

SID UPDATE on Levee Restoration Project JULY 7, 2022

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Here is the current lake status. We are at a level of 937.0 ft. (measured in feet and tenths of feet, not inches) We believe normal FULL is going to be 937.8-938.0 We are now gaining approx. 1.2" or .1 foot per day. By Saturday at noon we should be at approximately 937.2 or about 10" below full. The HOA board (in consultation with the SID board) has been discussing the best path forward for allowing full speed boating with the following considerations at top of mind:

- There are still some boats that are tied up on lifts and we have allowed/encouraged such, those will want to be on their lifts
- Many seawalls are still exposed at north end of the lake
- We will leave the yellow buoy markers that are currently on the water main. It is now safe to cross it at full speed between the markers.
- More people will want to put in boats this weekend, the HOA have asked residents to call their director or "on call" director to launch their boat
- This weekend the EAST boat ramp will be UNAVAILABLE
- There is still some concern with the north edge of the WEST boat ramp and there are warning stakes marking this
- If you choose to put you boat in the water before we reach "FULL" level please be sure you can get it on a lift...you will not be able to pull your boat out at the boat ramp until mid to late next week
- As always, boating and use of watercraft is at your own risk

Beginning at 12:00pm NOON Saturday July 9, 2022

the lake from the north Flagpole turn area all the way to the south will be open to normal boating...Buoys will mark the north end of the lake that will remain restricted to a 10-mph MAX AND NO WAKE until further notice.

Currently the west boat ramp is at a point that we can start to carefully use it. Everyone needs to understand that the water is still shallow and damage to your trailer or watercraft could occur. At the current level, some people will be able to get their boats or PWC's on and off their lifts sooner than others. We ask that you assess your individual situation BEFORE putting you boat in. We are asking that people not use the boat ramp for putting boats in AND taking boats out daily or weekly but rather wait until you can use your lift or decide to tie up and leave your boat in.

It is anticipated that within a week we will be back to full level with no (or few) restrictions.

We ask that you keep up with the latest by visiting this website and watching for notices from the SID and HOA boards.

NOW is the time to confirm that all your permits are in order. Be sure that your watercraft (including PWC's) have registration and are tagged with a Nebraska Boating tag of 2022 or higher, a Waconda Sticker, and your lot number.

Current daily boating rules will be posted neat the entrance to Waconda and on this site's homepage. They will be updated as conditions warrant.

The contractor is still very busy bringing in many truckloads of material. This week they will be working on the river side of the levee near Bull Frog Bay. PLEASE STAY OFF THE EARTHEN LEVEE.

At this time, all traffic may continue on the entire road but we ask you to yield to truck traffic crossing the road especially up near Bull Frog Bay Dr. PLEASE slow down in this area and stop for construction vehicles and equipment.

This week KEU is working 7am-7pm Monday-Saturday. We are asking **EVERYONE to remain off of the earthen levee** and away from construction activity while workers are present. This means no bicycles, pedestrians, motorized vehicles, etc. PLEASE OBEY ALL SIGNAGE.

KEU continues to work on other areas of the project while they wait for direction from the engineers.

PLEASE NOTE:

The SID is also very concerned for the safety of the community and visitors to Waconda and for the protection and respect for the construction materials and equipment of KEU. During our preliminary discussions, the SID informed both the CORPS and KEU that we will do all we need to expedite the project and are willing to close, restrict, reroute, traffic (vehicular and pedestrian) when and where we may need to. We will keep everyone posted on any of these decisions as they are made.

There is a lot of moving parts with this project and the SID, CORPS and KEU are going to do all we can to complete this in a timely and safe manner. We all are asking for everyone's cooperation, understanding, and patience as this project progresses.

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If you have any questions, you can contact Jim Noerrlinger, Matt Burnham, or Jon Meyers via phone or email. Contact information is on the contacts tab at www.sid1.org

Watch for continued updates here.

On behalf of the SID board, we thank you.

Jon Meyers