

Over the years these guidelines/rules have been developed through comments and concerns from Columere Park Community Association members.

CPR Safety Canadian Pacific Railway safety rules must be adhered to all times.

Right of Way to Boats from Marina The channel going out to the lake from the marina is narrow and there have been issues with boats bunched up at the corner going out to the lake, especially during years when the lake level is low. Since most people can see boats coming out of the marina from the lake, the suggestion is for *boats exiting the marina are given the right of way*. If you see a boat(s) coming out of the marina, could you please wait in deeper water until all the boats have exited the channel and are in the lake. The only exception to this rule would be if a storm comes up, then the boats in the lake would have the right of way to get back in the marina to safety.

Keep Columbia Lake Healthy Just a reminder to keep the lake clean from gas & oil to protect the wildlife in, on and around the lake. Columbia Lake **is susceptible to Eurasian Milfoil**, therefore, keep this weed out of the lake by taking preventive measures through the removal of any weeds from your boat, canoe, kayak, windsurfer, floatie, or any other watercraft used on the lake before launching it. The introduction of one single fragment of Eurasian Milfoil can result in the infestation of the entire Columbia Lake and is virtually impossible to eradicate. Zebra and Quagga Mussels are a concern for the lake as well. Remember to Clean, Drain and Dry your watercraft (including kayaks, paddleboards, trailer ...) and equipment (life jackets, waders, fishing gear ...).

Protect Wildlife Areas on the Lake Boating is not allowed along the north, east and south shores of the Columbia Lake. The wave action from motor boats can destroy the nesting grounds of wild fowl.

Static Electricity and Fueling Boats When refueling your boat an antistatic refueling mat must be used. The antistatic refueling mats are located on each dock (Main, North, East and Day Dock). These black mats are 2 feet by 3 feet with a yellow border. They are to be used strictly to refuel your boat. Find one of these mats on the dock and stand on it when refueling your boat.

Keep Oil and Fuel Out of the Lake When possible refuel your boat on land. Be careful when filling your boat with fuel/oil. A spill can spread a long way in a short time given the winds and currents in our waters. As little as 1/2 litre of oil can cover up to 1/2 an acre of water, so it's important to avoid even tiny spills. Please use a bilge pad. Surface water pollution makes life difficult for species that rely on the Lake's aquatic environment for all or part of its lifecycle. Many fish depend on surface insects for food. Creatures that live along the shoreline can get coated with petroleum product as well. The Lake is the source of the Community's drinking water. We all have a responsibility to maintain the water quality of Columbia Lake.

No Vehicle Parking at the Marina Do not park your vehicles on the lake side of the tracks, as the marina launching area can become quite congested moving boats in and out of the water. Community members who do not have a stall and use the launching facility on a daily basis will be pulling their boat in and out of the lake. Please respect the need to have this area clear of parked cars. Although the gate will make it more convenient to access the marina area, please park your vehicles by the tennis court.

No Overnight Boat Trailer Parking With increased day use of the launching facilities, day use boaters require a place to park their boat trailers for the day, therefore, no overnight trailer parking will be allowed at the marina. We would kindly ask that seasonal and weekly boat stall renters take their boat trailers back to their property for storage.

No Parking at the Day Dock The day dock by the boat launch should only be used for loading and unloading passengers and gear. This is the only area designated for the day use boaters. No unattended boat should be left at this dock.

Slow Speeds through the Marina and through the Channel Please drive slowly through the channel and the marina. Wave action will erode the edges and will increase silt build up in these areas.

Encroaching Boat Bows on the Main Docks Please keep the minimal amount of your boat bow from encroaching on the main dock so it doesn't block the main walking path. Thank you for your cooperation.

Respect the Boat in the Stall Next to Your Boat Please respect the boat in the stall next to your boat and keep the boat docks clear of items. Items left scattered on the docks when you're out boating creates safety hazards for people walking on the docks or getting in and out of their boats.

Securing your Boat Please ensure your boat is tied up tight to the dock to accommodate the boat beside your boat.

No Water Toys in the Marina Please do not pull water tubes/water toys (loaded or unloaded with people) behind your boat in the marina. Tubes and toys should be placed in your boat before returning to the marina. Also, please do not leave tubes or water toys on the water in the marina; place them in your boats or take them back to your property.