

2010 Nebraska BOATING GUIDE



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This is Only a Summary Guide

Boaters are responsible for knowing the regulations and statutes (state laws) before boating in Nebraska. Failure to do so is not an excuse.

This publication is a summary guide to those regulations and statutes. To read or download them, visit the following links:

Regulations:

<http://www.ngpc.state.ne.us/admin/regulations/regulations.asp>

Statutes:

<http://law.justia.com/nebraska/codes/s37index/s37index.html>

REQUIREMENTS

DEFINITIONS

- **Motorboat** – Any vessel propelled by any form of mechanical power, including an electric trolling motor.
- **Personal Watercraft** – A class of inboard vessel less than 16 feet in length that uses an internal combustion engine powering a jet pump as its primary source of motive propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing, or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of boat operation.
- **Sailboard** – A surfboard-type vessel with no freeboard and using a free-sail system with a swivel-mounted mast not secured to a hull by guys or stays.
- **Vessel** – Every description of watercraft, other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.
- **Starboard** – The right side of a vessel.
- **Port** – The left side of a vessel.
- **Bow** – The front of a vessel.
- **Stern** – The rear of a vessel.
- **Leeward** – Downwind.
- **No Wake Speed** – Speed at which a vessel does not produce a wake, not to exceed 5 mph.

Who May Operate a Motorboat

Anyone operating a motorboat or personal watercraft in Nebraska must be at least 18 years of age but can be ages 14 through 17 if they have successfully completed the Nebraska boating safety course and are in possession of a valid certificate card. (See page 6.)

Registration

Length of Registration – Nebraska motorboat registrations are issued for three-year periods, expiring on Dec. 31 of the third year. No motorboat may be operated after Dec. 31 without the registration being renewed.

Where to Get a New Registration – Registrations may be obtained only from the county treasurer in the boater's county of residence.

Where to Renew a Registration – Registrations may be renewed at OutdoorNebraska.org/boating or at county treasurer offices.

Duplicate – A duplicate certificate will be issued by the county treasurer on proof of loss for a \$5 replacement fee and \$4 issuing fee.

Proof of Registration – The registration certificate must be available for law enforcement inspection at any time.

What Must Be Registered – All vessels powered by any mechanical device (gas, electric and diesel) capable of propelling the vessel over any public or private waters of Nebraska (including the Missouri River and Lewis and Clark Lake) must be registered.

Exceptions:

- vessels not powered by machinery at any time
- motorboats registered in another state and housed in Nebraska less than 60 consecutive days
- vessels owned by any government or political sub-division
- racing-type motorboats when competing in state-approved races and during trial runs 48 hours before or 48 hours after competition
- vessels documented by U.S. Coast Guard

Classifications and Fees – The following fees are for the different classifications of vessels, including the length range in feet:

Class	Length	* Fee
1	** shorter than 16 feet	\$23
2	at least 16 but less than 26 feet	\$46
3	at least 26 but less than 40 feet	\$67.50
4	40 feet and over	\$115
5	dealers/manufacturers for demonstration or testing	\$46

* fee does not include \$4 issuing fee ** registering canoes and kayaks is optional

Note: If an application for a motorboat not previously registered in Nebraska by the applicant is made after the start of a registration period, the license fee will be reduced by 1/36 for each full month of the registration period already expired, as of the date the boat was acquired.

Change of Address – Anyone with a valid boat registration who changes his address shall, within 15 days, notify the Commission of the new address.

Transfer of Ownership – The boat owner shall furnish the Commission notice of transfer of all or any part of his interest, within 15 days of the effective date. If the transfer of part ownership does not affect the owner’s right to operate the motorboat, the transaction will not affect the registration.

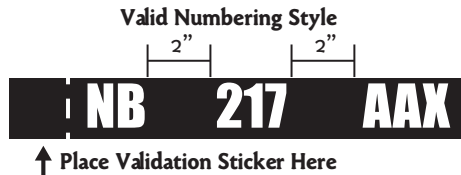
Destruction or Abandonment – The owner shall notify the Commission of the destruction or abandonment of any vessel within 15 days, which will terminate the registration.

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NUMBERING

Placement and Display – The assigned numbers designated on the registration shall be placed on each side of the forward half of the vessel, reading left to right in one horizontal plane.

- Numbering shall start with the validation sticker, followed by the two capital block letters “NB,” then a 2-inch space, then three or four digits in a numerical group, then a 2-inch space, and finally two or three capital block letters.
- Letters and numbers will be block figures at least 3 inches in height, of contrasting color and visible for 100 feet.
- Purchase of the letters and numbers, except the validation sticker and the attachment to the motorboat, are the responsibility of the owner.
- No numbers and letters other than the registration numbers, letters and validation stickers shall be displayed on any mechanically powered boat on either side of the forward half of the vessel.



Purchasers of Previously Owned Boats – All registrations are nontransferable. Even if the motorboat you recently purchased is displaying a current validation sticker, you must register this motorboat in your name within 30 days of operation on the waters of this state.

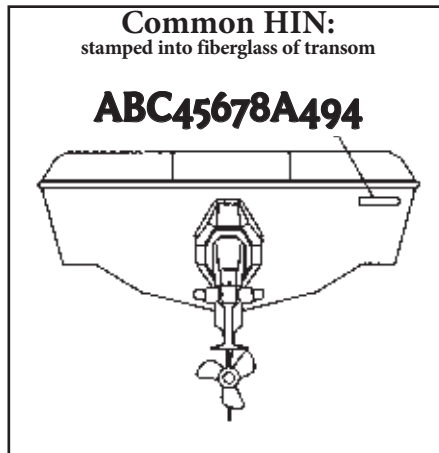
Dealer Numbers – A person engaged in the manufacture or sale of boats can obtain registrations for use in testing or demonstrating motorboats by payment of \$46, plus a \$4 issuing fee for each registration needed. Dealer numbers temporarily will be affixed in the prescribed position on the boat.

TITLE

Who Must Obtain a Title – All first-time owners of newly acquired motorized vessels must obtain a title from the county clerk in the county where the owner resides before the county treasurer will issue or renew a registration. A boat must be titled before it may be sold. All boats made before 1972 are exempt from titling, but not from registration.

Hull Identification Number – Federal law requires all boats manufactured after Nov. 1, 1972, including homemade boats, display a 12-character Hull Identification Number (HIN).

- The character of each HIN must be at least a quarter-inch high and located to the starboard outboard side of the transom within 2 inches of the top of the transom, gunwale or hull/deck joint, whichever is lowest.
- If a motorboat has no HIN, a new one will need to be obtained from the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) before a title and registration can be issued. Applications for HIN are available from the DMV or county treasurer.
- Any person who operates a motorboat that requires a certificate of title without having that title shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.
- Any person who operates a motorboat that requires a HIN without that number shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.



BOATER EDUCATION

Requirement – Boater education is open to anyone, but anyone ages 14 through 17 who operates a motorboat or personal watercraft in Nebraska must have successfully completed the Nebraska boating safety course.

Options – Boaters have two options to fulfill the boater education requirement:

- Attend a six-hour Nebraska boating safety course with a proctored exam.
- Request class materials for home study, then attend a two-hour Nebraska boating safety course review with a proctored exam.

Exam – Seventy-five percent of the answers must be correct to pass the proctored exam.

Where to Find Classes – Visit OutdoorNebraska.org/boating to view a schedule.

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EQUIPMENT

Fire Extinguisher – Any inboard/outboard or inboard motorboat that has a closed compartment, closed living spaces or permanently installed fuel tanks must have a fire extinguisher according to the following guidelines:

- Classes 1 and 2 – one U.S. Coast Guard-approved type B-I fire extinguisher
- Class 3 – two U.S. Coast Guard-approved B-I or one B-II fire extinguisher
- Class 4 – three U.S. Coast Guard-approved B-I or two B-II fire extinguishers
- All airboats must carry the number of fire extinguishers according to their classification.

(See page 4 for classification of vessels.)

Note: Fire extinguishers are not required for outboard motorboats less than 26 feet in length of open construction that do not carry passengers for hire.

Oars – Every vessel, except personal watercraft, sailboards or similar devices and classes 3 or 4 motorboats, shall carry an oar or paddle.

Bailing Bucket – Every vessel, except personal watercraft, sailboards or similar devices, shall be equipped with a bailing bucket, efficient bilge pump or sponge.

Muffler – Exhaust of all internal combustion engines used on motorboats shall be effectively muffled in a reasonable manner. It shall be unlawful to operate any motorboat in such a manner as to exceed a noise level of 96 decibels when measured at 100 feet when the motorboat is on plane.

Whistle or Bell – Every vessel of classes 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall have an efficient whistle or other mechanical sound-producing device. Every mechanically powered boat of Class 4 shall be equipped with an efficient bell.

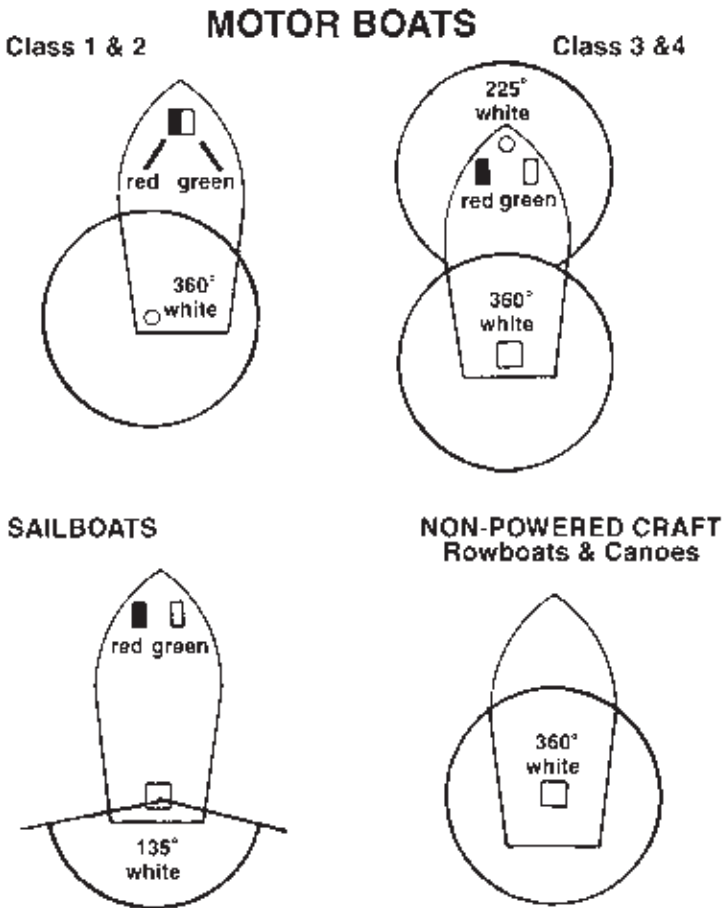
Flame Arrestor – Every motorboat, with an inboard motor using gasoline, shall have the carburetor equipped with an efficient flame arrestor or similar device. These devices shall meet U.S. Coast Guard approval.

Ventilation – Every motorboat, except those of open construction, using volatile liquid fuel shall have a prescribed venting system for bilges and the fuel-tank compartment.

LIGHTING

All vessels in use from sunset to sunrise, shall display lights as specified. No other lights may be used, except a spotlight for difficult navigation.

- Every white light prescribed shall be visible at a distance of at least 2 miles
- Every colored light prescribed shall be visible at a distance of at least 1 mile, showing green to starboard and red to port and screened to show from dead ahead to 22.5 degrees rearward on the respective side.
- All mechanically powered sailboats shall display the lights required for that class of mechanically powered boat.
- All motorboats and sailboats shall carry a lantern or flashlight for emergencies.
- All anchored vessels shall display the 360-degree white light, except while anchored in a docking or anchorage area.



FLOTATION DEVICES

Every vessel of any description, except sailboards, must carry one U.S. Coast Guard-approved Type I, II, III or V flotation device of suitable size for each person on board. Every vessel, except sailboards, personal watercraft, canoes, and kayaks, in addition to the required wearable life preservers also shall carry one U.S. Coast Guard-approved Type IV throwable device.

Types of Devices:



Type I – Offshore Life Jacket — This is designed to turn a person who is unconscious in the water to a vertical or slightly backward position.



Type II – Near-Shore Buoyant Vest — This is designed to turn a person who is unconscious in the water to a vertical or slightly backward position.



Type III – Flotation Aid — This is designed to keep a person who is conscious in the water in a vertical or slightly backward position. It has less turning ability than Type II and is designed for water activities, such as skiing.



Type IV – Throwable Device — This is designed to be thrown to a person in the water.



Type V – Special-Use Device — This is designed only for specific activities. Check label for limits of use. Varieties include board sailing vests, deck suits, work vests, hybrid personal flotation devices, and others.

SAFETY

DIVER'S FLAG



The diver's flag must be displayed in Nebraska whenever diving or underwater-powered spear-fishing to give fair warning to boaters of a diver in the area.

Also:

- Scuba divers are reminded to display the diver's flag and stay within 150 feet of their flag.
- Divers may not dive within 200 feet of the outer limits of any designated swimming area, boat mooring, docking, or launching area.
- Boaters must maintain a distance of 150 feet from a diver's flag, except law enforcement boats, rescue boats and boats engaged in the diving operations.

ORANGE FLAG



Whenever a water skier/tuber, surfboarder or any person engaged in a similar activity or associated equipment, is down in the water the operator or observer of the tow boat must display a hunter orange flag of a size not less than 12 inches square or at least 144 square inches. This flag must be visible 360 degrees.

REPORTING ACCIDENTS

- It shall be the duty of the operator of a vessel involved in a collision, accident or other casualty to give his name, address and the identification of his vessel in writing to any person injured and to the owner of any property damaged.
- The operator of every vessel involved in a boating accident is required to file a written report whenever a boating accident results in loss of life, disappearance of a person, loss of consciousness, medical treatment, disability for more than 24 hours, or property damage in excess of \$500. Reports in death, disappearance and injury cases must be made within 48 hours; reports of other cases are required within five days. Written reports shall be submitted to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Report forms may be downloaded at OutdoorNebraska.org.
- The owner of a vessel shall be liable for any injury or damage caused by the negligent operation of any powered vessel. The owner shall not be liable if the vessel is being used without the consent of the owner unless the operator is a member of his immediate family.

UNSAFE VESSELS

- No overloaded vessels shall be operated on Nebraska waters. All vessels when loaded must retain at least one-half of the total depth of the boat above the water when measured at the center of the vessel and must meet the requirement of the manufacturer's capacity plate.
- If any conservation officer or other law enforcement official of Nebraska sees a vessel being operated without the proper equipment or with any other unsafe condition, he or she may direct the operator to correct the situation immediately or return to mooring until the hazard is corrected.

RULES

UNIFORM STATE WATERWAY MARKERS



Orange and white diamond shape with cross means **"Boats Keep Out."**



Orange and white diamond shape warns of **"Danger."**



Orange and white circle marks **"Controlled Area"** as indicated within circle.



Orange and white square or rectangle gives **"Information, Names, Distances, and Permitted Activities."**

CHANNEL BUOYS/LATERAL SYSTEM (Found on the Missouri River)

Always pass between a green buoy and its companion red buoy.



When Headed Upstream – Keep red buoys to your right and green buoys to your left.

When Headed Downstream – Keep green buoys to your right and red buoys to your left.



RIGHT OF WAY

Audible Signals – When two vessels are approaching each other head on or nearly so, each operator shall swing the bow of his motorboat to the starboard to pass. Each operator shall give one short blast of the whistle and indicate his course by swinging the bow of his motorboat substantially to starboard. Unnecessary sounding of whistles, horns, bells, or other sound-producing devices is prohibited.

Maneuvering and Warning Signals:

Overtaking on the starboard side	1 short* blast
Overtaking on the port side	2 short blasts
Backing up	3 short blasts
Danger	5 or more short blasts

* A short blast is approximately one second.

NAVIGATION RULES

Vessel traffic shall be governed by the following rules:

- When passing from rear — pass to other vessel's port.
- When passing head on — pass port to port.
- When passing at right angles — vessel at right has right of way.
- Manually propelled vessels have the right of way over all other vessels.
- Sailboats have the right of way over all motor-driven vessels.
- Motorboats, when meeting or overtaking sailboats, shall always pass on the leeward side.
- Any vessel backing from a landing has the right of way over incoming vessels.

UNLAWFUL PRACTICES

It is unlawful to:

- operate or give permission for the operation of a vessel that is not equipped as required.
- exceed the speeds posted or charted in any specific zone or area. Speed always must be reasonable and proper in consideration of the conditions prevailing at that time and place.
- travel at speeds exceeding 5 mph/no excessive wake limit in or within 30 yards of any vessel, harbor, marina, landing pier, fishing pier, anchorage, or bathing beach.
- operate a motorboat with a blood alcohol content of .08 percent or greater. Doing so constitutes Boating Under the Influence (BUI) and carries a penalty of up to \$1,000 fine, up to six months in jail and the loss of boating privileges for six months. Refusal to submit to a chemical blood alcohol test will result in the same penalties as BUI.

- operate a personal watercraft between sunset and sunrise.
- operate any vessel within any area marked off or set aside as prohibited.
- swim or bathe in any marinas or within 20 yards of launching, mooring or docking areas.
- tie off any vessel or attach one to any buoy, marker or navigational aid on any waters in this state.
- place or leave, in any public waters, any vessel not safe for operation.
- allow any child under 13 years of age aboard any vessel when not wearing a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life preserver, of suitable size, except when hunting waterfowl in an anchored boat. The operator shall be held responsible for compliance.
- operate a personal watercraft without wearing a lanyard-type engine cutoff switch.
- jump a wake with a motorized vessel within 50 yards of another craft.
- jump the wake of any boat that is towing a skier, tuber, wakeboarder, etc.
- for any boat operator, including personal watercraft, under 16 years of age to tow a skier, tuber, wakeboarder, etc.

OTHER INFORMATION

RENTALS

Owners of motorboats for rent shall keep a record of the name and address of persons renting vessels designated or permitted by him to be propelled by any mechanical device. The record, including boat identification number, departure date and time and expected time of return, shall be preserved for at least six months. Rental motorboats shall include all equipment prescribed by law for that class of boat. It shall be unlawful for any motorboat livery to lease to anyone under the age of 18 years.

SANITATION

Every vessel with an installed toilet must have an operable U.S. Coast Guard certified marine sanitation device (MSD) Type I, II or III. Also:

- If equipped with a “Y” valve, the valve must be secured by a padlock, nonreleasable wire tie or removal of the handle, so the valve can’t be used either accidentally or intentionally without the owner/operator’s knowledge.
- No wastes or container of such wastes shall be placed, left or discharged into or near any waters of this state.

WATER SKIING

Observer – All vessels, when pulling a person on skis, surfboards or similar devices and not equipped with a wide-angle rear view mirror, must have a responsible person age 12 or older as an observer in the vessel with the operator.

Lifesaving Devices – It is unlawful for any boat operator to tow or assist any person on skis, surfboards or similar devices or for any skier to manipulate water skis or similar devices unless the skier is wearing a life jacket that is in good condition. The exception is during state-authorized regattas and similar ski and water shows. All lines, when not in use, must be stowed aboard the towing vessel.

Skiing Hours – It is unlawful to tow or assist a person on water skis, aquaplane or similar device from the period of one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise unless in duly-authorized competition.

REGATTAS AND RACES

Commission authorization must be obtained for all regattas, motorboat or other boat races, marine parades, tournaments, or exhibitions on any waters of this state. Also:

- The person in charge of such event shall obtain permission by filing an application with the Commission at least 30 days before the event. The application should indicate the date, time and location of the event.
- For events to be held on navigable waters, it is necessary to give at least 30 days notice as permission must be cleared with the U.S. Coast Guard.
- Motorboats competing in special events may use cutouts during a period not to exceed 48 hours immediately preceding such regatta or race and a period not to exceed 48 hours immediately following such event.
- Motorboats do not have to carry bells, whistles or fire extinguishers while racing.
- Forms may be downloaded from OutdoorNebraska.org.

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

Aquatic nuisance species (ANS) are difficult to control once they become established. ANS are moved to new areas as unwanted hitchhikers on boats and trailers, on personal watercraft or on sporting equipment. There are a few simple actions to prevent ANS from spreading.

- Inspect your boat, trailer and equipment and remove visible aquatic plants, animals and mud before leaving the water access.
- Drain water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells, and bait containers before leaving the water access.
- Report new sightings to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.
- Dispose of unwanted bait and other animals or aquatic plants in the trash.
- Spray, rinse or dry boats and recreational equipment to remove or kill species that were not visible when leaving a body of water and before transporting to another body of water.
- Consult the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission before trying to control an invasive species.

For More Information

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, District I office
(308) 763-2940

Nebraska Invasive Species Project
<http://snr.unl.edu/invasives>

National Invasive Species Hotline
(877) 786-7267

ZEBRA MUSSEL ALERT



Reporting zebra mussel sightings is essential to help prevent its spread to other waters. The main method of transfer is boats, carrying them from infested waters. Inspect your boat, motor and trailer after each outing. Dry your boat out or power wash before launching. If you think you have found a zebra mussel, save it and contact your nearest Commission office.

BOATING WATERS

OPEN WATERS

Lakes designated as open waters are open to all boats, subject to restrictions.

Also:

- It always shall be unlawful for any operator to exceed the speed posted or charted in any specific zone or area.
- Speed always must be reasonable and proper in consideration of the conditions prevailing at the time and place.
- Speeds in excess of 5 mph are illegal at all times in or within 30 yards of any vessel, harbor marina, landing pier, fishing pier, anchorage, or bathing beach.
- All U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Waterfowl Production Areas are designated as open waters, with a 5 mph/no wake restriction. No airboats are allowed.

The following is a list of open waters, with county or counties of location in parenthesis:

Bassway Strip WMA (Buffalo)	East Gothenburg WMA (Dawson)
Beaver Lake (Cherry)	Elwood Reservoir (Gosper)
Big Alkali Lake (Cherry)	Enders Reservoir (Chase)
Blue Hole WMA (Buffalo)	Fremont Lakes SRA (Dodge)
Bluestem Lake (Lancaster)	Frye Lake WMA (Grant)
Box Butte Reservoir (Dawes)	Gallager Canyon Reservoir (Dawson)
Branched Oak Lake (Lancaster)	Goose Lake (Holt)
Bridgeport SRA (Bridgeport, Morrill)	Grand Island Eagle Scout Lake (Hall)
Buckskin Hills WMA (Dixon)	Grove Lake (Antelope)
Bufflehead WMA (Buffalo)	Hamburg Bend (Otoe)
Burchard Lake (Pawnee)	Harlan County Reservoir (Harlan)
Calamus Reservoir (Garfield, Loup)	Hedgefield Lake WMA (Lancaster)
California Bend State Wildlife Refuge (Washington)	Holdrege North Park Lake (Phelps)
Chalkrock Lake WMA (Cedar)	Home Valley Lake WMA (Cherry)
Clear Lake (Brown)	Iron Horse Trail Lake (Pawnee)
Conestoga Lake (Lancaster)	Jeffrey Canyon Reservoir (Lincoln)
Coot Shallows WMA (Buffalo)	Johnson Lake (Gosper)
Cottonmill Lake (Buffalo)	Kearney WMA Kea Lake (Buffalo)
Cottontail Lake (Lancaster)	Lake Babcock (Platte)
Cottonwood Lake (Cherry)	Lake Ericson (Wheeler)
Cottowood-Steverson Lake WMA (Cherry)	Lake Hastings (Adams)
Cozad WMA (Dawson)	Lake McConaughy (Keith)
Crescent Lake NWR (Garden)	Lake Minatare (Scotts Bluff)
DeSoto Bend NWR Lake (Washington)	Lake North (Platte)
Dogwood WMA (Dawson)	Lake Ogallala (Keith)
	Lewis and Clark SRA (Cedar, Knox)
	Liberty Cove Reservoir (Webster)

Long Lake (Brown)
Lake Maloney (Lincoln)
Maskenthine Lake (Stanton)
Meadowlark Lake (Seward)
Medicine Creek Reservoir (Frontier)
Merritt Reservoir (Cherry)
Midway Lake (Dawson)
Olive Creek Lake (Lancaster)
Oliver Reservoir (Kimball)
Pawnee Lake (Lancaster)
Phillips Canyon Reservoir (Gosper)
Pibel SRA (Wheeler)
Plum Creek Reservoir (Dawson)
Powder Creek Reservoir (Dawson)
Public Power and Irrigation Canals
Qwest Lake (Cass)
Randall W. Schilling WMA (Cass)
Rat Lake (Cherry)
Red Fox WMA (Stanton)
Red Willow Reservoir (Frontier)
Riverside Lakes (Douglas)
Rockford Lake (Gage)
Sandy Channel Sra (Buffalo, Phelps)

Shell Lake (Cherry)
Sherman Reservoir (Sherman)
Smith Lake (Sheridan)
South Pine WMA (Brown)
Spalding Lake (Greeley)
Stagecoach Lake (Lancaster)
Summit Lake (Burt)
Sutherland Reservoir (Lincoln)
Swan Lake (Holt)
Swanson Reservoir (Hitchcock)
Timber Point Lake (Butler)
Tobacco Island WMA (Cass)
Twin Lakes (Rock)
Twin Lakes WMA (Seward)
Wagon Train Lake (Lancaster)
Walgren SRA (Sheridan)
Walnut Creek Reservoir Papiro 21 (Sarpy)
Wildwood Lake WMA (Lancaster)
Willow Creek Reservoir (Pierce)
Willow Lake B.C. WMA (Brown)
Wirth Brothers Lake (Johnson)
Yankee Hill Lake WMA (Lancaster)

RESTRICTED OPEN WATERS

The following is a list of waters open to nonpowered vessels and those powered with conventional outboard electric motors only, except as posted and except Commission employees engaged in law enforcement and management activities.

The waters, with the county of location in parenthesis, are:

Alexandria SRA (Jefferson)
Ansley City Lake (Custer)
Arnold SRA (Custer)
Arrowhead WMA (Gage)
Atkinson SRA (Holt)
Birdwood WMA (Lincoln)
Bowman SRA (Sherman)
Brady Interchange WMA (Lincoln)
Carter P. Johnson Lake (Sioux)
Champion SRA (Chase)
Cheyenne SRA (Hall)
Cornhusker WMA (Hall)
Cottonwood or Lake Yankton (Knox)

Crystal Lake SRA (Adams)
Cub Creek Lake (Keya Paha)
Darr WMA (Dawson)
Dead Timber SRA (Dodge)
Diamond Lake WMA (Gage)
East Hershey WMA (Lincoln)
East Odessa WMA (Buffalo)
East Sutherland WMA (Lincoln)
Farwell South Reservoir (Howard)
Fort Kearny SRA (Kearney)
Fremont Slough WMA (Lincoln)
Fremont SRA, lakes 1, 2, 3, 3a, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, and 19 (Dodge)

Restricted Open Waters (cont.)

Gracie Creek Trout Pond (Garfield)
Hayes Center WMA (Hayes)
Hershey WMA (Lincoln)
Kea West WMA (Buffalo)
Killdeer WMA (Lancaster)
Kissinger WMA (Clay)
L. E. Ray Lake (Hall)
Louisville SRA (Cass)
Memphis SRA (Saunders)
Mormon Island SRA (Hall)
North Loup SRA (Howard)
Pintail WMA (Hamilton)
Pressey WMA (Custer)
Ravenna SRA (Buffalo)
Rock Creek SRA (Dundy)
Sacramento-Wilcox WMA (Phelps)
Swan Creek WMA (Saline)

Teal WMA (Lancaster)
Two Rivers SRA lakes 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7
(Douglas)
Union Pacific SRA (Buffalo)
Valentine NWR Lakes (Cherry)
Verdon SRA (Richardson)
War Axe SRA (Buffalo)
West Brady WMA (Lincoln)
West Cozad WMA (Dawson)
West Elm Creek WMA (Buffalo)
West Gothenburg WMA (Lincoln)
West Hershey WMA (Lincoln)
West Maxwell WMA (Lincoln)
West Wood River WMA (Hall)
Willow Island WMA Lake (Dawson)
Wilson Creek WMA (Otoe)
Windmill SRA (Buffalo)
Winters Creek Lake (Scotts Bluff)

WATERS CLOSED TO MOTORBOATS

The following is a list of waters closed to all motorboats, except Commission employees engaged in law enforcement and management activities, with the county of location in parenthesis:

Bader Memorial Lakes (Merrick)
Chadron State Park (Dawes)
Keller Park SRA (Brown)
Niobrara State Park (Knox)
Victoria Springs SRA (Custer)

WATERS CLOSED TO ALL BOATS

* The following is a list of waters closed to all boats, except Commission employees engaged in law enforcement and management activities, with the county of location in parenthesis:

Baright Lake (Cass)
Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge (Washington)
Calamus Reservoir (Garfield) — water control channels closed
Jenny Newman Lake (Cass)
Two Rivers SRA, Lake No. 5 (Douglas)

* All state fish hatchery areas are closed to all boats, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission.

NONPUBLIC LAKE ASSOCIATIONS

Contact the local nonpublic lake associations for special rules and regulations that apply there. The following is a list of waters governed by nonpublic lake associations, with county of location in parenthesis:

Beaver Lake (Cass)	North Lake (Cass)
Bucktail Lake (Merrick)	Pine Lake (Lancaster)
Capitol Beach Lake (Lancaster)	Sack's Lake (York)
Ginger Woods (Douglas)	Summer Haven (Dodge)
Hanson's Lake No. 2 (Sarpy)	Sundance Lake (Merrick)
Hanson's Lake No. 3 (Sarpy)	Ventura Lake (Dodge)
Hawaiian Village (Sarpy)	Villa Springs (Sarpy)
Heron Point Lake (Merrick)	Wa-con-da Lake (Cass)
Lake Oconee Estates (Platte)	Wagner Lake (Platte)
Lake Socorro (Colfax)	Whitetail Lake (Platte)
Legge's Lake (Dodge)	Willers Cove (Stanton)
Leisure Lake (Dodge)	Willow Bend (Hamilton)
Middle Island Lake (Cass)	Wolf Lake (Saunders)
Morningstar Lake (Merrick)	Woodcliff Lakes (Saunders)

STATE WILDLIFE REFUGES

It is unlawful to operate a motorboat Oct. 15 through Jan. 15 of each year on the following state wildlife refuges:

- Garden County Refuge, North Platte River
- Lincoln County Refuge, North Platte River
- Dodge-Saunders County Refuge, Platte River
- Boyd-Holt County Refuge, Niobrara River
- Lake Babcock, Platte County, closed to all vessels during the open waterfowl season



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