DEERLAKE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (DVCA)
RULES AND REGULATIONS – PART 6
LAKE RULES

INTRODUCTION

Deer Lake is a private lake that is within the Conserving Carolina Conservancy and is owned and managed by the Deerlake Village Community Association (DVCA).

SMALL WATERCRAFT RULES

a. Small watercraft that are self-propelled and/or use electric trolling motors are permitted. Gasoline engines are not allowed. Permissible craft include canoes, kayaks, john boats, fishing boats, sail boats, and float tubes. All craft must be less than 18 feet in length.

b. Only craft owned by residents of Deerlake are permitted on the lake.

c. All craft must be approved and registered and display an assigned decal. Registration forms are available on the website.

d. Boaters must carry a DVCA ID tag.

e. Boats stored at the boat livery must be stored on the racks and secured with a lock. Residents with lake front property may store their boats at their docks. With the exception of the boat livery, overnight storage of craft on DVCA common property or in the CMLC is not permitted.

f. If a registered boat is sold or transferred to another community resident, the craft must be re-registered if it is to be used on the lake or kept at the livery.

g. A storage location on the livery rack may be reserved for a reasonable time while the boat is absent. In these cases, the LMC must be notified and a dated RESERVED notification must be placed on the rack.

h. The DVCA is not liable for damage to or theft of watercraft or equipment.

i. The use of radio-controlled non-gasoline powered model watercraft less than 4 feet is permissible only by residents.

SAFETY RULES

a. Swimming in the lake is prohibited.

b. Watercraft should carry U. S. Coast Guard approved personal floatation devices (PFDs) for all occupants. PFDs should be carried at all times when on the water and children 13 and under must wear a PFD when on the water.

c. The DVCA does not accept any liability for any accidents or injuries that may occur on or in the lake.

d. With the exception of emergencies or emergent requirements, the water level in Deer Lake should not be lowered during the following time periods:

- December 15 to March 1
- April 15 to September 1

e. The rationale for this policy is to limit stress to our warm water fishery during periods of bedding and high-water temperatures.

FISHING RULES:

a. Fishing is limited to residents and their guests only. Guests who live locally must be accompanied by their Deerlake host at all times.

b. Residents and guests must display their DVCA ID tags while fishing.

c. Only rods and reels or poles may be used.

d. Live minnows must not be used as bait. Disposal of live or dead organisms in the lake is prohibited.

e. The following are harvesting regulations per type of stocked fish:

- Bass – No limit under 12 inches. All Bass over 12 inches should be carefully returned to the lake.
- Bluegills and Red-ears – six (6) fish per day per person.
- Trout – October through April: one trout per day per person. May through September: no limit on trout.

f. Fishing guidelines and harvesting regulations are on the DVCA website and posted on the bulletin boards at the clubhouse and the boat livery.

WILDLIFE RULES:

a. Feeding of waterfowl and other wildlife is prohibited.

b. The collection, killing, or harassment of native animals is prohibited. During molting season which is May through July, non-resident geese can be discouraged from staying and feeding at the lake with methods approved by the board.

Cooperation and good conduct by all DVCA residents and their guests will be appreciated.

APPROVAL

The RULES & REGULATIONS - PART 6 - LAKE RULES was approved by the DVCA Board of Directors on the 14th day of May 2026.