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PERSEVERANCE AQUATIC CLUB INC.

Rules for Users of the Dam

2008-2009

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The club rules are an integral part of the clubs constitution. These rules are binding and must be adhered to by all members. The club has established these rules over many years and are in place to serve and protect the wellbeing of all its members and friends using the water and its equipment and amenities. Some rules are in place to comply with the law and/or requirements set down by the various levels of government and its authorities. Other rules have been put in place by the members for the protection and/or wellbeing of all users of the dam and leased area of land.

The clubs rules may be changed or modified by following the regulations as stated in Section 17 of the Constitution. These regulations are in place to ensure that rule changes are made to enhance the running of the club and protect members from rule changes that are flippant and do not serve the best interests of the club in the long term.

Please note that as a club member, you are responsible to ensure that your friends and guests comply with the regulations set out in this document. Further more you have an obligation to ensure that other users of the facilities do the same. You should take any appropriate measures necessary to ensure that inappropriate behaviour or actions are ceased and/or reported to the clubs executive.

All boat names must be entered in the logbook when you arrive at the Dam. You must also enter the total number of people in your party for the day.

The Perseverance Aquatic Club Inc., is a Club to facilitate members who wish to conduct water sport activities behind a boat. The Club has negotiated a lease with Toowoomba Regional Council and as a result has use of Perseverance Dam. Those using Perseverance Dam must be members of the Perseverance Aquatic Club Inc.

The Perseverance Aquatic Club Inc. has carried out a number of improvements such as boat ramps, sheds, the toilet block, the terracing, barbeques and shaded areas. The Club also provides some equipment for members to use.

All Queensland Transport rules apply to the dam. The lease from the Toowoomba Regional Council also has certain conditions and unless these are strictly adhered to, the Club's use of the Dam may be endangered.

Use of the dam is controlled by the Toowoomba Regional Council and its officers. They have a right to restrict or stop the club from using the dam as they see fit.

MEMBERSHIP

All new members must attend a meeting to contact the Membership

Officer to comply with the following:

- a) Pay dues
- b) Show boat and trailer registration papers
- c) Show Third Party Insurance policy (10 million)
- d) Show proof of boat licence
- e) Obtain a copy of the Club rules
- f) Arrange to meet a Club member at the dam to have rules for the use of the dam explained.
- g) New members are encouraged to attend monthly meetings of the club.

New members cannot join by proxy. They must attend a meeting in person.

To renew membership each year, all members are to attend a meeting to comply with the following:

- a) Pay dues
- b) Show current Third Party Insurance policy (10 million)
- c) Show current boat and trailer registration papers
- d) Show proof of licences for all regular boat drivers
- e) Return key to obtain a new season replacement. (The lock is changed each season).

MEMBERSHIP FEES current for 2008 – 2009

Nomination Fee	\$220.00
Annual Membership	\$165.00
Key Deposit	\$15.00
2 Working bee attendance discount	\$60.00
Inactive Membership	\$50.00
President	Exempt
Secretary	Exempt
Treasurer	Exempt
Membership Officer	Exempt

Fees must be paid at the August or September meetings. Members who rejoin after the September meeting and before the October meeting, will be charged a late fee of \$50.00. Members who rejoin after the October meeting will be charged a renomination fee of \$220.00.

A member may operate up to two (2) boats under one membership, but only one boat may be used on the dam at any one time. Insurance and registration papers for both boats must be sighted. If a member wants to use two boats at any one time, two memberships must be paid, however the second nomination fee would be waived.

Who can use your boat on the dam

Yourself, your spouse or your children (the individual responsible must be licensed) must be at the dam with your boat.

NO SWIMMING OR WADING IN THE WATER

DRIVING

1. A boat driver must only be responsible for driving the boat.
2. The boat driver is at all times responsible for ensuring the safety of all persons engaging in water sport activities behind the boat.
3. Under no circumstances will a boat driver cut across the bow of another boat. Should this occur, the boat being impeded should take immediate evasive action.
4. All boats will travel in a general anti-clockwise direction.
5. From the take-off area a boat may proceed directly up the dam provided this action does not impede other traffic, and then continue to proceed in an anti-clockwise direction.
6. When two boats appear in danger of collision, each driver should take evasive action by diverging to starboard (right).
7. A trailing boat should never follow directly behind or within two hundred (200) metres of a leading boat.
8. Drivers must cut motor before retrieving a fallen skier into the boat.
9. Boat drivers approaching or leaving shore must keep a sharp lookout for other boats
10. A boat landing takes precedence over a boat leaving shore.
11. Under no circumstances are unlicensed drivers to drive on the Dam, even if not towing a skier and even if a licensed driver is next to them in the boat.

RULES OF THE WATER

1. The following are to be strictly observed:
 - Designated skier landing – on eastern side of shed.
 - Rope retrieval – 150 metres out from bank (giving way to all other boats).
2. The first eight boats arriving at the dam are to moor on the shed side. Late arrivals can moor on the spillway side of the boat ramp.
3. Boat in distress – observer or driver will stand erect in boat and wave arms over head. Nearest boat will pull alongside and render assistance.
4. All boats are advised to carry an effective fire extinguisher.
5. No smoking or alcohol consumption is permitted in any boat.
6. No skiing is allowed between and boat ramp and the small island. (This is a 4 knot area)
7. All boat drivers are to hold a current boat drivers' licence.
8. A boat towing a skier wishing to drop a ski shall do so in an area outside main ski lane. Ski is dropped at own risk.
9. Persons in boat may not sit on edge of boat while it is operating.
10. No person shall use or ride an illegal equipment. (kites and parachutes)
11. Tubes can be used in areas away from ski lanes and/or slalom course.
12. No more than 20 boats shall operate at any one time, subject to dam water levels. During times of lower water levels, this limit

shall be lowered. As at March 2008, the limit is 4 boats operating at any one time (Check with a management committee member).

13. Water sport activities is not permitted between sunset and sunrise.

OBSERVERS

1. All boats towing must carry an observer 12 years of age or older.
2. Whilst the boat is towing a skier, the observer must face the stern of the boat.
3. Immediately after the skier falls the observer will inform the driver and raise their arm to indicate to other boats that a skier is in the water and keep it raised the whole time the skier is still in the water.
4. The observer will communicate signals from skier to driver.
5. A crew member will coil in the towrope when the boat has stopped, seeing it does not foul the propeller. The towrope must be coiled in before the boat returns to shore.

HAND SIGNALS

1. I am diverging to the right – pointing to the right
2. I am diverging to the left – pointing to the left
3. Skier to be dropped off – raising the right hand
4. Skier in the water – observer raises hand and keeps it up whilst skier is in the water.
5. A fallen skier should clasp hands over head if unhurt.

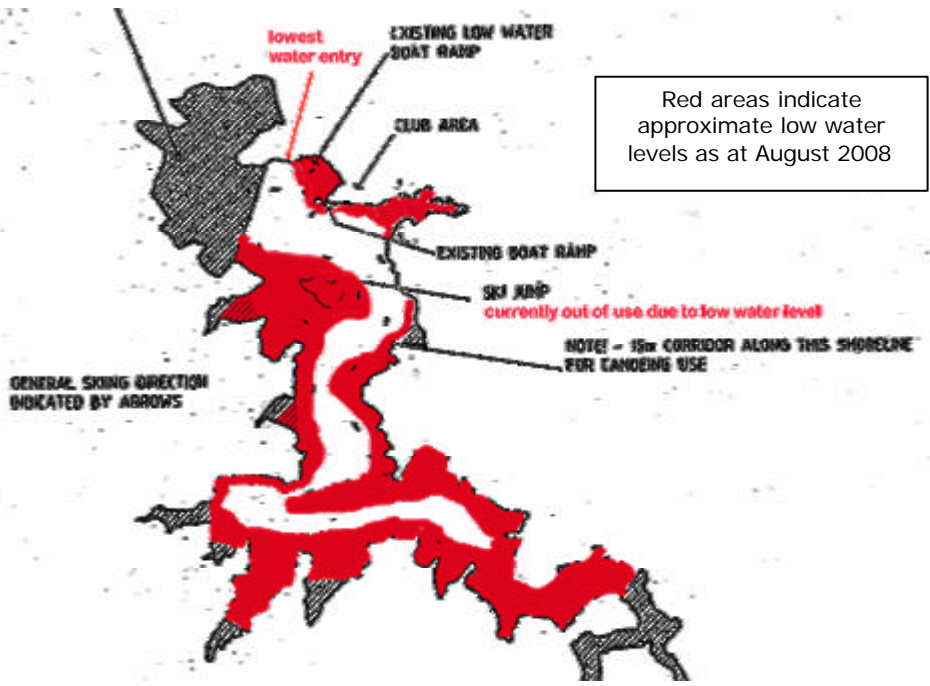
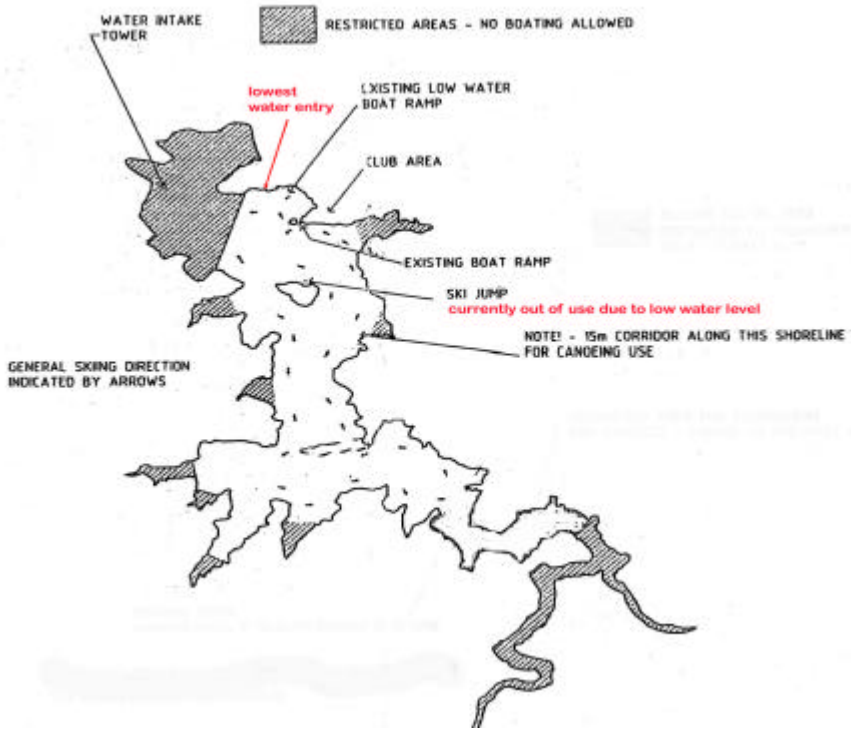
SKI JUMP

1. Any person using the Club ski jump shall only do so if they use approved skis and a helmet. The Club's jump skis and helmet are stored in the shed.
2. Persons using the jump must ensure that the surface is wet at all times.
3. Persons wishing to use the ski jump must wait in the allotted area – that is the approach side of the ski jump.
4. Persons using the jump shall only be allowed four more attempts after observing a waiting boat in the allocated area.

SLALOM COURSE

1. One boat only permitted in this area at any time.
2. Persons wishing to use this area must wait adjacent to the entry gate.
3. Persons using the slalom course shall only be allowed four more attempts after observing a waiting boat. Up and back constitutes 2 passes.
4. No tubing permitted in this area.
5. Boats are to move outside the area to change skiers.

LEGEND



EQUIPMENT

The club owns equipment, which is kept in the shed. This may be used by Club Members and must be returned to the shed at the end of each day.

There is a book available for members to reserve the use of the air chair.

If other crews are waiting to use the air chair, boats are limited to using the air chair for one hour only at a time or per day if demand is high.

The seatbelt, ankle straps and a helmet must be used at all times by air chair users.

If any club equipment is damaged and unusable, it is the responsibility of all members to ensure that the equipment is delivered to either Brauers Marine or Waterskiers Warehouse for repair. This should be done as soon as damage occurs.

QUEENSLAND TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS

1. A PFD type 1, 2 or 3 must be carried for each person in the boat.
(unless a person is already wearing a lifejacket)
2. All boats over 5m must carry a fire extinguisher
3. Queensland Transport Rules are to be obeyed at all times unless a rule has been further restricted to suit the circumstances on Perseverance Dam.
4. All vessels towing skiers must have seats for driver and observer, and sufficient space to carry an injured skier.

GENERAL RULES

1. All members are responsible for the cleanliness of the area and must **take away their own litter.**
2. Any person found duplicating or lending a Club key without authority from the Club Management Committee shall be liable to expulsion from the Club.
3. Any person who infringes Club Rules or Council conditions and consequently jeopardises the Club's lease with the Toowoomba Regional Council shall be responsible for all costs incurred by such infringement.
4. All boats must remain 15 metres from Eastern shore for the safety of canoers, as shown on the map.
5. In accordance with the Environmental Management Plan, dogs are NOT permitted on the leased area of land.
6. **Swimming and wading are strictly prohibited.** This a very strict Council regulation and members / guests must abide by it at all times.
7. Parking is not permitted in the areas so signposted.
8. Chain, fire extinguishers, shed, toilet block and main gait are to be **locked by the last member leaving the dam.**
9. Boat ramp is to be chained and locked **after launching each boat**
10. Last member leaving the dam is asked to start the pump to water the lawn. This may involve filling the engine with the fuel provided. If you are not sure what to do, ask another Club member. If there is no fuel, please advise a Management Committee member.

Starting procedure: Turn switch “ON”, set timer to 40 minutes, Start engine – use choke if necessary.

Watering limitations may be applied during low water levels. As at August 2008 there is no watering permitted.

11. Club members must only operate from the leased area. No landfill is to be made elsewhere on the dam.

RULE INFRINGEMENTS

1. A member may report in writing to the Management Committee that a member has blatantly broken Club rules. This will be presented at a Management Committee Meeting, at which the Management Committee may at its sole discretion send a letter notifying the member that they have been reported. If that member re-offends in the same season, they may receive a second warning. If that member re-offends for a third time during the same season, they may be asked to show cause why they should not be suspended or expelled from the Club.
2. A member who lends a key to a non-member will be immediately dismissed from the Club
3. The Management Committee reserves the right to check on members’ insurance policies, boat and trailer registration and licences, should the need arise.
4. Notwithstanding the above, it is the responsibility of every Club member to ensure that people using the dam do so according to these Rules and terms of the lease.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. Lock the chain after launching the boat.
2. Travel in a general anti-clockwise direction.
3. Drop skier off before the shed.
4. Boats landing have priority over boats leaving.
5. Move out at least 150 metres before retrieving rope.
6. Do not wade or swim in the water. Children also must not paddle in the water.
7. When leaving:
 - * PLEASE take rubbish with you.
8. Last to leave must:
 - * Put away any left behind equipment or lost property in the club shed for later retrieval.
 - * Lock the shed, fire extinguishers, and toilets.
 - * Turn on pump to water lawn.
9. There are two (2) fire extinguishers – one at the club shed and one at the boat ramp.
10. Do not leave personal property in the Club Shed.