



BALD RIDGE MARINA

Tenant Handbook

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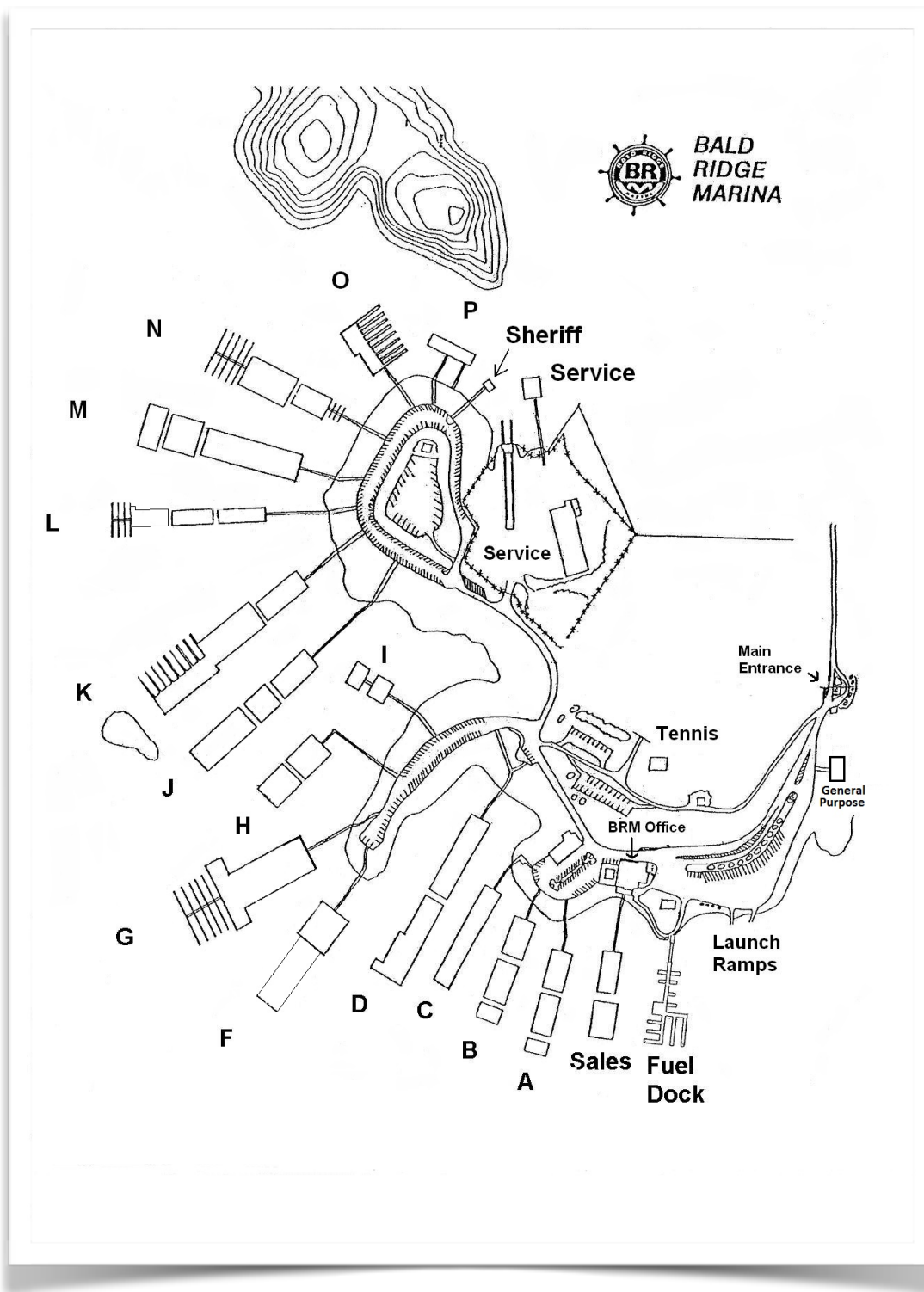
Welcome to Bald Ridge Marina!

We want to thank you for choosing our marina and we welcome you to the Bald Ridge family! This handbook is filled with information about the marina, the lake, and the surrounding area. The answers to most questions can be found in this handbook, but we're always here to answer any questions in person. Please call us any time you have a question or concern at **770-887-5309**. After hours, please call the Guard Shack at **770-889-3161**.





Marina Layout





Website

Our website at baldridgemarina.com is our real-time tool for keeping our slip holders and marina visitors up to date on all the latest marina news. You'll find everything from current fuel prices to our fuel dock hours on our site. You can send us feedback and suggestions and view the latest posts to our Boating Safety Blog. We also send out periodic marina updates via e-mail to alert our slip holders of any changes in and around the marina that might be of interest. You can sign-up for these updates at baldridgemarina.com.

You'll also find us on Facebook and Twitter. Like our Facebook page or Follow us on Twitter, and you'll receive news and info, including the most recent lake levels, via our social media pages. Our web site is mobile device friendly, so feel free to browse our site using your smart phone or tablet device.

Hours of Operation

The marina office is open 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday, except for holidays. Closing times for holidays will be posted on our web site and sent to tenants via e-mail updates. The Fuel Dock stays open year round. The hours will fluctuate during the busy and slow months.



Important Contact Information

Location	Telephone Number	Web Site
Marina Office	770-887-5309	baldridgemarina.com
Guard Shack	770-889-3161	N/A
MarineMax Sales/Service	770-781-9370	marinemaxcumming.com
Lanier Boat Rental & Tackle	678-455-4545	lanierrental.com
Smokey Q BBQ	770-910-4961	
Lake Lanier Pumpout	404-216-4959	lakelaniemumpout.com
Lake Lanier Water Ski Camp	770-889-2849	waterskicamp.net
Tow Boat U.S.	770-945-2884	towboatuslakelaniem.com
DNR	770-535-5499	gadnr.org
Corps of Engineers	770-945-9531	sam.usace.army.mil/lanier/



Introduction to Bald Ridge Marina

Bald Ridge Marina is one of the premiere marinas in the Southeast. Located on over 35 pristine and meticulously maintained acres, Bald Ridge Marina is one of the most beautiful and modern facilities available.

Since 1958, Bald Ridge Marina has been serving boaters of Lake Lanier. Today, we have over 600 wet slips, with covered berths for boats up to 66 feet and open berths for boats up to 95 feet. From the largest houseboats and cruisers to more modestly sized recreational and fishing boats, we have facilities that are unsurpassed.

What truly sets Bald Ridge Marina apart from other Marinas is our almost fanatical attention on providing outstanding service. From our office staff to our dock maintenance crew, every thing we do revolves around ensuring the most hassle free boating experience for our slip holders and visitors. Our docks are modern, safe and extremely well maintained. Our premium docks feature all the latest amenities, extra high roofs, concrete and low maintenance surfaces, and flexible, ample shore power connections.

Bald Ridge Marina is in a location that is second to none! Being located just off GA 400, the Marina is very close to several restaurants and shopping areas. The Avenues at Forsyth, Exit 13, is packed with retail stores and places to eat like Ted's Montana Grill, Academy Sports, and a movie theater. Exit 14 offers even more restaurants, fast food, and shopping with WalMart, Target, Lowe's, Home Depot, Longhorn, Outback, and many others. In the northern direction on GA 400, you have the North Georgia Premium Outlet Malls and places to eat like The Kani House and The Varsity Jr. Everything within 15 minutes driving time!



Approved Vendors

MarineMax can handle most any service task for your vessel. However, we do allow outside vendors to work within the Marina. The list of Approved Vendors is available on our website as well as the marina office. Vendors offer services such as detailing, upholstery, boat haulers, etc. Vendors on this list have the required insurance and meet the guidelines set forth by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bald Ridge Marina. The list is available for your convenience and as a courtesy only, it does not imply referrals or recommendations by Bald Ridge Marina. Only vendors on the list are allowed to work within Bald Ridge Marina.

General Purpose Building (Chapel)

Interdenominational services are held by the Cumming First United Methodist Church at the Chapel at 9 AM each Sunday from May through September. Slip holders and marina visitors are invited to attend services overlooking the lake. Dress is casual, and seats fill quickly, so you may want to bring your own chair. The Chapel is also a great place for weddings. Call the Marina office for rental information at 770-887-5309.

Dock Box

Dock boxes are issued by the Marina for a price of \$120 per year. Only dock boxes issued by the Marina are allowed, the Marina will remove any other dock boxes. Please be aware that the docks and fingers are not storage areas. All items must be stored in a dock box or on the boat.



Dock Carts

The Marina does not provide dock carts, however, you may supply your own dock cart. Dock carts should not be left on the docks or fingers at any time. There are cart racks on shore near each dock walkway where carts may be kept. Dock carts may be secured to the cart racks with a locking device. Do not secure a dock cart to anything other than a cart rack.

Dock carts found in unauthorized areas will be removed by Marina personnel. Bald Ridge Marina is not responsible for any loss or damage.



Dock Checks

Monthly dock checks are performed by Marina personnel in order to keep the docks safe and clean. No items are to be left on the fingers or walkway while you are away from your boat. Items are to be stored in your dock box or on your boat. Any items found setting on fingers and walkways will be “tagged” for removal by the Marina within 30 days. Once removed, you will have 2 weeks to claim your item at our Maintenance Shop. Any items remaining unclaimed after 2 weeks will conclusively be deemed abandoned, and the Marina is authorized to take possession of such property, dispose of it, and assess a service fee against the offending Lessee (or his or her invitee), all without notice to Lessee and without being deemed guilty in any manner of criminal or civil trespass, conversion, or any tortious or improper conduct. Gas cans will be removed without warning. Bald Ridge Marina is not responsible for loss or damage.

The only items allowed on the fingers and walkways are Marina issued Dock Boxes, shore power cords, water hoses, and mooring lines. Floor/welcome mats are only allowed on the dock while you are at your boat while docked.

Marina Rules and Regulations

(as used in this section, the term “Lessee” refers to the named Lessee in the Lease agreement with Bald Ridge Marina and any of their guests, invitees, licensees, or contractors. “Marina” or “Lessor” refer to Bald Ridge Marina. Keep in mind that a failure to abide by any rule or regulation in this section or any other section of this Handbook may be treated as a default of your Lease.)

- Wear closed toe shoes on the docks at all times.
- Do not ride scooters, bicycles, skateboards, horses, golf carts, motorcycles, etc. on the docks.
- The ramps may be steep and can be slippery when wet. Always use the toe boards and handrails and proceed with caution.
- No Swimming in the Marina at any time. No exceptions.
- Batteries, gas cans and grills are not allowed on the dock at any time. If you need to dispose of a used battery, please contact the Marina Office at 770-887-5309 or take the battery to the Maintenance Shop and our personnel will dispose of it properly.
- Guns are prohibited on Corps property except for uniformed officers.
- Fireworks are prohibited in the Marina at all times.
- The boat and/or trailer shall only be kept in the slip or storage area so long as the named Lessee(s) remains the sole owner of the boat and/or trailer unless there is in effect in the Marina office a duly executed “Joint Owners Consent to Lease” satisfactory to the Marina (Lessor), authorizing Lessee to act on behalf of all joint owners of the boat and/or trailer. Should there be any change in ownership, financing, or registration, in whole or in part, Lessee must immediately notify the Marina by delivery of written notice at the Marina Office and must remove the boat and/or trailer from the Marina unless Marina management shall have



agreed in writing for the boat and/or trailer to remain in the slip or storage area, which may require an amendment to the lease and potentially a larger rent payment.

- Do not operate or attempt to operate, the boat or any vehicle in the Marina area in excess of established speed limits or in violation of safety rules, including but not limited to, those rules established by the Marina, the Corps of Engineers, the Georgia Game and Fish Commission, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and the general statutes and ordinances of the State of Georgia. Do not operate, or suffer or permit, the operation from the boat or the slip within the "no wake" area of the Marina harbor, a "jet ski" or similar motor powered recreational device at a speed greater than that required to permit the device to make way.
- Do not discard or discharge, or permit or suffer the discharging of oil, gas, paint, spirits, trash, chemicals, refuse, head or toilet contents, debris or waste water into Marina harbor area or trailer storage area. Do not pour oil, paint, spirits, or throw trash or other debris into Marina harbor area trailer storage area. You must keep the Marina harbor area and trailer storage area and the aforesaid slip space and adjacent dock, walkways, and Marina grounds free and clear of all trash, debris, supplies (flammable substances), equipment or other property of Lessee.
- The boat and/or trailer must be kept in a seaworthy/operational condition and secured to the dock when not in use, in a manner acceptable to the Marina, or the Marina is authorized to adequately secure the boat and assess a service fee. If, in the opinion of Marina management the boat is or becomes unseaworthy, the Lease shall be in default and the Lessor (Marina) is expressly authorized to remove and store said boat and to assess a service fee at its then-prevailing rates for same, which Lessee agrees to pay.
- Lessee or Lessee's invitees and guests shall conduct themselves in an orderly and decorous manner so as not to create a nuisance or other unnecessary disturbance or injure or damage other persons or property on the Marina premises or premises under management of the Marina, or harm the reputation of Bald Ridge Marina or Marine Development Corp. Lessee or his/her invitees shall not play a radio, compact disc, television or electronic device so loud that it disturbs other Lessees or their guests.
- Any items of personal property brought onto the Marina premises or any property managed by the Marina by Lessee or his invitees, including, but not limited to, such items as fishing tackle, skis, appliances, and the like, shall be kept or stored only on Lessee's boat, inside of a Marina issued Dock Box, or in Lessee's or his invitees' vehicle, except as expressly permitted, in writing, by Lessor. The slip areas and all portions of the dock structure and storage areas shall be kept free and clear of all items, equipment, fixtures or structures, including, but not limited to, lockers, cabinets, chests, chairs, tables, appliances, antennae, electrical and mechanical equipment, and the like.
- Electrical meters are supplied by the Marina, and Lessee will be charged a base meter fee for said meter.
- Electricity is billed by the Lessor to the Lessee for the base meter fee plus any electricity usage, and said electricity usage is calculated as set forth by the Lessor's electricity supplier, Sawnee EMC.
- All Lessees shall comply with all other rules and regulations relating to the use of the Marina premises which shall from time to time be published, including any and all such rules and regulations of the Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Natural Resources, or any other Federal or State Agency.



- In the event that the Lessee or any of his/her invitees possesses or stores any controlled substance(s) as defined by O.C.G.A. § 16-13-1 et. seq. or any similar Federal Statute or local ordinance on or proximate to the slip or dock or storage area, Lessor may immediately declare such possession, whether actual or constructive, a breach of their Lease. Lessor may elect to select and utilize such remedy as it deems appropriate including removal of the offending Lessee (and his/her invitees) and his/her vessel from the leased premises, reporting Lessee to the appropriate law enforcement authorities, or any other remedy for default provided in the Lease.
- Fire extinguishers are located on every dock. Please let us know if a fire extinguisher station needs attention.
- Please contact the Marina Office if you notice any maintenance issues such as broken boards, water leaks, etc.
- In case of emergency please call 911, and then notify the Marina Office (770-887-5309) or Marina Security (770-889-3161).
- All Lessees are responsible for making sure their guests, invitees, contractors, or other persons accompanying them onto Marina property are aware of and abide by these Rules and Regulations and the provisions of this Handbook. Any Lessee who suffers or permits the violation of any rule, regulation, or other provision of this Handbook (including the rules and regulations of the Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Natural Resources, and any other Federal or State Agency) by any guest, invitee, or other person accompanying him onto Marina property may be considered by the Marina to be in default of their Lease, which may result in the Marina exercising the default remedies provided in the Lease.



Understanding Your Electricity Bill

Each slip is charged an \$11.25 base meter fee whether power is used or not. Once a month we read the individual meters on each slip to ascertain the number of KWH used at each slip, and your KWH usage is charged at the rate Sawnee EMC charges the marina. The electricity fee you are charged on your statement is determined by multiplying the KWH used by the rate per KWH and then adding the \$11.25 meter fee. Electricity usage will vary from boat to boat depending on what is using power in the boat. Boats are NOT insulated like your house, so boats will lose a lot of heat/AC to the environment. If you have an air conditioner or use a heater, you may not realize how much electricity is used in cooling or heating your boat. For example, an average 1500W space heater uses approximately 1.5 KWH each hour. If it ran for 24 hours at 1.5 KWH, you've used 36 KWH. (36 KWH comes out to \$3.71 per day, \$25.97 per week, and \$103.88 per month plus the \$11.25 monthly charge.) Keep that in mind when you decide to leave items on in your boat while you are away.



Freezing Temperatures

In the winter, we try to leave the water to the docks on as much as possible. When freezing temperatures hit during the winter months, we turn off the water to the docks to prevent the water lines from breaking. In order to turn the water on again, we look for 72 consecutive hours (3 days) above freezing temperatures. We monitor the Weather Channel for zip code 30041 to determine the temperatures.

We will post on our web site under "News" when the water is on or off to the docks, as well as, on the Marquee Sign as you enter the marina. We leave the water on at the Fuel Dock year round as long as possible, but we may have to turn it off at nights if the temperatures go too far below freezing.





Winter Tips

Winters on Lanier are fairly calm, but freezing temperatures can cause some havoc. If you don't plan on using your boat during the winter, it's a good idea to winterize your boat. This will protect your engine and water system from being damaged from the cold weather.

We keep the water running on the docks all year, but freezing temperatures will force us to turn off the water to the docks until temperatures rise above freezing. We will notify you when the water must be turned off and when we can turn it back through our web site, through e-mails, and on the marquee sign as you enter the marina. Take advantage when the water is on to keep your water tanks full.

The Fuel Dock stays open all year to serve you. Even if the water gets turned off on the docks, we try to keep it running on the Fuel Dock as long as possible. The lines for the pump-out stations will freeze during the winter too, so call the Marina office before you venture over for a pump-out to make sure they are operating.

Winter usually means lower water levels, which means steeper ramps to the docks. Steep ramps covered with frost can be very slippery. Proceed with caution and please use the handrails and toe boards.

Fuel Dock

Our Fuel Dock may have an odd look, but it was designed for efficiency in order to get our customers back where they belong faster, on the lake... We have 8 dispensers for 90 Octane Non Ethanol Fuel and 2 dispensers for low sulfur dyed diesel

The Fuel Dock is also outfitted with several pump-out stations so that you can get your boat pumped while you fill up with fuel. Pump-outs are handled by our dock attendants, so you don't have to worry about it! Prices for our fuels, pump-outs, and other items sold are listed on our web site at baldridgemarina.com. Pump-outs are free for Marina tenants.

The Fuel Dock hours vary throughout the season. You may call the Marina office or visit our web site to find current hours. Customers arriving after the posted closing time will not be served.

Thunderstorms: For safety reasons, the Fuel Dock will shut down during stormy weather due to lightning. The dock will reopen once the lightning stops.

Pump-out: Georgia Law requires that you maintain a record of when and where you get your boat pumped for at least one year. Pump-out facilities will also maintain records of customers that get pump-outs. It is illegal for ALL vessels to discharge any type of sewage into Lake Lanier. Georgia Law requires that all marine toilets be of a design that can be emptied only by pumping out. Anyone found dumping sewage into the lake will be turned in to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and will have their lease terminated with the Marina.



Fuel (Non Ethanol!)

We provide 90 Octane Non Ethanol Fuel at our Fuel Dock, which is a little more costly than 89 Octane Fuel that contains Ethanol, but it is well worth it. Ethanol in fuel absorbs moisture that can cause havoc with your engine. Since we can't take the moisture out of the lake, we decided to sell fuel with no Ethanol

We also sell Low Sulfur Dyed Diesel.

Prices for our fuels are always listed on our website at baldridgemarina.com

During the winter months, it's a good idea to winterize your boat if you don't plan on using it even though we don't have Ethanol in our fuel. Moisture can still accumulate in your fuel tank from changing temperatures. To help prevent condensation from building up, most experts agree that filling your tank to roughly 95% will keep condensation to a minimum.



Safety at the Fuel Dock

Please refer to the section of this handbook entitled **Fueling Your Vessel**

Gate Cards

Gate cards allow you access to the Marina when the main gate is closed and security personnel are on patrol. Gate cards are offered at the Marina office with a \$20 deposit fee. The card is yours to use as long as you like, and you get the \$20 deposit back when you return the gate card.

Boat Lifts & Personal Water Craft Ports

Boat lifts are not provided or sold by the Marina. You may, however, purchase and have one installed. Please make sure you call the office for permission before you have a boat lift professionally installed. When you decide to leave the Marine, you must take the boat lift with you and leave the slip as it was before the lift was installed. The Marina does have several personal water craft ports available to rent.



Parking

Bald Ridge is very busy during the summer months, especially on weekends. Parking spaces are very limited, but we do have overflow parking by the tennis courts and at the bath house by J, K, L, M, N, O, and P docks for visitors and guests of tenants. Please do not double park or park in places other than a parking spot. Trailers are not allowed past the front office. Parking violators will be towed at the owner's expense. Vehicles/trailers will be towed Heads Wrecker Service: 770-889-3640.

Dock Maintenance

Our maintenance crew keeps the Marina in great shape year round. Anything from changing a light bulb to replacing a dock, our crew is capable of meeting the challenge. If you see any maintenance issues that need to be addressed, please call the Marina office, and we will have one of our maintenance staff address it as soon as possible.

Marina Office (770-887-5309)

The Marina office is open 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday. Visitors are always welcome, and we look forward to seeing you in person. Holiday closings will always be posted on our web site and our door.

Security (770-889-3161)

Marina security is on premises 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Professional and courteous, they are here to provide information, monitor Marina traffic, perform nightly patrols on the docks, and provide assistance when possible during non-business hours. If you have an emergency, call 911.

Gate Operation: The main gate closes nightly at 10:00pm. Security personnel will remain at the guard shack throughout the night other than during their nightly patrols. Those patrols take approximately 1 hour. If you will be entering the Marina during the night, you'll need a Gate Card in order to open the gate while security personnel are on patrol.





Launch Ramps

The launch ramps are open year round. The cost is \$4 Monday through Friday and \$10 Saturday and Sunday. The cost is per day, not per 24 hour period. Tenants with a Marina parking permit in their vehicle can launch for free.. We do not accept the annual pass available from the Corps of Engineers. After launching, your trailer must stay attached to the vehicle in the launch ramp parking area.

Lease Agreement (Wet Slip/Trailer)

The moorage Lease Agreement you signed is a quarterly agreement. The quarters begin on the 1st of February, May, August, and November. This agreement self-renews every quarter unless it is terminated either by you or the Marina. You may cancel your Lease with the Marina at any time with a thirty (30) day written notice. Your security deposit, and any prorated dockage, will be returned to you within 30 days of your boat leaving the Marina. Trailer & Boat W/Trailer storage agreements are monthly with a (30) day written notice to cancel. Your dockage (wet slips) will be billed to you every quarter. Electricity and Trailer storage are billed monthly.

No Swimming in the Marina

Swimming in the Marina is Strictly Prohibited! The Marina boundaries extend from shore out to the 'No Wake' buoys. Swimming in the Marina is dangerous for many reasons including boat traffic, snakes, anchor cables, debris under the water, and most importantly, electric shock. Just because there is no electricity in the water one day, that doesn't mean it won't be there tomorrow... All it takes is one bad ground or someone incorrectly wiring their boat to cause electrical current to enter the water. Depending on the amount of electrical current, the current can travel quite a distance from the electrical source. A swimmer might notice a slight tingle in their arms and legs just before they lose muscle control (and drown) or suffer ventricular fibrillation (basically a heart attack). People are killed every year nationwide because they ignore the dangers of swimming within marinas. Please, for your own safety, DO NOT SWIM until you are outside of the Marina boundaries. Marina Lessees are required to notify all of their invitees and guests of this rule and ensure that they abide by it.





Pets

Bald Ridge Marina is very family oriented, and we believe that pets are part of a family. We want your family to enjoy their time here by bringing your pets, but we do have a few guidelines to follow during their visit.

Pets must be kept on a leash while on the docks and in the parking lots and common areas.

Pets are not allowed in the public bathrooms or the restaurant.

While we love pets, your neighbor may not. Your pet is your responsibility. If your neighbors feel threatened by your pet or your pet disturbs the peace at any time, we will ask you to keep your pet at home

We have Pet Stations located by B Dock, F Dock, between J & K Docks, and between L & M Docks. Your pets should be toileted in the grassy areas (Not on the docks!), and please use the Pet Stations to dispose of your pet's waste. Failure to clean up after your pet will result in us asking you to keep you pet at home. Further failure will be treated as a default of your Lease and will result in the exercise of default remedies which may include termination of your lease with the Marina



Potable Water

All of our docks have potable water from the City of Cumming year round, weather permitting. You will need to supply your own water hose. Freezing temperatures will force us to turn the water off. Please refer to the section "Freezing Temperatures" for our policy on turning the water off and on. The water stays on at the Fuel Dock unless the temperatures are extremely low.

Quiet Hours

Quiet hours are from 10:00 PM to 8:00 AM. Heavy partying, disturbances or loud noises are not permitted after 10:00 p.m. or earlier if Security receives complaints. If you have a noise complaint, please call Security at 770-889-3161.



Slip Transfers

You may want to change which slip you occupy while in the Marina because you'd rather be on a different dock, or the opposite side of your current dock, or maybe to be closer to a friend. We will allow you to transfer to another slip, but you will need to sign a new Lease Agreement for that particular slip and you may be assessed a transfer fee of \$100.

Speed Limit

The Speed Limit in the Marina is 15 mph. During the busy season, there will be a lot of foot traffic in the Marina, so be extra careful.



Statements – Dockage/Electricity/Trailers

Statements will be sent to you each month your balance exceeds \$5. You may sign up to receive e-statements instead of paper statements by providing us with your email address. Payment is due upon receipt. A late fee of 1.5% will be added to your account each month your balance is not paid by the 1st of each month.. You may pay by cash, check or credit card but please do not send cash in the mail. You may have your balance automatically charged to your credit card by completing the Auto-pay Credit Card Authorization form in the Marina Office.

Trailer Policy/Storage

The Marina does have trailer and boat w/trailer storage; call the Marina office for pricing. Trailer and trailer w/boat storage are billed on a monthly basis and can be cancelled with a thirty (30) day written notice.

However, no trailers are allowed past the Marina office unless you are going to the Service Department. If you are using the Launch Ramps, you may park with your trailer attached to your vehicle in the parking lot by the Launch Ramps. Any trailers found past the Marina office or left unattached in the Launch Ramp parking area will be towed at the owner's expense. Head's Wrecker Service 770-889-3640.



Vehicle Parking Stickers

Marina slip holders receive 2 vehicle stickers for their personal vehicles so they may enter the property without having to check in with security. Extra stickers are available for \$5 each. Tenants are allowed up to 6 permits total. These stickers are to be placed on the inside of the windshield in the lower left. Please make sure the sticker is clearly visible from the outside, otherwise security will stop you. These static cling stickers are reusable. Your family members and guests can enter the Marina by checking in at the security gate and receiving a Visitor's Parking Pass, which will be good for 24 hours. All visitors must know the slip holder's name and slip number when checking in.



You will need this permit in your vehicle in order to use the launch ramps at no charge. Vehicles with no permit will have to pay the Launch Fee.

Visitors

Visitors may enter the Marina by signing in at the Security gate. They must know the slip holder's name and slip number. Your visitors are your responsibility and their behavior/actions will reflect upon you.

Home Away From Home

The lake is a place where people go to get away from it all. And we want this Marina to be a part of that experience. So while you're in the Marina, please be a good neighbor by following some of these basic policies.

- Quiet time is from 10:00pm to 8:00am every night. Loud music and noise are not permitted during this time, or any other time if there complaints.
- Vendors are not allowed in the Marina on weekends in order to keep it "peaceful" on the weekends.
- Please keep the walkways and fingers clear to avoid blocking anyone's path.
- No grilling of any kind while docked within the Marina. This is a huge fire hazard.
- Please remember the Marina is a "NO WAKE" zone.
- Keep your pets leashed and quiet.
- Do not shine spot lights or any other bright lights at anyone's boat.
- Parking is limited, please have guests park by the tennis courts or by the bath house at the rear of the Marina.



- Do NOT use gas cans to fill your boat at your slip. You may do so at the Fuel Dock where they have the proper equipment in case of a spill. Gas cans are NOT permitted at slips and will be confiscated and will not be returned.



Our Partners:

MarineMax of Georgia

MarineMax of Georgia is a full service boat dealership for Sea Ray boats and yachts, Meridian yachts, and Crest pontoons. New boats, used boats, service and hull repair, MarineMax can handle all your boating needs. MarineMax in Cumming was awarded Sea Ray's Master Dealer status for their superior customer service. MarineMax sales and service can be reached at **770-781-9370**.

The Cooler

The Cooler offers convenience store items so you can pick up those last-minute items before heading out on your boat. The Cooler is managed by the same folks that manage Smokey Q. Contact them at 770-910-4961.

Lake Lanier Pumpout (Mr. Stinky)

Lake Lanier Pumpout is a mobile pump out service. Pat Paulk operates the service and keeps records of when you vessel is pumped out to help keep you in compliance with the DNR. All vessels that have waste tanks must keep a log of when and where they are pumped out. Contact Pat at **404-216-4959** in order to set up your pump out service.

Lake Lanier Water Ski Camp

Learn how to water ski, barefoot ski, wakeboard, slalom, kneeboard, and trick ski! Since 1985, skilled instructors have taught students how to ski safely and easily. Visit their web site or call Sheila Barnes at **770-889-2849** for more information. <http://waterskicamp.net>

Smokey Q BBQ

Smokey Q offers top quality BBQ at an affordable price. With a big screen TV, there's no better place to watch some football during the Fall! Open year round, Smokey Q is here to handle your daily lunches as well as catering events. Call Rudy at **770-910-4961** for more information.



Boating Safety

Bald Ridge Marina promotes boating safety, and as such, we have included information contained in the **2012 Handbook of Georgia Boating Laws and Responsibilities**. Bald Ridge Marina takes no responsibility for errors of inclusion or omission in the Boating Safety section of our handbook. **You should always check for the most up to date rules and regulations by visiting the state's web site** at: <http://www.boat-ed.com/ga/handbook/index.htm>. You can also visit the Georgia Department of Natural Resources at: <http://www.goboatgeorgia.com>

As a boat owner, you're encouraged to know the "rules of the road" and use safe boating practices. If you're new to boating or want a refresher course, consider taking a boating safety class. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources offers an online class at <http://www.boat-ed.com/georgia/index.html>. For the current class schedule, contact the DNR at 770-535-5499.

The DNR also offers free boat inspections. A DNR Ranger will check that you have all of the safety equipment required and recommend optional equipment that will make your boating experience safer and more comfortable. The Ranger will also verify that you have the proper registration for your boat. This service is offered as a courtesy- you will not be penalized for any violations that may be found at the time of the free inspection.

You may also contact the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary for boating certification classes. They offer free vessel safety checks as well. For more information on classes or vessel safety checks, contact Pat Lindsey at 770-271-4059 or visit www.a0700209.uscgaux.info.

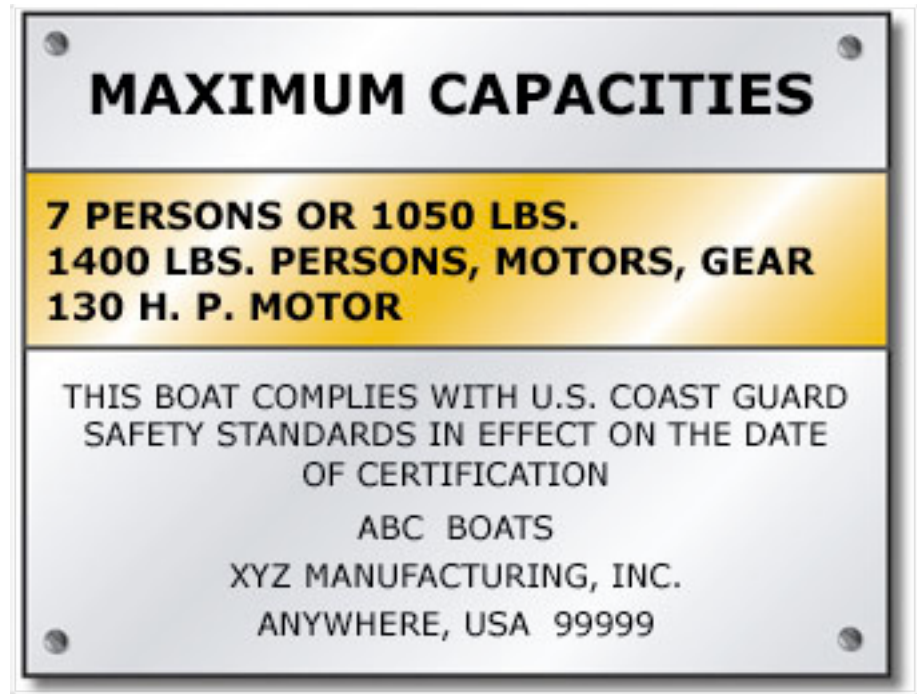
The Atlanta Sail & Power Squadron also offers free vessel safety checks and advanced boating courses, including Piloting, Weather and Marine Communications Systems. For more information, visit their website at www.atlantasboatingclub.com or call 770-734-6412.



Vessel Capacity

Always check the capacity plate, which is usually found near the operator's position or on the vessel's transom. This plate indicates the maximum weight capacity and maximum number of people that the vessel can carry safely.

PWCs and some other vessels are not required to have a capacity plate. Always follow the recommended capacity in the owner's manual and on the manufacturer's warning decal.





Fueling a Vessel

Never fuel at night unless it is an emergency. If you must refuel after dark, use only electric lights. Try to refuel away from the water or on a commercial fueling ramp.

Before beginning to fuel:

- Dock the boat securely and ask all passengers to exit.
- Do not allow anyone to smoke or strike a match.
- Check all fuel lines, connections, and fuel vents.
- Turn off anything that might cause a spark—engines, fans, or electrical equipment.
- Shut off all fuel valves and extinguish all open flames, such as galley stoves and pilot lights.
- Close all windows, ports, doors, and other openings to prevent fumes from entering the boat.
- Remove portable fuel tanks and fill them on the dock.

While filling the fuel tank:

- Keep the nozzle of the fuel-pump hose in contact with the tank opening to prevent producing a static spark.
- Avoid spilling fuel into the boat's bilge or the water.
- Never fill a tank to the brim—leave room to expand.

The most important safe fueling practice:

If your vessel is equipped with a power ventilation system, always turn it on for at least four minutes after fueling and before starting your engine to remove gas vapors in the bilge.

After fueling:

- Wipe up any spilled fuel.
- Open all windows, ports, doors, and other openings.

Additional Safety Procedures for PWCs

- Do not tip the PWC in order to fill it all the way up. If the tank is overfilled, the fuel may expand and spill into the water.
- After fueling, open the door of the engine compartment and lightly sniff to check for any evidence of gas fumes. Do this before starting the engine. If you do smell gas fumes, determine the source and make repairs immediately.



Pre-Departure Checklist

You can help assure a good time while operating your vessel by performing this pre-departure check.

- Check the weather forecast for the area and timeframe during which you will be boating.
- Make sure that the steering and throttle controls operate properly and all lights are working properly.
- Check for any fuel leaks from the tank, fuel lines, and carburetor.
- Check the engine compartment for oil leaks.
- Check hose connections for leaks or cracks, and make sure hose clamps are tight.
- Drain all water from the engine compartment, and be sure the bilge plug is replaced and secure.
- Check to be sure you have a fully charged engine battery and fire extinguishers.
- If so equipped, make sure the ignition safety switch and wrist lanyard are in good order.
- Make sure you have the required number of personal flotation devices (PFDs), and check that they are in good condition.
- Leave a float plan with a reliable friend or relative.

The '100-Foot Law'

The '100-Foot Law' applies to all vessels. The law prohibits people from operating any vessel at a speed greater than idle within 100 feet of any vessel which is moored, anchored or adrift outside normal traffic channels, or within 100 feet of any dock, pier, piling, bridge structure or abutment, person in the water, or shoreline adjacent to a residence, public park, public beach, public swimming area, marina, restaurant or other public use area. The law also makes it illegal for boat operators to jump the wake of another boat within 100 feet, to buzz other boats or to change or reverse their course in order to ride or jump in the wake of another vessel.

Help on the Water

You can get assistance by using your cell phone, using Channel 16 on your VHF radio, or by signaling a nearby boat. If you need towing services, you can call: TowBoat U.S. 770-945-2884

IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911.

Please remember: you must be able to tell the towing service or emergency personnel where you are in order to receive assistance in a timely manner. Always carry a lake map and be able to specify your location.



Georgia Required Equipment Checklist



indicates the equipment is required by state law.

Required Equipment	Class A PWC	Boat Less than 16'	Boat 16' to Less than 26'
Boating Safety Certification Card On Board	✓ ¹	✓ ¹	✓ ¹
1) Applicable if operator is 12 to 15 years of age.			
Certificate of Boat Registration On Board	✓	✓	✓
Validation Decals Displayed	✓	✓	✓
PFDs: Type I, II, III or V	✓ ²	✓ ³	✓ ³
2) Those on PWCs must wear a personal flotation device (PFD) at all times. 3) Those under the age of 10 must wear a PFD at all times while on any moving vessel.			
PFD: Type IV	n/a	n/a	✓
Type B-1 Fire Extinguisher	✓	✓	✓
Ignition Safety Switch	✓	n/a	n/a
Backfire Flame Arrestor	✓	Required on inboards and stern drives only.	Required on inboards and stern drives only.
Ventilation System	✓	✓	✓
Muffler	✓	✓	✓
Horn, Whistle, or Bell	Required on federally controlled waters.	Required on federally controlled waters.	Required on federally controlled waters.
Daytime Visual Distress Signals	n/a	n/a	Required on federally controlled waters.
Nighttime Visual Distress Signals	Not applicable to PWCs because PWCs are not allowed to operate between sunset and sunrise.	Required on federally controlled waters.	Required on federally controlled waters.
Navigation Lights	Not applicable to PWCs because PWCs are not allowed to operate between sunset and sunrise.	✓	✓



Registering Your Vessel

You must have a Georgia Certificate of Boat Registration and validation decals to operate your vessel legally on public waters in Georgia. The only exceptions are:

- Sailboats under 12 feet in length
- Canoes, kayaks, rowboats, and rubber rafts that have no mechanical propulsion (i.e., boats that are paddled, poled, rowed, or windblown)
- Vessels operated exclusively on private ponds or lakes
- Vessels registered in other states and using Georgia waters for 60 days or less

The Certificate of Boat Registration and validation decals are obtained by submitting the proper application and fee to the Georgia DNR.

The certificate (pocket-sized plastic card) must be on board and available for inspection by an enforcement officer whenever the vessel is operated.

The registration number and validation decals must be displayed as follows.

- Number must be painted, applied as a decal, or otherwise affixed to both sides of the bow.
- Number must read from left to right on both sides of the bow.
- Number must be in at least three-inch-high BLOCK letters.
- Number's color must contrast with its background.
- Letters must be separated from the numbers by a space or hyphen: GA 3717 ZW or GA-3717-ZW.
- No other numbers may be displayed on either side of the bow.
- Decals must be displayed on each side of the bow, preceding the prefix letters of the registration number.

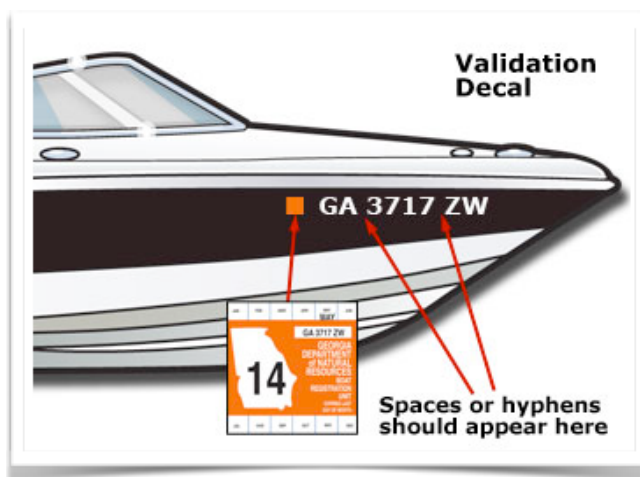




If your vessel requires registration, it is illegal to operate it or allow others to operate your vessel unless it is registered and numbered as described above.

Other Facts About Registering Your Vessel

- If a vessel owner changes addresses or sells the vessel, he or she must give written notice to the DNR Boat Registration Office within 15 days of the event..
- If you abandon or destroy your vessel, you must report it to the DNR Boat Registration Office within 15 days and surrender your Certificate of Boat Registration.
- If you lose or destroy your Certificate of Boat Registration or decal, you must apply for a duplicate by submitting a registration application form and a \$1.00 fee. Check the "duplicate" box on the form.
- Larger recreational vessels owned by U.S. citizens may (at the option of the owner) be documented by the U.S. Coast Guard. Call the USCG at 1-800-799-8362 for more information. If documented, the vessel is exempt from Georgia numbering requirements but must display the Georgia registration decals on the bow of the vessel.



How To Apply For or Renew Your Vessel's Registration

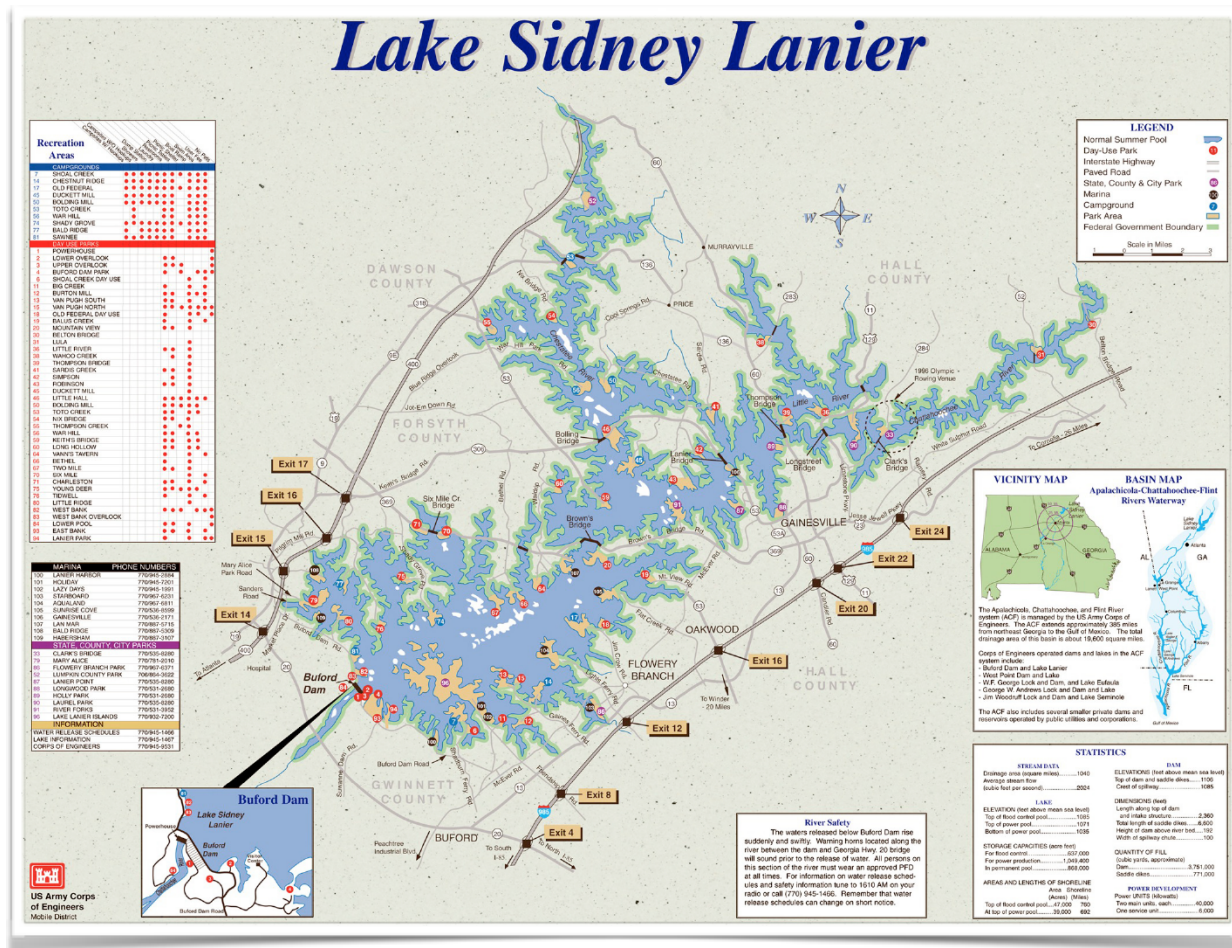
- Online boat registration (renewals or duplicates only).
Go to www.goboatgeorgia.com to renew your registration online.
- Telephone boat registration (all boating transactions).
Call 1-800-366-2661 and select Option 2.
- Mail-in boat registration. (all boating transactions).
Download and print an application to submit via mail by going to www.goboatgeorgia.com, or visit a DNR Wildlife Resources Division office.
- A Certificate of Boat Registration is valid for three years and expires on the last day of the owner's month of birth. The expiration date is on the certificate and decals. A renewal form is mailed to the owner at least 30 days prior to the expiration date. If the renewal form is not received by mail, the owner may renew by one of the three methods shown above.

About Lake Lanier

Lake Sydney Lanier lies nestled in the foothills of the Georgia Blue Ridge Mountains. Over 7.5 million people a year visit Lake Lanier. With over 692 miles of shoreline, the lake is well known for its spectacular scenery



and variety of recreational activities. Constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the 1950's, Lake Lanier is a multi-purpose lake that provides electric power, water, flood protection, and navigation while providing recreational opportunities to millions of users, as well as a sanctuary for fish, animal and plant life. The reservoir was named Lake Sidney Lanier after the Georgia born poet and musician who died in 1881. The lake was named in his honor because of the tribute he gave to the Chattahoochee River in his poetry.



Lake Lanier is one of 464 lakes in 43 states constructed and operated by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. An important function of lake is to store water when there is an abundance, to be used when it is scarce such as during a drought. In the Southeast rain falls in nearly every month. However, the need for water in the summer and fall often exceeds the natural supply. Therefore, Lake Lanier's water level will periodically fluctuate. For the current lake level information, go to <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ga/nwis/> or call 770-945-1467.



Lakeside on Lanier

Lakeside on Lanier is a free newspaper published monthly. It's all about the people, businesses and events on Lake Lanier. It's available in the Marina office lobby, so stop by and pick up your copy today. You can also view it online at www.lakesidenews.com. Founded in 1966, the Lake Lanier Association is the oldest volunteer group working to protect the high water quality as well as the Lake Lanier water level and to preserve its valuable legacy for future generations. Some of their programs include Shore Sweep, Adopt-aLake and Litter Prevention. Membership in the Lake Lanier Association is open to anyone interested in preserving the water quality and quantity of Lake Lanier. The Association represents members from Northeast Georgia, Atlanta and across several bordering Southern states. The LLA welcomes boaters, swimmers and those who appreciate Lake Lanier, benefit from it, and who wish to become more active in preserving it for the future. For more information, call 770-503-7757 or go to www.lakelanier.org.

