

## Using Hydrofoil boards on Seqwater lakes

### What is a Hydrofoil board?

A Hydrofoil board is a specialised surfboard with a small carbon fibre wing beneath the water. This wing catches energy from waves or swells, lifting the board above the surface for a floating or flying sensation (unlike traditional surfboards). Hydrofoils reduce water resistance and increase speed, making them popular amongst surfers, windsurfers and kitesurfers. They can be powered by paddling, 'pumping' the board, using waves, electric-powered jets, or being towed.

### Recreation and safe drinking water

Seqwater's top priority is providing safe drinking water. The greatest risk to water quality comes from pathogenic microorganisms, so protecting our water sources and ensuring effective treatment is essential.

### Where can you use a Hydrofoil?

All hydrofoil boards (electric, fuel-powered, and unpowered) are permitted only at designated locations. Operators who do not comply may be required to stop using their hydrofoil board and leave the recreation area.

#### Permitted

- Lake Atkinson
- Lake Borumba
- Lake Dyer
- Lake Kurwongbah
- Lake Maroon
- Lake Moogerah
- Lake Somerset

#### Not Permitted

- Enoggera Reservoir
- Ewen Maddock Dam
- Gold Creek Dam
- Hinze Dam
- Lake Baroon
- Lake Clarendon
- Lake Cooloolabin
- Lake Macdonald Dam
- Lake Manchester
- Lake Samsonvale
- Lake Wivenhoe
- Lake Wyaralong
- Nindooabah Dam
- Wappa Dam

We use different methods to produce safe drinking water. These methods vary depending on the location of the drinking water catchments and proximity to a water treatment plant.

Some recreational activities in or near our drinking water catchments are prohibited or restricted to protect water quality and public health. For example, canoeing or kayaking is permitted on some lakes but not others.

Seqwater assesses recreation activities based on factors such as catchment health, population, usage, and the treatment plant's ability to manage pathogen levels. Where possible, risk reduction measures are implemented to strengthen water protection. Hydrofoil boards involve frequent water immersion and are only permitted on lakes designated for primary recreation.



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## Recreation classification

- **Primary contact (in-water) recreation** involves water contact activities where the whole body, face, and/or trunk are frequently immersed, or where water may be swallowed, inhaled, or come into contact with cuts, nasal passages, or mucous membranes (e.g. swimming, water skiing, jet skiing and tubing).
- **Secondary contact (on-water) recreation** involves incidental water contact activities where only the limbs are regularly wet, with minimal risk of swallowing water or full immersion, except by accident (e.g. boating, fishing, rowing, kayaking, canoeing).

## How you can help protect our lakes?

We all have a role in protecting our catchments and drinking water supply lakes. You can help by:

- ☞ Checking [www.seqwater.com.au](http://www.seqwater.com.au) for permitted activities and safety updates before visiting.
- ☞ Following all signage and safety guidelines at the lake.
- ☞ Wearing a lifejacket when on the water.
- ☞ Disposing of rubbish properly – use bins provided or take it home.
- ☞ Using public toilet facilities provided.
- ☞ Keeping pets out of the water – dogs and horses are not allowed.
- ☞ Staying clear of water intake towers, spillways, and weirs.
- ☞ Never dumping effluent, chemicals, or waste in or near the catchment.

For more details on recreation areas, opening hours, and applications for events, visit [www.seqwater.com.au](http://www.seqwater.com.au)


## About Seqwater


Seqwater is the bulk water supply authority for South East Queensland, responsible for providing a safe, reliable and valued drinking water supply to more than 3.7 million people across the region.


Seqwater is a bulk water provider and manages 'open' catchments. We allow community access to water supply lakes and catchment land for recreation activities. Our priority is balancing community access with protecting water quality.

## Further information

For more info or to find out about recreation in your area:

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