

## Agua Hedionda Lagoon reminders

Many Carlsbad residents and visitors enjoy the inner Agua Hedionda Lagoon. Following the lagoon's safety [rules and regulations](#) helps ensure everyone can continue to enjoy this beautiful resource safely.

Located between Tamarack Avenue and Cannon Road, the 295-acre inner lagoon is a popular place for boating, waterskiing, wakeboarding, personal watercraft use, sailing, windsurfing and fishing. It's owned by Cabrillo Power LLC, and leased to the City of Carlsbad, which has an agreement with a private party that allows California Watersports to operate from Snug Harbor on the northern end. The Parks & Recreation Department is responsible for administering the agreement with the private party. The Police Department is responsible for enforcing all city and state laws in and around the lagoon, including California boating laws. Here are some important rules to remember when using the lagoon.



### Prohibited

- Glass containers
- Alcohol use
- Motorized vehicles – Per the City of Carlsbad Municipal Code 11.32.030 (22)
- Smoking (including e-cigarettes)
- Commercial use – Per the City of Carlsbad Municipal Code 11.32.030 (20) (21) Commercial use (Businesses both private and public) is prohibited on the shore and on the lagoon without a valid special event or park and facility use permit.

### Dogs

You can bring your leashed dogs to the lagoon, but they're not allowed in the water. Owners also must pick up after their pets.



### Protected habitat areas

The northeast end of the lagoon is a protected habitat. People and dogs are not allowed there because it's a sensitive ecosystem, home to hundreds of species of marine life and waterfowl.

### No open fires or fireworks

No open fires of any type (charcoal, wood, etc.) are allowed at the lagoon. Any fireworks purchased for personal use are illegal throughout all of San Diego County, including Carlsbad.

### No swimming or wading

Swimming and wading are not permitted in the lagoon except in conjunction with other permitted uses, such as boating and paddle boarding.



### Lagoon use permit

To operate any vessel on the lagoon, you must meet certain requirements and purchase a permit. Annual permits and daily passive and power vessel permits are issued by the City of Carlsbad at the Harding Community Center, 3096 Harding Street. Applications, requirement checklist and permits can be obtained by purchasing online at [carlsbadconnect.org](http://carlsbadconnect.org), by mail or in person at 3096 Harding Street, Carlsbad. Daily permits are also available at California Watersports, which is privately owned and operated. The permit only allows use of the inner lagoon area.

## Enjoying Agua Hedionda Inner Lagoon

Agua Hedionda Lagoon doesn't have public facilities such as restrooms. California Watersports does provide restrooms for its patrons. Please plan your visit with that in mind. Please always collect and remove your trash.

### Boat launching

The lagoon features one access point for power vessel launching, which is privately owned and operated by California Watersports. The area features a dock, launch ramp, rentals, picnic facilities and restrooms for patrons. Fees for daily lagoon use permits, boat launching and parking can be paid onsite.

In addition, public access for launching non-motorized vessels is located at the south end of Bayshore Drive, where the public may also fish from the shoreline. Please do not trespass, and be respectful of the private property on either side of the access. Non-motorized vessels are not allowed to launch at the end of Harbor Dr. Trail off of Harbor Dr.

### Reporting a violation

To report a violation, please call the Police Department.

Emergencies – 9-1-1

Non-Emergencies – 760-931-2197  
442-339-2197

### More information:



[www.carlsbadca.gov/parksandrec](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/parksandrec)

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# ENJOYING THE Agua Hedionda Lagoon



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# Agua Hedionda Inner Lagoon Use Areas

## Lagoon Access

The lagoon features one access point for power vessel launching, which is the privately owned and operated California Watersports, located at the northwest end of the inner lagoon. California Watersports features a dock, launch ramp, rentals, picnic facilities and private restrooms. Fees for daily lagoon use permits, boat launching and parking can be paid here.

In addition, public access for launching non-motorized vessels is located at the south end of Bayshore Drive, where the public may access the lagoon and fish from the shoreline. Please do not trespass, and be respectful of the private property on either side of the access. Non-motorized vessels are not allowed to launch at the end of Harbor Dr. Trail off of Harbor Dr.



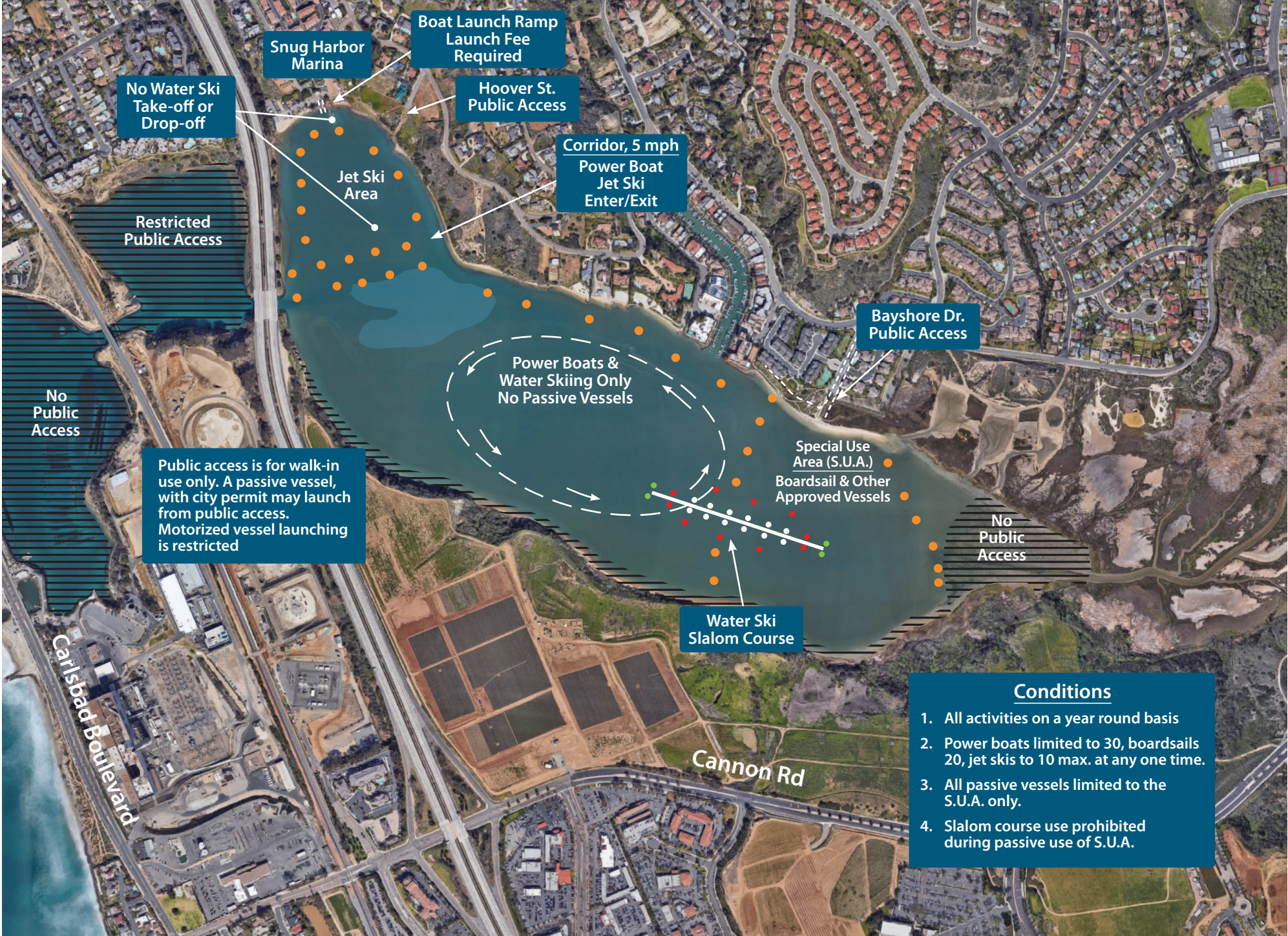
## Water Ski Slalom Course

When daylight saving time is in effect (April – October), the course may be used in two directions between the hours of sunrise and 10 a.m. daily. After 10 a.m., the course is closed and unlawful to use. When Pacific Standard Time is in effect, the time restriction no longer applies.

General Information 442-339-2826  
Permits 442-339-2510

## Use at Your Own Risk

City of Carlsbad is not liable for accidents or injuries sustained while using the Agua Hedionda Lagoon. All persons using the lagoon do so at their own risk.



- Conditions**
1. All activities on a year round basis
  2. Power boats limited to 30, boardsails 20, jet skis to 10 max. at any one time.
  3. All passive vessels limited to the S.U.A. only.
  4. Slalom course use prohibited during passive use of S.U.A.