

Sacheen Lake Association
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Mr. Steve Pozzanghera
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Dear Mr. Pozzanghera,

The residents of Sacheen Lake and the many non-resident users of the boat launch at Sacheen Lake would like your assistance.

In September 2013, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife installed a new boat ramp at Sacheen Lake. It was a marked improvement over the old ramp. This summer, however, a problem revealed itself; the ramp is too short to launch boats when the lake level is low. This summer, the lake water level reached its lowest point in over 25 years; it was six inches below target. With the water level low, many boat owners had trouble launching and retrieving their boats. At least two boat owners complained to the Association about damaging their trailers when they backed their trailers off the end of the ramp to launch their boats.

When the launch was constructed, the approach to the launch was raised by 18 inches to help eliminate flooding problems in spring. Raising the approach eliminated the flooding, but it also raised the ramp 18", reducing the depth of the water at the end of the ramp. This, we believe, is the cause of the problem.

Please consider lengthening the boat ramp to eliminate this problem.

Sincerely,

Albert Pool
President, Sacheen Lake Association