

Dear Indian Lake Lot Owners:

Just a reminder that the Lake remains closed presently to ALL recreational activity. The closure is for safety reasons. The present pool level, even assuming you could get a boat into the lake, presents many unseen hazards that one would normally not encounter when the lake is at normal pool level. Additionally, the lowering of the lake has a tendency to cause previously submerged logs to float, which are difficult to see and avoid when boating at speed. While I am sure everyone is anxious, especially given some of the warmer temperatures we have experienced in the past few weeks, I would ask for your understanding, patience and compliance.

Once the lake is within a foot of normal pool, I will ease the restriction and permit those with licensed non-powered boats (e.g. kayaks, canoes, etc) to use the lake. Once the lake reaches normal pool level and we have had an opportunity to do a sweep for floating debris, we will re-open the lake for recreational power boating and fishing.

Also, as another reminder - be sure to get your Indian Lake stickers on your boat before it is put into the water. If you rely on the Marina to put your boat in the water, please realize that there is no easy way for the Marina to verify who has obtained stickers and who has not. As a result, the Marina staff cannot assist with compliance. Therefore, you can either make arrangements with the Marina personnel to get your sticker on prior to them putting it in the water, or coordinate with the Marina staff as to when your boat is launched and placed at your dock so that you can make arrangements to visit the lake and get your stickers on. As we have some additional time this spring while we wait for the lake to refill, it is believed that compliance should not be an issue.

As for Police, they will be checking boats at docks for current registrations. If you have obtained your sticker but did not get it on your boat before it was put in the water, you will get a warning - essentially a reminder that you must affix your sticker before taking the boat onto the lake; however, if your boat has been put in the water and you have not yet applied and obtained your sticker, you will be subject to a citation consistent with the provisions of the Indian Lake Boating Ordinance. Our goal is not to write citations. Instead we hope to give all a reason to be proactive. Additionally we hope to avoid the problems experienced every year due to some folks waiting until just before a holiday weekend to try and get stickers and being frustrated because our staff is not available on the weekend to process an application. Get your application requests (with your state registration, insurance card, and appropriate fee) mailed into Theresa at the Borough office. If you have not received your registration application, please contact Theresa at the Borough office and ensure that she has the appropriate address. Registration applications were mailed in March.

As we have nothing but rain on the forecast for the next week - let's hope we get enough so that the lake re-fills quickly. I will send out a broadcast e-mail to advise when the lake has been re-opened.

Thanks for your anticipated patience and cooperation.

With kind regards,

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