

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)



### **Has the Golden Mussel been found in Pine Mountain Lake?**

No, there have been no sightings of the Golden Mussel in Pine Mountain Lake.

### **How do we know if a golden mussel has entered our lake?**

Our Lake Specialist, Dr. Stephen McCord, continues to monitor the lake throughout the year to ensure that our lake continues to be free of aquatic invasive species.

### **Are non-motorized watercraft allowed?**

Yes, paddleboards, small canoes without motors, and kayaks are currently permitted unless conditions change. Inspection is required. Please call the Marina Store for more information at 1 (209) 962-8631.

### **Is the PML Marina boat launch open?**

Yes, the boat launch is open and can be used by reservation only. Please call the Marina Store to make a reservation to launch at 1 (209) 962-8631.

### **Do I need to have my PML watercraft registration sticker prior to launch?**

Yes, you must have the 2025 PML watercraft registration sticker to launch. The Marina Store is processing PML registration requests at this time.

If you don't have your registration sticker, please use the online process →

<https://www.pinemountainlake.com/boat-registration-form/>



### **Is the Marina staff certified to inspect boats?**

Yes, the Marina staff is certified by the California Department of Fish & Wildlife to inspect boats.

### **How long does a full watercraft inspection take?**

Anywhere from 30 to 45 minutes, depending on the boat type.

### **Do I really need to unplug the drain plug before the inspection?**

Yes. However, please be aware you are responsible for replacing the drain plug before launching your watercraft. Please do not forget.

### **Is PML providing decontamination services?**

No, PML is not providing decontamination services. Each property owner is responsible for cleaning, draining, and drying their own boat.

### **What do you mean by CLEAN. DRAIN. DRY.?**

- Clean off visible aquatic plants, animals, and mud from the boat and all equipment.
- Drain watercraft bilge, livewell, motor and other water containing devices.
- Dry everything for a least five days **OR** wipe with a towel before reuse.
- Dispose of unwanted bait, worms, and fish parts in trash.

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### **How are you tracking inspection data?**

The Regional WID (Watercraft Inspection Database) app is a centralized system designed to capture your CF number and trailer license plate number, allowing authorized personnel to look up your vessel's information. Note that no personal information will be shared through this system.

### **Do any other lakes use the WID app?**

Yes. If a nearby lake or reservoir is using the same platform, your vessel's banding information will be accessible, which means that if your vessel has been issued a 30-day quarantine band, it is likely that the banding will be honored at other participating locations, as long as it is recorded in the system.

### **How does the watercraft inspection seal system work?**

The vessel will need to arrive at the Marina inspection site cleaned, drained, and dry. Please ensure this is done prior to arrival. Once a vessel is inspected, it will receive a green or red seal. The seal is placed through the hull and connects to the trailer.

### **What do the different color seals mean?**

There will be two types of seals used:

- **Green seal:** indicates the boat has passed inspection. The benefit of the green band is that it provides faster re-entry to PML lake.
- **Red seal:** indicates the boat has not passed inspection and needs to be quarantined.

### **Do the property owners have to pay for each seal?**

No, there is no expense passed on to the property owner for this process at this time.

### **Can I launch my vessel at another location during the quarantine period?**

No. The vessel must remain quarantined and cannot launch in any other water bodies during the quarantine period unless it undergoes a decontamination procedure and receives clearance.

### **What about the other beaches? Who will inspect non-motorized vessels?**

During the season, each PML beach (e.g., Marina, Dunn Ct, and Lake Lodge) will have an inspector dedicated to inspecting non-motorized vessels. No appointment needed. You just walk up to the inspector, who will be wearing a bright yellow vest, and they will assist you.

### **What should I do if my vessel is found to be containing an invasive species?**

If invasive species are found during the inspection, the vessel owner will be given instructions on how to proceed with the decontamination process. You will also need to report the finding to California Department of Fish & Wildlife → go here for details

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Invasives/Species/Golden-Mussel> of how to report.

For more information, please contact the Recreation Manager at 1 (209) 962-8604.