

Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park
Sunset Lake Boating Permit
2025

Sunset Lake, located in Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park, Boca Raton, FL is available for use daily from sunrise to sunset except when events being held at the amphitheater or on the golf course would be disrupted by engine noise on the lake. In those instances the gate to the parking lot will be closed. **Permittees who provide an email address will receive advanced notice of lake closures. When possible, advanced notice will be posted in the boat ramp area.**

The lake is open to fishing, canoeing, kayaking, waterskiing, wakeboarding and the use of inflatable towables. Hand launched Vessels that do not require a trailer for launching do not need a permit.

Rules for Sunset Lake Use
Open sunrise to sunset daily except as posted.

- Trailer launched boats utilizing the designated trailer parking spaces are required to display a valid County permit on the left side of the trailer bow stand. If there is no bow stand, the sticker should be placed on the left side of the tongue. Vehicles with trailers must park in the designated boat trailer parking area at the boat ramp. Vehicles transporting hand launched vessels must park in the regular sized spaces in the lot adjacent to the trailer parking lot.
- Current registration with ID numbers must be displayed on all boats per FL State Statutes.
- Boats cannot exceed 21 feet in length.
- Speed limit is 30 MPH.
- Commercial water skiing or boats for hire is not permitted.
- Slow speed in and out of ramp area. Idle speed near shoreline.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- US Coast Guard approved flotation devices must be worn or easily accessible.
- Maintain safe distance from other boats/vessels.
- Parking or driving on the grass is not permitted.
- For your safety the following are not permitted:
 - Swimming
 - Double tows
 - Wake or Teak Surfing
- **Failure to comply with any of the above rules or Park Ordinance will result in immediate removal from the lake and potential revocation of permit.**

Please call 561-629-8840 for information to obtain a permit.

Please report rules violations to the Park Ranger Supervisor at 561-252-1714.

PERMITTING PROCEDURES

A. Permit Year: January 1 through December 31

- B. **Permit Fees:** Fees are fixed and cannot be pro-rated. Each permit application must list the responsible person or persons for the boat. One of the persons named on the permit must be with the boat when the boat is in use at the park.

Palm Beach County Resident: \$35.00 plus 7% tax (\$37.45 includes tax) - Palm Beach County Residents must produce a current Florida boat registration showing a Palm Beach County address AND an ID such as FL driver's license, voter registration, or property tax bill with a Palm Beach County address.

Out of County: \$150.00 plus 7% tax (\$160.50 includes tax) – Out of County Users must produce a current state boat registration, display numbers on the boat, and provide a copy of identification (ID) such as a driver's license.

- a. **Boating Permits are non-transferable:** If a boat/trailer is changed during the permit year, remove the sticker from the existing boat/trailer and bring it, along with a copy of the new boat and trailer registration to the Parks Department Administration Offices or the Coconut Cove Recreation Center. Upon receipt of the old permit decal, a new numbered permit will be issued at no additional cost.

- C. **How to purchase a permit:** Complete the attached application and mail, fax or bring in person to the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department Administration Offices located in John Prince Park, 2700 6th Avenue South, Lake Worth, FL 33461. Permits can be obtained Monday through Friday. Fax #: 561-963-6725. Faxed applications must include the completed Credit Card Authorization.

Permits may also be purchased in person, Monday through Friday at the Coconut Cove Recreation Center Office 561-629-8840 located in Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park, 20130 Regional Park Drive, Boca Raton, FL 33498.

To apply, the boat owner must provide:

- a. The completed signed application
- b. A copy of current boat registration (a Bill of Sale cannot be accepted in place of a registration)
- c. A copy of the current trailer registration
- d. A copy of personal identification (driver's license, voter's registration, property tax bill)
- e. Applicable fee

**Make check or money order (in U.S. funds) payable to: "PBC Board of County Commissioners"
or complete the attached Credit Card Authorization section of the application.**

The Parks and Recreation Department staff will verify the above requirements and issue the boating permit decal. **Any boat in Sunset Lake without proper state registration affixed to the hull will be considered out of compliance and must leave the lake until the boat is properly marked.**

- D. **Permit Location:** Place permit decal on the left side of the bow stand of the trailer, or the left side of the trailer tongue if there is no bow stand.

E. Important Information:

- a. As specified by Florida State Statutes, the state registration numbers must be at least 3" high and permanently affixed to both sides of the forward half of the vessel.
- b. If towing, the boat must have a mirror placed in a manner that the driver can observe the skier without obstruction or looking away from the direction of travel, and is large enough to view the skier at all times or an observer. Even if a mirror is used, it is advised to have an observer on board.
- c. Boats must be operated in compliance with the Coast Guard placard.
- d. In addition to the above requirements, all boats must carry the following safety equipment:
 - a. One Coast Guard approved wearable life saving device in good condition for each person on board, plus one Coast Guard approved throwable device in each boat (seat cushion with two handles).
 - b. One Coast Guard approved or Underwriters Laboratory "Marine Type", Type B, size 1 fire extinguisher.
 - c. One anchor and line of appropriate size and length, (i.e. 8lb. Danforth anchor with 5 feet of chain and 50 feet of rope).
 - d. One hand or power operated horn or whistle capable of producing a blast of two seconds duration and audible for a distance of one half mile.



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For Official Use Only
Approved _____ Permit

Vessel type:
Boat _____ Jet Ski _____

Information as it appears on the current Boat Registration:

Name _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone _____ Business or cell Phone _____

Email Address used for boat ramp notices only:
please print active email clearly _____

State Registration # _____ Serial # (Hull #) _____

Boat manufacturer _____ Model _____ Length _____ Trailer tag # _____

Responsible persons authorized to operate the boat: 1. _____

2. _____ 3. _____

Payment including tax: Check the one that applies

____ **\$37.45 - Palm Beach County Residents:** Must have FL boat and trailer registration with a Palm Beach County address **AND** a driver's license, voter's registration or property tax bill to qualify for Palm Beach County Resident fee.

____ **\$160.50 – Out of County Residents:** Must have a current boat and trailer registration.

Please make check/money order (in U.S. Funds) payable to: **“Board of County Commissioners”** or complete the Credit Card Authorization below.

Credit card payments: Walk-in, Mail-in, or Fax at (561) 963-6725 (Visa/MasterCard)

Credit Card: Visa/MasterCard

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____ / _____ 3 Digit CVV # _____

The 3 digit CVV number is located on the back of your card near your signature.

Please read and sign acknowledgment of the following statements:

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the rules and regulations for lake use. Any person who operates my boat in Sunset Lake will also read these rules and regulations. I understand that failure to comply with these rules by myself or any other operator of my boat will result in suspension and/or expulsion from the lake by the Sheriff's Department and/or the Parks and Recreation Department.

Signature

Date

The Permittee hereby assumes the risk of use of this lake. The Permittee agrees to protect, defend, reimburse, indemnify and hold Palm Beach County, its agents, designees, employees, and elected officials free and harmless at all times from and against all claims, liability, expenses, losses, costs, fines, damages, or causes of action of every kind and character, including attorney's fees and costs, whether at trial or appellate levels or otherwise, arising during, as a result of, or in connection with Permittee's, its guests, invitees, agents or other operators of its boat during the use of this lake.

Signature

Date