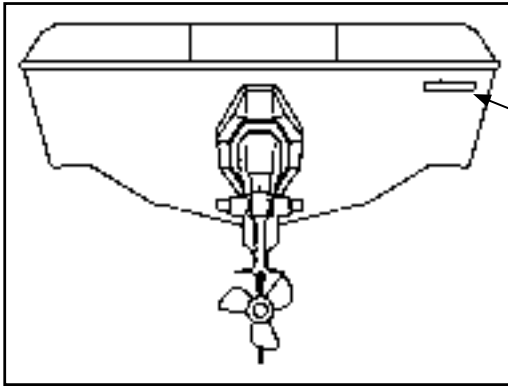
Dealer Numbers – A person engaged in the manufacture or sale of boats can obtain registrations for use in testing or demonstrating motorboats by payment of \$46, plus a \$4 issuing fee for each registration needed. Dealer numbers will be affixed temporarily in the prescribed position on the boat.

TITLE

Who Must Obtain a Title – All first-time owners of newly acquired motorized vessels must obtain a title from the county treasurer in the county where the owner resides before the county treasurer will issue or renew a registration. A boat must be titled before it may be sold. All boats made before 1972 are exempt from titling, but not from registration.

Hull Identification Number – Federal law requires all boats manufactured after Nov. 1, 1972, including homemade boats, display a 12-character Hull Identification Number (HIN).

- The character of each HIN must be at least one-quarter inch high and located to the starboard outboard side of the transom within 2 inches of the top of the transom, gunwale or hull/deck joint, whichever is lowest.
- If a motorboat has no HIN and is newer than a 1972, a new one must be obtained from the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) before a title and registration can be issued. Applications for HIN are available from the DMV or county treasurer.
- Any person who operates a motorboat that requires a certificate of title without having that title is guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.
- Any person who operates a motorboat that requires a HIN without that number is guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.



Common HIN:
stamped into fiberglass of transom

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EQUIPMENT

Fire Extinguisher – A fire extinguisher is required on:

- any inboard or inboard/outboard vessel
- any outboard vessel with closed compartments, closed living spaces or permanently installed fuel tanks
- any airboat

NOTE: Fire extinguishers are not required for outboard motorboats less than 26 feet in length that are made of open construction and do not carry passengers for hire.

Fire extinguishers must be carried according to the following guidelines:

- Classes 1 and 2 – one U.S. Coast Guard-approved type B-I fire extinguisher
- Class 3 – two U.S. Coast Guard-approved B-I or one B-II fire extinguisher
- Class 4 – three U.S. Coast Guard-approved B-I or one B-I and one B-II fire extinguishers

Oars/Paddles – Every vessel, except personal watercraft, sailboards or similar devices and classes 3 or 4 motorboats, shall carry an oar or paddle.

Bailing Bucket – Every vessel, except personal watercraft, sailboards or similar devices, shall be equipped with a bailing bucket, efficient bilge pump or sponge.

Muffler – Exhaust of all internal combustion engines used on motorboats shall be effectively muffled. It shall be unlawful to operate any motorboat that exceeds a noise level of 96 decibels when measured at 100 feet when the motorboat is on plane.

Whistle or Bell – Every vessel of classes 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall have a whistle or other mechanical sound-producing device. Every mechanically powered boat of Class 4 shall be equipped with a bell.

Flame Arrestor – Every motorboat with an inboard motor using gasoline shall have the carburetor equipped with an efficient flame arrestor or similar device that meets U.S. Coast Guard approval.

Ventilation – Every motorboat using gas, except those of open construction, shall have a prescribed venting system for bilges and the fuel tank compartment.



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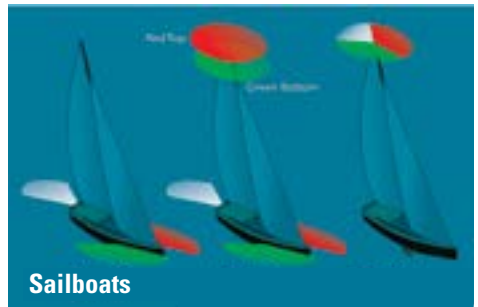
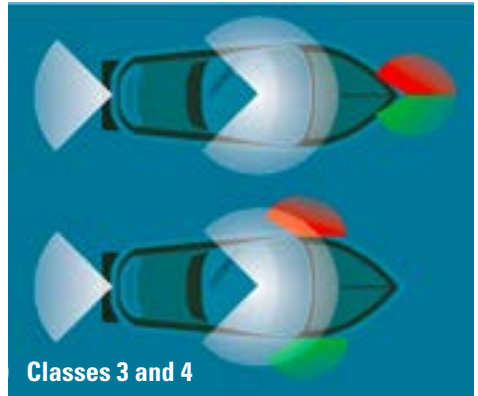
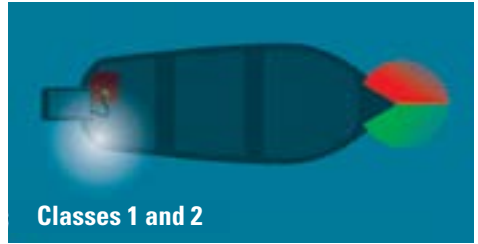
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LIGHTING

All vessels in use from sunset to sunrise shall display lights as specified. No other lights may be used, except a spotlight for difficult navigation.

- Every white light prescribed shall be visible at a distance of at least 2 miles.
- Every colored light prescribed shall be visible at a distance of at least 1 mile, showing green to starboard and red to port and screened to show from dead ahead to 22.5 degrees rearward on the respective side.
- All mechanically powered sailboats shall display the lights required for that class of mechanically powered boat.
- All motorboats and sailboats shall carry a lantern or flashlight for emergencies.
- All anchored vessels shall display the 360-degree white light, except while anchored in a docking or anchorage area.



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PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

Every vessel, except sailboards, must carry one wearable U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) of suitable size and readily accessible for each person on board. Also:

- Vessels less than 26 feet in length must carry a wearable PFD for each person on board, plus one U.S. Coast Guard approved throwable device.
- Vessels at least 26 feet in length but less than 40 feet must carry a wearable PFD for each person on board, plus one throwable 20-, 24- or 30-inch ring buoy.
- Vessels longer than 40 feet must carry one offshore wearable PFD for each person on board, plus one throwable 20-, 24- or 30-inch ring buoy.
- No child age 12 or under is allowed aboard any vessel when not wearing a PFD of suitable size, except when hunting waterfowl in an anchored boat. The vessel operator is responsible for compliance.

Each PFD must be:

- U.S. Coast Guard approved;
- In good and serviceable condition;
- An appropriate size for the wearer;
- Readily accessible to each person aboard the watercraft at all times.

Types of PFDs:



Wearable

Throwable



Inflatable PFDs

The intended use of inflatable PFDs is for many of the same activities as the inherently buoyant types of PFDs. The user must be aware of the differences and read the owner's manual to determine the approved usage.

Safety

DIVER'S FLAG

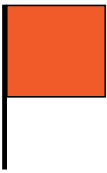
The diver's flag must be displayed in Nebraska whenever diving or underwater-powered spearfishing to give fair warning to boaters of a diver in the area. Also:



- Scuba divers are reminded to display the diver's flag and stay within 150 feet of their flag.
- Divers may not dive within 200 feet of the outer limits of any designated swimming area, boat mooring, docking or launching area.
- Boaters must maintain a distance of 150 feet from a diver's flag, except law enforcement boats, rescue boats and boats engaged in the diving operations.

ORANGE FLAG

Whenever a water skier/tuber, surfer or any person engaged in a similar activity or associated equipment, is down in the water, the operator or observer of the tow boat must display a hunter orange flag of a size not less than 12 inches square or at least 144 square inches. This flag must be visible from 360 degrees. It is unlawful to display an orange flag when persons or equipment are not in the water.



BOATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

It is unlawful to operate a motorboat in Nebraska with a blood alcohol content of .08% or greater. Doing so constitutes Boating Under the Influence, which carries a penalty of up to \$1,000 fine, up to six months in jail, and the loss of boating privileges for six months. Refusal to submit to a chemical blood alcohol test will result in the same penalties as BUI.

REPORTING ACCIDENTS

- It shall be the duty of the operator of a vessel involved in a collision, accident or other casualty to give his name, address and the identification of his vessel in writing to any person injured and to the owner of any property damaged.
- The operator of every vessel involved in a boating accident is required to file a written report whenever a boating accident results in loss of life, disappearance of a person, loss of consciousness, medical treatment, disability for more than 24 hours, or property damage in excess of \$500. Reports in death, disappearance and injury cases must be made within 48 hours; reports of other cases are required within five days. Written reports shall be submitted to the Game and Parks. Report forms may be downloaded at BoatSafeNebraska.org.
- The owner of a vessel shall be liable for any injury or damage caused by the negligent operation of any powered vessel. The owner shall not be liable if the vessel is being used without the consent of the owner unless the operator is a member of his immediate family.

UNSAFE VESSELS

- No vessel may operate in the State of Nebraska if either the occupancy or weight listed on the manufacturer's capacity plate is exceeded. If a vessel has no plate, it must retain at least half of its depth above the water line when measured at the center of the vessel.
- If any conservation officer or other law enforcement official of Nebraska sees a vessel being operated without the proper equipment or with any other unsafe condition, he or she may direct the operator to correct the situation immediately or return to mooring until the hazard is corrected.

Rules

UNIFORM STATE WATERWAY MARKERS



Orange and white diamond shape with cross means **"Boats Keep Out."**



Orange and white diamond shape warns of **"Danger."**



Orange and white circle marks **"Controlled Area"** as indicated within circle.



Orange and white square or rectangle gives **"Information, Names, Distances and Permitted Activities."**

CHANNEL BUOYS/LATERAL SYSTEM (FOUND ON THE MISSOURI RIVER)

Always pass between a green buoy and its companion red buoy.



When Headed Upstream – Keep red buoys to your right and green buoys to your left.

When Headed Downstream – Keep green buoys to your right and red buoys to your left.



RIGHT OF WAY

Audible Signals – When two vessels are approaching each other head-on, or nearly so, each operator shall swing the bow of his motorboat to the starboard to pass. Each operator shall give one short blast (a short blast is approximately one second) of the whistle and indicate his course by swinging the bow of his motorboat substantially to starboard. Unnecessary sounding of whistles, horns, bells, or other sound producing devices is prohibited.

Maneuvering and Warning Signals:

- Overtaking on the starboard side – 1 short blast
- Overtaking on the port side – 2 short blasts
- Backing up – 3 short blasts
- Danger – 5 or more short blasts

NAVIGATION RULES

Vessel traffic shall be governed by the following rules:

- When passing from rear — pass to other vessel's port.
- When passing head on — pass port to port.
- When passing at right angles — vessel at right has right of way.
- Manually propelled vessels have the right of way over all other vessels.
- Sailboats have the right of way over all motor-driven vessels.
- Motorboats, when meeting or overtaking sailboats, shall always pass on the leeward side.
- Any vessel backing from a landing has the right of way over incoming vessels.

UNLAWFUL PRACTICES

It is unlawful to:

- operate or give permission for the operation of a vessel that is not equipped as required.
- exceed the speeds posted or charted in any specific zone or area. Speed always must be reasonable and proper in consideration of the conditions prevailing at that time and place.
- travel at speeds exceeding 5 mph/no excessive wake limit in or within 30 yards of any vessel, harbor, marina, landing pier, fishing pier, anchorage, or bathing beach.
- operate a personal watercraft between sunset and sunrise.
- operate any vessel within any area marked off or set aside as prohibited.
- swim or bathe in any marinas or within 20 yards of launching, mooring or docking areas.
- tie off any vessel or attach one to any buoy, marker or navigational aid on any waters in this state.
- place or leave, in any public waters, any vessel not safe for operation.
- operate a personal watercraft without wearing a lanyard-type engine cutoff switch.
- operate or be a passenger on a personal watercraft without wearing a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD, regardless of age.
- jump a wake with a motorized vessel within 50 yards of another craft.
- jump the wake of any boat that is towing a skier, tuber, wakeboarder, etc.
- be the operator of any boat, including personal watercraft, while under 16 years of age and towing a skier, tuber, wakeboarder, etc.

Other Information

RENTALS

Owners of motorboats for rent shall keep a record of the name and address of persons renting vessels. The record, including boat identification number, departure date and time and expected time of return, shall be preserved for at least six months. Rental motorboats shall include all equipment prescribed by law for that class of boat. It shall be unlawful for any motorboat livery to lease to anyone 17 years old or younger.

SANITATION

Every vessel with an installed toilet must have an operable U.S. Coast Guard certified marine sanitation device (MSD) Type I, II or III. Also:

- If equipped with a “Y” valve, the valve must be secured by a padlock, nonreleasable wire tie or removal of the handle, so the valve can’t be used accidentally or intentionally without the owner/operator’s knowledge.
- No waste or container of such waste shall be placed, left or discharged into or near any waters of this state.

WATER SKIING

Observer – All vessels, when pulling a person on skis, surfboards or similar devices and not equipped with a wide-angle rearview mirror, must have a responsible person age 12 or older as an observer in the vessel with the operator.

Lifesaving Devices – A person being towed on skis, surfboards or similar devices must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD that is in good condition. The exception is during state-authorized regattas and similar ski and water shows.

Lines – All lines, when not in use, must be stowed aboard the towing vessel.

Skiing Hours – It is unlawful to tow or assist a person on water skis, aquaplane or similar device from the period of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise unless in duly authorized competition.

REGATTAS AND RACES

Game and Parks authorization must be obtained for all regattas, motorboat or other boat races, marine parades, tournaments or exhibitions on any waters of this state. Also:

- The person in charge of such event shall obtain permission by filing an application with Game and Parks at least 30 days before the event. The application should indicate the date, time and location of the event.
- Motorboats competing in special events may use cutouts during a period not to exceed 48 hours immediately preceding such regatta or race and a period not to exceed 48 hours immediately following such event.
- Motorboats do not have to carry bells, whistles or fire extinguishers while racing.
- Forms may be downloaded from BoatSafeNebraska.org.

Aquatic Invasive Species

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM

Aquatic invasive species fees collected from boaters fund the Aquatic Invasive Species Program in Nebraska. These fees pay for programs to educate the public about AIS; prevention efforts to keep AIS from being introduced into Nebraska, such as monitoring waters across the state; inspection and decontamination of conveyances; treatment for AIS populations; and other AIS projects as needed.

PREVENTION

Aquatic Invasive Species – Any waterborne, non-native organism that threatens the diversity or abundance of native species, the ecological stability of impacted waters, or commercial, agricultural, aquacultural or recreational activities.

Impact – Invasive species may cause significant ecological problems because they have been introduced into habitat in which there are no natural pathogens, parasites or predators. Lack of these natural controls may allow a nuisance species to grow exponentially in new habitat. Introduced nuisance species may prey upon or compete with native species and could transmit diseases to native species.

Preventive Steps – Anglers and boaters should take precautions to prevent the introduction or spread of invasive species. This is especially important to boaters who travel to waters that have invasive species not present in any Nebraska waters.

Follow these procedures:

- It is unlawful for a boat to arrive at or leave any body of water in Nebraska with water other than from a domestic source except for fire-fighting purposes. Drain water on site.
- It is unlawful for a boat or trailer to arrive or leave a launch area with any aquatic vegetation from that water body still attached. Boat blinds cannot use plants listed as invasive species or noxious weeds.
- Wash mud off waders. Felt-sole wading boots are unlawful.
- These steps are intended to prevent or delay the establishment of aquatic invasive species in Nebraska waters.

Report Suspected AIS Observations

For questions, or to report any suspected AIS observations, contact the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's aquatic invasive species program manager at 402-471-7602 or [ngpc.ais@nebraska.gov](mailto:ais@nebraska.gov).



CLEAN, DRAIN AND DRY

Zebra and quagga mussels can survive out of water for up to two weeks. AIS, such as zebra mussels, are invisible to the naked eye during the larval stage and can be spread through drops of water that live up to 27 days in cooler temperatures. Aquatic plants can be spread by tiny fragments as well. After boating and before launching your boat in a different water body:

- Rinse boat and all equipment with hot tap water ideally more than 140 degrees F to kill zebra and quagga mussels.
- Spray boat, live well, engine and trailer with a high-pressure sprayer;
- Pull plugs from bilge, live wells and engine to drain upon leaving a water body.
- If washing the boat away from the water body you are leaving, do not allow runoff to enter a drainage. Control your runoff.
- Dry boat and all equipment for at least five days. Use a towel to speed up the drying process.
- Visit stopaquaticinvasives.org for more information on procedures and AIS on watercraft.



NONRESIDENT AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES STAMP

Motorized watercraft registered outside of Nebraska are required to purchase and display an Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp (image on bottom right) before launching from any Nebraska boat ramp.

- The fee for the decal-like stamp is \$18, which includes a \$3 issuing fee.
- The stamp can be purchased at OutdoorNebraska.gov, at Commission offices (see list on page 2), or authorized permit agents.
- At the time of purchase, the purchaser will receive a valid temporary permit. The actual stamp will be mailed within 10 business days.
- The stamp is required annually.
- The stamp must be permanently affixed to the starboard and rearward side of the boat, on the outside of the hull above the water line. (See image on bottom left.)



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Boating Waters

Key to Abbreviations:

WMA – wildlife management area
SP – state park
SRA – state recreation area

NWR – national wildlife refuge
WPA – waterfowl production area
USFWS – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

All waters in Nebraska are open waters. The following are lists of waters with special restrictions. Those restrictions apply except as posted and the use by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission employees and their designees engaged in Game and Parks authorized activities.

NO WAKE / 5 MPH

It is unlawful to operate a vessel with speed in excess of 5 mph:

(Name of water body, county)

- Archway Lakes, Buffalo
- Arnold Lake, Custer
- Avocet Lake WMA, Grant
- Ballards Marsh WMA, Cherry
- Bassway Strip WMA, Buffalo
- Bear Pierce Cedar 2A, Gage
- Big Indian 11a, Gage
- Birdwood WMA, Lincoln
- Blue Hole West WMA, Buffalo
- Blue Lake, Garden
- Brady WMA, Lincoln
- Bruning Dam, Fillmore
- Buckley 3F, Jefferson
- Buckskin Hills WMA, Dixon
- Bufflehead WMA, Buffalo
- Burchard Lake WMA, Pawnee
- CNPPID Supply Canal, Lincoln, Dawson, Gosper
- California Bend, Washington
- Carter Lake (east leg), Douglas
- CenturyLink Lake, Cass
- Chalkrock Lake WMA, Cedar
- Cheyenne SRA, Hall
- Clatonia 3A, Gage
- Clear Lake, Brown
- Conestoga SRA, Lancaster
- Coot Shallows WMA, Buffalo
- Cottonmill Lake, Buffalo
- Cottontail Lake, Lancaster
- Cottonwood-Steverson Lake WMA, Cherry
- Crescent Lake WMA, Garden
- Cozad WMA, Dawson
- Cub Creek 9B (Leisure Lake), Jefferson



Conestoga State Recreation Area

- Cub Creek 12A, Jefferson
- Czechland Lake, Saunders
- DeFair Lake WMA, Grant
- DeSoto Bend NWR Lake, Washington
- Dogwood WMA, Dawson
- Duck Creek Recreation Area, Nemaha
- East Gothenburg WMA, Dawson
- East Hershey WMA, Lincoln
- East Sutherland WMA, Lincoln
- Elwood Reservoir WMA, Gosper
- Flanagan Lake, Douglas
- Fremont Slough WMA, Lincoln
- Fremont Lakes SRA, No. 16, Dodge
- Fremont Lakes SRA, No. 20, west bay, Dodge
- Frye Lake WMA, Grant
- Gallagher Canyon Reservoir, Dawson
- Glenn Cunningham Lake, Douglas
- Goose Lake WMA, Holt
- Grand Island Eagle Scout Lake, Hall
- Grand Island L.E. Ray Lake, Hall
- Grove Lake WMA, Antelope
- Hamburg Bend, Otoe
- Hayes Center WMA, Hayes
- Hedgefield Lake WMA, Lancaster
- Hershey WMA, Lincoln
- Holdrege North Park Lake, Phelps
- Homestead Lake, Butler
- Home Valley Lake WMA, Cherry
- Hull Lake WMA, Boyd
- Iron Horse Trail Lake, Pawnee
- Kearney WMA (Kea Lake), Buffalo
- Kea West WMA, Buffalo
- Kramper Lake - Danish Alps, Dakota
- Lake Babcock, Platte
- Lake Ericson, Wheeler

- Lake Helen, Dawson
- Lake Ogallala SRA, Keith
- Lake Wanahoo, Saunders
- Lawrence Youngman Lake, Douglas
- Liberty Cove Reservoir, Webster
- Lone Star Recreation Area, Fillmore
- Long Lake, Brown
- Maple Creek Reservoir, Colfax
- Maskenthine Lake, Stanton
- Meadowlark Lake, Seward
- Memphis Lake SRA, Saunders
- Merganser Lake, Lancaster
- Mormon Island SRA Middle Lake, Hall
- Mormon Island SRA West Lake, Hall
- North Platte I-80 Lake, Lincoln
- Olive Creek Lake SRA, Lancaster
- Overland Trails Lake, York
- Oxbow Trails Lake, Butler
- Pawnee Slough WMA, Lincoln
- Peterson Lake WMA, Brown
- Pibel Lake, Wheeler
- Pioneers Trail Recreation Area, Hamilton
- Portal Recreation Area, Sarpy
- Powder Creek Reservoir, Dixon
- Prairie Lake, Adams
- Prairie Queen Recreation Area, Sarpy
- Prairie View Lake, Douglas
- Rat and Beaver Lake WMA, Cherry
- Recharge Lake, York
- Red Cedar Lake, Saunders
- Red Fox WMA, Stanton
- Rock Creek Lake SRA, Dundy
- Roseland Lake, Adams
- Sandy Channel SRA, Buffalo, Phelps
- Shell Lake WMA, Cherry
- Smith Creek Lake, Seward
- Smith Lake WMA, Sheridan
- South Pine WMA (Cozad Lake), Brown
- Stagecoach Lake SRA, Lancaster
- Standing Bear Lake, Douglas
- Summit Lake SRA, Burt
- Swan Lake, Holt
- Swan Creek Lake 2A WMA, Saline
- Swan Creek Lake 67, Saline
- Tanglewood Lake, Lancaster
- Timber Point Lake, Butler
- Tobacco Island WMA, Cass
- Twin Lakes WMA, Rock
- Twin Lakes WMA, Seward
- Union Pacific SRA, Buffalo
- Wagon Train Lake SRA, Lancaster
- Walgren Lake SRA, Sheridan
- Walnut Creek Lake 2A, Saline
- Walnut Creek Reservoir, Sarpy
- War Axe SRA, Buffalo
- Wehrspann Lake, Sarpy
- West Cozad WMA, Dawson
- West Gothenburg WMA, Lincoln
- West Wood River WMA, Hall
- Wild Plum Lake, Lancaster
- Wildwood Lake WMA, Lancaster
- Willard L. Meyer Recreation Area, Saline
- Willow Island WMA, Dawson
- Willow Lake B.C. WMA, Brown
- Wilson Creek 4F Lake (Prairie Owl), Otoe
- Wirth Brothers Lake, Johnson
- Wolf Wildcat Lake No. 12, Gage
- Yankee Hill WMA, Lancaster
- Zorinsky Lake, Douglas

NO INTERNAL COMBUSTION MOTORS

It is unlawful to use internal combustion motors on the following waters:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Name of water body, county) - Alexandria SRA, Jefferson - Ansley City Lake, Custer - Arrowhead Lake WMA, Gage - Atkinson Lake, Holt - Big Elk, Sarpy - Bowman Lake, Sherman - Bowling Lake, Lancaster - Bowwood WMA, Pawnee - Bridgeport SRA (four smaller lakes only), Morrill - Carter P. Johnson Lake, Fort Robinson SP, Sioux - Cherry Creek Diversion Pond, Dawes - Cherry Creek Pond, Dawes - Cornhusker WMA, Hall | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crystal Cove Lake, Dakota - Crystal Lake, Adams - Crystal Lake WMA, Lincoln - Cub Creek Lake, Keya Paha - Darr WMA, Dawson - Dead Timber SRA, Dodge - Diamond Lake WMA, Gage - Donald Whitney WMA, Gage - East Odessa WMA, Buffalo - Farwell South Reservoir, Howard - Fort Kearny SRA, Kearney - Fremont Lakes SRA Nos. 1, 2, 3, 3a, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17 and 19, Dodge - Frenchman WMA, Hayes - Grable Ponds, Dawes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gracie Creek Trout Pond, Garfield - Holmes Lake, Lancaster - Ice House Ponds, Dawes - Indian Creek WMA, Webster - Island Lake NWR, Garden - Keller Park SRA, Brown - Killdeer WMA, Lancaster - Kissinger WMA, Clay - Lake Yankton, Knox - Louisville SRA, Cass - Mayberry WMA, Pawnee - North Loup SRA, Howard - Pintail WMA, Hamilton - Osage WMA, Johnson - Oxford City Lake, Furnas - Papio D-4, Douglas |
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- Pawnee Prairie WMA, Pawnee
- Prairie Knoll WMA, Pawnee
- Pressey WMA, Custer
- Ravenna Lake, Buffalo
- Redtail WMA, Butler
- Sacramento-Wilcox WMA, Phelps
- Silver Creek City Lake, Merrick
- Skyview Lake, Madison
- Teal WMA, Lancaster
- Twin Oaks WMA, Johnson
- Two Rivers SRA Lakes 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, Douglas
- Valentine NWR Lakes, Cherry
- Verdon Lake SRA, Richardson
- Victoria Springs SRA, Custer
- Wellfleet Lake, Lincoln



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- West Brady WMA, Lincoln
- West Hershey WMA, Lincoln
- West Maxwell WMA, Lincoln
- Windmill SRA, Buffalo
- Wilson Creek 2X WMA, Otoe
- Yanney Park Lake, Buffalo

NO MOTORIZED VESSELS

It is unlawful to operate any motorized vessel on the following waters:

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| (Name of water body, county) | - Central City Lake, Merrick | - Midland Lake, Sarpy |
| - Bader Memorial Lakes, Merrick | - Chadron SP Pond, Dawes | - Niobrara SP, Knox |
| - Bethpage Pond, Kearney | - Chester Island WMA, Lincoln | - Shadow Lake, Sarpy |

NO VESSELS

It is unlawful to operate any vessel on the following waters:

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| (Name of water body, county) | - Humphrey Pond, Keith |
| - Baright Lake, Eugene T. Mahoney SP, Cass | - Jenny Newman Lake, Cass |
| - Barnett Park Ponds, Red Willow | - I-80 Department of Transportation Lakes: Grand Island Rest Area, Mormon Island East, Alda, Kearney North Rest Stop, Brady Rest Stop, Maxwell Rest Area, and Kearney South Rest Stop |
| - Boyer Chute Wildlife Habitat Restoration Area, Washington | - Oak Lake, Lancaster |
| - Calamus Reservoir, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation water control channels, Garfield | - Plum Creek Park Pond, Dawson |
| - Curtis Golf Course Pond, Frontier | - Sutton Clark Pond, Clay |
| - Dawson County Museum Pond, Dawson | - Two Rivers SRA Lake No. 5, Douglas |
| - Grand Island Pier Lake, Hall | - All state fish hatchery areas unless otherwise authorized by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. |
| - Grand Island Suck's Lake, Hall | |
| - Heartland Shooting Park Pond, Hall | |
| - Heartwell Park Pond, Adams | |

NO WAKE AFTER SUNSET

It is unlawful to operate any vessel faster than 5 mph/no wake from sundown to sunrise on the following waters:

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| (Name of water body, county) | - Victory Lake (Lake 15) and Lake 10, Fremont Lakes SRA, Dodge |
| - Branched Oak Lake SRA, Lancaster | |

AIRBOATS

It is unlawful to operate airboats on all USFWS-managed WPAs.

NO MOTORBOATS OCT. 15-JAN. 15

It is unlawful to operate a motorboat Oct. 15 through Jan. 15 of each year on the following state wildlife refuges:

- Garden County Refuge, North Platte River
- Dodge-Saunders County Refuge, Platte River
- Lincoln County Refuge, North Platte River
- Boyd-Holt County Refuge, Niobrara River

Lake Babcock, Platte County, closed to all vessels during the open waterfowl season.

COUNTERCLOCKWISE TRAVEL ONLY

It is unlawful to operate a vessel in any direction other than counterclockwise on the following waters:

- (Name of water body, county)
 - Lake North, Platte
 - Fremont Lakes SRA, Victory Lake (Lake 15), Dodge
 - Bridgeport SRA, Center Lake only, Morrill
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PULLING MULTIPLE SKIERS

It is unlawful to operate a motorboat or personal watercraft while pulling more than one skier, boarder, towable or other similar device on the following waters:

- (Name of water body, county)
 - Fremont Lakes SRA, Victory Lake (Lake 15) and Lake 10, Dodge
 - Bridgeport SRA, Center Lake, Morrill
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NO NONPOWERED VESSELS OR ELECTRIC MOTORS

It is unlawful to operate nonpowered vessels and those powered by conventional outboard electric motors on the following waters:

- (Name of water body, county)
- Fremont Lakes SRA, Victory Lake (Lake 15) and Lake 10, Dodge

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission authorized activities or other governmental agencies in the course of their official duties are exempt.

STAY ALIVE - AVOID HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia is a medical emergency that occurs when your body loses heat faster than it can produce heat, causing a dangerously low body temperature. Normal body temperature is around 98.6 F (37 C). Hypothermia occurs as your body temperature passes below 95 F (35 C).

When your body temperature drops, your heart, nervous system and other organs can't work normally. Left untreated, hypothermia eventually can lead to respiratory and heart failure, resulting in death.

Hypothermia most often is caused by exposure to cold weather or immersion in cold water. Boaters should not stand or move around in a small boat, overload your boat or distribute the load unevenly, decelerate suddenly, allowing the stern wake to overtake and swamp the boat by washing over the transom.

In case of accidental immersion in cold water, get in or on top of the boat. Most boats will float even when capsized or swamped.

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