

Basic Boating and Angling Rules for Lake Oanob / Oanob Dam

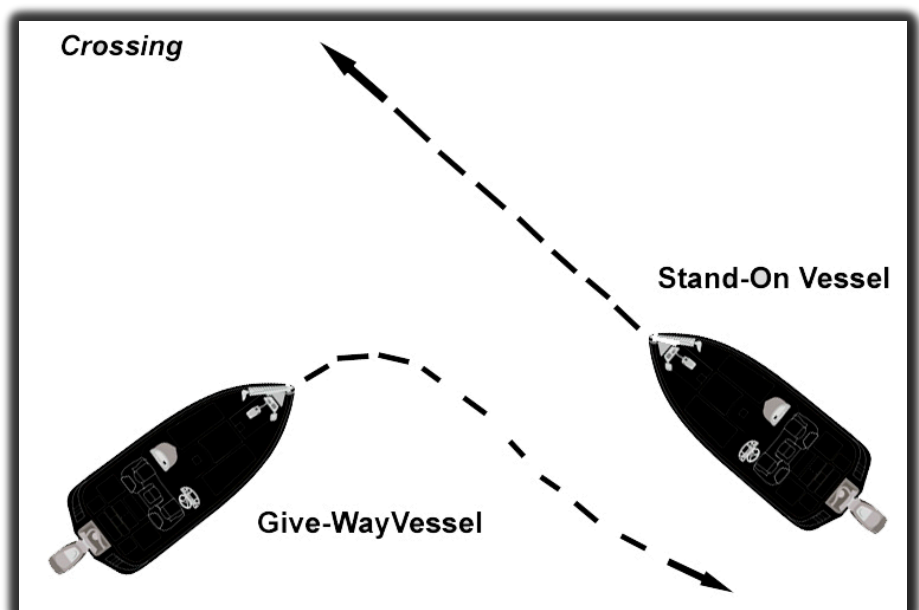
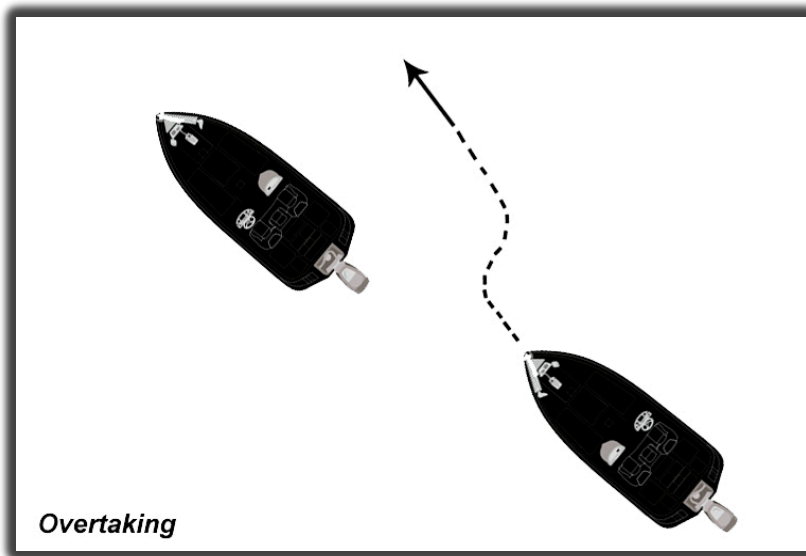
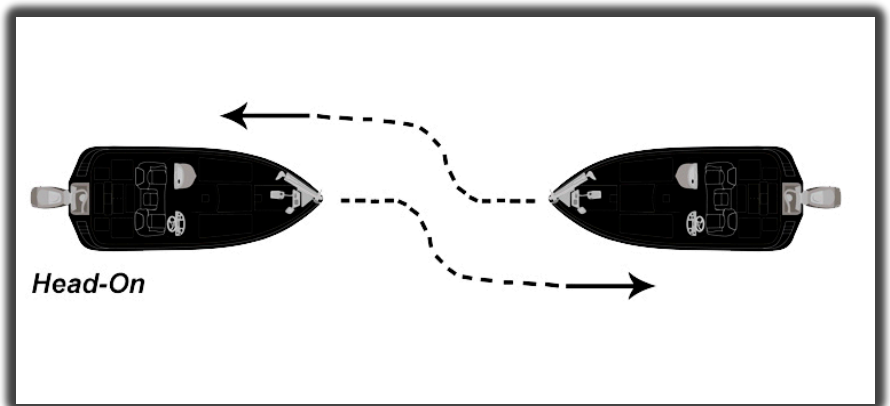
The following rules and regulations were implemented by Lake Oanob Resorts and are applicable to all who utilize the dam.

Boating rules and etiquette:

1. Please be aware that Lake Oanob / Oanob Dam is very narrow in places and boats need to be extra cautious in the narrow areas and the tight bends.
2. When approaching an oncoming boat or any other water vessel, you must pass with the oncoming boat or water vessel on your port (left) side, i.e. when travelling on the dam, always keep to your **right**.
3. To avoid a collision a motorboat or jet ski must give right of way to all other un-motorized watercraft and a rowing boat or canoe gives way to a sailing boat.
4. Faster motorboats or jet skis may pass slower moving motorboats or jet skis on the starboard (right) side.
5. Motorboats or jet skis crossing each others paths must maintain the "vessel on the starboard side has right of way" principle. Should doubt arise, both vessels must slow down to idle speed, until the paths are crossed safely.
6. Please ensure that your wake does not cause a danger to another boat or vessel, especially when passing smaller boats, personal water vessels or stationary boats on the dam.
7. Wakeboard boats, boats towing a wake boarder, jet skis, any boats travelling at slow speeds, or boats that create a substantial wake when driving, must be aware of the wake they create. Do not pass canoeists, row boaters, water tricycles or anglers standing on a boat, when your boat makes a substantial wake. Slow down to idling speed, when passing such water users.
8. All motor boats are requested not to pass within 50m of an angler's boat, especially when that angler is standing on the deck of their boat.
9. Jet skis or any other agile motorboats are not allowed to drive circles around or wilfully agitate any other water users.
10. No jet skis or motorboats are to be driven or operated by persons under the age of fourteen (14) years. Motorboats may only be operated by persons under the age of eighteen (18) years of age, under the present supervision of an adult.

11. Wakeboard boats, tube towing boats and water ski boats are required to have at least two (2) people in the boat: one driver and one observer. The observer has to be in possession of a red signalling flag, and has to indicate to other water users when the towed person has fallen into the water, until such a time that towing that person has resumed.
12. Do not take off or get onto the plane, when you are closer than 25m from another water vessel. Idle away and then take off.
13. Idle speed is 1200RPM or less or is a “no wake” idle speed.
14. All boats must observe and respect anglers standing on a boat. Observe the direction in which angling activity is done and do not pass in front of their angling direction. When passing them, slow down to idle speed, if your boat creates a substantial wake.
15. When approaching jetties or entering bays or in all open water situations please be aware of swimmers and reduce speed to idle speed. Swimmers are difficult to spot from a moving boat.
16. When approaching the bank or passing within 5m of the bank please do so at idle speed.
17. Please slow down when entering the bays or when heading into the inlet.
18. Please observe the no-wake zones at: *Refer to the Google Earth Picture:*
19. Lake Oanob / Oanob Dam is utilized by various sports disciplines from time to time, for official competitions. Lake Oanob Resorts reserves its rights to restrict entry to and use of the water on these occasions.
20. ALL USERS OF MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT ARE REQUESTED TO HAVE A PERSONAL, VALID SAMSA APPROVED SKIPPERS LICENCE.
21. LAKE OANOB RESORTS REPRESENTED BY IT'S EMPLOYEES RESERVES ITS RIGHTS TO REFUSE ENTRY TO OR RESTRICT OR SUSPEND THE USE OF THE WATER TO ANY WATERCRAFT AT ANY GIVEN TIME.
22. PARKING OF BOATS, VEHICLES OR TRAILERS ON OR NEXT TO THE SLIPWAY OR SLIPWAY ACCESS ROAD, IS PROHIBITED AND CARRIES A MONETARY FINE.
23. DO NOT UNDULY BLOCK OR OBSTRUCT THE SLIPWAY FOR OTHER BOAT USERS, WHISHING TO LAUNCH OR TAKE OUT THEIR VESSELS.

RULES OF PASSING ANOTHER VESSEL:



NOTE:

DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS OF MOTORBOATS AND JET SKIS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICE AND HAVE A KILL SWITCH IN OPERATION, WHIST THE BOAT'S / JET SKI'S MAIN MOTOR IS RUNNING

PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES ARE RECOMMENDED TO ALL WATER USERS

THE USE OF ALCOHOL WHILST OPERATING A MOTORBOAT IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED

BASIC BOAT EQUIPMENT

All motorized boats (excluding jet skis) are required to have the following basic safety equipment on board:

- A set of paddles or an electric trolling motor.
- A torch.
- A fire extinguisher.
- A piece of yellow material, one-square-meter (1m²), or an official distress flag to be used as a distress signal.
- A mirror, for reflecting sunlight and attracting attention. (A CD-Rom or highly reflective piece of aluminium is sufficient).
- One (1) personal floatation device / life preserve per person, with at least two (2) personal floatation devices / life preservers on the boat.
- A rope no less than ten meter (10m) in length and of sufficient strength to tow another boat.
- A raised pole light, raised to a height above the cowling of the outboard motor that sheds 360 degree of light. This must be switched on during low-light conditions or if fog prevails.
- A baling-bucket of not less than five litres (5l) capacity. (May be flat-pack, fold-up type)
- A suitable anchor of sufficient strength to anchor a motorboat.
- A device able to make an audible noise, such as a hooter, whistle, etc.

ANGLING RULES:

1. Please make sure you have a valid freshwater angling license to fish in your possession. These can be obtained at the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources - Windhoek.
2. Please adhere to the regulations as well as the size and bag limits for fish as described by the Namibian Inland Fisheries Resources Act 2003 - No.2962 - under which all freshwater angling licences are issued.
3. Angling is only permitted by methods of rod and reel and hand line, as described by the Namibian Inland Fisheries Resources Act 2003 - No.2962 -
4. Spear fishing is not permitted and the use thereof is a criminal offence and punishable by law.
5. Catch-and-Release strongly adhered to.
6. Cast nets, throw nets, drag nets, gill nets or any other similar, are not allowed for fishing and the use thereof is a criminal offence and punishable by law.
7. Fishing / Angling may be done from sunrise to sunset.
8. Anglers are urged to clean the area, where they have been angling.

