

Boating Regulations



Pagosa Lakes 2024 Season

January 1, 2024—December 31, 2024
LAKES ARE PATROLLED

Boat Permits are sold at the:
Pagosa Lakes Administration Offices
230 Port Ave—731-5635
Pagosa Lakes Recreation Center
45 Eagles Loft Circle—731-2051

Boat Registration Agreement:

- I agree that my boat is insured for liability and personal property damage and I agree to hold the PLPOA free from any and all liability for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and do hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims for damage which I may have against PLPOA or their respective Directors, officers, employees and/or agents for any and all injuries and/or damages which may occur from my use of the lake amenities and boating activities. I will receive a copy of the Pagosa Lakes Boating Use Rules and Regulations and agree to follow all safety rules established by the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association. Failure to do so will result in a fine.
- No boat shall be floated on or used on any Association lake until registered. Registration for each boat shall be **\$20.00** for the season (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31). If an owner has multiple boats, each boat must be registered individually with the first boat costing **\$20.00** and additional boats **\$10.00**.
- I will receive a decal/sticker with my paid registration and will attach it to the left outside rear panel of each registered boat.
- All inflatable boats (such as float tubes) shall be exempted.
- Additionally, all boats stored at the Association member storage areas must have a current registration decal and be chained and locked to the posts provided with a padlock. All boats not registered and locked and in storage at these locations shall be impounded by the Association and a violation shall be issued to the owner. **Boats may only be stored April 1st—November 1st each year.**
- All unregistered boats impounded by the Association shall be held for a period of 60 days, after which time, if they are unclaimed, announcements will be made in the Association website www.plpoa.com and the Pagosa Springs Sun with a description of the boat and notice that all unclaimed boats will be sold through a sealed bid process.

2024 Boat Registration Brochure and Safety Rules of the PLPOA

Boating Use Rules, Regulations, and Safety Requirements

Due to the threat of the introduction of Zebra and/or Quagga Mussels into the four Pagosa Lakes Reservoirs, beginning in the 2010 boating season for Pagosa Lakes that as defined by the State of Colorado, no medium to high risk boats shall be allowed or permitted on any of the four Pagosa Lakes Reservoirs and that all trailered boats shall be inspected at the PLPOA Administration Office prior to boating permit purchase. (*see definition of medium to high risk boats below)

Violation of the above described rule, launching a medium or high biological risk boat onto any of the four Pagosa Lakes—\$500

- Note of clarification and Definition: **Medium to high biological risk boats**, as described by the State of Colorado, are house boats, cabin cruisers, ski boats with ballast tanks, large open boats, sail boats and wake board boats (typically complex boats with ballasts, bilge and live wells).
- Low risk design sailboats, simple hulls and/or pontoon type, Hobie or catamaran type sailboats shall be allowed to continue using the lakes after passing inspection, but all complex sailboats, those medium to high risk sailboats with bilges or ballasts shall not be allowed to float on Pagosa Lakes and will be denied boat registrations at inspection time.

Low and very low biological risk boats, as described by the State of Colorado, are smaller open boats with outboard motors (no live wells, no bilge tanks) and personal watercraft such as hand launched craft: canoes, kayaks, belly boats and inflatables.

Once an owner or guest boat or boats passes the initial inspection certifying a low risk boat, physical inspections will not be required in subsequent years as long as the owner continues to own the same low risk boat. Annual registration and sticker, however, will still be required.

All boats must be clean and dry prior to launching in any lake or reservoir

1. No internal combustion engine-powered boats allowed, except for PLPOA and Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District employees while in performance of their duties. If an outboard or inboard engine is attached and cannot be easily removed from the boat, the fuel line must be disconnected from the engine for its use to be permitted on a lake.
2. Each boat must have at least one U. S. Coastguard approved wearable personal flotation device for each boat occupant. Each boat occupant under the age of 12 must wear a U. S. Coastguard approved wearable personal flotation device while the boat is in use on any lake.
3. Each boat shall have at least one usable oar or paddle.
4. All boats must be operated in a safe manner.
5. The use of homemade rafts or plain inner tubes is not permitted.
6. Except for lakeshore lot owners, boats must be launched from established boat ramps. If boat is stored at one of the Association Member boat storage locations, boat must have a current registration decal, be chained, and locked to the posts provided. **Boats shall be stored only from April 1st to November 1st and shall be removed during the winter season.**
7. Any violation of the above listed boating regulations can result in a fine.

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Please refer to the
**Neighborhood Rules &
Regulations for general
fishing rules and limits.**