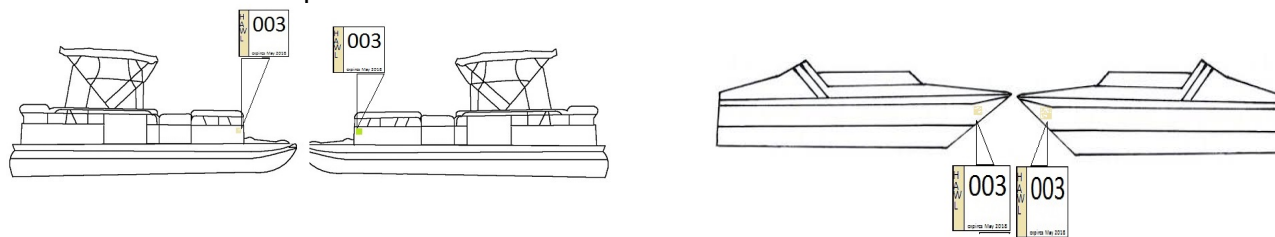


Mandatory Placement of Motor Powered Boat Decals

HAWL boat decals must be attached in a location visible from each side of the vessel while the boat is on the water. Please see below example.



HAWL GENERAL BOAT RULES

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Three lake violations in one boat decal season will result in the revoking of all boat decals for the property owner.

DEFINITIONS

1. **Personal Water Craft (PWC)** - Personal Water Craft are small, inboard powered boats that use water jets for propulsion. They are designed for use by one or two people, and in some cases, three people. They are small and highly maneuverable. PWC's are powerboats and must observe the same rules as larger motorboats. They must carry required equipment as do other inboard powered boats. **No specialty prop-craft motorboats or jet ski motorboats or PWC shall be allowed on HAWL waters.**
2. **Motor Boat** - Any boat equipped with internal combustion propulsion machinery is a motor boat.
3. **Sailboat** - A boat powered by wind and sails. May or may not have an auxiliary engine. Sailboats are less maneuverable and must be given traffic priority over other watercraft; however, they are subject to the General Boat Rules.
4. **"No Wake" Area** - Those areas marked, as in coves, as well as the areas within 100 feet from the shore of the main lake.
5. **Open Lake** - Those areas of the main lake exclusive of the "no wake" areas is considered the open lake.
6. **Night Time** - The period of time between 30 minutes after sundown to 30 minutes before sunrise.

BOATS - Personal water craft (jet skis) are not permitted. Boats without a current boat decal displayed are prohibited from utilizing the lake and other boating facilities. All motor powered boats must be registered annually. Manual powered boats (paddle boats, rafts, kayaks, canoes, boats with a trolling motors, etc.) require a one-time registration. Only boats belonging to the Property Owner can be registered - no exceptions. When applying for a decal, bring serial number, make, model, proof of length, and color of boat. **Excluding manual powered vessels, either a copy of the boat title or state registration in the Property Owner's name only, proof of \$300,000.00 marine liability insurance in the Property Owner's name, and proof of boat length must be provided to the HAWL office. The insurance paperwork must indicate that it is a boat/marine policy and must list the specific boat serial number and the Property Owner's name. Boats covered under the Property Owner's home insurance must also indicate on the policy the serial number of the boat(s) being registered as well as the Property Owner's name. If the policy does not list this, then documentation must be received on the insurance company's letterhead prior to the boat decal being issued.** Guest boats will not be allowed on the lake.

BOATING RULES

The use of any wake enhancing devices, including ballast tanks, wedges or hydrofoils or other mechanical devices, or uneven loading of persons or gear is prohibited. (No wake surfing is allowed.)

1. Observe all Mississippi Boating Laws with respect to safety.
2. Obey all traffic signs on the Lake.
3. Property Owners are responsible for the actions of their residents and guests at all times.
4. If launching boat from community launching area by the Lodge, park vehicle and trailer behind tennis courts. Avoid using Lodge parking lot if possible. Do not park vehicle in boat launching area or pavilion area. Loading/unloading only permitted. If launching at Westside Marina, do not park so as to block traffic or access to the launching ramp.
5. Docking of boats in the boat launch area or at the launch pier in order to use adjacent facilities is prohibited.
6. Boats which are not registered with HAWL and guest boats will not be allowed on the lake at any time. Current decals must be attached in a location visible from each side of the vessel while the boat is on the water. Excluding manual powered vessels, all boats on the lake must have proof of \$300,000 minimum marine liability insurance in order to purchase a boat decal and either a copy of the boat title or state registration in the Property Owner's name only.
7. Speed Limit: 40 MPH on open lake during daylight hours and "No Wake" speed at night or during periods of limited visibility.
8. There is to be no skiing or PWC boats on the lake during nighttime, during periods of limited visibility, or when the light is flashing on the roof of the Lodge. All boats will then be limited to "No Wake" speed.
9. Do not operate any watercraft while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
10. All boat traffic must travel in a **counter-clockwise** direction on the open lake.
11. Boats are not to exceed 24 feet in length. Original owners of larger boats registered prior to June 1, 1994, are exempt from this ruling.
12. All watercraft shall operate at idle speed in marked "No Wake" areas including marinas, bays, coves, and within 100 feet adjacent to the shoreline in the open lake.
13. Swimming in the vicinity of the marina launch areas shall be in the designated beach area only. For safety reasons, swimmers should not be farther than 50 feet from shore in the open lake. Swim at your own risk.

14. Boats anchored in open lake must be no further than 100' from shore and any swimmer from that boat must stay within 100' from shore. BOATS MAY NOT ANCHOR TO THE BUOYS.
15. When any motorboat, sailboat or PWC is under power, all persons riding therein shall remain within the watercraft; no person shall hang over the bow, stern or gunwales (side).
16. There shall be at least two persons in any boat which is towing a water skier, ski board, knee board, tube, or any other flotation device/vehicle; one to operate the boat and the other to face and observe the progress and safety of the person being towed. The boat operator of the towing vessel must be at least 15 years of age. The observer must be at least 10 years of age. It is mandatory that the person being towed wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD).
17. A tow boat must not enter into the "No Wake" area with a skier; however, the skier may swing in to the 100 foot area to drop skis. All water craft and skiers must stay 75 feet from any other watercraft or person. No boat shall follow closer than 150 feet behind a person being towed.
18. The basic requirements for all water craft defined in DEFINITIONS 1, 2, and 3, operating on HAWL waters are as follows:
 - i. A USCG approved personal flotation device (PFD) for each person on board.
 - ii. Every person 12 years of age or younger is required to wear a USCG approved PFD while underway in the open lake in any watercraft defined in DEFINITIONS 1, 2, and 3, or in any canoe or kayak.
 - iii. Red and green running lights mounted on the bow. Green to starboard (right side) and red to port (left side) and all around white light on the stern if operating at night.
 - iv. Fire extinguisher if inboard engine or enclosed fuel compartments.
19. All operators born after June 30, 1980, must have successfully completed a boater education course approved by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks to legally operate a vessel. Anyone under the age of 12 years while operating a vessel must be accompanied by a person 21 years or older.
20. At no time shall any unauthorized person move or tamper with any marker or buoy on HAWL waters.
21. Follow all safety rules for your own protection as well as others. All accidents must be reported to the HAWL office as soon as possible.
22. Citations will be issued for violations of the General Boat Rules. Property Owners are responsible for the actions of their residents and guests. Property Owner's boat decal privileges on all their boats will be revoked for the remainder of the boating season should their lot incur three lake violations in one boat decal season.
23. Before launching a boat, empty bilge water and remove any vegetation from the boat/trailer.
24. Trot lines, jug fishing, and fish traps are not allowed.
25. Kill Switch Best Practice: Use your kill switch device. In the event that you lose control of your boat or accidentally fall overboard, it will save you or one of your boaters.

SAFETY ON THE LAKE – RULES FOR RECREATIONAL BOATERS

Property Owners - Safety on the lake is a priority. If you should see any boat causing unsafe conditions on the lake: DO NOT WAIT; call security immediately at 601-798-1247.

Please remember if you live on the main lake, you will experience some wake which is part of main lake living. It is imperative that your boat be tied down accordingly and all furniture must be secured.

THREE LAKE VIOLATIONS IN ONE BOAT DECAL SEASON WILL RESULT IN THE REVOKING OF ALL BOAT DECALS FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER. AN EXPIRED DECAL IS CONSIDERED A VIOLATION.

1. All boat traffic must travel in a COUNTER-CLOCKWISE DIRECTION on the open "Main Lake" and stay a minimum of 100' from shore and docks.
2. All watercraft shall operate at idle speed in marked "No Wake" areas including marinas, bays, coves, and within 100' adjacent to the shoreline in the open lake.
3. Boats anchored in the open main lake must be between the buoys and the dam/spillway. BOATS MAY NOT ANCHOR TO THE BUOYS. The area behind the buoys is a "No Wake" zone. A wake is defined as the swell, moving waves, produced by a vessel passing through water.
4. Speed and wake control is the responsibility of the vessel operator to ensure the "Main Lake Wake" being produced will cause no discomfort, hazard, injury, or damage to any surrounding person, vessel, or property. The operator must immediately suspend vessel operation if causing unsafe conditions.
5. There shall be at least two persons in any boat which is towing a water skier, ski board, knee board, tube, or other flotation device/vehicle: one to operate the boat and the other to face and observe the progress and safety of the person being towed.
6. A tow boat must not enter into the "No Wake" area with a skier; however, the skier may swing into the 100 foot area to drop skis. All watercraft and skiers must stay 75' from any other watercraft or person.
7. Every person 12 years of age or younger is required to wear a USCG approved PFD while underway in the open lake in any watercraft.
8. Speed Limit: 40 mph on open lake during daylight hours and "No Wake" speed at night, during periods of low visibility, or when the light is flashing on the roof of the Lodge. At night idle speed and "No Wake" must be observed. Please be aware that it is mandatory for lights to be lit on the boat at night. The location of the lights are as follows: green to starboard bow (front right side) and red to port bow (front left side) and all around white light on the stern (back) is operating at night.
9. Do not operate any watercraft while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
10. Use of any wake enhancing devices, including ballast tanks, wedges or hydrofoils or other mechanical devices, or uneven loading of persons or gear is prohibited. (No wake surfing is allowed.)

Property Owners assume full responsibility and liability for any and all property damages or injury resulting from the operation of their vessel, regardless if the Property Owner is present.