

Navigation on Lake Traunsee

Notice to seamen and all operators of floating vessels

1) Permits for boats and floating vessels:

The following can be used without a permit:

- Rowing boats and sailboats without engines
- electrical-driven boats with motors producing a maximum 4,4 kW (6 hp)

apart from that: always carry permits and documents with you
(foreign documents will find acceptance)

2) Who is entitled to operate a boat?

A driving permit or captain's license is required to operate motor vessels producing more than 4,4 kW (6 hp). Foreign documents (sport boat licence, skipper card) are accepted, but it is necessary to produce them in case of controls.

3) Important rules:

1. The commander of a boat or floating vessel must have the necessary permits as mentioned above. He must also be physically and mentally fit at all times when operating a vessel. The aptitude might get lost by consuming alcohol or other narcotic drugs. A content of 0,5 ‰ of alcohol in the blood is regarded as an absolute limit.
2. General responsibility of the commander. Avoid:
 - endangering other people
 - damaging other vessels, shore lines or constructions in the water
 - handicapping navigation of other boats or professional fishing
 - polluting water.
3. Gale warning: Orange flash-light announces storms. Head for the nearest haven or appropriate berth.
4. Determined by law, the "shore zone" extends 200 m from the shore line including offshore reeds. The shore zone may only be entered for landing (max. speed 10 km/h) and anchoring. Electrical-driven boats up to 500 W are excepted. Stocks of aquatic plants must not be crossed even outside the shore-zone or protection-zones.
5. A "Departure- and landing strip for water-skiing" is indicated by nautical signs and possibly by buoys. Its width can be seen from the array or lettering. It extends – approx. right-angled to the shore - as far as the "shore-zone" (200 m from the shore). During operating hours the entrance to this strip is prohibited for other boats or floating vessels. Vessels, which are qualified by the "right of way" (see next item) are excepted from this prohibition.

6. Keep a minimum distance of 50 m from vessels, which are flagged up with a "green ball" (they do have the "right of way"), professional fishermen ("white ball") and divers (they fly the flag "A"). The right of way is to be respected according to prevailing circumstances.
7. Bathing is prohibited in the surrounding area (100 m) of harbour entrances and piers of passengers shipping with the exception of bathing in public baths.
8. Night time shipping is prohibited from 21:00 to 07:00 hours. There is an exception for dead-calm motor assistance (slack pusher).
9. A summer motor boat ban is in force from 1st July till 31st August each year. Excluded from this ban is the use of slack pushers in case of danger or by dead calm winds to help berthing. In the period from 1st May till 30th September there is a shipping ban of navigating in protection zones, which are indicated by nautical signs. The ban extends to a width of 100 m from the shore.
10. General speed limitation:
50 km/h at daytime and 25 km/h at night time

4) Water-skiing instructions:

1. Water skiing is only allowed at daytime and by good visibility
2. Water skiing is banned in the shore zones with the exception of departure and landing stripes and sporting zones
3. Apart from the commander of the boat another person over 14 years of age must be aboard to watch the water skier
4. Separation between other boats and floating vessels and swimmers must be a minimum of 20 meters.
5. The tow rope must be floatable and must be of non elastic material and is not to be trailed vacantly behind the boat
6. A maximum of two water skiers are regarded as the highest permitted number of persons to be pulled by a single boat
7. Towed persons have to wear a life-jacket

For further questions contact us during office hours (Mon, Thu 07.00 – 12.00 and 12.30 – 17.00; Tue 07.30 – 17.00, Wed 07.00 – 13.00; Fri 07.00 – 12.30): Tel. +43 7612 792 63401 or e-mail: bh-gm.post@ooe.gv.at

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