Jordanelle State Park

### Jordanelle State Park Quarterly Newsletter – April 2017

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### Spring/Summer 2017 Construction

\*Utah State Parks and the Bureau of Reclamation are working together to complete some projects at Jordanelle.

\*Dry storage will be expanded west of the indoor dry storage buildings. This will be storage for public boat trailers, storage for Jordanelle Rentals' boats, and some storage for public boats. This will free up boat stalls in the marina lot by the concession store.

\*A new boat maintenance shop will be installed. The shop will help the park be in better compliance with marine environment requirements as well as providing potential for year-round operations.

\*The beach area by cabanas 1-6 was rehabilitated. Erosion over the years created over 5' drop offs in that area. After the area was leveled, sand was brought in to top it off.

\*Other improvements include; paving for parking, installation of a new pavilion on the beach, sand volleyball courts, restrooms and showers at the Keetley Pavilion Group Campsite, and more. All projects are projected to be completed by Memorial Day weekend.



New restroom at Keetley Group Campsite.



## Know before you go!

Don't be the last to know! Be the first! The park ran out of parking spaces 10 times last summer; all between 10:30AM and 3:00PM. With the increase in visitation and area development, we expect similar circumstances this year. We have several action items in place to assist with over crowding this summer in addition to more parking and signs. Your best action is to plan ahead, carpool, and get to the park early or late. New for 2017

"Opt In!" Text Message Alerts

Go to <u>https://goo.gl/forms/QsPT47ji1VvWems32</u> to sign up for text message alerts. You will receive an alert when the park runs out of parking and another when parking is available.



up for alerts

## Social Media

Updates, similar to the text message alerts, will also be posted on social media.



Live Cameras at Main Ramp

Two cameras have been installed: one facing the ramp, one facing the parking lot and prep lanes. Go to current conditions on our website to view the live cameras.

https://stateparks.utah.gov/pa rks/jordanelle/



248,000 Kokanee were stocked in mid-April. This is the second stocking (first was April 2016). Kokanee help fill an underutilized niche in the reservoir. Kokanee inhabit the pelagic/open water zone and prey on zooplankton. Stocking Kokanee addresses several objectives within the management plan, including increasing the forage base. Kokanee are fertile and will not only provide angling opportunities, but will provide food for other predators in the reservoir. The Rock Cliff arm of the Provo River will be a great place to watch Kokanee in two or three years. In addition, Kokanee that die and decay after spawning will provide more nutrients for the reservoir. Several other species were stocked last year as part of the management plan including wipers and tiger muskie.





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# **Wildlife news**

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### Pull the plug, drain your boat

New rules should reduce the spread of quagga mussels

If you boat on two popular waters in Utah, you need to be aware of two major changes. In addition to stopping at all mandatory inspection stations that are open, you must do the following to prevent spreading quagga mussels:

- After boating on Lake Powell or Deer Creek Reservoir, you must remove the drain plugs from your boat — and not replace them again until you get home.
- If your boat has been slipped or moored at Lake Powell, for two weeks or more, you must do the following before you leave the reservoir:

 Call one of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) aquatic invasive species specialists at Lake Powell to arrange an inspection of your boat. In the Bullfrog area, call 435-299-9562. If you're in the Wahweap area, call 435-592-9723.



These mussels were found on a boat at Lake Powell in 2016. If attached mussels are found on your boat this year, you'll have to get it decontaminated and allow it to dry for the required length of time. Photo by Cody Edwards

- If mussels are found on your boat, you'll be directed to a private business at Lake Powell. You'll have to pay the business to professionally decontaminate your boat.

- If the specialist finds that mussels have attached themselves to your boat, you must also let the boat dry for the required amount of time - 18 days in the spring and fall, 7 days in the summer - before launching anywhere else in Utah. The dry-time requirement is in addition to getting your boat professionally decontaminated.

Fines for knowingly transporting a boat that has mussels attached to it are steep: a Class A Misdemeanor with fines up to \$1,950 and restitution to the DWR for any costs incurred to decontaminate and guarantine your boat.

## You can learn more about dry times by clicking on the tab labeled Dry at STDoftheSea.com. Why the changes?

Nate Owens, aquatic invasive species coordinator for the DWR, says the Utah Wildlife Board recently approved the changes to lessen the chance that quagga mussels are moved from Lake Powell or Deer Creek to another body of water. Owens says juvenile mussels called veligers have not been found at Deer Creek since they were initially discovered in October 2014. If biologists don't find mussels at the reservoir this year, the water will be declared free of mussels in 2018.

Months	Dry time
March, April and May	18 days
June, July and August	7 days
September, October and November	18 days
December, January and February	30 days

Lake Powell is a different story. "Quagga mussels are spreading in the reservoir," Owens says. "We're very concerned about mussels from Lake Powell ending up in other waters in Utah. The laws the board approved should reduce the chance that happens."

#### Something every boater should do

Even if you've been boating on a water other than Deer Creek or Lake Powell, Owens encourages you to pull the drain plugs on your boat and to leave them out, until you get home.

"Many boaters pull the plugs on the launch ramp or in the parking lot," he says. "Once the water drains, they replace the plugs and travel home."

Owens says the problem with that approach is water that's "hiding" in the upper reaches of the boat. It takes awhile for this water to drain. If you replace the plugs too soon, the water that drains will be trapped in the bottom of your boat.

"If quagga mussels are in the water," he says, "they'll stay alive while you transport them. If you leave the plugs out, the water that might have mussels in it will drain as you drive down the road."



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#### Why the concern?

There are many reasons why the DWR and its partners want to keep quagga mussels, and their cousins, zebra mussels, out of Utah:

Mussels can plug water lines, even lines that are large in diameter.

If mussels get into water pipes in Utah, it will cost millions of dollars to try to remove them. If you live in Utah, you'll likely pay higher utility bill costs to pay for the removal attempts.

Mussels can get into your boat's engine cooling system. Once they do, they'll foul the system and damage the engine.

Mussels remove plankton from the water, the same plankton that supports fish in Utah. Mussels could devastate the state's fisheries.

When mussels die in large numbers, they stink. And their sharp shells can cut your feet as you walk along the beaches where the mussels died.



## Fishing at Jordanelle

- 4 Trout—Any size, any kind
- 6 Bass—Any size
- 50 Yellow Perch
- 6 Wipers

 4 Kokanee Salmon – illegal to possess from Sept. 11 – Nov. 30
 1 Tiger Muskie – Must be over 40"

#### HIGH WATER! USE CAUTION!

Jordanelle is expected to fill this year. With that, comes potentially hazardous conditions. Please stay away from the Provo River as the fast moving water enters the reservoir. Also, debris from the river will be present including full size trees.

### Key Boating Messages

- 1. Wear your life jacket
- 2. Take a boater education course
- 3. Don't drink and boat



- Life jackets buy you time!
- Last year, many fatalities in the U.S. could have been prevented with a life jacket.
- 80% of boaters involved in accidents had not taken a course.
- DUI penalties are the same as on the road.



### **Spring Fees**

During the winter, we lower the fees at Hailstone due to limited open facilities. As facilities open in the spring, the fees increase. By Memorial Day Weekend the park is at summer rates. Please go to our website for a complete list.



# AQUA Op

Opening June 17, 2017 <u>www.aquaxzone.com</u>

## 2017 Event Dates HAILSTONE

June 3: PCSA Sail-a-palooza.
June 10: Free Fishing Day
June 10: Deseret Bass Busters Tournament
June 24-25: PCSUP CUP Festival, standup paddle board race
July 7-8: Utah Wake Surfest
July 15: Fire on the Water
TBD: Star Party, Salt Lake Astronomical Society
July 25: Outdoor Retailers Open Air Demo (DAY USE AREA
CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC)
August 12: Military Appreciation Day, Veterans Salute 5K, Fun
Run, and Pancake Breakfast
Sept.30-Oct.1: PCSA Fall Sailing Regatta
TBD: Wasatch Mountain Head Rowing Regatta
Dec TBD: Utah State Championship of Cycle Cross

#### **ROCK CLIFF & PERIMETER TRAIL**

June 10: PCSUP Paddle Peddle Paddle Challenge (trail) June 17: Race Tri Rock Cliff Triathlon July 8: Weed Spray Day on trail and Rock Cliff July 28: Doxa Threelay Triathlon at Rock Cliff August 12: TriUtah Triathlon at Rock Cliff Oct. TBD: Red Rock Relay





On-site rentals, full service marina, and now fresh sandwiches made to order or ready for take out! (435) 615-7397





### Safety Equipment Checklist

After dusting off your boat from a long winter, make sure you have all the safety equipment you need and are required to have on board. It's also a great idea to get a FREE Vessel Safety Inspection by a Ranger or US Coast Guard Auxiliary member. Your insurance rates might be lowered, check with your agent.

### REQUIRED BOATING SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Checklist Item	Under 16 feet long	16 to less than 26 feet	26 feet and longer
Display of Registration Decals	Yes (a)	Yes (a)	Yes (a)
Registration Card On Board	Yes (a)	Yes (a)	Yes (a)
Display of Bow Numbers	Yes (b)	Yes (b)	Yes (b)
Fire Extinguisher	Yes (c)	Yes (c)	Yes (c)(d)(e)
Spare Propulsion	Yes	Yes for vessels under 21' recommended for others	Recommended
Bailing Device	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sound Producing Device	Strongly Recommended	Yes	Yes (f)
One Life Jacket for Each Person On Board (kids under 13 wearing)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Type IV Throwable Floatation Device (PFD)	Strongly Recommended	Yes	Yes
Proper Navigation Lights	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meets Noise/Muffler Requirements	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adequate Ventilation	Yes	Yes	Yes
Approved Flame Arrestor	Yes (g)	Yes (g)	Yes (g)
Capacity Plate Displayed	Yes (h)	Yes for vessels under 20' (h) manufacturer's option for 20'+	Manufacturer's Option
Hull Identification Number (HIN)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Proof of Liability Insurance	Yes, for PWCs and motorboats with 50 hp or greater engines	Yes, for motorboats with 50 hp or greater engines	Yes, for motorboats with 50 hp or greater engines

(a) Required for all registered vessels. Registration is required for all motorized and sailing vessels.

(b) Required for all registered vessels except U.S. Coast Guard documented vessels.

(c) Not required for outboard motorboats of open construction; however they are recommended for all motorboats.

(d) Vessels 26 ft to 40 ft must carry two B-I or one B-II fire extinguisher(s).

(e) Vessels 40 ft and longer must carry three B-I or one B-I and one B-II fire extinguisher(s).

(f) Vessels 40 ft and longer must carry a bell in addition to a horn or whistle.

(g) Required for inboard gasoline engines equiped with a carburetor.

(h) Vessels exempt from this requirement include: sailboats, canoes, kayaks, inflatable vessels, and vessels manufactured prior to 1973.

Brush Up on Your Boating Skills and Take an Online Test! Go to <a href="http://stateparks.utah.gov/resources/boating/boating-education/">http://stateparks.utah.gov/resources/boating/boating-education/</a> for tests!



