

Pelahatchie Bay Reopening Update July 18, 2019

Pearl River Valley Water Supply District welcomes boaters back to Pelahatchie Bay through the opening of all boat ramps and kayak launches in the bay. Be safe, have fun, catch fish, and remember the following rules:

1. Public access to the waters of Pelahatchie Bay will be accessible at all public ramps and launches in Pelahatchie Bay. All ramps and kayak launches will operate by the normal hours of sunrise to sunset.
2. No boat traffic allowed through the bridge to the main lake. **NO EXCEPTION.**
3. Boating will be limited to those areas **SOUTH OF THE MAIN BOAT CHANNEL** with the following exceptions (**A MAP IS PROVIDED ON BACK OF THIS SHEET**):
 - A. Waterfront homeowners in Northshore Village and Windward Oaks subdivisions will be allowed to motor their craft along marked channels leading to open areas. Fishing will be allowed in the channel along the Causeway; however, the channel to Windward Oaks is closed to fishing and other traffic.
 - B. The north shore east of Spring Branch that includes Fox Bay subdivision upstream to all backwaters within PRVWSD jurisdiction.
 - C. That part of Pelahatchie Bay south of a line between the “A” pole of the main boating channel and the first pole of the marked channel along Northshore Causeway. Buoys have been placed to mark the line.
4. Waterfront leaseholders with watercraft on a lift, in a boat house or tied to a dock will be able to boat from their docking point and return there without time restriction. This includes kayaks, canoes and other self-propelled or wind-propelled craft launched from leaseholder property, but those craft must remain at that residence.
5. Boaters must inspect their boats for vegetation prior launch and after trailering. Any boats/trailers that show any signs of vegetation should properly remove and dispose of the vegetation. **LIVEWELLS MUST BE DRAINED.**
6. Lake level is being maintained at a target of approximately 296.1, **use extreme caution.**
7. Park only in authorized areas. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
8. No tournament fishing will be allowed in Pelahatchie Bay until further notice.
9. Under PRVWSD regulation 203.7.3, violations of these rules are a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of no more than \$100 and court fees.