

# STAYS SAFE ON THE LAKE

KEEP SAFE, **STAY RIGHT**

Keep to the right hand side of your course



KEEP A PROPER **LOOKOUT**

Use your eyes and ears - **keep a good lookout**  
Take care when entering or crossing busy areas



KEEP CLEAR OF LARGER VESSELS

Cross behind, not in front  
Remember wash can capsize small craft



WEAR A **LIFEJACKET**

It is strongly recommended that you  
wear an approved lifejacket at all times



CHECK LAKE STATUS

Check the lake status at [www.nationalcapital.gov.au](http://www.nationalcapital.gov.au)  
or follow us on **Twitter** @nca\_media

TAKE GREAT CARE TO AVOID COLLISIONS

Show lights at night and in fog



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National Capital Authority

## LAKE BURLEY GRIFFIN IS A WONDERFUL ASSET FOR ALL TO ENJOY IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

WITH THE INCREASING NUMBER OF WATERCRAFT USERS, AT TIMES THE LAKE CAN BE BUSY, WITH SMALL WATERCRAFT AND COMMERCIAL VESSELS SHARING THE SPACE.

An understanding of the following safety recommendations (applicable to all watercraft) will help everyone to enjoy the lake in safety.

### LIFEJACKETS

It is strongly recommended that you wear an approved **LIFEJACKET** at all times when enjoying Lake Burley Griffin.

### NAVIGATION LIGHTS/VISIBILITY

Between sunset and sunrise a **TORCH** is a minimum requirement for small craft, but it is strongly recommend that the craft has an all-round white light visible in every direction.

When fog, glare, smoke or darkness restrict your visibility **ADJUST YOUR SPEED** accordingly.

### LIFE BUOYS

**LIFE BUOY** boxes are located in swimming areas, jetties and high-use areas. Watercraft operators are asked to take care not to damage these boxes.

### NATIONAL CAPITAL AUTHORITY

**Phone:** 02 6271 2888

**Web:** [www.nationalcapital.gov.au](http://www.nationalcapital.gov.au)

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### LAKE CONDITIONS

- The Lake may look calm, but conditions can change quickly. Strong winds can create choppy conditions making it dangerous for watercraft.
- Be on the lookout for submerged trees and other snags, especially after periods of heavy rain. These objects can move and/or change position.
- Sudden immersion in cold water is potentially dangerous. The effects of cold water mean that even healthy, good swimmers can drown after a short period of time in the water. The risk of hypothermia can be exacerbated by a wind chill factor, even in the warmer months of the year. Wearing of lifejackets, appropriate clothing and going out with a "buddy" is strongly recommended.
- ACT Health advises that swimming should be avoided for several days after heavy rainfall as bacteria levels maybe elevated.

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS

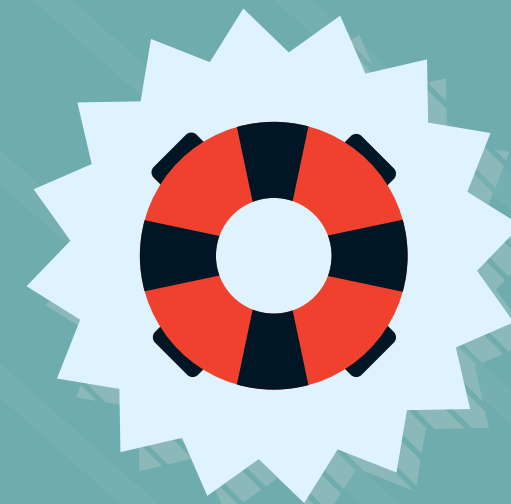


**ACT WATER POLICE** 02 6256 7777 OR 000

**EMERGENCY TELEPHONES\*** ARE LOCATED ON SPRINGBANK ISLAND, WESTON PARK EAST AND WEST, YARRALUMLA BAY (EAST), LOTUS BAY, ACTON PENINSULA, ACTON FERRY TERMINAL AND BLACK MOUNTAIN PENINSULA

\*THESE PHONES CONNECT DIRECTLY TO ACT EMERGENCY SERVICES

# WATERCRAFT SAFETY ON LAKE BURLEY GRIFFIN



STAY SAFE ON THE LAKE

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE CLEARLY VISIBLE WHILE ON THE WATER. SUGGESTED PRECAUTIONS ARE TO:**

- Dress brightly
- Keep a proper lookout
- Operate watercraft during daylight hours or adhere to the night lighting requirements for small vessels
- Stay close to the shore line
- Keep to the starboard (right-hand) side of your course
- Adhere to lighting requirements during mornings of thick fog

**CONDUCT A SAFETY CHECK BEFORE HEADING OUT:**

- Check the latest weather, and plan your trip accordingly
- Check your equipment is in working order
- Advise friends or family of your time of departure, return and proposed route
- Carry a mobile phone in a waterproof pouch
- Carry sufficient drinking water and sun protection
- Dress appropriately for the conditions
- Use a paddle or leg leash in windy conditions where applicable
- Carry a noise maker of some kind (to attract attention) attached to the watercraft so it is not lost if the craft capsizes
- Do not operate any watercraft when under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Additional safety information is available from the NCA website [www.nationalcapital.gov.au](http://www.nationalcapital.gov.au)

