

Australian Capital Territory

Lakes (Interstate Licence Holders— Conditions of Use) Determination 2002

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made under the

Lakes Act 1976 section 25A(2)(b)

I determine the attached:

Conditions of Use for the Molonglo Reach Waterski Area.

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Minister for Urban Services
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Users must make a booking prior to using the designated area on the Molonglo River, namely the area east of Sylvia Curley Bridge (for safety reasons there is a limit of 10 power craft on the water at any one time).

On competition weekends the buoy line will close off the main basin and a limit of 5 power craft may operate from the top boat launching ramp located off Gladstone Street, Fyshwick.

Booking Rules:

- i. There are three (3) sessions available per day in which power craft activities are permitted. These are:
 - Session 1 (8:00am to 12 Midday);
 - Session 2 (12 Midday to 4:00pm); and
 - Session 3 (4:00pm to 8:00pm)
- ii. You must quote your name, interstate boat registration number and contact telephone number when making a booking.
- iii. Any number of bookings can be made up to seven (7) days in advance provided no more than two (2) sessions are booked on any one (1) day.
- iv. Only bookings for three (3) sessions are permitted from 7 to 25 days in advance and no more than two (2) sessions can be booked on any one (1) day.

Bookings can be made by phone on 6207 9777 during business hours or on-line at www.canberraconnect.act.gov.au

- (a) While the power craft is on the water, users must display a current boat registration label from any Australian State or Territory.
- (b) Drivers must hold a current licence, issued in any Australian State or Territory and applicable to the power craft they are operating (eg Boat Driver's Licence or Personal Water Craft Driver's Licence). Drivers must be able to produce that licence on request by an ACT Government Authorised Officer.
- (c) A person shall not drive a power craft while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- (d) Power craft should operate in an anti-clockwise direction, keeping to the right hand side of the river in the direction of travel. (Keep to the starboard side of the river and oncoming boats always pass port to port) This also applies to the pickup of fallen skiers.

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- (e) Overtaking manoeuvres must be done in a safe manner, and only when the river is wide enough to allow it.
- (f) Erratic driving patterns eg Figure eights, are not permitted. Due to the limited width of the river these driving patterns can compromise the safety of other river users. This applies to all power craft including Personal Water Craft.
- (g) Ski ropes are to be pulled in as soon as a skier has finished their run. . Due to the limited width of the river, and the number of boats, trailing ropes can be a hazard and compromise the safety of other river users
- (h) Waterskiing closer than 20 metres from a boat ramp, 10 metres from a marker buoy or 5 metres from a bank is prohibited except when leaving from or returning to the shore.
- (i) Power craft must not follow closer than 100 metres when directly astern of another power craft.
- (j) All power craft must carry the safety items required by their interstate registration conditions.
- (k) All power craft must carry one (1) personal flotation device for each occupant (Minimum PF3 rating).
- (l) No more than two skiers may be towed at any one time. Whenever a waterskier is being towed, an observer at least sixteen years of age must be seated in the boat in a position such that he or she can observe the waterskier at all times.
- (m) Power craft that are towing a tube must not exceed a safe speed and only two tubes may be towed at any one time.
- (n) Power craft must be fitted with an effective muffler through which all exhaust gases must pass (The maximum permissible noise limit applicable to power craft is 78 dBA measured at 30 metres in accordance with Chapter 172 of the NSW Environmental Control Manual).
- (o) The boat ramps are only to be accessed to launch and retrieve boats. Operating from the boat ramps as a set down and pick up point for skiers is not permitted.
- (p) Boat trailers are to be removed from the immediate vicinity of the boat ramp following launching or trailering operations.
- (q) Molonglo River Waterski Area is a Dog Prohibited Area and no dog is allowed into the Molonglo River Waterski Area.

The following do not form part of the conditions but are added as cautionary notes to be sent as part of the conditions when information is sought by members of the public.

NOTICE:

Failure to comply with any of the above conditions may result in a fine of up to \$5,000 and/or 6 months imprisonment and the cancellation of the approval to use Power Craft on Molonglo River.

A submerged 900mm diameter sewer main pipe crosses the river just upstream of the top launching ramp. There are signs on either side of the river indicating the position of the submerged pipe. Users are advised that the water level varies and caution is needed to prevent boat or pipe damage.

Broken glass within the River reserve is a problem and can cause serious accidents. For the enjoyment of all users Canberra Urban Parks and Places and Environment ACT encourages the use of recyclable plastic bottles or cans by people enjoying the facilities within the Reserve