



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
STATE MILITARY RESERVATION, VAARNG
203RD REDHORSE DRIVE
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA 23451

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

NGVA CP-CTC-CDR

15 May 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR: State Military Reservation (SMR) tenants and visitors

SUBJECT: FISHING and BOATING POLICY and PROCEDURES

1. Purpose. To publish procedures for boating and/or fishing on Lake Christine at SMR.
2. Policy Update. This Policy supersedes any previous written or verbal SOPs.
3. Virginia Licenses.
 - a. All individuals wishing to fish on SMR must have a valid Virginia (VA) fishing license in keeping with VA regulations. This applies to both boat and bank anglers.
 - b. Sales Locations. Virginia fishing licenses can be obtained online at <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/licenses/> and at most retail sporting goods vendors.
4. Authorization to Fish. Military and civilian personnel who have completed the Application to Fish and the appropriate Hold Harmless Agreement, and who have obtained the SMR boating or fishing permit, are authorized to use Post boating and fishing facilities per the instructions specified in this Policy. Access to SMR to fish also requires display of appropriate identification and ability to meet base access criteria.
5. SMR Fishing Permit.
 - a. Anyone wishing to fish on SMR must have a SMR fishing permit. This is applicable to all anglers within the installation boundary lines, to include all anglers using SMR access points to Lake Christine, and to anglers fishing from the SMR shoreline or any structure attached to the shoreline (piers, docks, etc.).
 - b. SMR fishing permits may be obtained by visiting the billeting office, building 13 during, normal business hours.
 - c. Fishing Hours. Fishing is allowed 365 days a year, seven days a week, except as posted due to curfews or other restrictions issued subsequent to this Policy. Legal fishing hours are one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.
6. Closure of Fishing Areas.
 - a. Military training exercises may cause portions or all of a fishing area to be closed at a specific time. Range Operations is responsible for Training Areas and closures.
 - b. Anglers are prohibited from bypassing any kind of road obstruction or warning buoy.

c. Storm events may cause the temporary closure of certain fishing areas due to flooding, ice or other hazardous conditions.

7. Use of Boats. Privately owned boats less than 17 feet in length may be used for recreational fishing in Lake Christine: electric motors are authorized; **gasoline motors are not authorized.** Personal watercrafts (jet skis, etc.) are not authorized. All state boating regulations, including registration, personal flotation devices, lighting, and the VA boating safety education requirement are in effect at SMR. Details of the education requirement can be found at www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/education.

8. Reciprocity between SMR and Croatan. SMR and Croatan will share usage of Lake Christine from SMR and resident access points around Lake Christine. This usage is for water only; no land usage by the Croatan residents is permitted. All policies and procedures outlined in the MTC and SMR SOPs will be adhered to while on the water.

9. Protection of Environmental Quality. Water bodies and the associated natural resources are important to SMR and the State. All users must take measures to prevent environmental degradation such as littering, chemical, oil or gas spillage, and shoreline erosion. The dumping of litter, trash, or other substances upon the grounds or waters of this Installation are violations punishable through judicial proceedings. Persons observing such violations should report these observations immediately to Post Headquarters, building 448, 757-493-3121.

10. Nuisance Wildlife. Please do not engage the wildlife on SMR. Resident ducks/ geese can become a nuisance at developed recreation areas and are a safety hazard. Patrons are prohibited from feeding the ducks/geese. Do not attempt to handle any wild mammal; bites and scratches from wild mammals may transmit serious viruses such as rabies. Ticks transmit diseases and are abundant on the grounds around the fishing areas. Avoidance and use of appropriate repellents and clothing is recommended.

11. Fish, Reptile and Amphibian Regulations.

a. Creel and Size Limits. VA regulations concerning the possession of game and non-game fish, reptiles, amphibians and aquatic invertebrates are applicable and enforced at SMR. Consult VA freshwater fishing regulations for size and creel limits.

b. Bullfrogs and Snapping Turtles. 15 is the daily limit for bullfrogs and snapping turtles. Taking turtles by hook and line requires a fishing license.

c. Trotlines. The use of trotlines in SMR impounded waters is prohibited.

d. Seines. Seines may not be used in Lake Christine except as authorized for scientific study.

12. Violations. Violations of these regulations shall be immediately reported to Post Headquarters, building 448, 757-493-3121. Violators of fishing and boating regulations, safety regulations, or principles of good sportsmanship are subject to administrative curtailment of fishing and boating privileges as well as suspension of privileges on SMR, possible judicial proceedings in state court, and military disciplinary action for military personnel.

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