

## **Artesian Lakes Watercraft Policy**

The central amenity of Artesian Lakes is the pristine nature of our lakes. We cannot let this water quality be at risk of invasion by two aggressive aquatic species that have now infested at least 24 Texas lakes, including nearby Lake Livingston.

The species are Zebra Mussels and Giant Salvinia. Each of these poses a significant threat to lakes in East Texas by “hitching a ride” in microscopic form on any and all watercraft. Two of the many websites that have extensive information on this subject are the Texas Parks and Wildlife site <https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/species/exotic/> and <https://www.texasinvasives.org/>.

As of November, 2021, all watercraft of any kind that does not permanently reside on this property is prohibited from The Retreat at Artesian Lakes or the subdivision Artesian Lakes.

We have purchased additional canoes and kayaks, which are now available for rental thru the front desk, to ensure our guests can continue to enjoy our lakes. **Thank you for your cooperation in preserving this natural resource for future generations!**