



# Parys Golf and Country Estate Boat Club Rules

# WHY IS THE HOA PRESCRIBING WATER SAFETY RULES?

- In terms of the Provincial Authority approval For the Parys Golf and Country Estate, the
- Home Owners Association (HOA) has been charged with the responsibility of ensuring that the Environmental Management Plan (EMP), as imposed by Provincial Government, is adhered to. One of the requirements in the EMP is to “ensure safe use of the river at all times”.
- In addition to this the small boat safety regulations, promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1951, have also prescribed safety rules and processes that must be followed by boat operators on all inland waters.
- In line with this, as well as taking into account the rules and practices that were laid down by the municipal authorities previously, the HOA has decided that the following rules will apply until further notice.



# RECREATIONAL WATER SAFETY RULES

## GENERAL

- The river at PARYS GOLF & COUNTRY ESTATE is a narrow and short section of water in relation to the power boating activity that takes place.
- This means it can be extremely dangerous unless everybody follows the rules and refrains from dangerous and socially irresponsible behaviour.
- All water users are asked to respect this situation.
- The HOA urges all users of the river to respect these rules and behave sensibly and courteously so that we can all keep it that way.
- If you see anyone abusing the rules please help by reporting the situation to the security officials at the entrance to the estate so that they can take the necessary action.
- The Estate Homeowner's Rules and Regulations also apply to boating and riverfront activities

# RECREATIONAL WATER SAFETY RULES

## SWIMMING

- No swimming is permitted in the river beyond five meters from the river bank in the water-skiing circuit portion of the river, and no underwater swimming is allowed at all due to the risk posed by watercraft.

## NON-POWERED CRAFT

- Non-powered craft such as sailing vessels, canoes, paddle skis etc. are permitted on the river. While not compulsory, it is recommended that appropriate flotation aids are worn by people operating these crafts.
- For safety reasons, people on non-powered craft are also requested to keep to the side of the river within the water-skiing circuit

## ALCOHOL

- No alcohol may be consumed by a person on the river while in charge of or operating a powerboat at more than no wake speed, and no one may pilot or be in control of a power boat while under the influence of alcohol or any drug having a narcotic effect

# RECREATIONAL WATER SAFETY RULES

## ALL POWER CRAFT

- All power craft must give way to non-powered watercrafts (including canoes and paddle skis) and people in the water. Although swimming is not permitted beyond five meters from the river bank it does not absolve the pilot and skipper of the responsibility to continually watch out for people in the water and give way safely to them, wherever they may be.
- All boats will maintain anti clock wise circuit on the river and islands.
- All powerboat pilots travelling at speed must be aware of and stay out of the way of slower travelling craft, and immediately reduce their speed to a safe level when in a dangerous situation.
- No power boating without a searchlight or displaying navigation lights is permitted during the hours of darkness.
- Every person in an inflatable power boat travelling at more than no wake speed must wear a lifejacket.
- Jet-skis are allowed if they comply with applicable regulations.

# RECREATIONAL WATER SAFETY RULES

## **POWER BOAT WHERE POWER RATING IS GREATER THAN 15h.p.**

- No power boat with a power rating of more than 15 horsepower may be operated on the river unless the craft is registered with the South African Marine Safety Authority (SAMSA) and carries a SAMSA issued registration number.
- No powerboat may be operated on the river unless it has a valid certificate of fitness issued by a SAMSA authorized agent and carries all the regulated safety equipment.
- No Powerboat may be operated on the river unless it is under the control of a person in possession of a valid certificate of competency  
SKIPPER'S LICENCE – issued by SAMSA

# RECREATIONAL WATER SAFETY RULES

## WATER-SKIING

- No water-skiing is permitted between the hours of dusk and dawn.
- All water-skiers must wear a suitable floatation aid. A wetsuit is NOT considered a suitable flotation aid.
- A craft towing a water-skier must have a competent observer on board in addition to the pilot of the craft.
- A red flag is to be carried by all boats towing a water-skier and displayed whenever a skier is in the water.
- Tow ropes are not allowed to be trailed behind a boat and must be immediately retrieved after a skier has fallen or released the rope.

# LAUNCH PERMITS

- Boat Club issues launch permits for all motorised watercrafts valid for the durations of the Craft's COF
- Launch permits are only issued if you have a valid Skippers License and a valid COF, paid the Annual Launch Fee and you are a member in good standing with the HOA
- Slipway will only be opened to valid permit holders by Estate Security, opening the slipway is not Security's primary function and therefore it may only be opened normal operations when time allows.
- Visitors permits are issued based on a daily fee and valid Skippers and COF
- Boat Club Committee members have keys and may assist, if they are at the river. (Picture of the launch permit must be sent to Committee WhatsApp Group)



# RIVER FRONT RULES




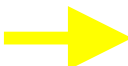
- Please be courteous and considerate to others at the river, there is limited space to be shared by all Home Owners
- Boats are moored at the river at owner's risk
- Please do not picnic within 5 m from the river's edge to allow people to move around you picnic area without disturbing you.
- Cars should be parked at least 15 m from the river's edge
- Boat trailers should not be parked in the riverfront area, park in front of the Club house
- Public Jetties may not be considered as private property.
- Boats may not be left in the water overnight at public jetties unless you are planning to use them the next day over weekends and holiday periods

# PRIVATE JETTIES

- Allowed under MOA with HOA for a 5 year Period
- Position of Jetty is approved by Boat Club Chair and Estate GM
- Only Floating Non-metallic (AfriDoc) jetties are allowed
- Owner is responsible for all costs
- Owner has exclusive use of the jetty, but not the picnic area adjacent to the Jetty, this is on a first come basis
- Owner may be requested to move the jetty within the 5 year period at the request of the HOA, if the Boat Club are installing new Public Jetties

# PARYS BOATING AREA



-  Shallow Rocks
-  Fishing area  
Keep Out
-  No Wake Zone
-  Direction of  
travel between  
Islands

# PARYS BOATING AREA (DISCLAIMER)

- At a recent Skipper training course, the instructor asked “how do you know that a boat is from Parys? Damaged Prop
- This aerial view of the boating area is no way a complete representation of the underwater hazards on the river
- There are many underwater obstacles on the river and it is best to be cautious until you have some experience
- There is an old weir (now underwater) that runs diagonally from our slipway to the point of the island just downstream of the slipway in some places it is only 700mm below water so avoid starting skiing in the area in front of the slip way
- We have tried to mark some of the hazards but often the floats are washed away in strong flows.
- Happy Boating!