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National Capital Authority

# Lake Burley Griffin GUIDELINES

Practices for shared and safe use of Lake Burley Griffin

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Keep a proper lookout

Keep clear of larger vessels

Take great care to avoid collisions

Travel at a safe speed



Use appropriate lighting when navigating the Lake at night



Wear a life jacket while on the Lake



Check Lake Status on the Swim Guide App



Report incident/accident on the Lake to the NCA through www.nca.gov.au/about-nca/ contact-us/incidentaccident-reporting

#### Before heading out

- Check the latest weather, and plan your trip accordingly
- Check your equipment is in working order
- Advise friends or family of your time of departure, return and proposed route
- Carry a mobile phone in a waterproof pouch
- Carry sufficient drinking water and sun protection
- Dress appropriately for the conditions
- Use a paddle or leg leash in windy conditions where applicable
- Carry a noise maker of some kind (to attract attention) attached to the watercraft so it is not lost if the craft capsizes
  - Do not operate any watercraft when under the influence of drugs or alcohol

#### Lookout

Keep a good lookout of both directions when on the water. Be on the lookout for submerged trees and other snags, especially during changing weather conditions. Take care when entering or crossing busy areas.

### **Right of Way**

Vessels using the power of a motor must give way to all non-powered vessels. Use your eyes and ears – keep a good lookout. Take care when entering or crossing busy areas. If a seaplane is approaching, do not panic. Continue your course and make your intentions known. The seaplane will find a safe location around you.

#### Cold Water can be Lethal

The water temperature of the Lake can often be extremely cold in winter. Cold water is dangerous and exposed persons can develop hypothermia quickly. The risk of hypothermia can be exacerbated by wind chill, even in warmer months of the year.

#### Water Conditions and Water Quality

Be aware of the conditions. Rough water can be dangerous for small craft. Check swimguide.org or the swimguide app for the latest water quality information.

## Lake User Groups

ANU Boat Club anuboatclub.org ANU Sailing Club sportandwellbeing.anu-sport.com.au

Aquapark canberraaquapark.com

Australian Sailing sailing.org.au

Black Mountain Rowing Club revolutionise.com.au/bmrc/home

Broulee Surf Club Burley Griffin Canoe Club bacc.org.au

Canberra Cruises and Parties Canberra Rowing Club

canberrarowingclub.org.au

Canberra Yacht Club canberrayc.com

Capital Lakes Rowing Club capitallakesrowing.com

Capital Paddle

Daramalan Rowing daramalan.act.edu.au

Dragon Boat ACT dbact.com.au GoBoat goboat.com.au Lake Burley Griffin Cruises lakecruises.com.au

Lake Burley Griffin Guardians lakeburleygriffinguardians.org.au

Lokahi Outrigger Canoe Club Love Boats

Molonglo Catchment Group molonglocatchment.org.au

National Museum of Australia nma.gov.au

Radford Rowing radford.act.edu.au

River Smart riversmart.org.au

Rowing ACT rowingact.org.au

Rowing Australia rowingaustralia.com.au

Royal Life Saving ACT Sea Scouts scoutsact.com.au Sri Chinmoy Southern Cross Club cscc.com.au

Sydney Seaplanes seaplanes.com.au

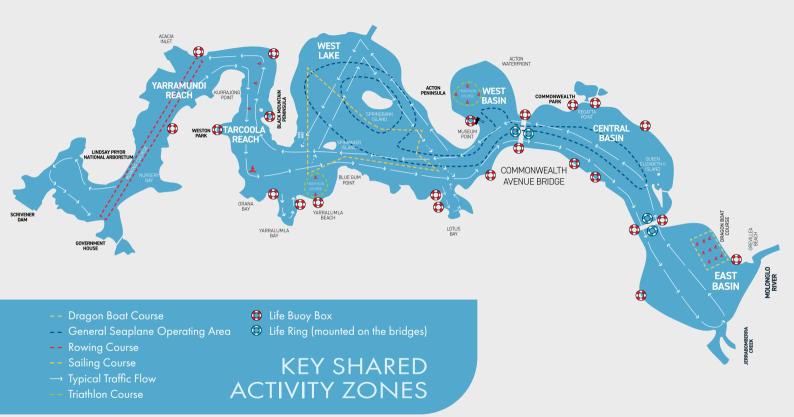
SupCbr supcbr.com

Traditional Boat Squadron Australia canberraboating.com

**Triathlon ACT** triathlon.org.au

YMCA Paddle Hub ymcacanberra.org.au

YMCA Sailing Club ymcacanberra.org.au



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