



Sacheen Lake Association
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To: Pend Oreille County Sheriff
From: Sacheen Lake Association (SLA)
Subj: Permit Request for SLA Buoys on Sacheen Lake
Date: 23 October 2024
Ref:

(A) Boating Safety Ordinance No. 2001-01

Attachments:

- (1) Database List of SLA Buoys (Current and Proposed)
- (2) Map of SLA Buoys (Current and Proposed)

Sheriff Blakeslee,

The Sacheen Lake Association (SLA) has for many years been marking rock hazards in Sacheen Lake with orange buoys. We recently came across an ordinance in the Reference (A) document, Section .240 Safety Buoys, indicating the following: “(02) The Pend Oreille County Sheriff is authorized and directed to designate location and install, or cause or permit to be installed in the water appropriately marked safety buoys that are required for the safety of the public.” The SLA could not readily find any record of the SLA buoys being previously permitted by the Sheriff, although we understand from a prior SLA President that they were.

The SLA also recently conducted a survey of our existing buoys and determined that there are additional rock hazards that would benefit from being identified by a buoy, especially during years of low water levels. As part of that effort, we have created a database of buoys and their latitude/longitude location (approximate anchor location determined by Google Maps); it is included as Attachment (1). The locations are graphically indicated in Attachment (2).

The SLA respectfully requests that the Sheriff’s Office permit the buoys identified in Attachment (1) in accordance with Reference (A) and provide written evidence of said permit.

Respectfully,

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Attachment (1): Database List of SLA Buoys (Current and Proposed)

Sacheen Lake SLA Buoys Database

Buoy Ref Number (Counterclockwise from Boat Launch)	Buoy Latitude	Buoy Longitude
1	48.150943	-117.307850
2	48.152280	-117.309459
3	48.159581	-117.304263
4	48.158812	-117.308675
5	48.156851	-117.312436
6	48.153176	-117.325651
7	48.152917	-117.325626
8	48.152786	-117.325877
9	48.151931	-117.327144
10	48.151721	-117.327156
11	48.151275	-117.327333
12	48.150119	-117.331654
13	48.150060	-117.331580
14	48.150095	-117.331521
15	48.149880	-117.332881
16	48.151037	-117.326666
17	48.150940	-117.326576
18	48.150743	-117.326330
19	48.151772	-117.323785
20	48.152443	-117.321382
21	48.152247	-117.321379
22	48.152787	-117.319711

The entries highlighted in orange are proposed new buoys. Buoys 1, 6, and 18 are currently missing and need to be replaced.

Buoys will be marked with the number indicated in the above table and likely an indication that they are buoys placed by the SLA (e.g., SLA 1, SLA 2, or similar marking).



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Attachment (2): Map of SLA Buoys (Current and Proposed)

