

2018 Windsor Pointe Boating / Dock Safety and Quiet Hour Guidelines

Dear Windsor Pointe Owner,

Summer will soon arrive at Norris Lake and, with it, we will once again experience the impact of boaters who drive their watercraft at high speeds in close proximity to our docks and swimmers in the water.

Most, if not all, of these boaters are not Windsor Pointe owners and they seem unaware of the impact they are having to the condition of our docks and to the safety of swimmers in the water.

If you have been on your dock when a boat comes too close at high speeds, you know that this can, literally, rock your world. In addition, even wakeboard boats that are safely away from our docks can impact the safety of swimmers and the condition of the docks. A wake boat that passes well off shore can impact our docks well after the boat is no longer in sight.

While we have no control over boats that pull skiers, wakeboarders and tubes in the waters surrounding Windsor Pointe, as owners, we do have control over our own actions and can exercise some common courtesies when we are boating around Windsor Pointe. The primary step we can all take is to leave no wake until we are well off shore or out of the cove between WP and Hiwassee. We should also stay at least 100 yards from docks on the main lake when cruising. While this seems like a common sense approach, far too many Norris Lake boaters violate this safe boating principle. The association purchased 10 “no wake” signs in 2017 and all have been distributed to owners for mounting on docks. We will purchase more signs based upon demand. Contact Bill High if you would like a “no wake” sign.

In addition, let's all exercise the following **safe boating practices**:

1. Always idle away from and into docks on the main lake and while in coves where docks are located.
2. When pulling a skier, wakeboarder or tubes, or operating a jet ski / wave runner stay as far away from docks as possible and no closer than 100 yards.
3. Never pull a skier, tube or wakeboarder in a cove where docks are located.
4. Be aware of your location and if swimmers are in the water as you approach docks.
5. Never pull any skiers, tubes or wakeboarders after sunset and do not operate wave runners or other personal watercraft after sunset (TWRA regulations).
6. Avoid continuously driving in circles near docks as this increases the wake and the related safety risks.

Be sure all who operate watercraft (including renters) know these common sense safety practices. Please be sure your renters receive a copy of these guidelines in advance of their rental week(s).

With regard to **dock safety**, the following will help to keep you and your guests safe while enjoying the waters surrounding Windsor Pointe:

1. Be sure your dock electrical wiring is approved for use on a floating dock. There have been several instances of electrocution on Norris Lake and other lakes due to docks that were poorly wired or wiring that was not regularly inspected.
2. Regularly inspect the condition of your wiring to ensure the insulating covering is free of any cracks or cuts. Repair any damaged wiring immediately.
3. Regularly check the GFCI for the dock to ensure it will trip if water is detected
4. Make sure all swimmers stay reasonably close to your dock and away from the main lake channel
5. Keep a throwable floating device on your dock that can be used to provide assistance to a swimmer in distress
6. Make sure your swimmers are aware of the heavy wake action that can occur while they are in the water.
7. Make sure you and your guests keep an eye on approaching wake waves that can severely rock and sway your dock. We have had owners who were literally thrown in the water by heavy wake waves that they did not see approaching their dock.

Please be sure you, your guests and or renters are aware of and adhere to our **quiet hours (Sunday-Thursday 10:00 PM - 7:00 AM / Friday-Saturday 12:00 AM - 7:00 AM)**. As you know sound can carry well over water and while you may enjoy loud music, your neighbors likely will not.

Some other common courtesies are ensure all drivers **adhere to the posted speed limit of 25 mph** and are aware of owners and their guests who frequently walk on Windsor Lane in the warm months. Deer are seen on the road and near it on a regular basis so be forewarned and share this warning with your guests. Some owners have reported drivers who exceed the speed limit on a regular basis. As a reminder, trailer parking on Windsor Lane and Stoney Rock Lane is prohibited

If you have pets, be sure they are contained and do not wander away from your home. Dogs should be on a leash at all times and any dog waste should be picked up and properly disposed of in a trash container.

As a community, we can make a difference in the safety of the waters surrounding Windsor Pointe and the general enjoyment of lake life in Windsor Pointe We hope you find these guidelines to be helpful and will lead to safer enjoyment of your dock and the water that surrounds it. An updated electronic copy of the Windsor Pointe Owners Handbook is in process and will provide additional details on how to be good neighbors

Best wishes for a great summer season.

Sincerely,

The WPPOA Board of Directors