

Stansbury Park Service Agency Electric Motor Use Policy

Rules for the use of electric motors on personal watercraft on Stansbury Lake

Adopted by the Board of Trustees as a permanent policy in 2004.

The Stansbury Service Agency Board of Trustees (SSABT) has decided to allow the limited use of electric motors on personal watercraft on Stansbury Lake. The trustees desire that all residents of the lake have full access of the lake, and that electric motors would facilitate and enhance that use. The board is also cognizant of the potential problems that such use would create, so it is adopting a set of rules and procedures to govern such motor usage. The board instituted this program on a trial basis in 2003 to evaluate the impact of the program on the lake and on residents. This policy was made permanent in 2004.

The SSABT hereby resolves that residents of Stansbury Park can use electric motors on private watercraft on Stansbury Lake under the following conditions.

Residency: Only the residents of Stansbury Park, or their accompanied guests, are allowed to use the Stansbury Park Lake. This policy applies to watercraft owned and operated by permanent residents of Stansbury Park. Use of the lake by non-residents or of non-resident-owned watercraft is prohibited.

Motor Size: Electric motors are limited to 30 pounds of thrust or 1/2 horsepower, whichever is greater. Only a single electric motor is allowed per watercraft. The presence of any gasoline or diesel motor, operating or not is prohibited on any watercraft on Stansbury Lake. Batteries must be secured to the watercraft.

Operation of motors: Operators must conform to the State of Utah boating regulations regarding the use of motorized watercraft. The minimum age of the operator is 16 years old for unrestricted use, and 12 years of age in line-of-sight with an accompanying adult. Those regulations include the presence of lifejackets for each and everyone in the craft, the safe operation of the craft and the use of state-approved running lights after dark. The entire Stansbury Lake is designated a no-wake zone for operators of motorized watercraft. Operators of electric motors are required not to leave a wake behind them.

Disruptive activities: Operators of a motorized watercraft must operate their craft in a non-disruptive manner. They are required to abide by the noise ordinances of Tooele County, which prohibits loud music or activities after 10:00 pm. Operators of an electric-powered watercraft are also prohibited from operating the motor within 20 feet of any shoreline, with the exception of launching and recovering the watercraft.

Registration: Operators of electric motors are required to register their motor with the Stansbury Service Agency in advance of operation. A fee of \$5.00 will be charged to defray the cost of registration stickers. A registration must be obtained from the Stansbury Service Agency at its offices during normal business hours. Applicants must also present the motor they are registering for inspection at the time of registration. Non-conforming motors will not be registered. After completing an approved registration form, applicants will receive a motor registration sticker, which must be permanently attached and displayed at all times on the motor.

Enforcement: Stansbury Lake is a private lake. Unauthorized use of the lake, or unauthorized use of electric motors on the lake is considered trespass. The Stansbury Service Agency reserves the right to enforce trespass violation of the lake and can and will report them to the Tooele County Sheriff's Department for prosecution. Violations of the rules of operation of electric motors on Stansbury Lake may result in the revocation at any time of an individual's motor registration and authorization to use an electric motor. The SSABT also reserves the right to waive the motor size limit and speed rules for enforcement purposes.

The SSABT has approved a registration form for the use of electric motors.

The SSABT acting in an official capacity will be the final board of arbitration on any enforcement action for violations of the electric motor rules. The SSABT and Stansbury Service Agency employees are authorized to perform required enforcement activities, including issuing warnings and citations for violations.

The SSABT reserves the right to make any and all changes to the Stansbury Lake policies at any time regarding the use of electric motors on the lake.

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