



Toledo Bend Lake Association NEWSLETTER

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July Membership Social – As usual, our **July Membership Social** has been cancelled to avoid conflict with the Fourth of July holiday. Members are encouraged to enjoy the lake life with their friends and families and gather with us on August 1st for our next meeting.

TBLA Board of Directors – We are pleased to announce that Ginger Fontenot Rice was recently elected to our Board. Ginger retired from the Calcasieu Parish Clerk of Court Office in 1998 and moved to Toledo Bend with her husband, John Larry Rice. Together, the entrepreneurial couple have had Toledo Carwash, LLC since 1999. Join us in welcoming Ginger to the Board at our August Membership Social.

Lake Level – The Lake level is important to those with an interest in Toledo Bend. Real time information on the matter can be found online at http://waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uy?site_no=08025350 This information is updated every fifteen minutes.

The Sabine River Authority's guidelines for opening and closing the spillway gates appears in their *Operating Guide Rule Curve* document. This document can be found at <http://www.srala-toledo.com/page.aspx?menuId=28>

Boating Safety – Summer is in full swing and boat traffic is heavy with various user groups all hitting the water. Fishermen, pleasure boaters, tubers, jetskiers, SCUBA divers, swimmers and sunset cruisers are all taking advantage of the season. With such traffic levels, boating safety becomes even more of a relevant topic. The following information is taken from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries website. This information is not a complete list of Louisiana's boating regulations and is only offered as a reminder. Details regarding Louisiana boating regulations may be found at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/boating/required-equipment-regulations>

Boating Safety Course Requirements

Louisiana law requires all boaters born after January 1, 1984, must complete a boating education course and carry proof of completion to operate a motorboat in excess of 10 horsepower. The person may operate the boat if accompanied by someone over 18 years of age who if required has completed the course.

Persons born after January 1, 1984, may not operate a motorboat or PWC (Personal Watercraft or jet ski) powered by a motor in excess of 10 horsepower unless he or she has successfully completed a boating safety course. The person may operate a motorboat if accompanied by someone over 18 years of age who if required has completed the course (this provision DOES NOT apply to PWCs). These persons must be in possession of evidence of completion of the approved course whenever operating such a vessel.

Personal Flotation Devices

Louisiana law requires that all children 16 years of age and younger wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD while underway on a vessel less than 26 feet long. The PFD must be fastened and of the proper size for the child.

Personal Watercraft (PWC) Requirements

Each person riding on a personal watercraft (PWC) must wear a U.S. Coast Guard–approved Type I, II, III, or V personal flotation device (life jacket).

It is illegal to operate a PWC between sunset and sunrise.

PWCs must be operated in a careful and responsible manner. For example, it is illegal for PWC operators to:

Weave the PWC through congested waterway traffic.

Jump the wake of another vessel when visibility is obstructed.

Operate in a manner that requires swerving at the last possible moment to avoid collision.

It is illegal to chase, harass, or disturb wildlife with your PWC.

PWC operators should avoid operating around fishermen, anchored vessels, or swimmers.

Vessel Classes

Class A----Less than 16 feet

Class 1----16 feet to less than 26 feet

Class 2----26 feet to less than 40 feet

Class 3----40 feet to less than 65 feet

Navigation Lights

Every motorboat or vessel when underway in all weather from sunset to sunrise shall carry and exhibit the following lights and during such time no other lights which may be mistaken for those prescribed shall be exhibited.

Every motorboat or vessel of Class A and 1 shall carry the following lights:

A bright white light aft to show all around the horizon

A combined lantern in the fore part of the vessel and lower than the white aft showing green to starboard and red to port so fixed as to throw the light from right ahead to two points abaft the beam on their respective sides

Every motorboat or vessel of Classes 2 and 3 shall carry the following lights:

A bright white light in the fore part of the vessel as near the stern as practicable so constructed as to show an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of twenty points of the compass and so fixed as to throw the light ten points on each side of the vessel, namely from right ahead to two points abaft the beam on either side

A bright white light aft to show all around the horizon and higher than the white light forward

On the starboard side, a green light so constructed as to show an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of ten points of the compass and so fixed as to throw the light from right ahead to two points abaft the beam on the starboard side. On the port side, a red light so constructed as to show an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of ten points of the compass so fixed as to throw the light from right ahead to two points abaft the beam on the port side. The side lights shall be fitted with inboard screens of sufficient height so set as to prevent these lights from being seen across the bow.

Waterskiing

No motorboat which shall have in tow or shall be otherwise assisting a person on waterskis, surfboard, or similar contrivance shall be operated or propelled in or upon any waterway unless such motorboat shall be occupied by at least two competent persons. This does not apply to a motorboat being operated by a person sixteen years old or older, which is equipped with a wide-angle convex marine rearview mirror of a minimum size of seven inches by fourteen inches in a position to observe the skiers being towed.

2019 – 2020 52-Gun Raffle News – If you have any questions regarding the 52-gun raffle drawings, please contact Bruce Rogers by phone: 281-543-0184 or email: bruce.rogers@hughes.net.

2019 – 2020 TBLA 52-Gun Raffle Winners			
Date of Award	Guns	Number	Winner
05/24/19	Ruger American 30-06 rifle	309	Randy Breaux
05/31/19	Mossberg Patriot 270 rifle w/scope package	910	Bruce Hock
06/07/19	Ruger 10/22 Walnut Deluxe rifle	590	Bob Gates
06/14/19	ATI Calvary 20-gauge over/under shotgun	863	Vicki Mitchell

Community Center Upcoming Events -**Movies in Many (free admissions, cokes and popcorn \$1.00 each)**

July 13- Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales, 7 PM

July 27 – How To Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World, 7 PM

Other Local Entertainment & Events -

Fireworks By Boat On Bailey's Bluff- Attention boaters! Come enjoy fireworks on the 4th viewable from your boat **ONLY!** The show will start at dark. Please remember to keep a safe distance and be courteous to others. **This is a homeowner sharing the celebration with boaters.**

4th of July Fireworks at Solan's Camp-Thursday, July 4, 2019, 2 Solan Camp Rd, Noble, LA 71462, 318-645-2593

Rickey Warren Memorial Fireworks Show-Thursday, July 4, 2019, Dennis Freeman Memorial River Park 192-198 Elm St, Logansport, LA 71049. Fireworks will go off at DARK. Live music starting about 5:00 p.m. by The Heather Lynn Band and Landry & Company. The fireworks show is made possible by donations from the public.

Fireworks at Hookems on Pirate's Cove-Friday, July 5, 2019, Hookems on Pirates Cove, 1567 Caribbean Dr. Florian, Louisiana, 71429. A firework display on Friday the 5th @ 9:00pm followed by a Sabine's very own Tyler Mitchell, with Wesley Mitchell and band as well as a special guest!!

Fireworks at Buckeye Landing-Saturday, July 6, 2019, Buckeye Landing, 268 Herring Dr., Many, LA, 71449. Celebrate after the 4th Fireworks at Buckeye Landing on Saturday July 6th. Be there by 8:30pm to grab a spot to enjoy the show. Fireworks are planned to begin around 9pm.

Music on the Square at Historic Fisher Opera House – July 27, Starts at 5 p.m.

Now is the time to renew your TBLA Membership for 2019.

You can also help TBLA by asking a neighbor or friend to join us at TBLA. Please use this form to sign them up or to renew your membership for 2019.

TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION 2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION.

Name (including spouse):

Business Name:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Telephone (home):

Cell:

Email Address:

2019 Dues Please check one:

Individual (\$10.00)

Couple (\$15.00)

Business 1 yr. (\$25.00)

Business 10 yrs. (\$200.00)

Please indicate method of payment: Cash:

Check number:

PayPal:

Date:

*Make check payable to TBLA or Toledo Bend Lake Association and be sure to mark it as 2019 dues. Bring to our Social or mail to: Toledo Bend Lake Association, P.O. Box 1031, Many, LA 71449. You can also pay your membership dues through PayPal on the JOIN US page of the TBLA website at www.toledobendlakeassociation.com.

