

**Tempe Town Lake Boat Permit Holder  
Code of Conduct**

The purpose of this "Code of Conduct" is to encourage boaters and other lake users to be more aware of their duties and responsibilities towards other users and the environment. It does not purport to cover all situations users may encounter but rather attempts to raise the level of awareness about the issues involved.

When individuals or groups are observed not following this code of conduct, lake users are encouraged to politely notify them of the violation in a timely manner. If it is believed the outcome of the notification would not lead to a productive resolution, contact the Town Lake Boating Coordinator instead.

**Safety:**

- You must abide by all state and federal boating laws; including those dealing with pfd use, fire extinguishers, operation, carrying capacity, traffic patterns, etc.
- Carry out routine maintenance and regular checks on your boat.
- If you do get into difficulties in open water, STAY WITH THE BOAT as long as you can, even if it capsizes or starts to sink.
- Nothing shall be left in a location that blocks access to or movement of stored equipment.
- Use of equipment that you have not been specifically permitted to use is prohibited.
- Driving in and around the boat storage areas, parking lots, boat ramps and access roads is to be done at a slow and safe speed.

**Navigation:**

- Passing boats have the right of way in all paddling/rowing situations. Boats being passed shall give way and allow the passing boat ample space to pass on the side of the passing boats choosing. In sailing and power boat use, a boat being passed is the stand on vessel and the overtaking boat is the give way vessel and therefore must pass in a safe manner careful not to interfere with the stand on vessel.
- All boats operating between dusk and dawn shall have at a minimum a white stern light that can be removed for signaling in case of an emergency and a red or red/green bow light that have 360 degree visibility. Note: Lights must be mounted on the boat and not on individuals.
- Ensure you have adequate headroom under bridges.
- Give fisherfolk a wide berth at all times. In boats, they may be trolling with long lines and if fishing from the bank, your wake may disturb the fishing, or worse, swamp them or their gear.

**Protect the Environment:**

- Users are responsible for maintaining the lake, boat storage area, and surrounding areas free of trash and debris. Please remove or dispose of all personal items from the lake and surrounding area.
- Respect the wildlife.

**General:**

- Treat others with respect; offensive or threatening language and behavior will not be permitted.
- If a user is involved in any situation where others are waiting, it is expected that the user shall view the task as a priority and expedite the process. Be prepared to move to make room for boats ahead of and behind you.
- All lake users shall work together to expedite the launching and landing of boats, especially when other boats are waiting.
- Changing of clothes is only permitted in an appropriate facility such as park restrooms.

Violation(s) of this Code by may result in, among other things, the temporary suspension or permanent removal of boating privileges at Tempe Town Lake. This includes loss of permit and storage space, if allocated.

My signature below indicates my agreement to abide by the above listed and implied rules and procedures.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_