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Dear Hickory Hills Lake Resident,

The current boat ramp schedule for access to the Island Road Boat Ramp ends on Labor Day (Sep 5th). We are required by law to start taking boards out of the dam on October 15, and drawdown will begin November 1. Taking those dates and the current drought into account, we have come up with the following extraction schedule.

September Dates: Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays from 9:00am – 1:00pm
Sept 15th, 16th, 17th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 29th & 30th

October Dates: Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays from 9:00am – 1:00pm
October 1st, 6th, 7th & 8th

Please review HHL's Boat Launch Protocol on the back page to ensure your trailer is prepared for entry into the lake. The launch will be staffed by a trained weed watcher. All trailers must be certified clean by the owner /operator and will be thoroughly inspected for weeds.

- Trailers with ANY weeds found will not be allowed into the lake.
- Residents using boat dealers for removal must schedule with the dealer in accordance with the schedule above.
- Please keep in mind, the water is getting low. Using this area is at your own risk.

In addition, if these dates are not acceptable, the office can arrange an inspector to meet you for your boat extraction for a charge of \$15.00. To do so please contact HHL Security at 978-877-1338 by email at SecurityChair@hickoryhillslake.com . Leave your name, number and specific access request.

Please keep in mind there are more than 100 boats requiring ramp access and that we are trying to balance the best interests of the lake with all those who enjoy it.

Thank You!

Board of Directors
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HHL Boat/Trailer Launch Procedure

Clean, Drain, Dry.

All visible plants, mud, or other debris should be removed. All drain plugs should be pulled with any standing water allowed to fully drain. The watercraft and equipment should then be allowed to fully dry for 1 week during July and August, 2 weeks in June and September, and 4 weeks before and after these dates. Dry times should be longer if weather has been unseasonably cool or wet. Note: Vessels that have been exposed to freezing temperatures for the winter are considered to be decontaminated.

OR

Clean, Drain, Decontaminate.

After cleaning and draining, use an approved decontamination method or combination of methods on all vessel parts in contact with water and carpeted trailer bunks:

- Steam or Scalding Hot Wash (>140 degrees): To achieve this temperature at the surface being cleaned, water temperature must be as close to 155 degrees as possible at the nozzle (Note: Caution should be taken as this temperature may cause scalding to exposed skin). Keep contact for 10 seconds or more. High pressure spray is best to clean the outside surfaces of vessels and low pressure should be used to flush live wells, bilges, ballasts, and engines. Run the water through the craft's cooling system for at least 10 seconds at 140 degrees. Use "ears" for outboards, or garden hose for personal watercraft and inboards as you would normally for winterization or running while out of water.
- Chlorine/Bleach Solution (1 oz. per gal. water): Surfaces should be kept "wet" with Chlorine/Beach solution for at least 10 minutes before rinsing with clean water. Clean all exterior surfaces and flush live wells, bilges, ballasts, and engines with solution. Run outboard engines in a tub, bucket or barrel of solution or use ears to decontaminate engine cooling systems. This is also a good option for soaking ropes, dive gear, or anything else that may be placed into the solution bucket or barrel. Solution may only be used for up to 24 hours after mixing. After that, a fresh chlorine mixture must be mixed.
- Lysol (As sold, or if using the concentrate, dilute to achieve 1% active ingredient): Surfaces should be kept "wet" with Lysol solution for at least 10 minutes before rinsing with clean water. Clean all exterior surfaces and flush live wells, bilges, ballasts, and engines with solution. Run outboard engines in a tub, bucket or barrel of solution or use ears to decontaminate engine cooling systems. This is also Vinegar as sold - 100% 20 Minutes good option for soaking ropes, dive gear, or anything else that may be placed into the solution bucket or barrel. Because of the possible dilution with rinse water, the solution should not be reused. A fresh batch should be used each time if it has been diluted by the cleaning procedure.
- Vinegar (as sold- 100%): Surfaces should be kept "wet" with Vinegar solution for at least 20 minutes before rinsing with clean water. This option, however, may not be the most practical or feasible for decontaminating engine cooling systems because of the quantity of vinegar that one would need to purchase in comparison to preparing decontamination solutions from Lysol or bleach concentrate. Vinegar may be a more practical option for cleaning the exterior of the boat and for soaking ropes, dive gear, or anything else that may be placed into the solution bucket or barrel. Because of the possible dilution with rinse water, the solution should not be reused. Fresh solution should be used each time.