



Spring Valley Lake Association
13325 Spring Valley Parkway
7001 SVL Box
Spring Valley Lake, CA 92395-5107

These rules and regulations govern Spring Valley Lake Association recreational facilities and common areas. Questions should be directed to the Association office, which is located at 13325 Spring Valley Parkway. Our mailing address is 7001 SVL Box, Victorville CA 92395-5107.

For Vessel Operator Permits (V.O.P.):

The examination is given daily at 9:00am
Valid Driver's License and Member Card required

SVL Community Building
12975 Rolling Ridge Drive
Victorville, CA 92395

Or test is available online at www.svla.com
Click on Department tab – Public Safety
Once the online test is completed, call or visit Public Safety
with Valid Driver's License and Member Card

For additional questions, please contact Public Safety at (760) 245-6400

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5. BOATING

5.1. General

5.1.1. For the purpose of these rules and regulations, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning, the following definitions apply:

5.1.1.1. "Alcohol" means any form or derivative of ethyl alcohol (ethanol).

5.1.1.2. "Alcohol concentration" means either grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood or grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath.

5.1.1.3. "Boat" means the same as vessel.

5.1.1.4. "Chemical test" means a test that analyzes an individual's breath, blood, or urine, for evidence of drug or alcohol use.

5.1.1.5. "Controlled substance" means controlled substance as defined in Section 11007 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California.

5.1.1.6. "Drug" means any substance or combination of substances other than alcohol that could so affect the nervous system, brain, or muscles of a person as to impair to an appreciable degree his or her ability to operate a vessel in the manner that an ordinary prudent person, in full possession of his or her faculties, using reasonable care, would use to operate a similar vessel under like conditions.

5.1.1.7. "Intoxicant" means any form of alcohol, drug, or combination thereof.

5.1.1.8. "Length" shall be determined by the manufacturer's specifications, where available. In the case of custom boats or where such specification cannot be ascertained, then the length of the boat shall be physically measured from the outside of the bow to the outside of the stern along the centerline of the vessel. In the case of pontoon boats, the bow shall be considered to be the extreme forward end of the pontoon or deck, whichever is greater. The stern shall be considered to be the extreme after end of the pontoon or deck, whichever is greater. Motors or other appurtenances that extend beyond the hull or pontoon of the vessel shall not be considered in determining length.

5.1.1.9. "Main lake body" means that area of the Spring Valley Lake that lies lakeward of the line of red/orange buoys in which speeds in excess of 5 mph are permitted.

5.1.1.10. "Motor boat" means any vessel propelled by machinery whether or not the machinery is the principal source of propulsion.

5.1.1.11. "Observer" means a person other

than operator, at least 12 years of age or older who acts as a lookout and flag bearer when engaged in water towing activity.

5.1.1.12. "Operator" means the person on board who is steering the vessel while underway.

5.1.1.13. "Owner" means the person having all the incidents of ownership, including the legal title, of a vessel whether or not that person lends, rents, or pledges the vessel; the person entitled to the possession of a vessel as the purchaser under a conditional sale contract, the mortgagee of a vessel, or the renter or lessee of a vessel under a lease, lease-sale, or rental purchase agreement that grants possession of the vessel to the lessee for a period of 30 consecutive days or more. "Owner" means the same as "Legal Owner".

5.1.1.14. "Passenger" means any person aboard a vessel while underway other than the operator of the vessel.

5.1.1.15. "Personal watercraft (PWC)" is a vessel described by the manufacturer as a PWC, propelled by machinery, that is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing, or kneeling on the vessel, rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel.

5.1.1.16. "Special-use area" means all or a portion of a waterway that is set aside for specified uses or activities to the exclusion of other incompatible uses or activities.

5.1.1.17. "Sunset or sunrise" is the time specified in the Farmer's Almanac or Daily Press weather section for this geographic location.

5.1.1.18. "Vessel" includes every description of watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water, except seaplanes.

5.1.1.19. "Water skis, an aquaplane, or similar device" includes all forms of water skiing, bare foot skiing, skiing on skim boards, skiing on wake boards, knee boards, inflatable tubes, or other contrivances or activity where a person is towed behind or alongside a boat. This definition does not include parasailing, ski kiting or any other similar activity that is specifically prohibited by these Rules.

5.1.2. The Association member/owner of a vessel is responsible at all time for the safe operation of their vessel and the conduct of the passengers thereon. Reckless operation and disregard for the safety of persons and property may result in the forfeiture of lake boating privileges in addition to other penalties.

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may be exempt from State registration, however, must be registered with SVLA).

5.2.3. All vessels are subject to inspection in conjunction with the annual registration and may be subject to further inspection at any time as requested by a Lake Patrol officer. Inspection may include verification of length and engine noise levels.

5.2.4. Members or Associate Members registering vessels must be properly identified and must show:

5.2.4.1. Proof of vessel ownership by Member or Associate Member registering the vessel.

5.2.4.2. Valid state vessel registration (unless vessel is exempt from state registration) in name of Member or Associate Member that reflects mailing address that agrees with Association membership records.

5.2.4.3. Proof of insurance as evidenced by a Certificate of Insurance.

5.2.4.3.1. Showing an expiration date of the policy later than the expiration date of the SVLA registration.

5.2.4.3.2. \$300,000 minimum liability coverage.

5.2.4.3.3. Naming Spring Valley Lake Association, 13325 Spring Valley Parkway, 7001 SVL Box, Victorville, CA 92395-5107; its directors, officers, employees and agents as a party of interest.

5.2.4.3.4. Having a name and address for the insured party that corresponds to the name and address of the Member or Associate Member in the membership records of the Association.

5.2.4.3.5. Full and proper identification of the insured vessel, and

5.2.4.3.6. A statement that at least ten (10) days written notice shall be given to SVLA prior to cancellation of the policy.

5.2.4.4. Payment of the annual Boat and Vessel Lift Registration Fee.

5.2.4.5. Signed conditions for issuance of boat registration / permit liability form by Member or Associate member.

5.2.4.6. The member or associate member will be issued a copy of the most current Section 5 - Boating, of the Spring Valley Lake Association Rules and Regulations and agrees to become familiar and comply with the information contained therein.

5.2.4.7. Driver's license or I.D. with an

address which corresponds with the membership records of the Association.

5.2.5. Boat registrations are valid from January 1st to December 31st of each year. After the registration fee is collected, the registrant will normally be given copies of "ABC's of the California Boating Law," the Spring Valley Lake "Rules and Regulations" and an SVLA boat registration decal. The decal shall be placed on the port (left) side of the vessel near the bow (front) area, just to the right of the State decal if applicable. State registration numbers, if applicable must be painted on or permanently attached to each side of the forward half of the vessel. Windsurfer decals shall be placed on the mast or boom. Decals for other vessels not otherwise listed must be placed on the forward half of the vessel, on the left side, where best seen.

5.2.6. Vessel registrations may be transferred by a property owner to a newly purchased vessel subject in accordance with the rules of the Association and upon payment of applicable fees. Any change of ownership of vessels registered with SVLA must be reported in writing to the Association office within ten (10) days following such change of ownership. Registration fees are not refundable

5.2.7. Size Limitations:

5.2.7.1. Power boats and sail boats may not exceed 22 feet maximum length.

5.2.7.2. Pontoon boats may not exceed 24 feet maximum length.

5.2.8. Prohibited vessels include:

5.2.8.1. Fixed keel sailboats with deeper than 24" draft.

5.2.8.2. Vessels with toilet facilities and/or capable of discharging waste water unless such facilities are disabled.

5.2.9. No person (for each lot owned) shall be allowed to register more than two vessels exceeding fifteen (15) horsepower. This also applies to associate members as defined in the Bylaws.

5.3. Vessel Operations

5.3.1. All vessels will observe the Inland Navigation Rules, however, Lake Harvesting machines shall be considered to be the "burdened" vessel at all times when operating on Spring Valley Lake.

5.3.2. No vessels shall be moored to any dock belonging to the Association except at the gas dock while purchasing gas, at the guest dock while loading and unloading passengers and materials, and in Marina slips in accordance with rental agreements.

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vices, so as to pass topline over another vessel or its skier.

5.5.6.2. Navigating a vessel, skis or other devices between a towing vessel and its tow.

5.5.6.3. Navigating a vessel, skis or other devices in such a manner as to cause a buoy to come between the vessel and the device being towed.

5.5.6.4. Operating under the influence of intoxicants or narcotics.

5.5.6.5. Other actions, such as speeding in confined or restricted areas, "buzzing" or "wetting down" others, or skiing at prohibited times or in restricted areas can also be construed to be reckless or negligent operation.

5.5.6.6. Wake jumping of any type of vessel by a personal watercraft (PWC).

5.5.7. Department of Boating and Waterways determined that alcohol is a high factor of all fatal motorboat accidents in California. Please do not drink and operate a vessel! State law specifies that:

5.5.7.1. No person shall operate any vessel, water skis or similar device while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.

5.5.7.2. No person shall operate any vessel, water skis or similar device who has .08 percent or more, by weight, of alcohol in their blood.


5.5.7.3. If you are convicted of operating a vessel while intoxicated, the Department of Motor Vehicles may suspend or revoke your vehicle driver's license. Depending upon the number and type of vessel violations accumulated, this suspension or revocation could be for up to five (5) years, and could also result in fines of up to \$1,000.


5.5.8. All accidents must be reported immediately to the Sheriff and Spring Valley Lake Community Patrol, in addition to necessary reports required by State Law. Accidents resulting in death or injury must be immediately reported via 9-1-1 to the Sheriff's Department.

5.5.9. In the event of emergencies, hazardous weather, special lake activities, or overcrowded conditions, all vessel activities may be limited or curtailed as required by the Spring Valley Lake Community Patrol.

5.5.10. Overcrowded Lake Procedures: Anytime the lake is unsafe due to overcrowding the General Manager or the on duty supervisor of the Spring Valley Lake Community Patrol may activate the Odd/Even flag system and direct the patrol boat to make an announcement over the loud speaker. Flag poles are located at the marina and the beach.

5.5.10.1. ODD - International Marine

Signal Flag "O" -  Only vessels with a Spring Valley Lake decal ending with an odd number may use the lake.

5.5.10.2. EVEN - International Marine
Signal Flag "E" -  Only vessels with a Spring Valley

Lake decal ending with an even number may use the lake.

5.5.11. Lake Evacuation Siren: The siren will be activated by Spring Valley Lake Community Patrol personnel during adverse weather conditions or any time the lake is considered unsafe to use.

5.5.11.1. Wailing sound: Clear the lake of all recreational activity.

5.5.11.2. Steady sound: All Clear - safe to resume normal activity.

5.6. Engine Noise

5.6.1. All vessels operated on Spring Valley Lake shall be muffled or otherwise prevented from exceeding noise levels of 82 decibels established by California boating laws.

5.6.2. Any person operating a vessel on the lake may be required by a Spring Valley Lake Community Patrol officer to submit that vessel for an engine noise measurement by Spring Valley Lake Community Patrol, the County Sheriff, or any other authorized person or agency having jurisdiction in this matter.

5.6.3. Over-the-transom exhaust systems, commonly referred to as wet and dry stacks are prohibited on Spring Valley Lake excepting those boats which have been continually registered to the same owner.

5.7. Water Skiing

5.7.1. Water skiing is permitted during hours of daylight from 7:00 a.m. to sunset.

5.7.2. Motor boats (other than PWC's) may tow skiers or other devices and shall observe the speed regulations listed under Section 5.4, Speed Regulations.

5.7.3. Water skiing is prohibited in all areas other than the main lake body defined as lakeward of the red/orange buoys.

5.7.4. Motor boats towing skiers will follow a counter-clockwise pattern around the lake, keeping the nearest shoreline on the right. Cutting across the lake while towing skiers must be done with extreme caution while generally maintaining the same counter-clockwise course.

5.7.5. All skiers, persons being towed on any device, persons under the age of 12 and those who do not

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5.9.4. Sailboats at dock areas must have sails lowered.

5.9.5. Sailboats/sailboards must comply with the Rules of the Road at all times. Such vessels generally have the right-of-way over power vessels but should show courtesy when approaching any ski boat towing skiers or any other device.

5.10. Slalom Course Rules

5.10.1. The slalom course at Spring Valley Lake is a Special Use Area.

5.10.2. Spring Valley Lake Association Rules and Regulations and State of California boating law applies to all vessels using the slalom course.

5.10.3. Boats and skiers shall only use the Slalom Course when traffic and water conditions permit conservative, safe operation.

5.10.4. The slalom course will generally be available between October 1st and May 1st during skiing hours permitted by these Rules & Regulations. The Association reserves the right to remove the slalom course at any time for lake maintenance or lake over-crowding conditions.

5.10.5. All vessels using the Slalom Course must obtain a slalom decal (affixed next to the Spring Valley Lake registration decal) and pass a written test of the Slalom Course and Spring Valley Lake Rules & Regulations. Vessels not bearing a slalom decal must keep well clear of the slalom course and should pass outside of all buoys marking the course.

5.10.6. The Spring Valley Lake Community Patrol may close the slalom course at any time if unsafe operation is observed.

5.10.7. Only one vessel at a time is allowed in the slalom course.

5.10.8. Any vessel approaching the slalom course must turn away at least 200 feet before the course if another vessel is observed in the slalom course.

5.10.9. Any vessel using the slalom course must immediately reduce power to idle if another vessel is observed entering or crossing the slalom course from any direction. A vessel does NOT have right-of-way solely because it has entered the course prior to other boats, vessels or skiers. If for any reason an emergency turn is required, boats should turn to the right to avoid collision.

5.10.10. Reducing power to idle is the preferred tactic when your skier falls in or near the slalom course or when other traffic threatens safety. After your boat slows to idle speed and the ski rope is clear of buoys, then the boat may accelerate back to fallen skier.

5.10.11. When exiting and entering the Slalom Course boats should do so in a counter clockwise direction.

5.10.12. Vessels are limited to six (6) passes through the Slalom Course or a total of 15 minutes if other vessels are waiting.

5.10.13. Vessels waiting to use the course will use the area located behind the No-Wake buoy by the Marina outlet.

5.10.14. When using the Slalom Course and a boat guide or turn ball become disconnected, the ski club member is responsible for replacing them immediately. Supplies for re-attaching the buoys are located at the Maintenance Building or you may purchase replacement parts and keep them in your vessel.



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Spring Valley Lake Association Fine Schedule

Citation Review Committee fine recommendations are based upon consideration of each case as an individual set of circumstances. Exacerbating circumstances as well as matters of extenuation or mitigation are considered by the Committee in making its recommendation. This fine schedule was approved by the Board of Directors as amended on March 3, 1999. Amended February 26, 2019 by The Board of Directors.

PART I

Boating Violations, Including:

Code #	Recommended Fine
1 Reckless, negligent or unsafe operation	\$250.00
2 Intoxicated Operator	\$500.00 & 1 yr. ban
3 No qualified water skier observer	\$250.00
4 Not using orange flag	\$100.00
5 Overload vessel	\$100.00
6 Failure to obey patrol direction	\$100.00
7 Wrong direction of travel	\$250.00
8 Excessive speed	
8.1 1 to 10 mph over speed limit; plus \$5.00 per mph over 35 mph.	\$100.00
8.2 11 to 15 mph over speed limit; plus \$5.00 per mph over 35 mph.	\$175.00
8.3 16 to 20 mph over speed limit; plus \$5.00 per mph over 35 mph.	\$200.00
8.4 Over 21 mph over speed limit; plus \$5.00 per mph over 35 mph.	\$250.00
9 Failure to maintain required insurance	\$100.00
10 Hit and run accident	\$500.00 & 1 yr. ban
11 High speed operation or water skiing in lake fingers	\$250.00
11.2 Exceeding "No Wake" in designated areas	\$150.00
11.3 PWC jumping wake of another vessel	\$150.00

Other Boating Violations, including but not limited to:

12 Tampering with buoys	\$100.00
13 Unsafe Equipment	\$100.00
14 Excessive noise	\$100.00
15 Operating without SVL's boat operators card	\$100.00 & 1 yr. ban
16 Prohibited hours of operation	\$100.00
17 Unregistered Vessels	\$250.00 & 1 yr. ban
18 Tampering with or unauthorized use of SVLA boat registration sticker	\$500.00 & ban prop. owner & boat
19 Illegal Launch	\$250.00
20 Unauthorized mooring at dock, shore or buoy	\$50.00
21 Water Skiing before 7:00 AM or after sunset	\$100.00
22 Operating a personal watercraft without SVL's watercraft license endorsement	\$50.00
23 Underage operator of vessel on Spring Valley Lake	\$100.00
24 Miscellaneous boat violations	\$50.00

Fishing Violations, including, but not limited to:

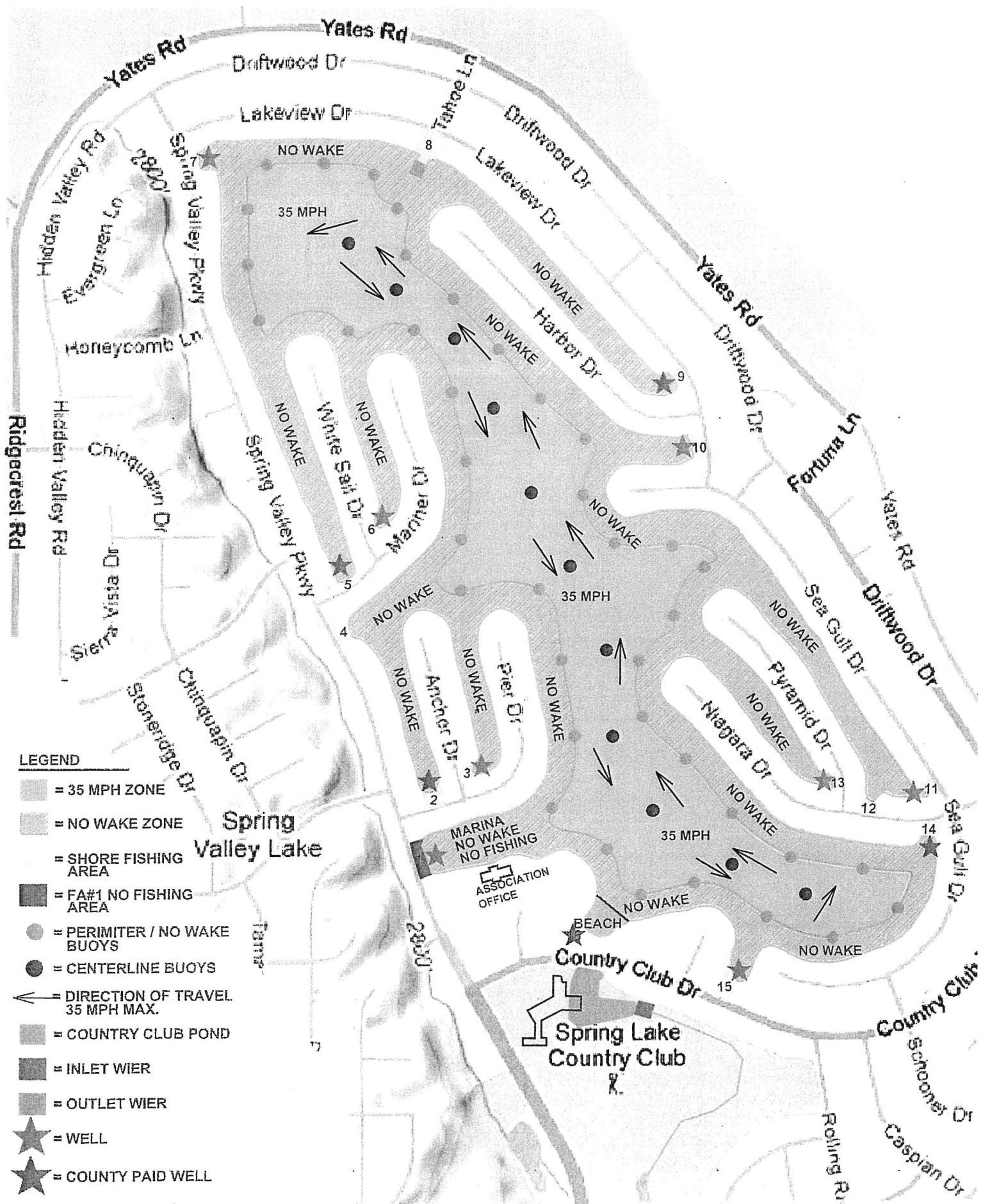
31 Taking of fish exceeding limit	\$250.00
32 Fishing at prohibited times	\$150.00
33 Use of more than 2 rods or 1 hand line with no more than 3 hooks	\$100.00

Equestrian Estates and Trail Violations, including, but not limited to:

Code #	Recommended Fine
41 Unsafe act	\$250.00
43 Failure to respond to eviction notice	\$100.00
44 Failure to comply with boarding agreement	\$50.00
45 Failure to comply with EQ rules	\$50.00
45.1 Lack of horse immunization records on file	\$150.00
46 Unauthorized motor vehicles on trail	\$100.00
47 Dumping debris on trails	\$100.00
48 Failure to properly clear and dispose of manure	\$100.00
49 Failure to wear protective headgear	\$50.00

Miscellaneous, including but not limited to:

42 Abuse of animals	\$250.00
50 Swimming rules 7.0, all rules	\$50.00
51 Threatening actions whether abusive language or physical action directed toward any SVLA employee, Board member, Committee member	\$500.00
52 Illegal or improper parking on Association property	\$50.00
53 Littering on Association property	\$100.00
54 Use of bicycles or skateboards at Meadowlark park	\$50.00
55 Use of facilities during prohibited hours	\$100.00
56 Use of glass containers on beaches & playgrounds	\$100.00
57 Improper operation of motorcycles or all-terrain vehicles	\$100.00
58 Misuse of Association ID cards or guest passes	\$100.00
58.1 No Identification cards	\$50.00
59 Nuisance to neighborhood	\$500.00
60.1 Vandalism/damage to Association property	\$250.00
60.2 Trespassing or damage to SVLA properties	\$200.00
60.3 Use or possession of narcotics, controlled substances, or any unlawful activities on Spring Valley Lake Association properties	\$250.00
61 Unauthorized use of trash containers	\$100.00
62 Operating a home-based business	\$150.00
63 Using an R.V. or structures as a dwelling	\$300.00
64 Keeping an excess number of animals according to County Code and Apple Valley Code	\$150.00
65 Keeping of animals other than dogs, cats, horses on property	\$250.00
66 Noisy animal/annoyance to neighborhood	\$250.00
66.1 Vicious dogs	\$250.00
67 Uncontrolled and/or unleashed dog	\$100.00
67.1 Not picking up after your dog	\$150.00
68 Improper parking on residential lots	\$150.00
69 Failure to erect a 2 or 3 sided structure w/a roof (shade) in a corral	\$200.00



****NON-POWERED VESSELS MUST REMAIN IN THE NO WAKE ZONE BETWEEN THE SHORELINE AND THE BUOYS. ****

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Safety Hints for Water Skiing

(Quoted from the California Department of Boating & Waterways, Water Skiing Safety Tips pamphlet)

THE SKIER

When water skiing be alert for cross wakes, partially submerged objects or anything that might come between you and the boat. Water skis will not be operated in a manner to endanger safety of persons or property. Passing the towline over another vessel or skier or navigating between a vessel and its tow is prohibited by law.

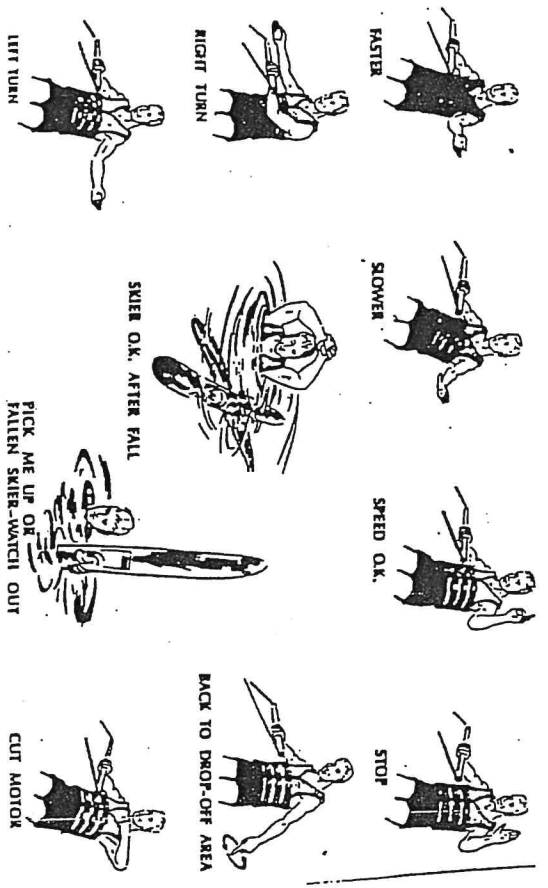
THE BOAT OPERATOR

Before the boat operator pulls up a skier, the operator should double check the path ahead for obstacles and make sure the towline is not caught in the propeller or wrapped around the skier.

The boat operator should never accelerate until the skier is holding the towline handle with the ski tip or tips showing in front and signals "hit it". It is important for skiers to have a smooth acceleration as they come up on a plane. As operator, you should ease the throttle at first, with a slight increase in speed. Never attempt sharp turns with the boat, especially if the skier is cutting sharply outside the wake on either side. If approaching danger forces you into an unexpected turn, throttle back as you turn. Signal the turn to the skier, remembering that it is better to dunk the skier than risk an accident.

SIGNALING

Signals illustrated below have been approved by the American Water Ski Association. Other signals include START: "hit it" or nod head. SLOW: Thumbs down motion. FAST: Thumbs up motion. RETURN: Pal crown of head with open palm.



BOAT SPEED NO MORE THAN 35 MPH MAX.

All traffic lake side of shore line buoys must travel counter clockwise as indicated.

All traffic in fingers and middle must travel at wakeless speed.

Do not tie the vessels to buoys. No dogs on any beaches or Association property.

