

Red White & Boom

Boating Instructions

Launch Areas

- Canoes, kayaks and legal vessels that can be carried will be allowed at the Downtown Lower Olentangy River Boat Launch, located west of Neil Avenue on Nationwide Boulevard. *(The ramp has been permanently closed to trailered boats).*
- Power boats, canoes, kayaks may be launched at the Scioto Audubon Metro Park launch area west of Front Street on W. Whittier Street. Parking is on a first-come, first-served basis, with approximately 30 spaces available. *(Franklin County Metro Parks will close gate when spaces are full).*

General Information

- Due to the ongoing construction of the Scioto Greenway project, boating will not be allowed in the Scioto River 100' above the first railroad bridge south of the confluence of the Scioto and Olentangy Rivers and the first railroad bridge south of the Main Street bridge. Boats launching from the Downtown Lower Olentangy River launch area will be restricted to the areas north of the railroad bridge 100' above North Bank Park.
- Boats launching from the Scioto Audubon Metro Park launch area will be permitted to travel north to the railroad bridge south of the Main Street bridge.
- Boater Safety Inspections and Registration Checks will be occurring at the launch areas. Individuals without proper safety equipment, registrations or proper display of OH numbers will not be permitted to launch. Individuals launching before 2:00pm will be checked by marine officers on the water.

The following items are required to pass Boat Safety Inspection

1) Canoe, Kayak, Inflatable

- Registration
- OH Numbers Displayed
- Running lights or electric torch (flashlight) or lighted lantern
- 1 properly fitted PFD for each person in the vessel

2) Power Boats

- Must be over 8 ft. and under 22 ft. in length
- Registration
- OH Numbers Displayed
- 1 properly fitted PFD for each person on board
- 1 type IV throwable flotation device
- Fire extinguisher
- Distress flag
- Whistle or horn
- Anchor and line
- Running lights and anchor light
- Backfire flame arrestor (for inboard engines)
- Muffling device or under water exhaust



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