

New Plymouth Water Ski Club

Operating Rules 2008/09

INTRODUCTION

New Plymouth Water Ski Club (NPWSC) is based on the Western Arm of Lake Ratapiko. Lake Ratapiko is a man made lake built for the purpose of acting as a storage pond for the Motukawa Hydroelectric Power Scheme owned by Trustpower.

Recreational use of the lake is allowed by the NPWSC but the extent of these activities, are bound by the requirements of the Lake Ratapiko Recreational Users Policy. This policy is determined by the Lake Ratapiko Recreational Users Committee.

The recreational use of Lake Ratapiko and its foreshore areas is at the sole responsibility of each recreational user. Trustpower Ltd and the New Plymouth Water Ski Club, jointly and severally decline any responsibility or liability for any person or persons injured or harmed in any way whilst using the lake or foreshore.

No recreational use will be made of the “Water Fowl Refuge Area” with the exception of duck shooters.

Every user of the lake shall be responsible for their own safety and that of their passengers, observers and guests at all times.

Current financial members of the New Plymouth Water Ski Club are permitted regular users of the Lake and are subject to the following rules:

1. USE OF BOATS ON THE LAKE

- a) Recreational use of the lake is not permitted when the lake water level is below the red line on the ski dock.
- b) Trustpower monitor and control lake water levels via their control centre in Tauranga. Any queries regarding water lake levels must be directed in the first instance to the designated member of the Management Committee.
- c) The lake shall be closed to all boating activities for the duration of the Duck Shooting season plus two weeks prior to the opening day and one week after the closing day.
- d) The hours of operation of any powerboat on the lake shall be confined to between one hour after sunrise and one hour after sunset.
- e) No refuelling of boats will take place on the water.
- f) The launching of boats shall be only from the boat ramp.
- g) Boat speed around the jetty area is restricted to 5km per hour.
- h) Only one ski tow boat shall operate at any one time.
- i) All take offs shall be at the ski dock and drop offs at the exit stairs.
- j) All boats must avoid the slalom course and close proximity of the jump if not using them. Anchor ropes that are not visible lie beneath the water surface.
- k) All boats must carry approved Club identification, which is to be displayed in a prominent position at all times.
- l) The minimum age of Boat Drivers is 15 years. The minimum age for observers is 10 years.
- m) The same alcohol limits that apply to driving cars on roads shall apply to driving boats on the lake.
- n) Before driving a boat on the lake, new members must undergo a driving induction by a suitably experienced and competent member.

2. USE OF THE CLUBROOMS AND GROUNDS

The clubrooms, toilet block, boat ramp, slalom course and ski jump are owned by the NPWSC and are available for use by members and their guests. The general public are permitted to use the toilet facilities.

It is the intention that all members use the Clubrooms and facilities with consideration and respect for other users. The following rules apply:

- a) The Clubrooms and grounds shall be kept in good condition and in a clean state as decided by the Management Committee.
- b) The Clubrooms may be used for member's private functions only on written application to the Management Committee. Any such member granted the use of the Clubhouse is responsible for any damage, which may result from that use and is also responsible for leaving the Clubhouse and grounds tidy.
- c) Every member is responsible for removing their own rubbish from the Club property and leaving the property clean and tidy.
- d) The last member to leave the Club property is responsible for ensuring that the power is switched off, the clubrooms & boat ramp are securely locked and the entrance gate is closed.
- e) All breakages shall be reported to the Management Committee.
- f) Camping in caravans or tents is permitted in the club grounds but is for members only or invited guests (max 3 invites per year).
- g) Sleeping in the Clubrooms is not permitted.
- h) Caravans or tents must not be sited such that they restrict access to the boat ramp or other facilities.
- i) The parking of caravans at the grounds and access to power supplies is subject to approval by the Management Committee.
- j) Facility fees for overnight stays in caravans or tents are \$5 per person per night or \$10 per family. Members must record their overnight stays in the Camping Diary in the Clubhouse.
- k) Caravans require a current Electrical Registration Certificate. Any caravan not displaying a current certificate will not be able to connect to the club's power supply.
- l) Dogs belonging to members are permitted on the Club grounds provided the dogs are appropriately restrained and kept under adequate control at all times.
- m) No trailers are to be left in the water or on the boat ramp. Trailers must be parked in designated trailer park area.
- n) Visitors may visit three times in any one financial year as a guest of any Club Member and then are required to apply for membership of the Club. Members are responsible for the behaviour of their guests.
- o) An application is to be made to the Committee in writing if the number of non-members visiting the Club to ski at any one time exceeds 5 per membership.