## BAY TREE LAKES BOATING AND FISHING REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations have been established by the Board of Directors of Bay Tree Lakes Property Owners Association. We submit these rules and regulations as a guide for all property owners to observe to ensure the safety and protection of our natural environment, canal waterways, fish habitat, and shore line properties. These rules and regulations cover the canal system and Horsepen Lake. Bay Tree Lake, the big lake, is a public lake and covered by all North Carolina State Laws regarding boating and fishing rules and regulations. It is the property owners responsibility to notify other family members and guest of these rules and regulations.

## **BOATING**

- All boaters and water craft operators should adhere to all North Carolina state laws, rules and regulations.
- All fishing craft should be registered with BTL Property Owners Association and have a decal attached in a visible location. (Decal design to be decided)
- All canal systems in Bay Tree Lakes are "NO WAKE ZONES". Horsepen Lake has
  designated areas marked. "NO WAKE ZONES" will also be defined as within 50 yards of
  any boat dock or the boatlift on Horsepen Lake.
- "NO LITTERING" in any of the waterways within Bay Tree Lakes. All disposable items including but not limited to; Food and beverage containers, bait containers, paper and plastics of any kind must be secured in your vessel and disposed of properly.
- Boat Lifts are to be operated by property owners only or those who have been trained in its operation.

## **FISHING**

- All property owners and their guest should adhere to all North Carolina state fishing laws, rules and regulations.
- All largemouth bass in the canal system and Horsepen Lake are CATCH AND RELEASE.
   Defined as, after capture, the fish is unhooked and returned to the water before
   experiencing any serious exhaustion or injury. NO LARGEMOUTH BASS ARE TO BE
   REMOVED FROM THE PROPERTY.
- Guest, excluding family members, must be accompanied by the property owner at all times when fishing from any vessel, including kayaks, in the canal systems or on Horsepen Lake.
- Family members are defined as: parent, siblings, sons or daughters, including in-laws, stepchild, grandchild, niece or nephew.

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