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- Lake Tyler Leases, Lake Tyler East Registration and Status of Lake Tyler Capital Projects
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- Public Safety Concerns—Emergency (accidents, criminal behavior, etc.)
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- Boating, Skiing, Fish and Game Concerns

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Find links to documents and forms, copies of this newsletter and other helpful information on the web.

We're on the Web!

<http://www.cityoftyler.org/Departments/TylerWaterUtilities/Lakes/LakeTylerLakeTylerEast.aspx>
<http://www.cityoftyler.org/Departments/DevelopmentServices.aspx>

Winterizing Your Boat

With boating season winding down, it's time to start thinking about protecting your valuable recreational assets. The time and effort you spend now will have a definite effect on your boat's performance, or lack of it, and certainly save you time, effort and money come spring. Always check the owner's manual of both your boat and motor for manufacturer's recommendations on winterization. Here are some general procedures you'll need to follow:

Inboard Engines:

- Run the engine to warm it up and change the oil while it is warm which allows the oil to drain more fully. Remove the oil filter and properly dispose of it as well. Refill the engine and check the level.
- Flush the engine with fresh water by using an intake hose to the water pump. Drain all water from engine exhaust. In addition, you should also change the fluid in your transmission. Remove spark plugs and use "fogging oil" to spray into each cylinder. Wipe down the engine with a shop towel sprayed with a little fogging oil.



Outboard Engines:

- Gauge the remaining fuel in the tank and treat it with the correct amount of fuel stabilizer. Flush the engine with fresh water using flush mufflers or the flushing port usually located on the back of the engine. Start the engine and with it running, remove the fuel line from the engine until the engine dies. It is important to run the engine with the fuel line removed to burn all fuel from the carburetors to prevent build-up of deposits from evaporated fuel.
- Apply water resistant grease to the propeller shaft and threads.
- Change the gear oil in the lower unit.
- Lightly lubricate the exterior of the engine or polish with a good wax.
- Wash the engine with soap and water and rinse thoroughly.

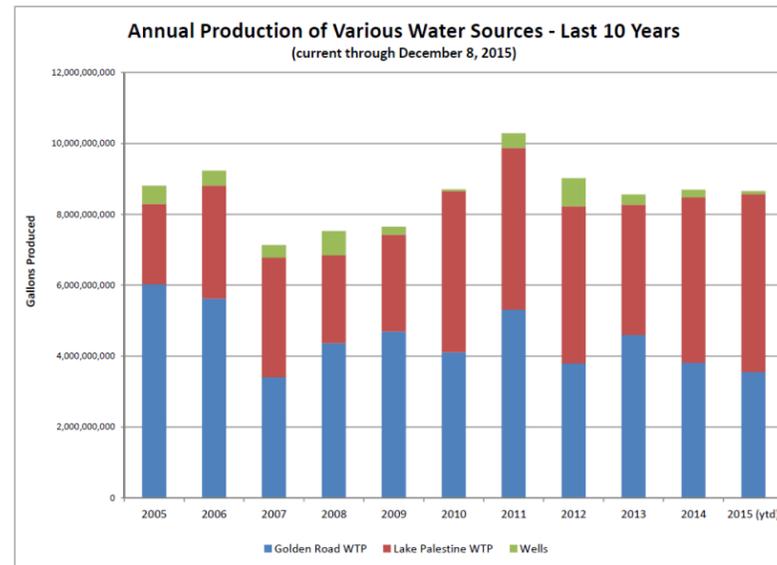
Stern Drives:

- Inspect the stern drive thoroughly and remove any plant life or barnacles from the lower unit. Clean the lower unit with soap and water.
- Drain the gear case and check for moisture in the oil. This could indicate leaking seals that must be repaired before spring recommissioning.
- If your stern drive has a rubber boot (look between the transom and engine), check it for cracks or pinholes.
- Grease all fittings and check fluid levels in hydraulic steering or lift pumps.
- Check with your owner's manual for additional recommendations by the manufacturer.

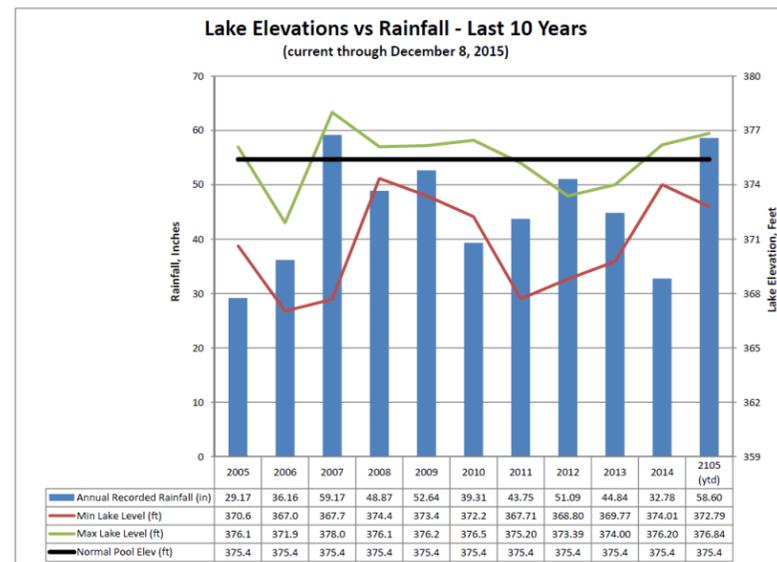
Operational Data for Lake Tyler / Lake Tyler East

Presented at right are the annual water production figures showing the amounts produced by the Golden Road Water Treatment Plant (Lake Tyler / Lake Tyler East), Lake Palestine Water Treatment Plant (Lake Palestine) and the City's 11 water production wells over the past ten years. 2015 production through Dec. 8, 2015 is as follows:

Facility	Gallons Produced	% of Production
Golden Road WTP	3.557 billion	41.1%
Lake Palestine WTP	5.018 billion	58.0%
Wells	0.081 billion	0.9%



Also presented at right is a graph that illustrates the annual high and low water elevations for Lake Tyler and Lake Tyler East as compared to the normal pool elevation of 375.5 feet. In addition, annual rainfall totals in inches are shown. Rainfall data is measured at the Lake Tyler Maintenance Complex through Aug. 16, 2015.



So far in 2015, 58.60 inches of rain have been measured at the Lake Tyler gauge. In addition, the minimum water elevation measured to date has been 372.79 feet, which is 2.6 feet below spillway elevation, while the maximum water elevation has been 376.84 feet, or about 1.4 feet above spillway elevation.

Lake Tyler and Lake Tyler East Ordinances

Tyler Water Utilities wants to remind all lake residents that the City of Tyler Ordinances governing Lake Tyler and Lake Tyler East are available online at the following webpage:

<https://www.cityoftyler.org/Departments/TylerWaterUtilities/Lakes/LakeTylerLakeTylerEast.aspx>

The link to the Code of Ordinances can be found under the Section titled "Documents / Forms."

In addition, a copy of the Lake Tyler East court document commonly referred to as Exhibit B can also be downloaded from this webpage.

Do you have an idea for a future newsletter article, an upcoming event at the Lake you want to publicize or information that you want to share with your Lake neighbors?

If so, send your ideas, comments and suggestions to Lisa Crossman with Tyler Water Utilities by phone at (903) 531-1239 or by email at lcrossman@tylertexas.com.

Winterizing Your Boat (continued)

Fuel Tanks:

- Check with the manufacturer on whether it is recommended to fill the fuel tank with fuel and add stabilizer, or whether it is recommended to add fuel stabilizer to whatever fuel is remaining in the tank.
- Change the fuel filters and water separators.

Always remember to consult your owner's manuals for manufacturer's recommendations on winterizing your boat and other systems. By following some of the above suggestions, you should be in good shape for the winter.

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Giant Salvinia Found on Lake Fork

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has confirmed the presence of giant salvinia in Chaney Branch on Lake Fork. The infestation appears to be confined to this branch and another small cove west of the dam and occupies an estimated 3.25 acres. Judging by the distribution and age of the plants, it is apparent it has been in place for several months. As is the case for other introductions in East Texas, the plants were most likely introduced to the lake by boat trailer.

Lake Fork's controlling authority, the Sabine River Authority (SRA), immediately closed boat ramps at Chaney Point South and Secret Haven, which are located at the westernmost end of Chaney Branch, in order to eliminate any further risk of spreading this invasive plant. The SRA has also conducted reconnaissance at bridge crossings and conducted shoreline surveys by boat to look for additional infestations.

Crews from the SRA and TPWD have physically removed salvinia plants from the water and have placed approximately 1,100 feet of floating boom across the creek, containing the infestation within the 90-acre cove. TPWD staff will be conducting a chemical treatment using glyphosate. All efforts will be made to protect beneficial aquatic plants while focusing treatment on killing the invasive giant salvinia. TPWD will continue to conduct additional surveys to check for the spread of the plant to other areas of the lake, and additional physical removals will be done if necessary.



Giant salvinia is a floating fern native to Brazil. It reproduces by budding and spreads easily by the movement of wind and water currents. Giant salvinia grows rapidly and can double in coverage in a week. Uncontrolled, giant salvinia can impede navigation, block sunlight from reaching the water and hamper fishing.

Tyler Water Utilities reminds all users of Lake Tyler and Lake Tyler East of the importance of cleaning all plant material from your boat, trailer, and towing vehicle and draining your boat before leaving a lake. Transportation of aquatic invasive species is illegal in Texas.

For more information on giant salvinia and other invasive species, visit <http://www.texasinvasives.org/>.