



# PRIVATE WATERCRAFT LAUNCHING/OPERATING RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All adult patrons must review and sign a Release, Assumption of Risk, Indemnity, and Waiver of Liability form which is valid only for the date(s) specified on the form and must be signed prior to launching of any watercraft. **A copy of this form must be displayed on the dashboard of your vehicle.**
2. Watercraft operators or passengers under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Passengers under the age of 13 must be in the same watercraft as an adult, except if using a paddleboard. Watercraft operators aged 13-17 may be in their own watercraft but must be accompanied by an adult.
3. All watercraft operators and passengers must adhere to all vessel safety provisions under Section 327, Florida Statutes, any applicable rules and regulations issued by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), and any relevant Broward County policies, procedures, and guidelines.
4. Watercraft operators and all passengers in vessels less than sixteen feet (16') in length must wear a U. S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD) and stay in vessel at all times, except when launching or docking. All other vessels must have sufficient PFDs onboard and comply with all applicable laws.
5. Watercraft may only be operated during park hours.
6. Watercraft must not carry more passengers than intended by manufacturer.
7. Animals or pets must wear life preservers and stay on watercraft at all times.
8. No "motorized" watercraft permitted on any park lake or waterway, except for personal watercraft on the jet ski lake at Markham Park. *(Electric trolling motors are permitted).*
9. No swimming floats or inner tubes are permitted on any park waterway, unless specifically designated.
10. Only designated lakes and waterways in the park may be used for watercraft and absolutely no entrance to the Intracoastal Waterway may be taken.
11. Loading/unloading is permitted only at the designated launching area.
12. No watercraft trailers may be backed into the waterway - all watercraft must be carried and launched by hand.
13. All vehicles must be moved to the designated parking area.
14. Watercraft must stay six feet (6') from shore and other watercraft except at designated landing areas.
15. The park employs a Lightning Prediction System which will sound a 15-second horn blast, accompanied by a flashing strobe, alerting that a storm is imminent. Once the alarm has sounded and strobes begin flashing, outdoor activity is to be suspended and shelter should be sought immediately, either in a large building, an enclosed vehicle, or an area of safe cover. Outdoor activity may be resumed only after three (3) 5-second horn blasts have sounded indicating the storm has moved out of the area. **If you remain outdoors after the warning alarm is issued, please be advised that you do so at your own risk!**

**Your signature below declares that you have read, understood, and agreed to the rules listed above.**

Boat/Watercraft Used: AQUACYCLE  CANOE  JOHNBOAT  KAYAK  PADDLEBOARD  PADDLEBOAT  JETSKI

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| VEHICLE/TRAILER TAG | # OF PASSENGERS | DATE |
| PRINT NAME          | SIGN            |      |

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