# Sproat Lake Etiquette

## Cleanliness of our lake

To help reduce the contamination of the lake, we all must look after everything we bring to the lake.

The many beaches around the lake are available for public use, but need to be taken care of. Cleaning up the garbage around the area you have used is greatly appreciated.

The increase in unfamiliar species, such as the New Zealand Mud Snail which has also been introduced into the Alberni Inlet, is increasing and can be reduced by boaters simply spraying down their boat before and after leaving any body of water.

Larger boats visiting the lake that have on-board washrooms and/or showers are asked to abide by the law, and empty your bilge at one of the following local sanidumps;

- · Alberni District Co-op
- · Canadian Tire
- · Johnston Road Esso Service

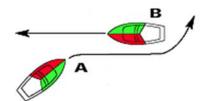
### Right-Of-Ways and Water Sports

The following diagrams show and explain the right-of-way rules while boating on any body of water. Please take the time to understand these rules and follow them to guarantee the safety of all persons using the lake.

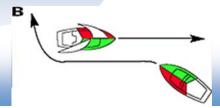


A blows one blast and alters course to starboard.

**B** blows one blast and alters course to starboard.



A keeps clear of and must avoid crossing ahead of B.



A power-driven vessel keeps clear of a sailing vessel

Boaters who are pulling any sort of athletes behind the boat are given the right-of-way due to the possible inability to move out of the way.

#### **Boat Launch Manners**

While at the boat launch at the Provincial Park, we ask that you maintain your patience and respect others around you.

The boat launch, being the only public launch on the lake, experiences high volumes and waits are occasionally inevitable.

The Sproat Lake Marine Patrol works at the launch to assist boaters while using the launch and attempts to sustain traffic flow.

We are happy to assist you at the launch, and ask that you would please move quickly as to not stop flow of other boat launchers.

### Speed Limits around the Lake

For the consideration of fellow lake users, speed limit signs are posted around the lake in high traffic areas. Reducing speed around docks and other property will lessen wake sizes and in turn decrease property damage.

These signs can be seen near the local stores and around the swimming area at the Provincial Park.

Please take notice of these signs to ensure the safety of all lake users.

In addition to these posted signs, taking extra caution around unpowered pleasure crafts as well as personal property, such as docks, will reduce the possibility of unnecessary accidents.

