



# 2021 Boating Regulations

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## Article V

### Section 5.0 Lake Usage

Whereas, it is in the interest of the membership of Lake Panorama that water safety be a paramount part of the recreational experience and that the lake, by nature, is in many places narrow for unregulated boating and water sports, the following boating regulations are promulgated:

#### 5.1 BOATING OPERATIONS REGULATIONS

##### (a). State Law Compliance

1. All vessels operated on Lake Panorama must comply with the State of Iowa Boating Regulations approved by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources except where superseded by the regulations of the Lake Panorama Association.

2. This document defines “vessel” as meaning every description of watercraft, including, but not limited to powered vessels, such as motorboats, jet boats, wake boats, pontoon boats, powered barges, personal watercraft, and non-powered craft such as sailboats, canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, rowboats, and stand-up paddle boards. The LPA general manager may temporarily deny usage of any unconventional device, apparatus or vessel on Lake Panorama, until such time when the water safety committee and LPA board of directors can evaluate the safety of said unconventional device, apparatus or vessel.

##### (b). Authority to Restrict Boating

1. LPA Security Supervisor has the authority to make the determination when conditions may require restrictions on full boating activities in order to promote safety. In order to promote safety, Lake Patrol may direct non-powered boats to move to areas of the lake with reduced speed limits, such as within 50 feet of the shoreline or into protected coves during periods of heavy boat traffic.

##### (c). Authorized Personnel for Enforcement

The Lake Panorama Association is authorized to appoint an agent, agents and employees to enforce rules of the Association and to purchase necessary equipment to patrol the area.

1. Intentional vandalism or unauthorized relocation of buoys shall result in an automatic 3rd offense under LPA rules 5.1(f)(3). In the case of vandalism, the offending member shall pay both the stated fine and damages.

##### (d). Lake Closure in Emergencies

Lake closure may be declared by the Lake Panorama Board of Directors or by the General Manager in times of flood, debris flow event, or dam emergency. All boating except maintenance, rescue and salvage craft may be prohibited for a designated period of time as indicated by public announcement, signage, regulatory buoys or by verbal information from Lake Panorama personnel.

##### (e). Inspection of vessels

1. Private vessels may be inspected at any time by the Lake Panorama Association. Inspection may be for vessel specifications, vessel safety equipment, for evidence of invasive species regulation compliance and/or any other purpose regarding legal operation and usage of the vessel or its contents on Lake Panorama waters.

##### (f). Impoundment authorized

1. LPA maintains the right to impound vessels under any one the following circumstances. Vessels shall be released to the owner only upon full payment of all associated fines and fees, as established at the sole discretion of LPA.

a. Any vessel found in violation of any of the rules, regulations, covenants or restrictions of the Lake Panorama Association, any documents recorded at the Guthrie County courthouse, or any State of Iowa Boating Laws.

b. Any vessel found to be docked overnight at one of LPA’s community properties or docks.

- c. Any vessel, which in the reasonable judgement of LPA, is believed to be abandoned and/or unattended and which would pose an imminent safety concern to other LPA members.
2. The owner or operator may be fined in accordance with LPA's schedule of fines.
3. Vessels shall be released to the owner only upon full payment of all associated fines and fees as established at the sole discretion of LPA.

**(g). Revocation of Privileges**

Any lot owner or commercial member who shall have permitted, authorized or allowed illegal use of or launching of a vessel in violation of the rules, regulations or restrictions may have their rights and privileges as a Lake Panorama member revoked until the charge or fine set out herein has been paid and until written application for reinstatement has been made to and approved by the Lake Panorama Association.

1. Members are required to ensure that any vessel registered with LPA is in compliance with all LPA rules and regulations as amended from time to time. Members are strictly prohibited from misrepresenting vessel specifications as a means of registering a non-compliant vessel for use on Lake Panorama. Furthermore, members are strictly prohibited from altering registered vessels in a manner which would cause them to be non-compliant with LPA rules and regulations. Any member whose vessel is found by LPA staff to be non-compliant with any LPA rule and regulation, at any time, shall be subject to an automatic 3<sup>rd</sup> offense fine and loss of member boating privileges for the remainder of the boating season. Thereafter, such member shall be subject to additional registration and inspection requirements for certification of vessels in subsequent years as determined by LPA in its sole discretion.

**(h). Registration/ sticker required**

All vessels operated on Lake Panorama must display a current Lake Panorama Association sticker and the appropriate invasive species inspection sticker issued according to Section 5.5.

**(i). Operator Qualifications for vessels**

Any operator of a motorized vessel in excess of 10 hp must be at least sixteen (16) years of age AND if under 18 must have passed and have in their possession the boater education certification approved by the Iowa DNR or be accompanied by a responsible person of at least eighteen (18) years of age who is familiar with boating operation.

**(j). Personal Watercraft**

1. Operators of PWC who are 16 or 17 (whether accompanied by an adult or not) must pass and have in their possession the basic boating certification as required by the State of Iowa.
2. **PWC Hours of Operation** – Per State of Iowa Law, PWC shall not operate between sunset and sunrise. This rule supersedes rules 5.1(k) and 5.1(p).

**(k). Speed Limit between sundown and sunrise**

No vessel shall be operated at speeds in excess of 10 mph from ½ hour after sunset until sunrise.

**(l). Speed and Distance Regulation**

No vessel traveling at a speed in excess of 10 mph shall operate directly behind another vessel at a distance closer than 200 feet.

**(m). Limits on Speed in certain situations**

No vessel shall be operated within 50 feet of any shoreline, stationary vessel, dock or floundered skier at a speed in excess of 10 mph.

**(n). Skiing and Towing Limitations**

1. No person shall be towed on skis or any other device within 100 feet of the shoreline, nor shall any person be towed in such a fashion on water skis so as to land or depart from the shore or dock area.
2. A maximum of two tubes or inflatable objects shall be pulled behind a vessel.
3. Ski lines, tubes and towables may not be pulled into the marina area.
4. The Narrows will be limited to no towing (tubes, skiers, or any other towed devices) or wake surfing from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Special navigational buoys will be used to notify boaters.
5. The Security Chief may prohibit skiing and towing in the Narrows area during other high traffic days by flagging the center-line buoys between the upper basin and Sunset Beach

**(o). Observer Required when Towing**

A motorized vessel towing a person or persons shall have, besides the operator of the vessel, another person nine (9) years of age or older in a position to observe the person or persons being towed. Towing by remote-controlled device, including, but not limited to drones, is prohibited on Lake Panorama.

**(p). Skiing and Towing Hours**

No person shall operate a vessel on Lake Panorama towing a person on skis, or similar device, nor shall any person engage in water skiing, or similar activity, at any time from ½ hour after sunset until sunrise, the times established by standard sunrise/ sunset tables.

**(q). Personal Floatation Devices Required**

All persons operating or riding on a personal watercraft, or being towed behind a vessel on skis or other object, must wear a personal flotation device. All passengers under the age of 13 MUST wear a personal flotation device when the vessel is underway.

1. All vessels as defined have personal flotation devices appropriate for each passenger and operator with the vessel at all times.

**(r). Center Channel Buoys—counterclockwise vessel traffic**

All vessels operated on the main channel of Lake Panorama must travel on the right of the center channel buoys.

**(s). No Dropping of Skis**

Dropping of skis will not be allowed.

**(t). Prohibited Activities**

Any authorized vessel operating on the lake shall not use any glider kits, motorized glider, kites, parasails, kite tubes, flyboards or like objects in connection with said use of vessel.

**(u). Boat Dealers and Demonstrations**

Licensed boat dealers or their agents are required to be always aboard the vessel while demonstrating the vessel to a prospective buyer.

**(v). No Overnight Boat Parking**

No vessel shall be parked overnight in any community area.

**(w). Overnight use of vessels prohibited**

Overnight sleeping is not allowed on any vessel.

**(x). Sanitary Facilities on vessels prohibited**

No vessel shall be equipped with sanitary facilities of any kind, which can discharge directly into the water.

**(y). Airboats and Hovercraft Prohibited**

Airboats and hovercrafts are prohibited on Lake Panorama (with the exception of rescue hovercraft.)

**(z). Regulatory Buoys Must Be Obeyed**

Regulatory buoys function as boat traffic regulation signs and designate the rules for operation in that area.

**5.2 BOATS AND PERSONAL WATERCRAFT**

**EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

**(a). Engine Size Limit--Boats (non-pontoon type)**

In the interest of safety and general welfare of the membership of the Lake Panorama Association, no boat that has an engine displacement in excess of 6.2 liter/377 mag. c.i. will be registered or permitted to operate on Lake Panorama. If a boat has multiple engines, the total displacement of all engines shall not exceed 5.8 liter/351 mag. c.i.. EXCEPT those boats with engine displacements in excess of 5.8 liter/351 mag, c.i. that were registered and permitted to operate on the lake in the calendar year 1988, and have been registered each year thereafter, shall be exempt from this provision.

**(b). Engine Size Limits—Personal Watercraft (PWC)**

1. No 2-cycle engine personal watercraft that has an engine in excess of 130 hp /1100cc. shall be registered or permitted to operate on Lake Panorama.
2. No 4-cycle engine personal watercraft that has an engine in excess of 185hp/1500cc. shall be registered or permitted to operate on Lake Panorama.

**(c). Engine Size Limits---Pontoon Boats**

1. Outboard equipped pontoons shall not exceed a 200-horsepower rating
2. Inboard/ Outboard equipped pontoons shall not exceed 299 horsepower.

**(d). Engine horsepower Limits—all vessels**

1. No vessel shall be equipped with an engine exceeding the horsepower maximum recommended by the manufacturer or the U.S. Coast Guard.

**(e). Vessel Registration limit per membership**

No more than two (2) power vessels in excess of 10 hp per membership may be registered per season.

**(f). Vessel Size Limits**

Maximum length for boats registered at Lake Panorama is 24 feet overall, which includes swim platforms and pontoon boats is 27 feet (including swim platforms). Longer boats purchased prior to September 1997 and continuously registered will be permitted.

**(g). Sailboards Prohibited**

Registration of sailboards will not be allowed. Those members who previously registered sailboards will be grandfathered and the member can upgrade that vessel in the future, effective March 19, 1998.

**(h). Boat Registration Requirements—Address of Office**

1. Vessels may be registered only to members of the Lake Panorama Association. Members are required to provide a copy of the current state Boat Registration Certificate that shall stipulate the member as the owner of the vessel.
2. Vessels shall be registered at the Lake Panorama Association Office, Panora, Iowa during office hours or by mailing to the Association Office, PO Box 157, Panora, Iowa 50216.
3. Boat permits shall only be issued by authorized LPA personnel and are subject to limitations and requirements of the invasive species regulations of Section 5.5

**(i) Houseboats Prohibited**

1. Houseboats shall not be permitted on Lake Panorama. Houseboats continuously registered prior to May 22, 2018 shall be grandfathered as long as they remain continuously registered by the current owner. The LPA general manager is authorized to determine what constitutes a houseboat.

**5.3 MARINA**

**(a). Requirements for Usage**

Slips will only be rented to Lake Panorama Association members whose dues and assessments are paid in full and must be reserved from the Marina operator.

**(b). Users must follow posted regulations**

Posted rules and signage must be obeyed.

**5.4 SWIMMING**

**(a). Swimming Location Limits**

Swimming in the lake more than 100 feet from the shoreline is prohibited at all times except when swimming within 10 feet of a boat.

**(b). Beach Swimming Regulations**

1. Swimming is allowed at the beaches only during the posted hours and only within roped areas.
2. Swimmers must follow posted regulations at each beach.

**(c). Marina Swimming Prohibited**

Swimming in the Marina areas is prohibited including from the jetty, from the covered slip units, from walkways, from the gas dock, boat ramp and courtesy dock area and all areas between.

**5.5 INVASIVE SPECIES PROTECTION**

**(a.) Definitions:**

1. Water related equipment: Water-related equipment means a motor vehicle, boat, watercraft, dock, boat lift, raft, vessel, trailer, tool, implement, device, or any other associated equipment or container, including but not limited to portable bait containers, live wells, ballast tanks, bilge areas, and water-hauling equipment that is capable of containing or transporting aquatic invasive species, aquatic plants, or water.
2. Invasive species: Any or all plant and animal species capable of rapidly reproducing and invading the environment due to the lack of other species or simple controls that occur with the “invasive” species in their native environments. For the purposes of this rule, aquatic invasive species include at a minimum: zebra or quagga mussels, various species of Asian carp, Eurasian water milfoil, and other aquatic species that may become so classified.
3. Baitfish: any species of fish used for bait

4. Infected: Any vessel or water-related equipment containing within or without identifiable adult or juvenile forms of any designated invasive species.
5. Temporary Permits—Boat permits issued for LPN resort guests, timeshare guests, short-term home rental boats or guests of members of the LPA that are, by definition, only used during the designated periods less than a full season.
6. Resident Vessels—vessels that remain on or at Lake Panorama and/or the Middle Raccoon River. This may include trailered vessels used exclusively on Lake Panorama.
7. Non-resident Vessels—Any member or non-member owned vessels trailered and/or used at any water bodies other than Lake Panorama and/or the Middle Raccoon River.

**(b.) All vessels that obtain temporary or full boat permits, whether member-owned, timeshare, guest boats, resort boats, or fishing contest guests, or other temporary guests and all water-related equipment are subject to Iowa law regulating the transfer of invasive species, plus Lake Panorama rules and regulations.**

**(c.) The LPA reserves the right to inspect any vessel or water-related equipment that is intended to be launched on or installed in the Lake** and may prohibit or ban any and all vessels and/or water-related equipment and/or vessel owners or operators from lake usage for violation of these rules. Fines for such violations shall also be a means of enforcement.

**(d.) All member and non-members desiring to obtain any type of boat permit or temporarily be on the lake for contests or trials, or who desire to install or utilize other water-related equipment on Lake Panorama, must complete an invasive species questionnaire/ consent form/ brochure** that requests information about previous boating locations and water-related equipment usage, and gives invasive species prevention instructions, unless they have been designated as resident lake boaters by virtue of maintaining and operating their vessel(s) solely on Lake Panorama.

1. Members whose boat(s) only are operated on Lake Panorama are considered RESIDENT boaters and need not complete the questionnaire, but must certify their vessels are only operated on Lake Panorama through the annual boat permit application process. Should a RESIDENT lake vessel be removed from the lake and be operated elsewhere, the member is subject to completion of the questionnaire and certification as required of non-resident lake members until such time as one full calendar year has passed. Members are responsible to notify the LPA of any change of status. Failure to notify a change of status will result in loss of boat permit privileges for one year. RESIDENT invasive species stickers will be issued to vessels so designated. RESIDENT stickers will be indicated by a basic green coloration and will be issued for the period coinciding with the issuance of Iowa DNR registration stickers. As long as the vessel status remains as only operated on Lake Panorama (or the Middle Raccoon River), the sticker will remain valid. Faded, lost or damaged stickers shall be replaced for a fee as determined by the replacement cost of the stickers. If vessels are traded or replaced, new invasive stickers will be issued to the replacement vessel at cost.

2. NON-RESIDENT vessels owned by timeshare members, non-member resort guests, home renters, member's guest's boats, and any other guest vessels owners or operators must fill out the invasive species questionnaire, certify to the location of previous boating activity, and acknowledge the hazards of invasive species introduction. NON-RESIDENT vessels shall be issued invasive species stickers indicated by a basic red coloration and dated with the current registration year and must be current to the year of boat permit issuance. The boat permit application form may be substituted for a questionnaire/consent form/ brochure for member applicants.

3. Any boat that may possibly have been on another water body may be inspected. Any boat that is certified to have been on another water body must be inspected by LPA-designated personnel and must pass the inspection to be allowed a temporary or permanent boating permit or temporary access to the lake.

4. Boats serviced by Coulter's Lake Panorama Marina that are known to be from areas contaminated by invasive species may not be allowed lake access for testing unless the vessel has been certified to have been properly decontaminated by cleaning, draining, drying, and other accepted procedures and timing.

**(e.) Inspections--** All vessels known or suspected to have been on other water bodies are subject to inspection to detect plants, mud, or animals, whether juvenile or adult forms, on boat, boat trailer, or fishing equipment, or to detect water from other water bodies in live wells, motors, bilge tanks or ballast tanks.

1. Any vessel or water-related equipment found infected with specimens of adult or juvenile forms of any invasive species shall be immediately banned from operation or installation or use on the lake and quarantined or removed from the development, subject to fine, per LPA's schedule of fines and reported to the Iowa DNR for further enforcement. For member-owned vessels or water-related equipment, all existing boat permits will be revoked and no new permit shall be issued for a period of one year. Non-member vessels shall be quarantined at an approved location during the period the non-member is staying at Lake Panorama. Non-members shall be permanently banned from vessel usage at Lake Panorama.

2. Member and non-member owned vessels or water-related equipment found to have water in live wells, motors, bilge or ballast tanks, or found to have plant or animal material, including mud, shall be refused boating privileges, reported to the Iowa DNR for further enforcement, and be quarantined away from the lake development until such time as all water has been removed from the boat and all surfaces power-washed with hot water (140 degrees), or tanks and motors dried for a minimum of five days (or in the case of non-members—quarantined until their stay is over.) Members shall be fined according to LPA's schedule of fines. The cleaning, draining, drying and/or other procedures completion shall be certified by LPA or marina personnel.

3. Non-member vessels launched in Lake Panorama and shown to have been in another water body without proper cleaning procedures or emptying of tanks shall be immediately removed from the lake and owner/operators shall be reported to the Iowa DNR for additional enforcement. The vessel and owners/operators shall be permanently banned from boating on Lake Panorama.

4. Member-owned vessels launched in Lake Panorama and shown to have been in another water body without proper cleaning or drying prior to launch here shall be immediately removed from the lake, fined per LPA's schedule of fines, and reported to the Iowa DNR for the enforcement of State Law. Boat permits for said vessels shall be immediately revoked and the vessel be banned from the lake for a period of one year.

5. Owners or operators shown to have falsified information on invasive species questionnaires shall be permanently banned from operating vessels on Lake Panorama and all boat permits for the current year revoked.

6. Vessels and owner/operators banned from lake usage or with revoked boat permits shall be restored to lake usage only upon the completion of the time of penalty designated in these rules and by showing proficiency in the knowledge of invasive species introduction by completion of a new user questionnaire and demonstrating a proper inspection of boat and trailer for search for invasive species to designated personnel.

(f.) All member and non-member vessel operators intending to boat on Lake Panorama shall be notified of these regulations through means approved by the general manager including, but not limited to, brochures, signs, email, letters, newspaper articles, website announcements, etc.

(g.) These rules shall be summarized and posted at all boat ramps. Rules posted must include all basic regulations. Signs shall constitute valid notification of these rules.

(h.) No water-related equipment such as boats and lifts previously installed at any other water body shall be moved to or installed at Lake Panorama.

(1.) Water-related equipment shown to have been thoroughly drained, cleaned, dried and treated may be considered for permission to install, but only in the boating season following removal from a previous water body, and only after thorough inspection to confirm clean status.

(i.) Boat stickers of vessels banned from the lake shall be removed and either returned to designated LPA personnel, or destroyed and evidence of destruction provided. No refund of permit fees shall be provided.

(j.) To assist in preventing the spread of invasives species, no invitational activities, tournaments, contests, or demonstrations shall be allowed at Lake Panorama unless explicitly approved by the LPA Board of Directors.

# Boat Sticker Application

All stickers (except for personal watercraft) go midway between bow & stern on left-hand (facing forward) or port.

Full-size vessels – 10 horsepower and up (except personal watercraft) Invasive sticker to the right of LPA sticker.



Personal Watercraft stickers go on front column as high as possible with invasive sticker above LPA sticker, so both are visible from the front.



Kayaks, paddleboards, canoes and paddleboats



Vessels under 10 horsepower



Invasive species sticker (green RESIDENT vessel or red NON-RESIDENT vessel) go in the same locations so it can easily be determined an invasive sticker is attached to the vessel and the LPA sticker is current.





Kayaks, paddleboards, canoes, paddleboats, and vessels under 10 horsepower should place the LPA sticker midway on the port (left side facing towards the front of the vessel) with the invasive sticker to the right or above depending upon fit. Be sure the numbers are visible.

# LPA Boating Guide

In addition to the registration and operation regulations for boating on Lake Panorama, marked navigational buoys are the “traffic signs” on the lake. The buoys dictate rules and regulations for boat operation and safety hazards that exist. Boat operators are responsible to follow the navigational buoys markings. Lake Patrol is authorized by the LPA Board of Directors to warn and/or ticket violations of all boating regulations as they occur. The following is a general guide to the navigational buoys at Lake Panorama.



## Warning Buoys

Are marked with the diamond and can warn of hazards, shallows, and prohibited boating areas. Select hazard buoys have an AMBER or YELLOW light on them. Stay clear of these lights when travelling at night.

**Crossed Diamond markings** mean Keep out of this area. Hazards indicate shallow areas or individual hazards. Stay clear or operate very carefully. **You have been warned.**



## Center Line

These buoys mark the center line of narrow areas of the lake. These buoys have a WHITE light on them. Boaters should always keep on the right side of these markers.



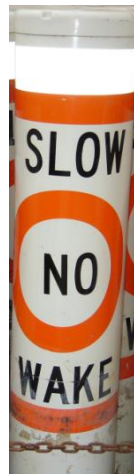
Stay 50 feet from the shoreline when going over 10 mph or 100 feet if towing skiers or tubes.

## No Wake or Speed Limit

These buoys mark the entrances to small coves and the furthest portions of larger coves. No wake boating means traveling slow enough to not produce a wake, to avoid creating shoreline erosion and avoid shallow water problems.

### Large Coves

Have speed limits posted in the circle. The limits are enforced.



## Danger DAM

This should be self-explanatory. No boating is permitted near the dam due to safety considerations.

The bascule gates have water flowing over the top and are dangerous to be near, especially in high flow conditions.

