



HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION: WATER RULES & BEHAVIOUR CODE

Annexure – "D"

RULES AND BEHAVIOUR CODE

1. ROODEPLAAT DAM WATER SURFACE AND WATERFRONT ZONES

All members of the Sable Hills Boat Club shall comply with the requirements of the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for Roodeplaat Dam¹. The RMP defines the following zones (see also Figure 1):

1.1 Water Surface Zones

1.1.1 Safety and Security Zone

This zone is the area surrounding the dam wall and outlet works. The security area boundary is a minimum distance of 100m from the dam wall and outlet works or spillway. There is no recreational access to this zone and it is out of bounds to all boats and watercraft.

1.1.2 High Impact Activity Zone

The high impact activity zone forms the eastern section of the dam. This Zone is associated with high speed, wake and noise activities, e.g. motor boating, jet skiing and water skiing. A water buffer area of 70m that is out of bounds to all power driven vessels is situated along the entire shoreline to protect bather, anglers and the ecology of the shoreline. This area may only be crossed at no-wake speed for launching purposes.

1.1.3 Low Impact Zones

The low impact activity zones forms the western section of the dam and other inlets. These zones are associated with low intensity and nature based leisure activities, i.e. no wake activities such as rowing, canoeing, angling, ect. The high and low impact zones are separated by buoy lines.

1.1.4 Conservation Zones

These areas are associated with river inlets and for hyacinth / bio control. No access to the conservation zones is allowed.

1.2 Waterfront Zone

The Waterfront Zone comprises of various terrestrial zones, which are defined by the Buffer Line, the High Flood Level and the Full Supply Line.

1.2.1 Buffer Zone

The dam boundary line defines the state owned land required by DWAF to ensure the effective management and safe operation of the dam. The dam boundary line and buffer line coincides at Sable Hills Waterfront Estate. The area between the buffer line and high flood line comprises the Buffer Zone and serves to provide access from adjacent private land, over state land, to the water surface, if permitted by DWAF.

1.2.2 High Flood Line

The High Flood Line is defined by the 1:100 year flood line. No structures are allowed below the high flood line.

1.2.3 Private Access Points

DWAF has allocated two Private Access Points to Sable Hills Waterfront Estate and structures such as slipways and jetties may only be erected at these points. Sable Hills's Private access points are at the clubhouse complex and at the termination of Jetty Drive. Trailer-born boats and watercraft may only be launched from these access points.

2. SEAMANSHIP

All members of the Sable Hills Boat Club shall comply with the current Merchant Shipping (Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2002 (as amended²). The current regulations require that boat owners:

2.1 Handle all craft with discretion and the safety of others as first priority. No person may use a boat or watercraft in such a way that it could cause danger to other persons, boats or watercrafts or persons relaxing at shore.

2.2 The owner of the boat or water craft is at all times responsible for the safety and behaviour of all his passengers.

2.3 Children under 12 must wear life jackets at all times when on the water.

2.4 All power craft to travel in an anti-clock wise direction.

2.5 Boats or watercraft already in the water have the right of way above boats coming from shore.

2.6 No person is allowed to sit on the side of or on the bow of the boat or watercraft while it is in motion.

2.7 No waste or any the objects may be thrown in the water

2.8 No person who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs is allowed on a boat or watercraft. The use of the boats or watercraft on the water is done at own risk.

2.9 No person under the age of 16 years is allowed to drive or be in control of a boat or watercraft.

2.10 No person is allowed to dive, jump of or swim away from a moving boat or watercraft.

2.11 No person in control of a boat or water craft is allowed to drive or overtake another boat or water craft in such a way that the slipstream of his boat or water craft causes any danger for the other boats or watercrafts on the water.

2.12 The person in control of a boat or watercraft is only allowed to pass a boat or watercraft on the left hand side.

2.13 All sections closed on the water with buoys are OUT OF BOUNDS to all boats and watercraft.

2.14 Any person going on the water or property next to the Dam is doing so at own risk. The Gauteng Provincial Government and or the HOA of Sable Hills Waterfront Estate does not accept any responsibility for any damage or loss resulting from any death, sickness or any other cause whatsoever suffered by any person during a visit to the Dam or the Estate.

3. WATER SKIING

3.1 Any craft pulling a skier has right of way over other power craft.

3.2 All skiers must wear life jackets.

3.3 When towing a skier or tube a second person acting as observer must be on board.

3.4 Each boat or watercraft must be equipped with a red flag, not smaller than 500mm x 600mm. The flag must be visibly shown when a skier or rope is in the water.

3.5 No boat or watercraft is allowed within 50 meters from a boat or watercraft with a red flag raised.

3.6 No skier is allowed to ski from the jetties.

3.7 After dropping the skier, the skipper of the boat or watercraft must drive the boat or watercraft to safety to retrieve the ski rope.

3.8 When dropping the skier, it must be done as near to the shore as possible, but not in the demarcated no wake zones or nearer than 70 meters from the shore.

4. PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC)

4.1 These craft include all Jet ski's, seadoo's, wave runners etc.

4.2 All PWC are subject to the same regulations applicable to all power driven craft with the addition of the following:

4.1.1 Life Jackets to be used at all times by everyone on board the craft.

4.1.2 Stunts and tricks to be performed in the middle of the dam and not in the anti-clockwise circle used by other power craft.

5. COMPULSORY EQUIPMENT ON BOARD CATEGORY R VESSELS UNDER 9 METERS

5.1 One SABS/SAMSA approved lifejacket or buoyancy aid of appropriate size for each person on board.

5.2 One 1,5kg dry powder fire extinguisher per engine. Serviced once a year.

5.3 Two oars or paddles (Vessel with a single outboard engine).

5.4 Anchor and chain (3m/5m of 6mm galvanized chain for vessels less/more than 6m) with suitable length of rope (>50 meters).

5.5 First-aid kit (including elementary first-aid manual).

5.6 Spares (Suggested items: set of spark plugs, engine fuse, fuel line, bulb pump, clamps, binding wire, epoxy glue).

5.7 Tool kit (Suggested items: spark plug spanner, two screw drivers, pliers, water pump pliers, adjustable wrench, starter motor cord, jumper cables and a tow rope).

5.8 Emergency steering (fitted)

5.9 Registration number on both sides of the vessel/craft (100mm High).

5.10 The boat trailer to be marked with boat's name, boat's number, owner's name & telephone number.

5.11 All safety equipment (items 1-5 above) to be onboard and marked with boat's number.

5.12 Documents on board:

- Certificate of Fitness (Renewed annually)
- Buoyancy certificate (Renewed every 5 years)
- Skippers license
- Sable Hills Boat Club Boat Permit (Renewed annually)

5.13 Means of communication (Radio or cellular phone).

5.14 Kill switches (outboard engines).

5.15 Sufficient fuel (A reserve of >25% over and above the requirement for the intended voyage).

5.16 Persons on board may not exceed the number of persons specified on the vessel's safety certificate (except in an emergency).

5.17 No person may operate a vessel whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs (Maximum of 0,05 gram/100 ml alcohol in blood or 0,24 mg/1000 ml in breath)

Additional items for specialized vessel/activities

5.18 500mm square red flag (for water skiing only).

5.19 Capsize rope (Required only on inflatable vessels and ski boats of less than 9 meters in overall length).

5.20 Air bellows (Required only on inflatable vessels).

5.21 Rigid code "A" flag (Required on dive boats).

5.22 Depth-sounding device or hand lead line (Required only on dive boats).

5.23 Grab-line fitted to outside of gunwale (Required only on dive boats without a boarding ladder).

6. WHEN IS IT COMPULSORY TO WEAR A LIFE JACKET?

6.1 All children under the age of 12 years.

6.2 When using a non-motorized craft.

6.3 All persons towed behind a boat or water craft on a ski or tube.

6.4 When instructed by the boat's skipper to wear a life jacket.

6.5 When on board and using a PWC.

7. GENERAL

7.1 Water craft may only be launched and used between the following hours:

- May to August: 7h00 till 18h00
- September to April: 6H00 till 19h00
- Sundays and Public Holidays: 7h00 till 18h00

7.2 No "parasailing" allowed on the Dam.

7.3 No person under the age of 16 is allowed to handle a motorized craft.

7.4 Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the above conditions or in term of a permission, allocation or authorization under the Water Act, Act 54 of 1956, shall be guilty of an offence.

Signed at On the day of20.....

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Member of Sable Hills Boat Club:

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Witness:

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1st November 2009

¹Resource Management Plan for Roodeplaat Dam, Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, February 2008.

²Marine Notice No. 13 of 2006: South African Maritime Safety Authority policy on small vessel surveys, certification and numbering, and skipper qualification and certification, in terms of the Merchant Shipping (Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2002 (as amended).