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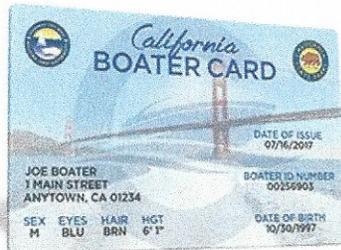


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## CALIFORNIA BOATING LAWS & REGULATIONS

### New California Boater Card Law In Effect Jan 1, 2018

If you operate a motorized vessel on California waterways you may be required to have a California Boater Card. Effective Jan 1, 2018, the law is being phased in over 8 years.

By 2025, boaters of all ages will require a California Boater Card.

2018	20 years old
2019	25 years old
2020	35 years old
2021	40 years old
2022	45 years old
2023	50 years old
2024	60 years old
2025	All ages



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## California Boating Laws California State Parks, Division of Boating and Waterways

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There are about four million recreational boaters in California who visit marinas, lakes, rivers and the ocean seeking an enjoyable outdoor recreational experience. In order to ensure that this experience is a safe and enjoyable one, it is important for boaters to know and follow boating regulations and guidelines.

The ABCs of California Boating is a booklet that contains these regulations and guidelines. Below are some excerpts from this booklet. Please contact the California State Parks, Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) to order a free copy.

### Life Jackets

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- **All passengers:** One Coast Guard-approved wearable life jacket must be carried for each person aboard. Life jackets must be readily accessible and properly fit the intended wearer. Note: *An inflatable life jacket must be worn to be considered readily accessible.*
- **Children:** Every child under 13 years of age on board a vessel must wear a properly fitted Coast Guard-approved life jacket. The law does not apply to: (1) child who is restrained by a harness tethered to the sailboat; or (2) the child is in an enclosed cabin.
- **Personal Watercraft/Towing Sports:** Every person on board a personal watercraft (PWC) and anyone being towed behind a vessel must wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket.

### Operation

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- **Age Restrictions:** No person under 16 years of age may operate a boat with a motor of more than 15 horsepower, except for a sailboat that does not exceed 30 feet in length or a dinghy used directly between a moored boat and the shore (or between two boats). The law also allows children 12-15 years of age to operate boats with a motor or more than 15 horsepower or sailboats over 30 feet if supervised on board by an adult at least 18 years of age.
- **Alcohol:** No person shall operate any vessel, water skis or similar device that has 0.08 percent or more, by weight, of alcohol in his or her blood. A level of at least 0.05 percent, but less than 0.08 percent, may be used with other evidence in determining whether the person was under the influence of alcohol. A person convicted of operating a vessel while intoxicated could receive up to a \$1,000 fine and six months in jail.
- **Carbon Monoxide:** It is a violation to operate a vessel's motor or generator while someone is: (1) teak surfing, platform dragging or bodysurfing behind the vessel; or (2) while someone is occupying or holding onto a swim platform, swim deck, swim step, or swim ladder, except for a very brief period of time when a person is assisting with the docking or departure of the vessel or exiting or entering the vessel, or while the vessel is engaged in law enforcement or emergency rescue activity.
- **Head-On Situation:** When meeting head-on, or nearly so, either vessel shall signal its intention with one short blast which the other vessel shall answer promptly. Both vessels should alter their course to starboard (right) so that each will pass to the port (left) side of each other.
- **PWC Operation:** PWC's cannot be operated between sunset to sunrise, even if they are equipped with navigational lights.
- **Towing Sports:** When towing anyone or anything behind the boat, there must be an operator and an observer (at least 12 years old) in the boat. No towing of skiers, boarders or floaters between sunset to sunrise



# Lake Combie Safety and Rules

To ensure that you and our community are safe,  
pledge to do the following:



Never boat under the influence. Paddling, kayaking, boating requires safe, responsible and aware operators.



You are responsible for any and all damage or injury caused by your wake. Operate 150 ft from shore for wake enhanced vessels and minimize repetitive passes.



Traffic operates in a counterclockwise direction on the lake. This applies to all vessels and skiing the slalom course.



Speed limit on the lake is 35 mph from sunrise to sunset. 10 mph from sunset to sunrise.



Inspect your vessel for the invasive Quagga Mussel species prior to launching.

Other rules to keep in mind:

- An observer in the boat (in addition to the driver) is required. Flag display when skier down.
- Play music at reasonable levels and have respect for your surroundings.
- CA Boating license **required** for all drivers.

You can do your part by **wearing a life jacket** and practicing **responsible boating etiquette**

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# WAKE RESPONSIBLY



## 1 Always operate 200+ feet away

from shorelines and docks, and steer clear of parked boats and smaller watercraft.

## 2 Play music at reasonable levels

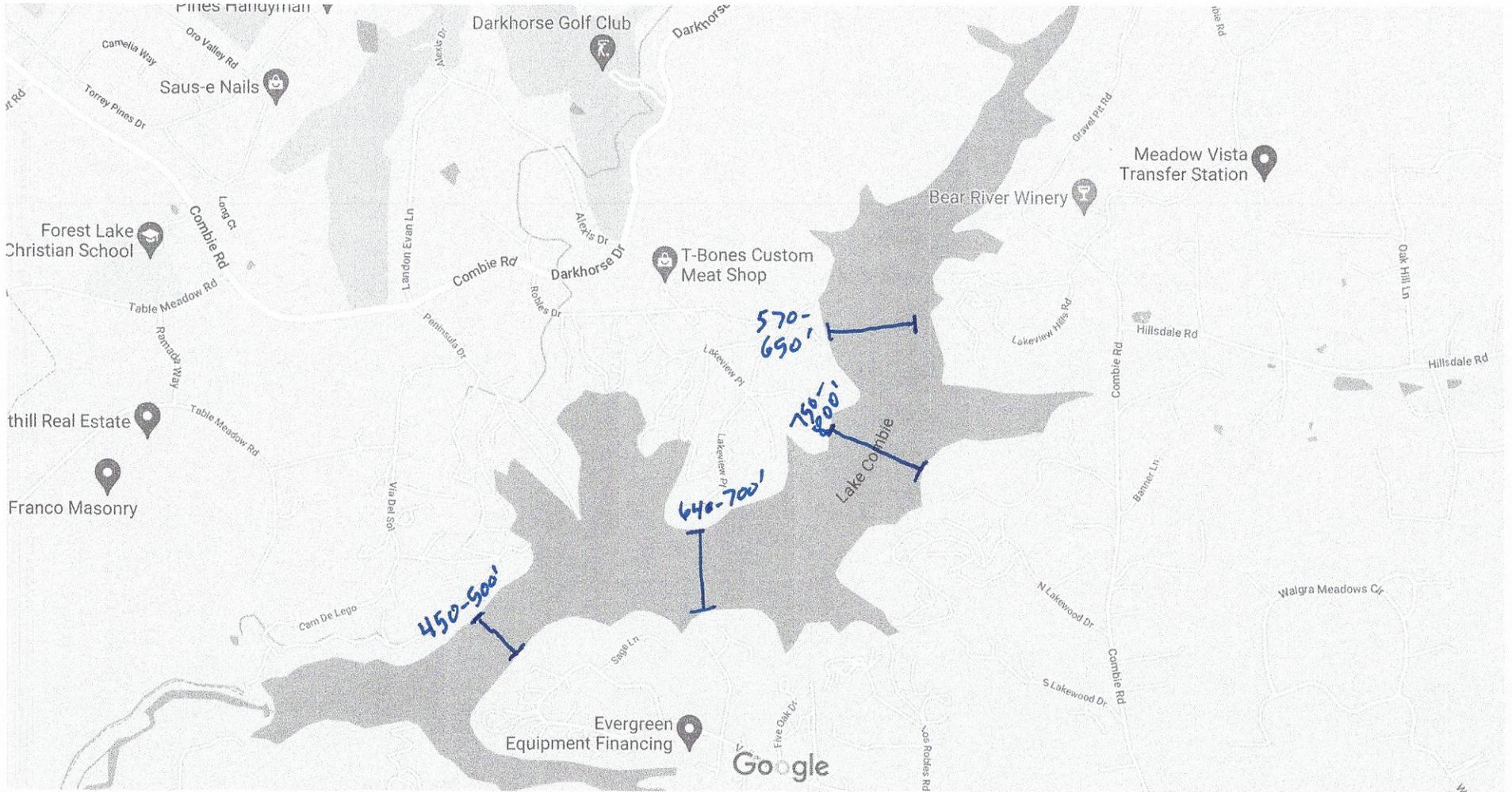
and have respect for your surroundings. Consider time of day and be mindful that explicit lyrics may offend others.

## 3 Minimize repetitive passes

along residential shorelines.

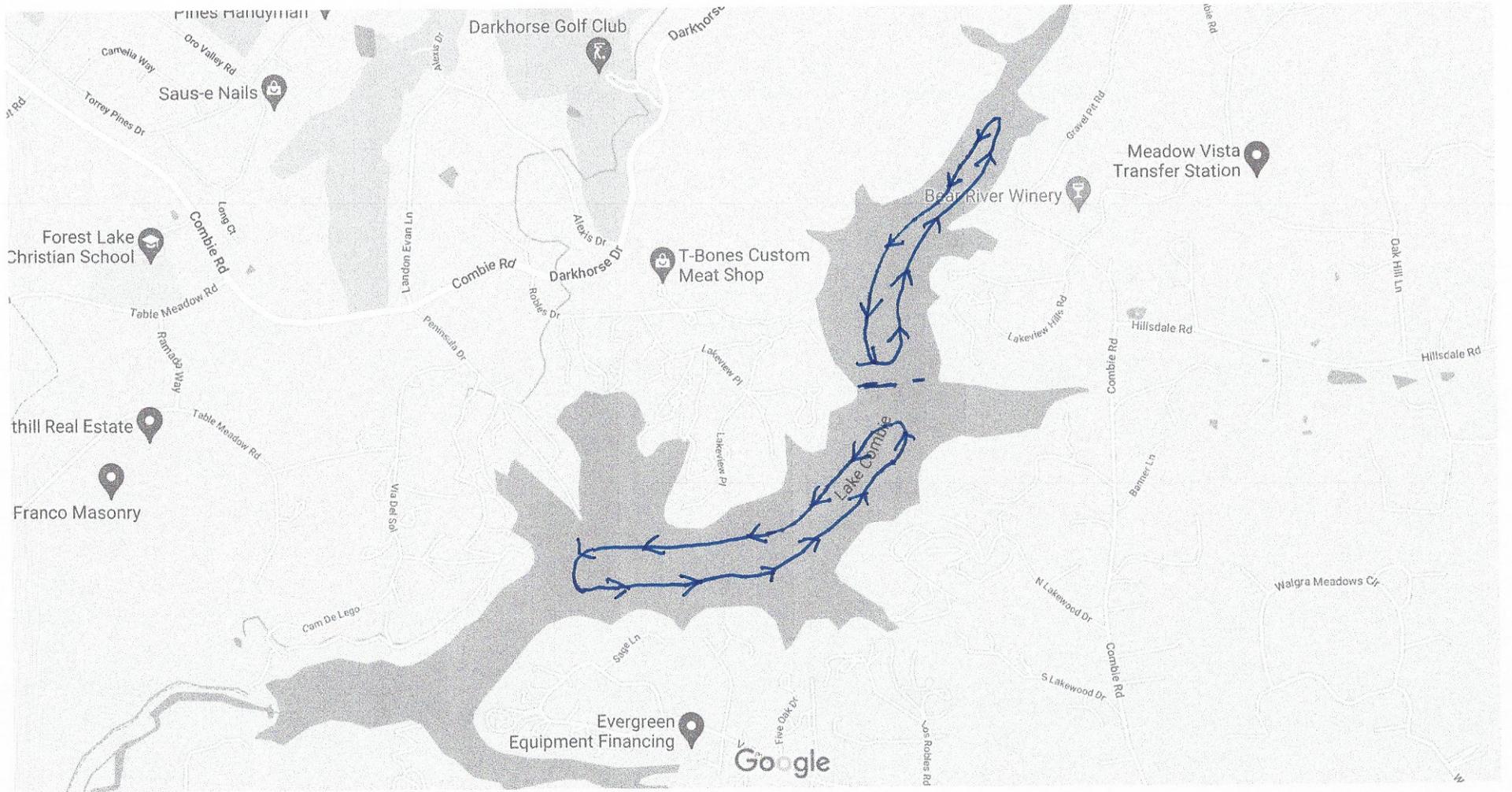
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## Follow these simple steps:

### Clean

Remove all plants, animals, mud and thoroughly wash everything, especially all crevices and other hidden areas.

### Drain

Eliminate all water before leaving the area, including wells, ballast, and engine cooling water.

### Dry

Allow sufficient time for your boat to completely dry before launching in other waters.

If your boat has been in infested waters for an extended period of time, or if you cannot perform the required steps above, you should have your boat *professionally* cleaned with high-pressure scalding hot water (>140 °F) before transporting to any body of water.

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Before launching and before leaving...

## **Inspect everything!**