

Bass Classics of Santa Clara Valley

Non-Boaters Rules

Date: March 21, 2006

Travel Expenses

1. Non boaters are responsible for 1/2 of boater's expenses as follows.
 - a. Vehicle gas (to and from tournament)
 - b. Boat gas for Sat and/or Sun
 - c. Camping fees Fri and/or Sat
 - d. Launch fees Sat and/or Sun
 - e. Bridge tolls

2. If non-boater cannot travel with the boater and chooses to drive his own vehicle or come up the morning of the fish-out, the non-boater is still responsible for the above fees except the camping fees. It is also the responsibility of the non-boater to notify the boater immediately of the situation and to help find the boater someone to ride with him. Also, the non-boater must follow the boater home after the fish-out to ensure the boaters safety driving home unless the boater clearly states he does not need the non-boater to follow him home.

3. If non-boater does not want to camp with the boater or stay in the boater's motor home (wants to stay in hotel, cabin, his own vehicle or with someone else) the non-boater is still responsible for the above fees except the camping fees.

4. If the boater chooses to go to the lake earlier than Friday to pre-fish or any other reason and the non-boater does not want to or can not go, the boater is responsible for the extra camping days, extra boat gas & launch fees. Non-boater is still responsible for the above fees for the fish-out days.

5. In the event an individual requests to not fish (refuses their draw) with a certain individual, it will be the responsibility of the fish out committee to try to partner the individual up with someone else. We have always been able to work it out. Sometimes it will be harder to accommodate an individuals request but we will do our best.

Note: Considerations in regards to expenses.

Depending on who you draw as a boater you will have various fees. Tow vehicles get 6-13 mpg. Motor homes will cost more for gas than a SUV or pick-up. A basic rule of thumb is a fish-out including travel/stay in a motor home will cost you \$75 - \$100 for a one day fish-out.

If a non-boater will not use or does not want to pay "motor home rates" you need to tell the fish out committee and you will be put on a list to avoid "motor home draws".

Various boats due to engine size will consume different amounts of gas. A 225 hp can consume about 21-23 gals per hour at full throttle per the computer and newer engines are more efficient than the older ones.

Boat Care

Many of us have new boats or take care of old ones like they're new. Boats are expensive, costing \$50,000 plus and increasing every year.

Please follow these simple and safe rules.

1. Please step on the carpeted step only. Not the upholstery. Don't wear heavy duty boots if possible.
2. Please be gentle while sitting down on the seats they are not as sturdy as a car seat.
3. Please be careful jumping in and out of the boat to avoid breaking rods, depth sounders, brackets and trolling motors.
4. Please check your shoes for mud or other crud before getting in the boat (or a motor home).
5. Please be careful of their tackle and your tackle. Try not to spread too much out on the back deck. This will help you to be ready when the boater wants to move or change fishing spots.
6. Please do not hit the gel coat or the engine cowling with spinner baits, jigs or anything else.
7. Please do not get hooks and crank baits in the upholstery.
8. Please do not drip, spill, wipe or spray dyes, scents or oils near or on the carpet or seats. Hold it over the edge of the boat when you use them.
9. Please be careful what you eat and where you drop the crumbs.
10. Please ask for permission before smoking in their boat.

Areas

We all have our favorite/special areas (water) that we fish. Some of us are more sensitive and secretive about them than others. When areas are occupied, you need to find a new area or water (since we are a learning club, it is a good thing to find new areas). **WHAT IS THE ACCEPTABLE DISTANCE?** If you use a GPS, please ask for permission to mark the spot. If your partner does not want you to, please respect his request.

Talking and considerations while fishing

Some of us are more talkative than others. Some of us concentrate so hard while we are fishing we almost ignore our partner. Some of us have personality conflicts (that is what the refusal of the draw is for). Some of us use shall we say colorful language that can offend some of us. Some of us can talk your ear off. Some of us are a little uptight when our partner is catching fish and we are not. Play it by ear and be considerate.

Tackle

Ask your boater how much and what you can bring. Some boats are larger than others and can handle the few extra rods or bags and it doesn't necessarily mean a 20ft boat can handle more so ask. The boater should tell their partner how they're planning to fish and what they might need. Bring enough for yourself; your boater is not responsible to supply you. Some boaters may offer to let you use certain lures / baits but remember.... they quadruple in price if they are working!

Food

You are responsible for your own food & drink but of course, you can pitch in together for meals, snacks and BBQ cookouts if you want. Remember juices, soda, chips, etc. can stain carpet and the seats. Please be careful.

Summary

All in all, The Bass Classics is a fun and respectable club. We strive to promote the fun and learning of the great sport of bass fishing. Most of us follow these rules but some of us forget sometimes. We should always remember these simple rules and considerations. We should always respect people's property and their boat rules. If we all remember these rules, the fish out committee will have an easier time with the draw and we will all have a lot of fun which is what The Bass Classics of Santa Clara Valley is all about.

Good Fishin!