

BASIC RULES

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any type of vessel or watercraft on the public waters within Kootenai County, Idaho in a negligent manner.

IDAHO law requires that any operator of a vessel involved in an accident or collision, report the accident or collision to the Sheriff's Department immediately; provided that property damage exceeds \$1500.00 or there is death or personal injury or persons missing.

Children age fourteen and under must wear an approved life jacket when they are aboard a vessel 19 feet long or less when the vessel is underway or under power. This applies to manually propelled boats as well as motorboats.

SPEED RESTRICTIONS

Speed limits for all public waterways except the Coeur d'Alene and Spokane Rivers, and Lower Twin Lakes are as follows:

- ◆ **NO EXCESSIVE WAKE ZONE**, within (300') three hundred feet of shoreline or any dock, pier, breakwater, or any person in the water (except Fernan Lake).
- ◆ **5 MPH, a NO WAKE ZONE**, within (200') two hundred feet of shoreline or any dock, pier, breakwater, or any person in the water.
- ◆ **50 MPH** during daylight hours
- ◆ **15 MPH**, or less, within (100') one hundred feet of any other vessel.
- ◆ **25 MPH**, or less, at night unless otherwise restricted.

Speed limits for Coeur d'Alene River, the Spokane River, and Lower Twin Lakes are as follows:

- ◆ **NO EXCESSIVE WAKE ZONE**, within (150') one-hundred fifty feet of shoreline or any dock, pier, breakwater, or any person in the water (includes Fernan Lake).
- ◆ **5 MPH, NO WAKE ZONE**, within one hundred feet (100') of shoreline, dock, pier, breakwater, or person in the water, and
- ◆ **35 MPH**, or less, during the day, unless regulated otherwise.
- ◆ **15MPH** within 50' of another vessel
- ◆ **25 MPH**, or less, at night.
- ◆ **NO WATERSKIING/TUBING ON THE CDA RIVER**

Personal Watercraft, canoes, kayaks, and inflatables are subject to boating laws and ordinances.

ADULT SUPERVISION AGE RESTRICTIONS

Adult supervision is defined as having a person age (18) or older on or in the vessel. Adult supervision is as follows:

- ◆ Under age 10, adult supervision is required for any motor-driven vessel.
- ◆ It is unlawful for a person under the age of 14 to operate a vessel without adult supervision if the vessel is powered by a motor greater than 15 horsepower.
- ◆ Age/Horsepower restrictions also apply to the operation of **PERSONAL WATERCRAFT**.

For information about boating safety classes, contact the Kootenai County Sheriff's Recreation Safety Section at 208-446-2250, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation at 208-769-1511, or the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and/or local Power Squadrons in your area.

USE OF COUNTY DOCKS AND RAMPS

-Quiet Hours: 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

-Parking and/or mooring at a county facility is limited to **48 hours** within any **72-hour** period or as posted at each location. Parking vehicles without boat trailers in spaces marked for **VEHICLES WITH BOAT TRAILERS ONLY** is prohibited.

-Rafting of vessels to one another is **prohibited**.

-“Power Loading”; the driving of vessels on or off of trailers, is **prohibited** at all public launches.

-Commercial Use or activity at any County facility is allowed by Commercial Use permit only.

-A FEE is required to launch a vessel with a trailer at any designated County owned boat launch. The daily fee is \$10 for vessels registered in Idaho and \$20 for vessels registered out-of-state.

An **annual pass sticker** can be purchased instead of paying a daily launch fee: \$40 for vessels registered in Idaho; \$100 for vessels registered out-of-state.

Penalties: The violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be an infraction, and may be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00.

IDAHO VESSEL EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)

One Type I, Type II, Type III, or Type V U.S.C.G. approved flotation device is required for each person on board. Plus, at least one Type IV U.S.C.G. approved throwable flotation device for vessels over 16 feet in length.

Fire Extinguishers

- ◆ Vessels less than 26':(1) Type B-I Fire Extinguisher
- ◆ Vessels 26' to less than 40' :(2) Type B-I or (1) Type B-II or (1) Type B-I & (1) B-I fixed system.
- ◆ Vessels 40' to 65' :(3) Type B-I or (1) B-II and (1) Type B-I & (2) B-I or (1) B-II fixed system.

Backfire Flame Arrestor: Required for all gasoline powered engines except outboards.

Mufflers: Boats built before 01/01/95 must not exceed 90 decibels. Boats built after the above date cannot exceed 88 decibels using the stationary test as outlined in SAE J2005. Cutouts and bypasses are also prohibited.

Ventilation: Required on all enclosed engines & fuel tank compartment on gas powered boats. Ventilation ducts must be at least 2" in diameter. Intake ducts must extend midway to the bilge or below carburetor; exhaust ducting must extend from the lower bilge to the open air. Vessel built after 1982 must have powered exhaust blowers installed.

Equipment for Sound Signals: All vessels must carry some means of producing an efficient sound signal capable of a 4-6 second blast audible for ½ mile. Vessels 39' 4" to 65' 6" must have a power whistle. Vessels over 65' 6" must also have a bell.

Lights: White all-round (360°) or white masthead & stern light. Green – Starboard light; Red – Port side light. All lights are required to be on when vessel is underway from sunset to sunrise. White light only is required when at anchor between sunset and sunrise.

For various vessel sizes and lighting arrangements, see Idaho Boating Laws or Federal Vessels Requirement Brochures.

Boating Sanitation

Untreated sewage is a pollutant that can lead to illness. Please dispose of your waste properly at one of the many public pump-out stations.

Lake Pend Oreille: Hudson Bay Marina.

Lake Coeur d'Alene: Third Street Mooring Docks, Eleventh Street Marina, Carlin Bay, Harrison Public Docks, Black Rock Marina and Conkling Park Marina.

Privately owned pump-outs are also available at Templin's Marina, Silver Beach Resort and Coeur d'Alene Resort/Boardwalk Marina.

Kootenai County Facility Rules and Regulations

Boat Camping is allowed at any facility which does not have restricted hours of operation. Boat camping is defined as the act of sleeping overnight in or on a vessel attached or moored to a public dock, pier, mooring buoy, or other designated structure.

Camping is **not** allowed on any County docks, and at all County owned or managed facilities except Mowry State Park on Lake Coeur d'Alene. Camping is defined as the act of physically placing any type of personal belonging on or above the ground, or on or above a concrete slab, pier, dock, picnic table, bench, or other structure, in order for one or more persons to rest, nap, or sleep overnight.

Picnicking is allowed with certain restrictions at any facility. Do not block access to docks, sidewalks, or other pathways.

Riding Bicycles on County docks is **not** allowed at any facility.

Littering is **not** allowed at any County facility. We have a "Pack It In, Pack It Out" policy. Please take all your trash with you when you leave.

Dogs must be on a leash or other similar item of restraint not more than 10' in length at all times. No animals are allowed in the Carlin Bay Park swim area.

Fires are permitted in fire rings and barbecue grills. It is prohibited to leave a fire unattended at any time.

Firearms cannot be unlawfully discharged at any time.

Fireworks are not permitted in any form.

Alcoholic Beverages are not allowed at Hauser Park/Beach/Docks, McGuire Park/Beach, and Mica Boater's Park/Docks.

Restricted Hours of Operation:

Quiet Hours for all County Facilities:
10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Closed from 10:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m.
Hauser Park

Closed from 10:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m.
Fernan Park
Greensferry Boat Launch
Greensferry Park
Rodkey Drive
McGuire Park

Closed from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.
Neachen Bay Boat Launch

Closed from 11:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m.
Upper Twin Lakes Boat Launch

County mooring buoys are located in Aberdeen Bay, Loff's Bay and Beauty Bay. Moorage shall be limited to 48 hours within any 72-hour period.

All vessels 30' in length or longer shall use stern moorage whenever available.

Rafting vessels to one another is **prohibited** at County docks.

KNOW THE SAFE BOATING RULES

KOOTENAI COUNTY CODE Title 6 Chapter 2



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