3.2.4 Boat Registrations

(a) All boats that are equipped with propulsion machinery and sailboats (anchored or not) which use the public waters must be registered and numbered for identification by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks (MDWFP). For purpose of this subsection, "boat" shall mean any undocumented vessel, as defined in Section 59-21-3 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, including all sailboats and personal watercraft.

(b) On and after July 1, 2008, all boats that are operated on the waterways of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District must be registered with the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. The boat operator must carry a temporary user permit or carry a registration card with the boat displaying a registration decal on each side (port and starboard) of the hull to be placed within the vicinity of the MDWFP's decal.

(c) Boats may be registered annually or for a minimum of ten (10) days.

(d) A ten (10) day registration may be purchased for the applicable fee regardless of the type or size of boat. A ten (10) day registration expires midnight, ten calendar days following the effective date of the registration.

(e) Persons boating, using, operating, housing or mooring a boat on the waterways of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply for greater than ten (10) consecutive calendar days must obtain an annual registration.

3.2.5 Annual Boat Fee

(a) The boat length will be determined from the State registration, if available; otherwise, the Reservoir Patrol will measure the boat length distance overall from the foremost part of the bow to the aftermost part of the stern, excluding bow pulpits, swim decks, engines, props, brackets and similar extensions. The applicable Fee Schedule requires that lengths less than 1 foot will be rounded up to the next highest foot.

(b) Boat fees will be indexed according to the following categories of boat length:
LENGTH
Boat length less than 35 feet
Boat length equal to or over 35 feet

(c) The annual boat registration fee is effective from July 1st to June 30th of each twelve-month period. No pro-ration or refund will be granted for a partial year or for a return of any unused decal. A charge as determined by the Board of the District will be applicable for any replacement decal. All fees are payable to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

3.2.6 The applicable fees will be charged at the rate that will be determined by the Board of the District prior to the first day of each July. If no determination is made, the applicable fees then in effect shall remain in effect for the ensuing twelve month period.

3.2.7 Each violation of this Regulation shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of no more than one hundred dollars ($100.00) for boats less than 35 feet and length and two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00) for boats greater than 35 feet in length. Additionally, the boat must be removed from the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District's waterways until the applicable fee is paid.