

## BOATING RULES AND REGULATIONS

All persons using the boats must **WEAR LIFE JACKETS** for the entire time they are in the boat! Life jackets must be fastened! Abuse of this rule may result in loss of privileges.



1. Boating is permitted only in boats owned and maintained by Hale Reservation.
2. Boating is not permitted within 100 feet of buoy lines that are the established safety limits of the swimming area.
3. All boats must return immediately to the boat landing area at the first sign of thunder, lightning or at the emergency signal of three whistles.
4. Beaching of small craft along any shore is NOT permitted except in an emergency.
5. Boaters must NOT stand in or rock the boats or attempt to ram other boats. The dragging of arms and legs overboard and swimming from the boat is not permitted.
6. If a boat tips over, stay with the boat. Move to the beach side of the boat and signal for help.
7. Only members on the sailing list may use the sailboats.
8. Members must rig and derig the boat.
9. The interior of all boats must be kept clean and orderly.
10. All boats must be returned to the beach 30 minutes before closing time.
11. On busy days, please be considerate of others by limiting the time you use the boats.

### **USE OF BOATS BY ADULTS**

1. Any adult, over 18 years of age may use any boat, consistent with their ability.
2. Adults may take a child of any age boating. The adult is responsible for the child.
3. **Lifejackets must be worn at all times by everyone in all watercraft.**

### **USE OF BOATS BY CHILDREN**

1. For a child to take out a boat on his/her own, the child must have parental permission, **plus**, pass a Water Proficiency Test (called the Deep End Test).
2. To pass the Deep End Test, the child must be able to jump in the water, swim 4 laps of crawl without stopping or touching the side, and tread water for 2 minutes. Any lifeguard may give the test.
3. Children under the age of 13 are not permitted to take the sailboats out without supervision.
4. The pond is big! Parents are advised to set boundaries for their children.

