

## USE OF BOAT CARDS

The Board of Directors has set the policy regarding boat cards and use of the boat ramp and gate. As stated in the Ahren's rules, only lot owners and their children or grandchildren are allowed to have boats on the lake. To aid in enforcing this, if any other person is caught using a boat card improperly, the card will be confiscated or deactivated and it will be necessary for the lot owner to pay a \$75.00 redemption fee to have the card returned to service. This has cut down on use of the lake by persons who are not entitled to be here and benefits all of us. Having a lake patrol and boat stickers has cut down on the number of boaters using our lake illegally, but more can be done. Only the immediate family of a property owner may use the lot owners boat card and the property owner should accompany the family member to the boat ramp to launch the watercraft.

## DISTRIBUITION OF BOAT CARDS

Only property owners are entitled to a boat card. Renters **will not** be issued a boat card and must use the property owners' card. There is only one boat card issued per property regardless of the number of owners. New property owners that join the Lake Association will receive their boat card for \$10.00 and \$25.00 for the boat card if they decided not to join the Association. If a new card is needed, due to loss, there will be a \$15.00 replacement fee. In case of a lost or stolen card, contact the Lake Association Secretary as soon as possible so that the lost card can be de-activated. When your property is sold, please turn in your boat card to the Lake Association Secretary or Lake Ponderosa Utilities.

## HELPFUL HINTS AND TIDBITS

- When the red flag is on top of the boat ramp flagpole, we are in a HIGH-WATER ALERT. That means that the no wake rule is in effect over the entire lake since boats are precariously docked and consequently endangered, shorelines are in jeopardy, and the mouse hole clearance is limited.
- Your entrance number and E-911 address (street and house #) are needed in the event of an emergency (fire and ambulance).
- Do not clean your fish at the boat ramp and leave the cleanings there or throw them back into the lake. Wrap them tightly in newspaper and freeze them until garbage day
- Observe and honor the "NO WAKE" buoys. They are positioned for safety and environmental reasons.
- Apply your Lake Ponderosa stickers in a visible spot on each side of your boats and equipment.
- Boat cards will melt if left in the sun on the dash of your vehicle and will not work.
- Observe the 20 mph speed limit on all of the lake roads and drive with caution as there are many children playing. Be courteous when driving here the same as when you are on any other road or highway. Wildlife has the right of way always.
- There is a leash law in effect for the lake and Poweshiek County so keep your dogs under control at all times.