

EAGLE LAKE USER POLICY

Pontoon Boat Use

Eagle Lake Camp and Retreat Center (ELCRC)

II. POLICY:

- A. Non Russian Evangelical Baptist Church (REBC) member's are subject to the rental fees specified in User Policy U-15. Planned daily or weekly rental fees are due at group check-in. Hourly rental fees are due at group check-out.
- B. General Requirements from Policy U06 concerning watercraft usage:
 - 1. A checkout system which identifies who is out in each watercraft will be used.
 - 2. All users of watercraft must wear US Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices (PFDs) of proper type, size and fit. PFDs will be inspected for serviceability (clasps, zippers, etc.) immediately prior to use.
 - 3. Watercraft will not be loaded beyond their rated capacity.
 - 4. Watercraft will be kept clear from the swimming area.
- C. All operators must be at least 21 years old and must be checked out on operating procedures by the resident manager before their first use.
- D. Load and unload passengers only when the pontoon is tied to the dock. One person should steady the pontoon to the side of the dock.
- E. Required equipment:
 - Throwable flotation device per Minnesota boating requirements
 - Marine Type USCG Type BC-Size I fire extinguisher
 - Whistle or horn signaling device to signal for help – to be used only when external help .is needed.
 - Set of paddles for use in case of mechanical failure.
 - Spare fuel container with fuel (see resident manager).
- F. Recommended equipment (user supplied) – cell phone.
- G. Users must comply with all Minnesota laws and rules regarding boating.

II. PROCEDURE:

- A. Schedule operator training with the resident manager.
- B. Complete operator training.
- C. Schedule usage with the resident manager and obtain key.
- D. Report all mechanical concerns to the resident manager.