

WELCOME TO FREEDOM BOAT CLUB

From our family to your family, welcome to Freedom Boat Club. You have embarked on a lifestyle of pleasure, leisure, and adventure that only Freedom Boat Club members can experience.

We are glad that you have chosen to do your boating with us. Our family has enjoyed many pleasant and memorable boating experiences, and we want to help your family do the same. We believe our club offers the very best value in boating and we promise to do everything we can to meet your expectations. If at any time we fail to do so, please let us know.



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Overview of Orientation Content

- Captain & Member Introduction
- Boat Handling, “INGA”, Station Keeping
- Review of Member Responsibilities
- Weather and You
- Emergency Procedures
- Checkout procedures
- Area Navigation
- Departing and Returning
- Tow and In-water Safety
- Slide Boat Rules
- Reservations and Reciprocals
- FAQ and Additional Trainings
- Critical Trainings Item Review
- Questions and Answers



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CONTACTS & APP's

- **ADD** Freedom Boat Club Dallas Dock Phone: **972-675-7932**
- **BOOKMARK** Reservation pg:
<https://boatreservations.freedomboatclub.com/>
 - *You will receive login to reservation pg after this course is passed.*
- **DOWNLOAD:** [Navionics](#) for navigation and water levels



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Get Social with your fellow members

BOOKMARK: Freedom Boat Club **members-only portal**; <https://fbcdallasmember.com>



JOIN **Facebook Group**: <https://www.facebook.com/freedomboatclubdallas>

JOIN Facebook **Dallas Boating Sisters**: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1975099272646908>



FOLLOW **LinkedIn** <https://www.linkedin.com/company/80647114/admin/>



FOLLOW / SHARE / POST **Instagram** <https://www.instagram.com/freedomboatclubdallas/>

*Watch for the monthly newsletter for club and social updates.



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MEMBER/CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintain control of the vessel at all times
- The safety of all people onboard
- Any damage to your boat & provided equipment
- Any injury to anyone caused by your boat
- Any damage caused to other boats
- Any damage caused by your own wake
- Enforce No Smoking on any vessel
- Watch the weather and respond to dockmaster recalls
- Skipper Sober



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The Weather and You

- It is your responsibility to keep any eye on weather before your outing and during.
 - Weather.com, Accuweather, Weather underground, etc.
 - My Radar, weather.gov



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FBC Weather Rules

- Wind - No Boating if the we have sustained wind of 20mph+ or strong gusts.
- Thunder Storms - If the forecast is calling for more than 50% of Thunderstorms, you are restricted to a maximum distance of 2 miles from the dock.
- Keep your phone on and respond immediately to dockmaster instructions.



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Lightning is a serious concern when you're out on the open water. Your best defense is preparedness!



Lightning can strike up to **15 miles** away from a storm.

15 Miles



HEAR IT
FEAR IT.
SEE IT
FLEE IT.



**If you're caught on the water
during an electrical storm,
return to shore and seek
shelter immediately.**

Source: lightningsafety.noaa.gov



BOAT SAFE. HAVE FUN.
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FBC Weather Text Alerts*

- 1st Text - Simply a warning about impending weather
- 2nd Text - Typically 30-45 mins before storm impact. Dock Master will give recommendations for action
- 3rd Text - Dock Service has been suspended. Do Not Return to Port at this Time!



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Emergency and Break Down

- **Emergencies (Life Threatening) Call 911**
- Non-Emergencies (Non-Life Threatening)
 - TEXT the FBC Dock you departed from (# on the Boat)
 - Describe the Problem ... Try to Troubleshoot
 - If necessary ... FBC will come get you, or FBC may elect to call a towing service. No one else may tow you in.
 - First Rule above all ... **“Stay Calm & Be Safe”**
 - Towing Insurance for mechanical failures
 - No Towing of other boats!



Check Out Procedure

- Before proceeding to the dock, check in with the office
- Have your crew wait to board, while 1 member is doing the check out
- Using the iPad, complete the liability agreements and verification of all on board safety equipment
- Complete any additional waivers (ie covid, etc)
- Invite your crew to board - 3 Points of Contact or Wrist-to Wrist method. Only Hard Surfaces if able
- Always follow the dock master's directions



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General Info

Member Name

Pat & Warren Cosgrove

Boat Name

Koda | TriToon | Upper sun deck w/slide | 1

Phone Number

(407)491-3956

Dock Master

Capacity

People on Board

1

Children on Board

0

Trip Info

Estimated Time of Arrival

Destination

Weather Conditions

Dock Restrictions

Designated Sober Skipper

Designated Lookout

Starting Engine Hours

Starting Fuel Meter #

CLICK TO CONTINUE BELOW, THEN HAND TO MEMBER

CLICK TO CONTINUE

Return Time is dependent on the season

THE BOAT MUST BE RETURNED TO THE DOCK BY **5:00 PM**. STARTING A MINUTE AFTER **5:00 PM**, A \$35 LATE FEE FOR EVERY 15 MINUTES WILL BE CHARGED.

I ACCEPT AND AGREE

I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM THE CAPTAIN OF THE BOAT AND TOTALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PERSONS ON BOARD. I AM ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FIRST \$5,000 PLUS SALES TAX FOR ANY LOSS/DAMAGE TO THE BOAT, AND/OR LOSS/DAMAGE TO THE EQUIPMENT PROVIDED. I AM ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR LOSS/DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY. I acknowledge that the insurance coverage for members and guest applies only while the member is operating (piloting) the boat. Insurance coverage does not apply if any non-member is operating a Freedom Boat Club insured boat during an accident.

I ACCEPT AND AGREE

On Lake Austin I understand that we do not allow boats to be taken to the County Line BBQ. I understand that surfing is only allowed on inboards. The only boats that surfing is allowed on our the Axis Surf Boats on Lake Austin I will not use any other boat for Wake Surfing.

I ACCEPT AND AGREE

PROCEED TO CHECKLIST



Anchor, 3 Dock Lines, 3 Boat Fenders

[CLICK TO CHECK](#)

Fire Extinguisher

[CLICK TO CHECK](#)

Seats

[CLICK TO CHECK](#)

Bimini Top

[CLICK TO CHECK](#)

Propeller

[CLICK TO CHECK](#)

Ski Rope

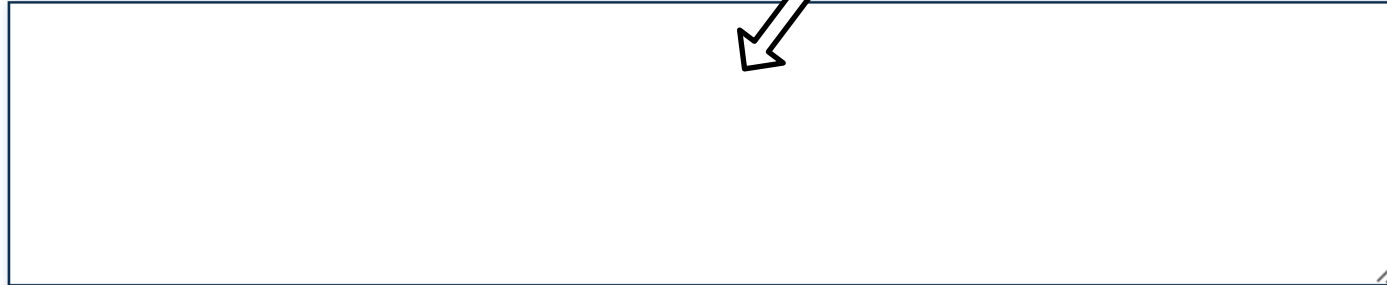
[CLICK TO CHECK](#)

Map

[CLICK TO CHECK](#)

Please note anything you find missing or damaged

Item Discrepancies



HAND TO DOCK MASTER

[CLICK TO CONTINUE](#)

Area Navigation



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Members Must Download

Don't forget to set
the [Water Level](#).

Instructional video's available on
<https://fbcdallasmember.com>



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NAVIONICS

The world's most popular Marine & Lakes app!
Get the same detailed charts as on the best GPS plotters.

[Coverage](#) [Compatibility](#)

Boating, try for free!

Search for Navionics Boating on the store of your device. Download the **free version**, then tap on **Menu>Charts** and select your region for a **two week free trial** to experience the overwhelming value of Navionics+! Or choose any paid app where Navionics+ is already included.





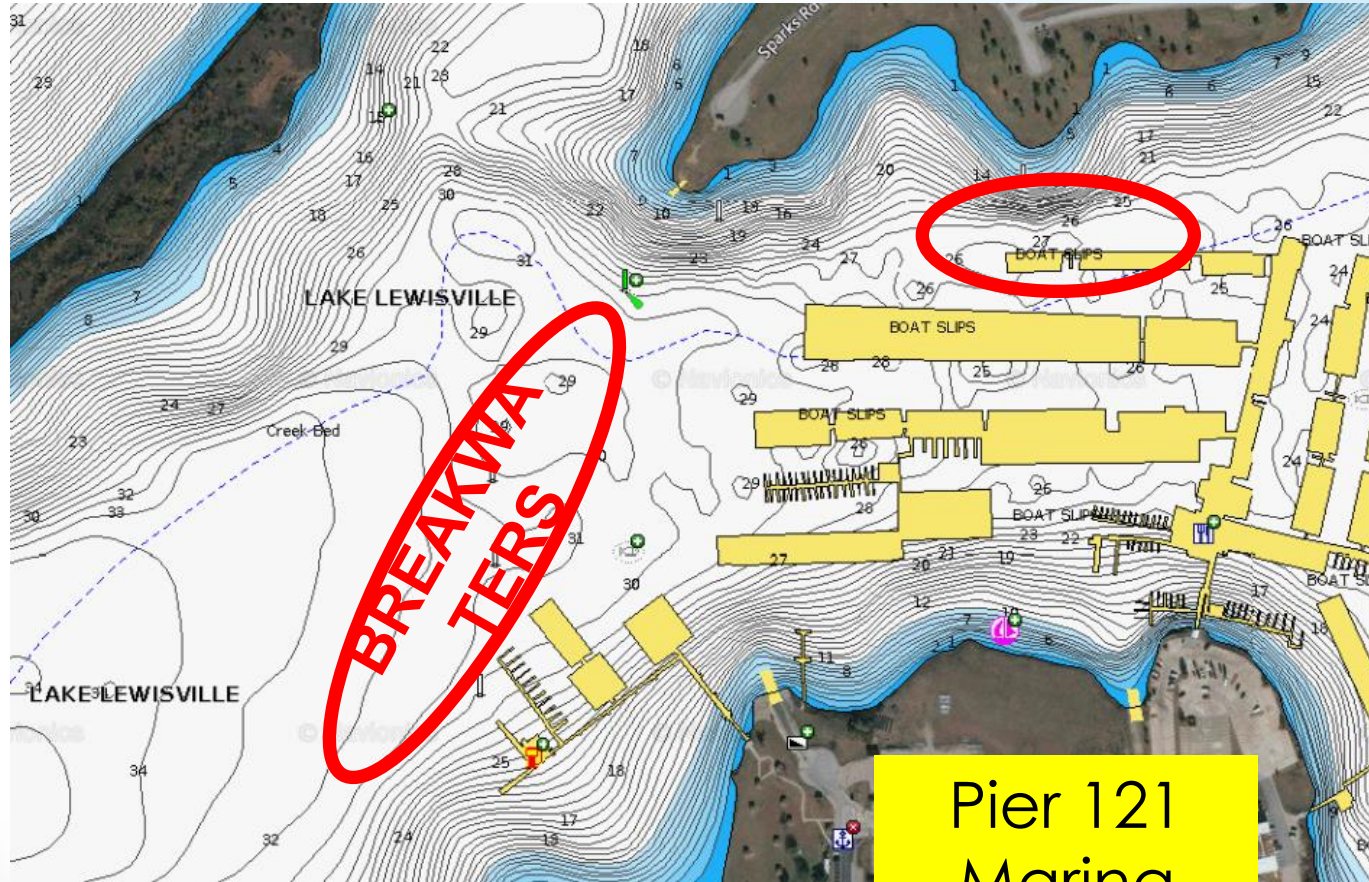
Pier 121 Cautions

Pier 121 has various breakwaters out ahead of the docks – and be difficult to see.

Often good idea to post a dedicated lookout when leaving and returning

Deep-draft and large vessels will want to be aware of the steep slope on the north side

- Always pass port-to-port, but if no other vessels in channel, stay closer to marina than shore



Pier 121
Marina

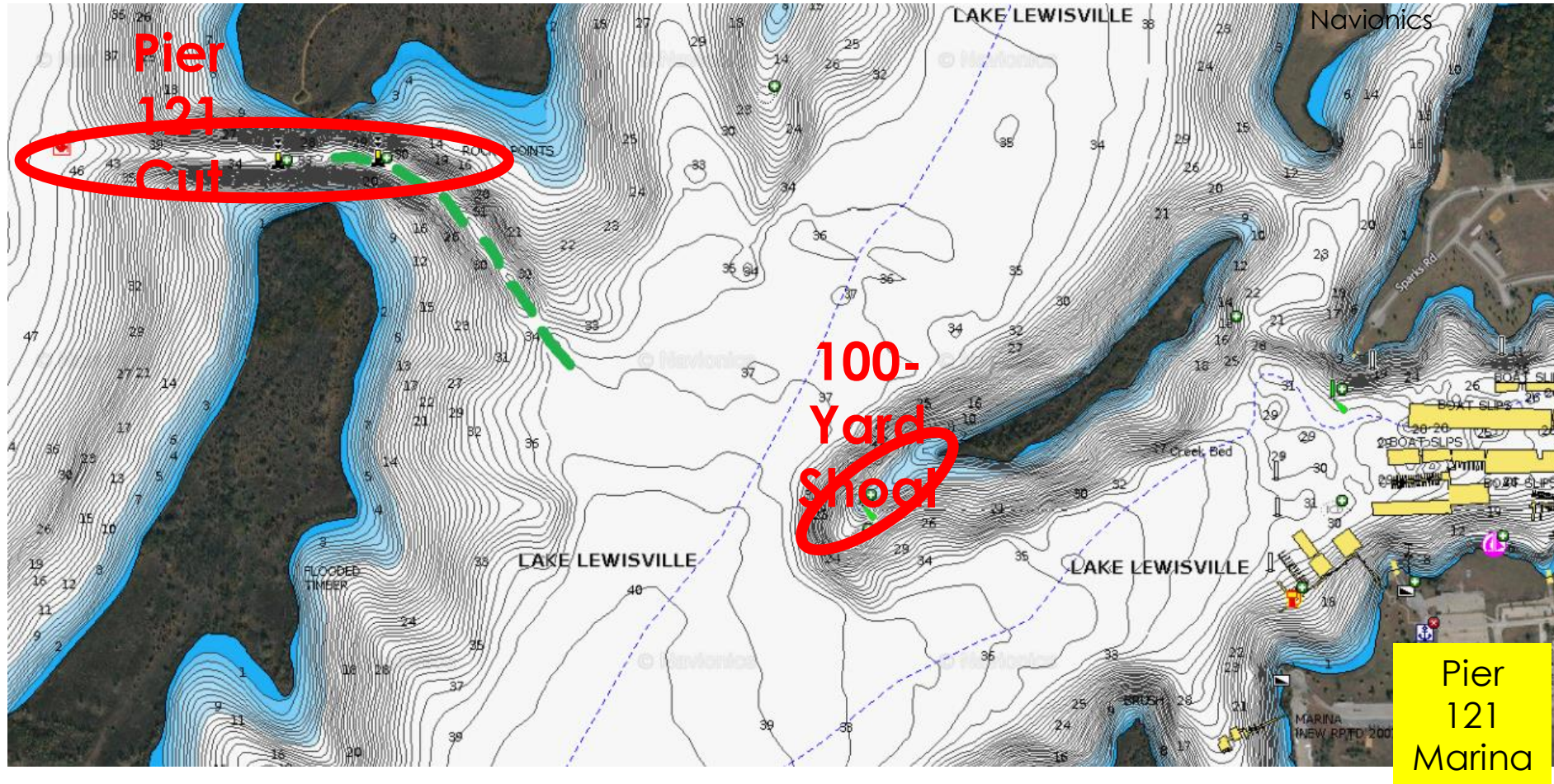
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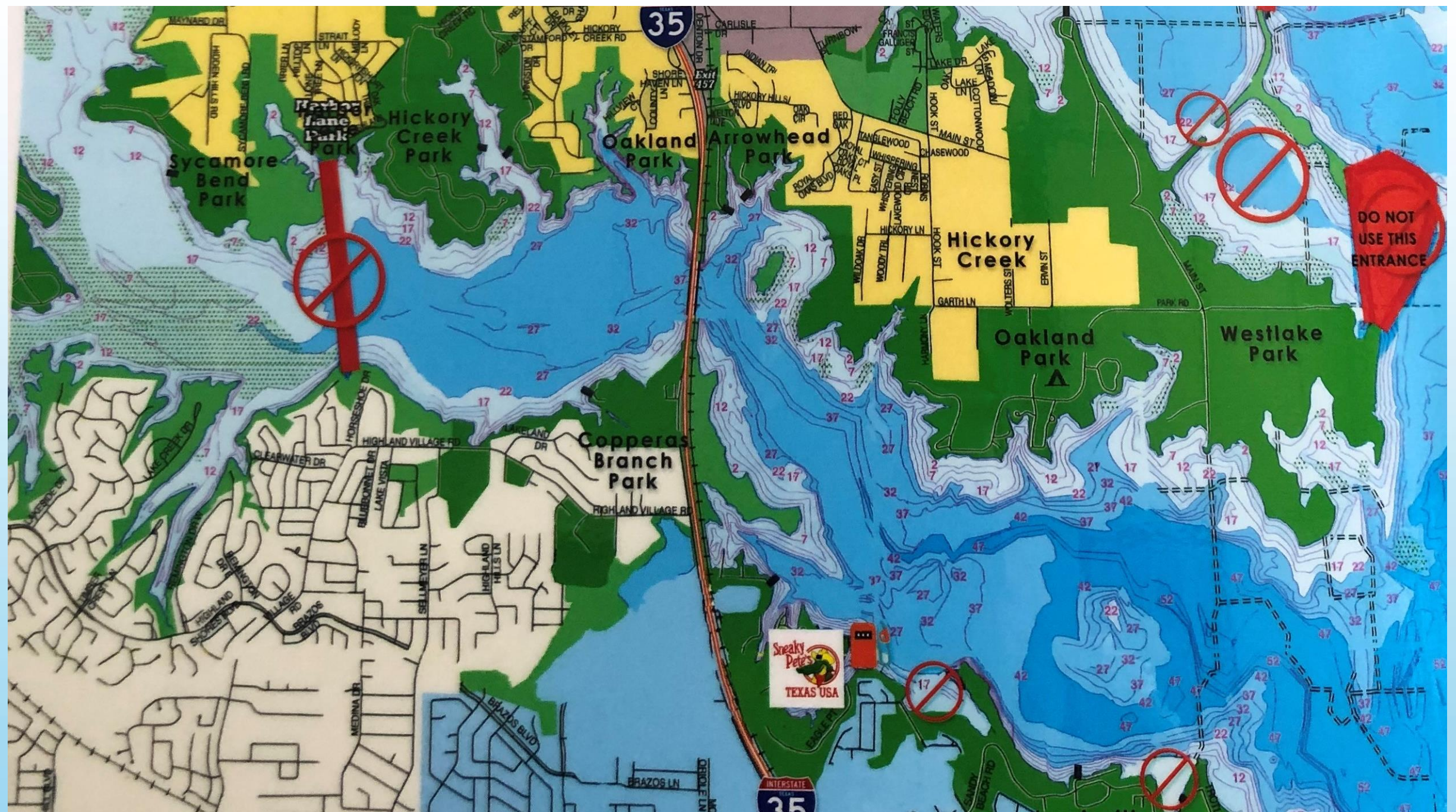
Pier 121 Cautions

Source:
Navionics



- The island just west of Pier 121 Marina has a shoal extending out several hundred yards from the Southwest tip – Stay clear!
- The “Pier 121 Cut”:
 - No wake zone (only one buoy remaining – careful coming in and heading out.
 - NEVER tow through this area – ALWAYS observe no-wake through all passes
 - Keep to center of Cut channel but always pass port-to-port

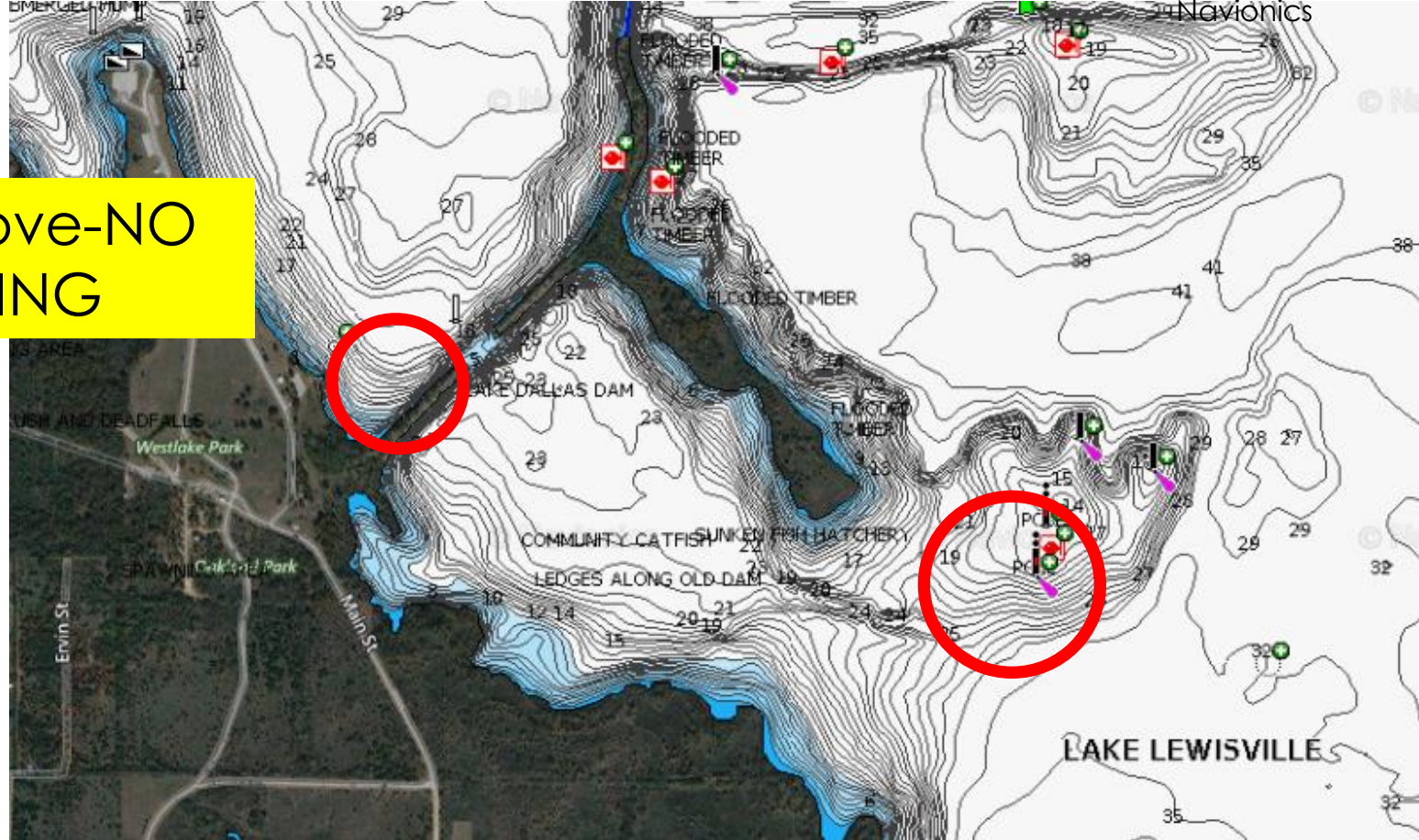




Party Cove Area

Source:
Navionics

Party Cove-NO
RAFTING



- There is only ONE safe entrance into Party Cove.
- The cut leading into Party Cove is only ~5-6 feet deep
- Two, now only one, unlit black poles sticking out of the water are present on the West side of the main body – highly dangerous, beware



Departing the Dock

- Make sure all dock lines are in and everyone is seated.
- Make sure all fenders (bumpers) are in (once you are safely away from dock)
- Use Idle “NO WAKE” Speed while in the marina and up to the no-wake buoys a few hundred yards past the gas dock.
- Slowly, safely exit the marina at a slow “No Wake” speed.

Returning to the Dock

- Text the dock number when you 10 minutes from No Wake buoys.
- Make sure all fenders are out and properly positioned.
- Designated Lookout should have dock pole at the ready - fully extended.
- Designated Lookout should toss line to the dock staff if requested.



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..... TOW SPORT SAFETY



- ▶ Have a lookout—
"It takes 3 to ski."

- ▶ **Never** at night.
- ▶ Stow gear properly.



- ▶ Life jacket on.



- ▶ Ensure no one is
near the propeller.

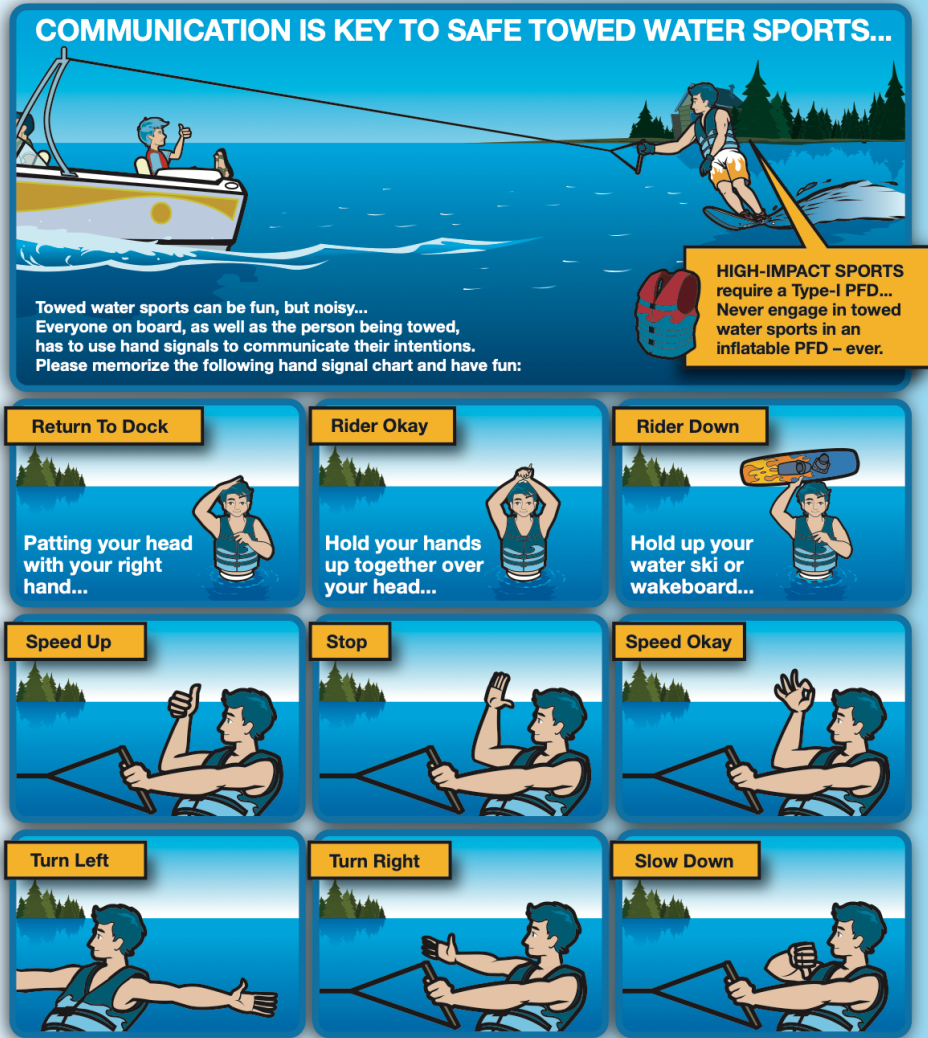
- ▶ Use sufficient
tow rope length.



FROM THE U.S. COAST GUARD AND THIS COMPANY

Tow Sports Safety

- **Always wear a PFD:** Wear a life jacket when water being pulled.
- **Know your equipment:** Follow to the manufacturer's recommendations for water tubing capacity in terms of size and weight, number of riders, age limits, and max speed.
- **Know your rider(s):** While sharp turns, high speeds, and big waves can be fun, these should never come at the expense of rider safety.
- **Use a spotter:** Observe to see if anyone has fallen or wants to stop; the boat driver concentrates on oncoming obstacles. All traffic is a threat, especially a boat astern in your wake. React immediately.
- **Use a secure tow line:** Check for signs of wear, tear, and fraying, and replace as needed. Be sure to only use rope that is specifically designated for towing inflatables.
- **Check before you start:** Never start the boat w/o making sure that your rider is ready to go. Use approved hand signals.
- **Handle wakes with care:** Slow the boat speed when crossing wakes. Bouncing off wakes at extremely high speeds has been known to cause back injury, especially with riders who are water tubing stomach-down.
- **Don't pull more than one tube.**



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... COLD WATER IMMERSION ...



- ▶ Wear life jacket or flotation jacket.



- ▶ Use "H.E.L.P." posture.



- ▶ Do not panic or struggle.

- ▶ **Dress properly.**

- ▶ Stow gear, stay seated and maintain grip to avoid falls overboard.

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..... CARBON MONOXIDE

- ▶ Keep swimmers away from areas in which CO might accumulate.



- ▶ Turn off all gasoline engines before going swimming or engaging in other water activities.



- ▶ **Carbon Monoxide (CO):**

- Colorless, odorless, tasteless
- Can be lethal

FROM THE U.S. COAST GUARD AND THIS COMPANY

Slide Boat Rules. - Must sign waiver

- **TURN OFF ENGINE**
- **Do not use the slide in less than a 10 ft. depth.**
- **No one allowed on the upper deck or ladder while underway.**
- Only 1 person on the ladder at a time.
- Turn on water pump before using the slide.
- Use slide only in a feet forward, sitting position.
- Make sure landing area is clear.
- Wearing life vest or PFD is highly recommended.
- No jumping or diving from the upper deck.
- Close adult supervision should be maintained at all times when children are using the ladder, upper deck or slide.



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Suggested Boat Bag / Safety Kit

- **Basic First Aid Kit**
- **Pocket knife** / pliers combo
- **Water Shoes**
- Rain poncho
- Waterproof bag
- Cell phone / car charger cord.
- Beach Towels
- **Sunscreen**
- Strobe / Flashlight combo & batteries
- Handheld compass
- UV blocking sunglasses
- Binoculars
- **Bottled water**
- Long sleeve shirt
- Medications
- Solar Power cell charger



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Reservation Policies

- Login to the reservation system at www.FreedomBoatClub.com
- Only 2 of your 4 Reservations can be used on the weekend. Weekends begin at 2:30PM Friday. Only on per weekend
- The system will not allow changes within 48 hours of reservation.
- Text the Dock Staff Directly for changes or to cancel
- Same day reservations end at 12pm
- Waitlist is Time Stamped = First Come, First Called.
- Do not arrive within 1 hr. of reservation = Cancellation.
- No Show, No Call Charge = \$35.00
- Late return fee = \$35 every 15min



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Reservation Summary

Below is a summary of your reservation. If you wish to change your reservation time, simply click the Cancel button and select the reservation again.



Saturday - June 25, 2016

You N Sea (Rinker 236 | Waketower | 300 HP
Sterndrive)

Saturday 5PM - Sunset* (5:00 PM - 8:12 PM)

Arrival Time

5:00 PM

Select

Return Time

7:00 PM

Select

Notes

Add notes here to help the dock staff
accommodate any requests

Trip Buddy Wanted ☒

Purpose of the trip

☐ Other (Explain) ☐ Fishing ☐ Sailing
☐ Diving ☐ Dining ☐ Skiing

Contact Number or Email

Trip Explanation

Cancel

Book Reservation

Click on one of the  icon to find out more about each boat.

Click on the       icons to find out more about the trip buddy request.

Saturday - June 25, 2016

+ Waitlist Any



Benny (24'
Bennington | 150 HP
Outboard | Pet Free)

+ Waitlist



Sunkist (WT-1 | No
Pets | No Beaching |
No Rafting | No or

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Trip buddies wanted

Take a look at below, a member would like to share this trip.



Contact: 7347306112

Description: Would like to practice docking

Close

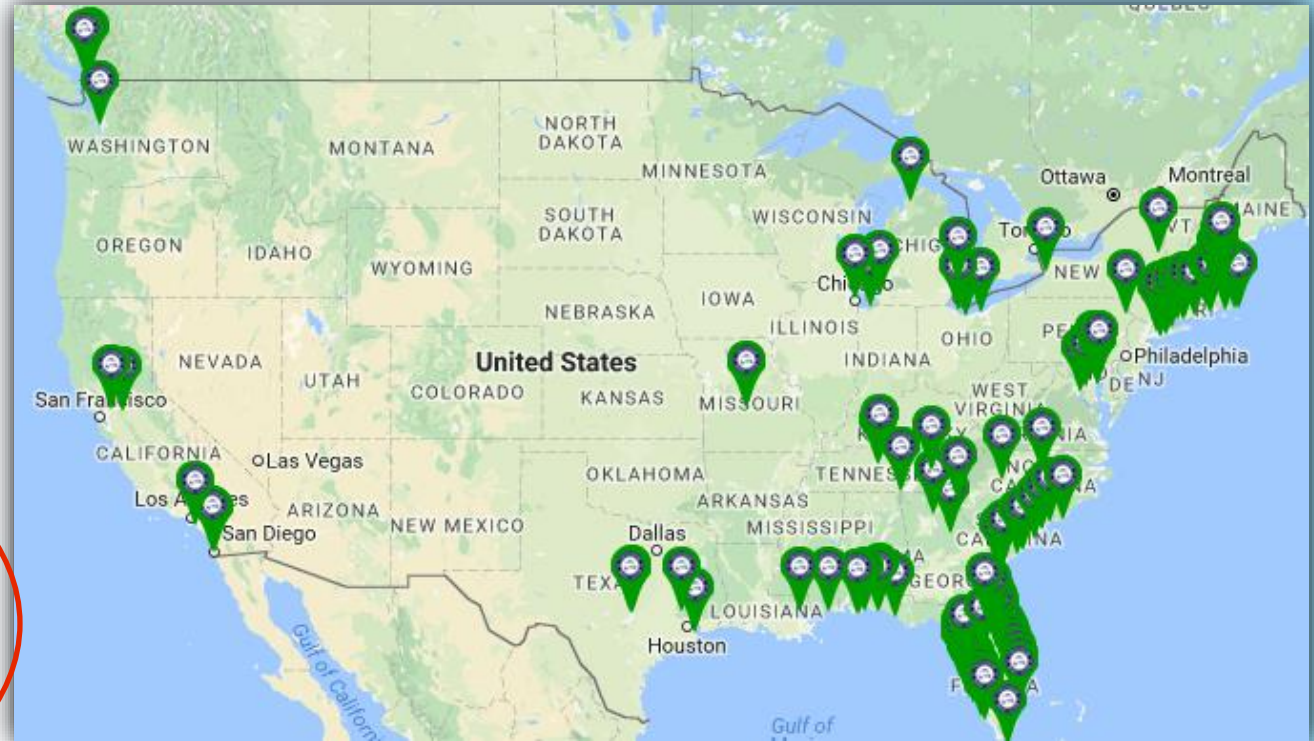
Email: jweir@freedomboatclub.com



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Reciprocal Benefits

- Access to 320+ clubs
- Access to over 4000 boats
- Four reservations at each club
- Must have the Coastal/ICW Certification to reserve boats to take offshore. Your Lake Lewisville training is for inshore use only.



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Reservations

View Reservations

New Reservation

Locations

View Locations/Dock Info

View Weather

iPhone App Tutorial

(704.214.2161)

FBC of Lake Norman NC

Fake Member

Update Profile

Logout

View Reservations

Below you can view your reservations for FBC of Lake Norman NC boat club.

Office Phone:

Reservation Phone: 704-237-4274

Email: lknreservations@freedomboatclub.com

New

New Reciprocal

10 - 60 days
in advance

Member/Vessel

Member, Fake

Nauti Girl | Regal OBX | No Pets | No
Tubing

No.

Fake



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Frequently Asked Questions

- How early can I take out a boat? **8AM**
- Are there any other training certifications?
 - REQUIRED Basic: NMO
 - Optional Advanced: Wake/Surf Boat Certified
 - Optional Advanced: Off Shore Certified (\$\$)
 - Optional Advanced: Sailing Certified (\$\$)
- Who can operate the boat? Friends? Kids?

ONLY Member(s) on the Membership Agreement WHO HAVE BEEN THROUGH TRAINING



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Critical Training Items

- Outdrives **FULLY DOWN** for all engine starts.
- Outdrives in the trim range for all operations, including shallow water ops.
 - Inboard/Outboards **Long count to 3** = maximum trim from fully down.
- Fenders in the proper location for all docking.
- No rafting of the boats to any other vessel.
- No beaching of any boats.
- Immediate engine shutdown for any alarms or unusual noise or vibration.
- Engine off for any swimmers near the boat.
- Use caution with any line or rope in the water.
- Keep skiers and tubers in sight during all recoveries and rope deliveries.



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The Boat is Waiting ...



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Questions and review

- Member Questions from Videos
- Review
 - Name 2 things are you responsible for as skipper of the vessel?
 - What is the main factor in safe operation of the boat while cruising?
 - What must you do when within 100' of a law enforcement officer?
 - Who is allowed to Operate FBC boats and what constitutes BWI?
 - When must PFDs be worn by children under 13.



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Questions and review 2

- What is the rule on towing other boats?
- What are the first 2 steps if you run aground?
- What is the definition of Underway?
- How do you determine a risk of collision requiring maneuvering?
- What is important if you are a Giveaway Vessel?
- What should you do during restricted visibility?
- Have you downloaded Navionics?



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Questions and review 3

- Define “Stop the Boat”
- How many pivot points are developed in a single engine boat?
- Review Pivot Turns
- <https://youtu.be/HyhTPRXwYBQ> if you have not watched
- What is “INGA”
- What 2 effects does WIND have on a boat.
- What is a Williamson Turn?



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