



Indian Lake Borough

Office of the Mayor

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NOTICE - LAKE RE-OPENED TO POWER BOATS – NO WAKE SPEED ONLY

After the rainfall received on Sunday evening and Monday morning, the lake level has risen to a level that is within 12 inches of normal pool level (we are still down a foot). On that basis, and based on requests by many residents, I have agreed to re-open the lake to powerboat traffic (not including personal watercraft) provided that operation of any powerboat be limited to no wake speeds only.

Please understand that there remain substantial risks to either placing your boat on the lake or operating a powerboat on the lake given that the lake level remains 12" below normal pool level. These risks include but are not limited to:

1. Floating debris (some has been removed but more exists).
2. Underwater hazards (e.g. stumps, logs, or other obstructions) that cannot be seen but are sufficiently close to the surface to contact the hull, prop or motor of your boat.

Additionally, Marc Alaia of the marina advises that some lifts are not accessible with the lake at the current level and mooring your boat to your dock could result in substantial damage to the sides given that the boat will be one foot lower than usual. Boat owners are advised to exercise caution and place your boat on the lake only if you determine that it is safe to do so and if you are willing to encounter the risks associated with doing so.

For those wishing to knowingly encounter these risks, you are free to use your powerboats on the lake – again at **NO WAKE SPEED ONLY**. This limited use authority **DOES NOT EXTEND TO PERSONAL WATERCRAFT and NO TOWING OF SKIERS/TUBES/KNEEBOARDERS ETC. IS PERMITTED.**

That said, you may notice a Jet Ski traveling on the lake at above wake speed periodically. This individual (Mr. Crespo) is a contractor who has been hired to conduct goose harassment. You may also notice certain power boats from the Marina traveling at above wake speed in the area of the marina. The Marina has been granted an exemption to conduct demo rides for prospective boat purchasers. Do not assume based on the exemptions granted to marina personnel or Mr. Crespo that these exemptions apply across the board. Should you see someone traveling at above wake speed, please be a good neighbor and advise them to slow down consistent with the current restrictions and their own safety. Police will patrol the lake and those violating the no wake restriction will be subject to substantial fines permitted under Ordinance 116. As always, our goal is safety - not to write citations.

While we all look forward to a return to normal lake levels so that the lake can be re-opened to normal traffic, it is hoped that this relaxation of the restrictions will permit you to enjoy the lake somewhat.

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Michael Miscoe

Mayor, Indian Lake Borough