

This is not a complete list of all applicable boating laws. Boaters should obtain a free current Nebraska Boating Guide. Boating guides are available from:

- All Lake Permit vendors
- Hastings Police Department
–317 S. Burlington Ave.
- Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Both Hastings City Code and Nebraska State Law regulate boating activity on Lake Hastings.

All laws in the State Boating Act (NRSS Chapter 37) apply to all users of Lake Hastings. In addition, several City Codes (Chapter 24) apply to all users of Lake Hastings.

Passed in 2002:

All motorboat operators at Lake Hastings must carry proof of successful completion of an approved Nebraska Boaters Safety Course or its equivalent. Persons operating a boat upon Lake Hastings shall carry proof of course completion at all times, and present proof to any law enforcement or lake patrol officer upon demand.

Required equipment for motorboats:

- ✓ Lake Hastings Permit*
Available at: City Hall, Parks & Recreation Office, Brad's Marine
- ✓ Proof of Boating Education*
- ✓ Current Nebraska Registration or proof of in-transit
- ✓ Liability Insurance*
- ✓ Life jackets for all persons on board. Life jackets must be USCG approved, serviceable and readily accessible. Must be worn by all people on board under 12 and all people on board a personal watercraft.
- ✓ Throwable PFD (except PWC)
- ✓ Fire Extinguisher
- ✓ Oars (except Class 3 and 4 boats, PWC and sailboards)
- ✓ Bailing Bucket (except PWC and sailboards)
- ✓ Muffler
- ✓ Whistle or Mechanical Sound-Producing Device
- ✓ Flame Arrestor
- ✓ Fuel Fume Ventilation



*Required on Lake Hastings only.

See Nebraska Boating Guide for specific requirements.

Lake Hastings



Boating Information



Hastings Police
Department
www.hastingspolice.org

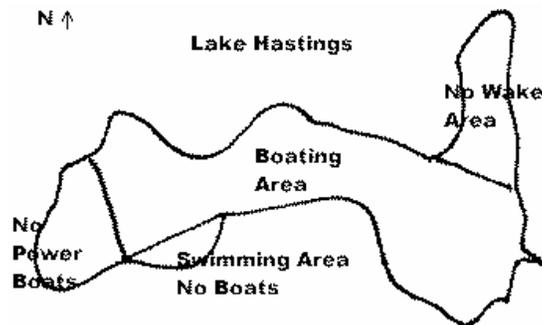
Hastings Parks and
Recreation Department
www.cityofhastings.org

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Lake Hastings Boating Regulations Contained in City Code:

- It is unlawful to operate any powerboat or personal watercraft without a current Lake Hastings permit and state registration. Violators are subject to a fine up to \$100.00.
- All motorboat operators must complete an approved Nebraska Boaters Safety Course or its equivalent and carry proof of course completion at all times, and present proof to any law enforcement or lake patrol officer upon demand
- All watercraft must be operated in a counter-clockwise direction. No jumping of boat wakes is allowed by any watercraft.
- Maximum speed is 35 M.P.H. for all watercraft.
- All watercraft must meet equipment requirements of the US Coast Guard and State of Nebraska.
- No person under 14 shall operate any watercraft at any time. No person under the age of 16 may operate any watercraft over 10 horsepower, unless operated in a training course under direct supervision of an adult instructor who is at least 21 years of age.
- No person shall operate a watercraft within a water area, which has been clearly marked by buoys or some other device, as a bathing, swimming, or other restricted area.

- Each owner or operator of a watercraft on the lake shall have in effect at all times of such operation a liability insurance policy in the minimum amount of \$10,000.
- All ski tow boats shall follow a counter-clockwise direction around the lake traffic way.
- When following another craft, the second craft shall stay at a reasonable and safe distance behind the lead watercraft or skier.
- When skiing on one ski, the discarded ski or disc shall not be dropped in the ski area traffic way.
- There shall be no alcoholic beverages allowed on the lake or public access area.



- No powered watercraft are allowed in the west end of the lake. The north cove area has been designated as a no wake area.
- Obey all buoys and posted restrictions.

Some Important State Laws:

- Orange ski flags required when skier or person under tow is in water. Must be at least 12x12" and visible 360 degrees.
- Speeds exceeding 5 m.p.h. are illegal at all times in or within 30 yards of any vessel, harbor, marina, landing pier, fishing pier, anchorage or bathing beach.
- Personal watercraft operators must wear a USCG-approved life jacket at all times.
- Personal watercraft operators must face forward and wear a safety lanyard (if craft is so equipped) at all times.
- Personal watercraft may not jump the wake of another vessel with anyone in tow, or jump the wake of a vessel within 50 yards.
- *Please see the Nebraska Boating Guide for more information on Nebraska's laws, or visit the Game and Parks web site.*

More boating information is also available on the Nebraska Game & Parks web site:

<http://www.ngpc.state.ne.us>