

Welcome to the Red Dog Party Barge!

Lake Hartwell, Georgia



Boat Rental Basic Instructions & Regulations

Please read this document in its entirety before utilizing the boat rental

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:

- You may not operate this boat if you have not thoroughly read and signed the Red Dog Boat Rental agreement! This should have been emailed to you upon your reservation and returned to the host.
- You must be at least 25 years of age to operate the boat.
- Personal floatation devices (PFDs) are required to be on the boat at all times (1 per person on board). Children under 13 must wear them at all times while on board- it is the law. PFDs are located underneath the seats. We have 11 adult PFDs and 4 child PFDs on board.
- The boat has an 11 person maximum capacity. It is against the law and dangerous to overload the boat.
- It is illegal to boat while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. There are police on the lake and you will be ticketed for breaking the law. If impound occurs, you are responsible for ALL fees resulting from loss and future reservations if unable to fulfill.
- Beaching the boat is not permitted and can result in damage to the propeller for which you will be charged.
- Please DO NOT take the boat out on the water during bad weather or high winds. It is extremely dangerous and can result in bodily injury and/or boat damage.
- Our boat is equipped with red and green navigation lights on either side to ensure visibility to other boats in lower light conditions. However, we DO NOT permit boating after sunset. It is extremely dangerous and can result in bodily injury and/or boat damage.

- We have a GPS tracker on board the boat to help us identify real time locations. If we determine that the boat is being utilized outside of the rental agreement, you will be contacted by the host and charged for use (\$300/day).
- Rental deposits will not be returned if we determine that the boat has endured any damage. Please take extra care of the upholstery, the propellor, and shade cover (bimini) as these are easily damaged. Please see boater agreement for more details.
- The boat MUST be refueled and returned with a full tank of gas at the end of the reservation (no ethanol fuel). The closest marina with a fuel dock is Harbor Light Marina located at 1476 Harbor Light Marina Rd, Lavonia, GA 30553. It is roughly a 10-15 minute boat ride down the lake and is open from 9am-5:30pm (hours may vary on certain days). You can reach them at (706) 356-4119.
- If you encounter any mechanical trouble while on the lake, please contact the host as well as the following:
 - Lake Hartwell Marine (regular business hours):
(706) 356-4743
 - Tow Boat U.S. Lake Hartwell (after hours):
 - 24 hour dispatch: (800) 391-4869
 - Cell: (864) 909-7388, (864) 542-4878
- For emergencies while on board contact 911.
- You will find a comprehensive boat manual on board with more information if needed.

GET READY!

STEP 1:

- Identify personal floatation devices under the front seats storage area. Ensure you have enough PFDs per person and that children younger than 13 are wearing them AT ALL TIMES (it is the law).
- Please also brief yourself on all safety and emergency protocols and equipment (anchor, phone numbers for emergency).
- Untie ropes and gather bumpers. You may want to consider bringing these items with you in case of need at any time.

STEP 2:

- Set lanyard stop switch to RUN position and attach safety lanyard to operator of boat.
- Shift throttle to neutral (N) position.
- Switch Master Power button upward to ON position.
- ENSURE THE TRIM IS AT LEAST HALFWAY DOWN INTO THE WATER BEFORE STARTING ENGINE.

See pictures on the next page.



Safety lanyard
Lower right side of captain seat



(Left) Master power button, must be ON(upward) to operate boat. Must be turned off after operation to prevent battery from dying.

(Right) Accessories button, there are no accessories that this switch toggles.



(Left) Courtesy light switch for boat lights inside cabin.

(Right) Navigation lights. Switch upward to operate lights outside of the boat for lower light conditions so that you may be visible to other vessels. Turn switch downward for lights that mark the boat as stationary/anchored in low light conditions. Must be in a neutral position to turn both these functions off when the boat is not in use.

-Turn the boat on with keys. This operates exactly like a car ignition and should start immediately. Please do not crank unnecessarily long.

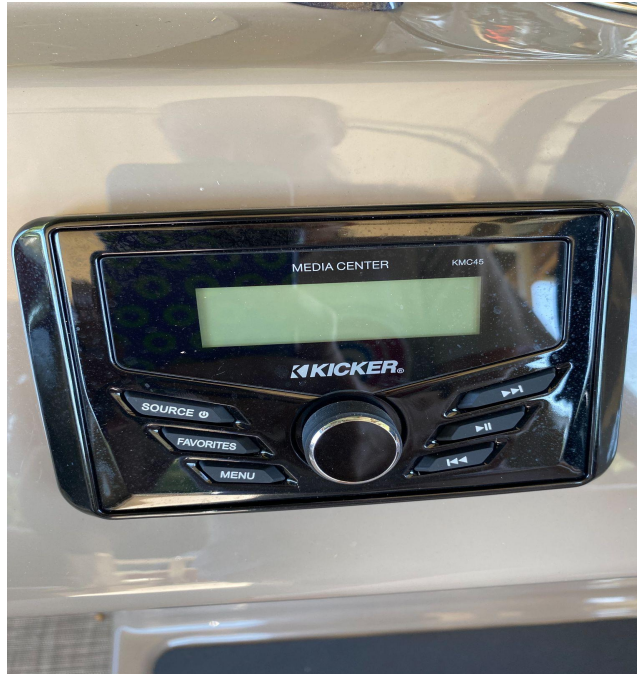
STEP 3:

-Ensure gates are closed before moving. Gently lift up on gates to move from position to position. Secure latches.

-Ensure bimini (shade cover) is also down before moving in and out of the dock slip. Failure to do so could result in damage due to low clearance.

-Feel free to take an opportunity to pair your phone to the boat's bluetooth speaker system. Turn the system ON and pair using the

bluetooth button. You will discover the boat's bluetooth on your phone under the name "media center".



LET'S CRUISE!

STEP 4:

- Normal trim position for operation is FULLY DOWN, unless in very shallow water.
- Trim depth is displayed as a gauge next to speed, RPM, etc.
- Water depth at the dock is 5ft.

NEVER BRING TRIM ALL THE WAY UP WHEN MOTOR IS OPERATING. Engine burnout will occur and cause extreme damage.



Trim operating switch on throttle

- Gently squeeze the throttle and pull back until gear “clicks” into reverse.
- Maintain idle speed at all times pulling into and out of dock slip. (Idle speed means the boat is in gear but no speed is applied whatsoever) With this applied, the boat will slowly move out of dock.

-Bimini is automatic. You will find the switch to raise and lower this to the right of the captain seat. (see below)



-Please apply black safety straps to the front sides of the bimini when it is raised up to provide extra support and safety. They should be tightly secured in place.

-Instructions for emergency override for the automatic bimini motor are within the boat in case of need.



STEP 5:

- While maneuvering in and out of the residential channel please maintain a no wake zone at all times.
- Once on deeper water please apply the trim all the way down.
- Never shift into forward or reverse when going faster than idle speed. Doing so can cause severe damage to the drive mechanism.

STEP 6:

- While on the lake please mind boat traffic laws carefully.
- White markers usually point out hazards to avoid (shallow water, etc)
- Do your best to stay in the middle of the channel, which is marked between red and green markers.
- When crossing under any bridges, take plenty of time to come to an idle speed so that you may have time to lower the bimini. (BRIDGES ON THE LAKE HAVE EXTREMELY LOW CLEARANCE AND WILL DAMAGE BIMINI)
- It is the law to pass under bridges at a NO WAKE speed.
- Should you want to anchor the boat out on the lake, always anchor from the bow of the boat. Ensure the rope is attached to a cleat and gently drop the anchor, NEVER THROW IT.

STEP 7:

- FUEL UP! (NO ethanol fuel please)
- Please fill up the fuel tank before returning the boat for a final time. Failure to do so will cause the host to charge a fuel fee per boating agreement.
- Nearest marina is listed above.



Fuel access point

STEP 8:

- When returning to the dock please remember to keep a no wake speed in the residential channel and then proceed to move even slower to an idle speed while approaching the dock.
- Apply trim only HALFWAY up when moving into more shallow water.
- Release black safety straps on the bimini and then use the automatic button to lower completely before pulling into slip.
- A good rule is to approach slow enough in neutral so that even if the boat bumps the dock slightly, no damage will occur whatsoever.
- Tie up the boat tightly on all four cleats and ensure bumpers are effectively placed to prevent the boat from contacting the dock directly.
- Remember to turn keys to an off position as well as to turn the power and light switches off, otherwise the boat battery can die.

CHECKLIST FOR RETURN:

- 1)Bumpers are placed in front of and on the sides of boats.
- 2)Boat is tied tightly on all four cleats and the ropes are secure on the dock.
- 3)Bimini is lowered completely and secured with the cover on.
- 3)Ignition, master power, and light switches are all turned to OFF position.
- 4)Trim is halfway up while docked.
- 5)Remove all trash.
- 6)Secure PFDs in front seat storage.
- 7)Fuel tank is full.
- 8)Prevent seat upholstery damage by wiping any dirt/sunscreen from seats with water and light dish soap if needed.
- 9)Swim ladder is up and properly secured.
- 10)Return keys to the proper place in the lake house for the next renter.

THANK YOU FOR SAFELY USING OUR PARTY
BARGE AND MAINTAINING IT FOR ALL TO
ENJOY!

