SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Each land or water related activity provides enjoyment and challenges to boaters and other lake users, but there are dangers as well. To prevent accidents, please look over the following list of safety precautions and follow them. They should help you have a safer and more enjoyable visit to Bull Shoals Lake.

1. Attempting to swam in or on submerged hazards (submerged or exposed points). Boaters should watch for unknown hazards resulting from variations of lake levels.

2. Be careful when approaching the shoreline because depth of water may vary from normal lake levels into water of unknown depth.

3. Supervision of children at all times.

4. Wear a Personal Flotation Device (life jacket) at all times.

5. Never use alcohol while in, on, or around the water.

6. File a trip plan with someone so that he or she will know where you will be and when you plan to return.

7. Swim in designated swimming areas. In other areas, designated ‘No Swimming’ areas, you may swim at your own risk.

8. When swimming downstream of the dam, leave the area immediately when the warning horn sounds and water is released.

9. When winds of 25 M.P.H. or more are forecast or blowing, boaters should stay out of the water.

10. Only trained scuba divers with proper equipment should dive in the lake. Boaters should stay out of the water and submerged timber, trees, and other obstructions may be hazardous to scuba divers. Know your diving limitations and never swim without a buddy. Dive at your own risk.