



## **POVERTY POINT RESERVOIR STATE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **Boating Operations & Use of the Marina**

By entering the Poverty Point Reservoir State Park, all visitors agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the Louisiana Office of State Parks. The following is an excerpt of rules related to boating operations and boater safety.

1. No person shall operate a vessel:
  - a. In a careless or reckless manner.
  - b. At a speed greater than headway speed (i.e. the speed just fast enough that the operator can steer) within 50 feet of a shoreline, structures or swimmers.
  - c. At a speed greater than 20 mph (or minimum planing speed) when traveling between sunset and sunrise.
  - d. With an idle speed that exceeds 85 decibels. If a vessel is equipped with an optional exhaust noise suppression device, the device must be engaged while the vessel is in a No Wake Zone.
  - e. In designated beach swimming areas.
  - f. That is not properly registered with and in compliance with all regulations of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.
  - g. Without a current day use receipt or Resident Boat Permit.
2. No person shall moor a boat to any buoy or other man-made structure other than a dock built specifically for mooring.
3. No person shall ski or tow a skier:
  - a. In any area outside of a designated skiing area.
  - b. Between one half-hour after sunset and one half-hour before sunrise.
4. No person shall operate a personal watercraft (e.g. jet ski, sea-do) on Poverty Point Reservoir.

In addition to any other penalties provided by law, violations of the above rules may result in fines, criminal action and/or eviction from the park.

Visitors using the Poverty Point Marina Complex agree to maintain a safe, tidy, quiet environment so as not to infringe on the enjoyment or safety of other visitors. The following is an excerpt of rules related to the use of the Marina Complex.

1. Boat Owners and their invitees shall not bring materials to the Marina or engage in activities in the Marina that may threaten the health and safety of themselves or other visitors, damage the Marina, or be a nuisance to other visitors. To that end, Boat Owners and their invitees shall not:
  - a. Store hazardous or flammable material in the Slip area (with the exception of normal fuel storage in the Boat).
  - b. Utilize BBQ pits, fish fryers, meat smokers, seafood boilers or similar equipment in the Marina.
  - c. Have open flames in the Marina.
  - d. Paint or remove paint in the Marina.

- e. Permit fuel to be delivered to the Boat or fuel the Boat while in the Marina. Fueling must take place in areas designated for that purpose.
  - f. Play or allow to be played any radio, television, stereo, loudspeaker, or amplified noise where such can be seen or heard from outside the Slip. No antenna, satellite dish, or other projection may be placed on the Slip in a location where it can be seen.
  - g. Bring pets into the Marina.
  - h. Create a disturbing wake in the Marina.
  - i. Use the State's sewerage pump-out facilities without the assistance of State personnel.
2. Boat Owners and their invitees shall be responsible for ensuring a clean and tidy environment in the Marina. Every Boat Owner and invitee shall:
    - a. Remove all refuse from the Boat and Slip and place in designated receptacles.
    - b. Store hoses, shorelines, and gear in State-approved storage lockers.
    - c. Place storage lockers on the end of the dock finger so as not to interfere with the view or access of other Boat Owners.
    - d. Provide the State with keys to the storage locker and Boat, to be used for emergency purposes only.
    - e. Keep the bathroom and shower area clean.
    - f. Not perform or allow performance of major repairs or maintenance on Boat while moored in the Marina. Boat Owner may request the State's approval to permit mechanics or craftsmen to perform minor work on the Boat while moored in the Marina. State will not unreasonably deny approval if the work will not cause a safety hazard or nuisance, infringe on the enjoyment of others, and the worker(s) can present a certificate of insurance evidencing liability and worker's compensation coverage.
    - g. Report maintenance and repair needs immediately to the State.
  3. Boat Owners and their invitees must enter the Marina from the park's designated entry points.
  4. Boat Owners and their invitees may NOT spend the night on the Boat in the Marina unless the Boat Owner, in his Marina Slip Rental Agreement, has selected the overnight rental option.
  5. Boat Owners who have overnight privileges must abide by all rules of the Office of State Parks pertaining to overnight occupancy including, but not limited to the following:
    - a. Neither a Boat Owner nor any invitee may establish permanent residency in the Marina.
    - b. There is a 15-night maximum overnight stay permitted in the Marina.

In addition to any other penalties provided by law, violations of these rules may result in fines, eviction from the park, and/or termination on the Boat Owner's Slip Rental Agreement.



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