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News from around the Lake.....

Camdenton makes great boating towns for retirement list

Camdenton was ranked eighth in BoatUS magazine's list of great places for those looking for a retirement community with boating amenities. Camdenton was listed as an affordable community with a low cost of living.

In the just-released June/July issue of BoatUS Magazine, the editors of the magazine from the nation's largest recreational boat owners group, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS), pick ten of the most boat-friendly American communities, from sleepy to hopping, to get your imagination fired up.

Here are BoatUS Magazine's "10 Great Boating Towns to Retire, Play and Thrive":

Traverse City, Mich.: With a low cost of living, low home prices, and great boating and fishing on the sheltered Grand Traverse Bay, Lake Michigan and nearby inland lakes, Traverse City offers sparkling sandy beaches and plenty of options for overnight trips.

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Port Townsend, Wash.: With no state income tax, this historic seaport has great boating on Puget Sound, a picturesque waterfront, trendy shops, restaurants, galleries, and a vibrant arts community. Neighboring Olympic National Park has spectacular views and great hiking.

Annapolis, Md.: While late summer can be hot and windless, the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries are laden with scores of rivers, bays and waterside communities, and it's a gunkholer's paradise. "Naptown" also has top hospitals and transportation.

Tarpon Springs, Fla.: The town's compact harbor has plenty of marinas, easy access to the Gulf of Mexico, year-round boating, no income taxes, and a lower cost of living. Many Tarpon Springs boating retirees hail from the northern climes.

New Bern, N.C.: A historic waterfront bordered by two rivers, good restaurants, low median home prices, and a long boating season, New Bern offers loads of boating opportunities. It's also a great jumping-off point for trips to the Outer Banks and coastal North Carolina.

Portland, Ore.: A self-styled "big-small town", there's lots to do ashore as well as great fishing and gunkholing on the famed Columbia River. Also lots of recreational and cultural opportunities including great festivals, and over 40 small breweries.

Portland, Maine: Another town with a big-city feel, there's lots to do on the water and ashore with plenty of cultural offerings, a historic port area, and reasonable home prices. It offers the best of New England boating with lots of protected coves and weekend hideaways.

San Diego, Calif.: While pricey, who doesn't like warm and sunny all year with fantastic boating and fishing? Great off-the-water options and lots of big-city culture, good hospitals, and plenty of gunkholing options around several bays make it a West Coast favorite.

Camdenton, Mo.: Located away from the Lake of the Ozarks' busy weekend traffic, Camdenton's low cost of living, very affordable home prices as well as boating amenities offer a small boating town feel with 95 miles of lake outside your door.

Gainesville, Ga.: Surrounded on three sides by Lake Lanier, Gainesville offers year-round boating, over 500 miles of shoreline dotted with coves, excellent bass fishing, affordable home prices, and a cost of living just a sliver below the national average.

To see the full story online, go to www.BoatUS.com/magazine.

Included is information on boating amenities, opportunities for gunkholing and fishing, the length of the boating season, living costs, median home prices, taxes, weather, transportation, top hospitals, and all kinds of cultural activities. Post-career planning tips are also offered to help make the right choice.

May 25, 2013. Amy Wilson Lakewebonline.com



Ha Ha Tonka Cove



Keeping your boat safe all summer

More people and boats on the water means the chances of accidents and injuries increase. A weekend on the water can turn to tragedy all too quickly if boaters don't pay attention or are impaired. The Missouri Highway Patrol, Water Patrol division will have 14 officers on the water this summer to handle accidents, complaints and boating while intoxicated enforcement. In recent years, the water patrol division has kept a crew of about 16 officers on the water.

According to information provided by the highway patrol, road officers are being trained to work on the water if needed. The water patrol merged with the Missouri Highway Patrol in 2011 when Governor Nixon signed legislation.

The water patrol division was not able to provide information on the number of boating while intoxicated arrests in 2012, enforcement efforts or sobriety checkpoints planned for the boating season.

In 2012, 85 accidents were reported on Lake of the Ozarks. Two fatalities resulted from those accidents along with 46 injuries. Four drownings were reported. Accidents were up from 2011 but didn't come close to hitting the 114 accidents reported in 2010. Fatalities, drownings and accidents statistics have held steady for the last 3 years.

The National Safe Boating Association recommends boaters take a few minutes to prepare before heading out on the water. A vessel check for safety and a quick inventory of the needed equipment save time, hassle and lives.

What to have on board

When preparing to go out on a the lake, there are a few things you need to check that are legally required to be on board. The Missouri State Highway Patrol Water Patrol Division advises operators to make sure these items are handy.

Personal flotation devices

Under federal law, a wearable PFD is required for each person on board regardless of vessel length. Children under the age of 7 must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD at all times unless the child is confined in a totally enclosed area such as a houseboat or day-cruiser. National statistics show 79% of those killed in boating accidents were not wearing a life jacket. Last year in Missouri that number was closer to 90% of boating fatality victims not wearing a life jacket.

Navigation lights

The required navigation lights differ depending on the type and size of your vessel. You must display the required navigation lights between sunset and sunrise and during periods of restricted visibility.

Fire extinguisher

All vessels (there are a few restrictions) are required to have a Type B, U.S. Coast Guard-approved fire extinguisher on board in an accessible area. Check the charge level of your fire extinguishers regularly. Replace them immediately if they are not fully charged.

Sound-producing devices

Vessels more than 16 feet but less than 40 feet in length are required to carry a whistle or horn to make an efficient sound to signal intentions or positions. Vessels that are 40 feet or more in length are required to carry a whistle or horn and a bell on board.

Flags

State law requires that scuba divers or snorkelers display the diver-down flag to mark the diving area. Divers must stay within a 50-yard radius of the flag. Vessel operators must not operate within 50 yards of a displayed diver-down flag. Two types of flags indicate diving activity. A flag indicating a "skier down/person in the water" is required equipment for a motorboat (other than a PWC) towing a person behind on water skis, inner tubes, sleds, or similar devices. This flag is to be displayed when the person is in the water before or after being towed on water skis or similar devices or when a swimmer leaves the confines of the vessel. Displaying the flag is required from 11:00 a.m. to sunset and is in effect only on the Mississippi River, Missouri River, and the lakes of this state.

Remember: Buoys

A buoy is an anchored float that serves as a navigational marker on the water. Buoys are used to warn of shallow waters, navigational hazards and no wake. Run at idle speed when approaching and in a no wake zone. May 26, 2013. lakenewsonline.com.



My view [Dan Field, LakeNewsOnline]: Dock product could save lives

...A local business owner has developed a patent-pending device that could save the lives (certainly serious injury) of people swimming at the Lake of the Ozarks. Dave Hotz, who owns Dock Realty, has invented a dock warning system that detects electrical current in the water. To my knowledge, no other system like this exists. Hotz' Dock Lifeguard has a visual warning system for electrical current of either AC or DC voltage in a dock, boat lift, or surrounding water. It's designed to emit an alarm and a visual warning of any excessive electrical current. An LED indicator has a series of green-to-red lights that respond to varying levels of current. The detection sensor can pick up hazardous voltage levels up to 40 feet.

And now the disclaimer. Hotz says his system uses UL approved components and is installed in a weather tight enclosure to ensure reliability. However, if you decide to try his device, it's probably best to visit with your favorite electrician just for safety's sake. We're not in the habit of endorsing products or services. But if Hotz' device saves just one life, or if it alerts a dock owner of a problem, then it's all for the good. We all should be more cognizant of how our docks are wired. Taking the cheap way out could cost more lives. There are those among us who think we know electricity, but let's leave it to the professionals. The risk is too great not to. I'm sure you can learn more by Googling his product, or by using your favorite search engine online. Dan Field. May 15, 2013. lakenewsonline.com.

Offshore super series returns to Lake of the Ozarks

Lake of the Ozarks Invitational Powerboat Race ~ Thursday, June 6th - Sun. June 9th 2013

Lake Race has developed as a result of the overwhelming support for powerboat racing at Lake of the Ozarks. As the jewel of the Midwest, our lake is an amazing venue for powerboat racing, and we know you will find lake area residents and business owners to be the most friendly and enthusiastic in the country. The Offshore Super Series had its debut here back in 2007-09, and due to the economy and many unforeseen circumstances, has taken a hiatus from the lake. Now based on a ground swell of support from our community, OSS is back with a schedule and venue that you'll find better than ever.

The Bagnell Dam Strip Association, a not for profit organization is the organizing entity for this charitable event, and Beavers at the Dam Bar & Grill is the host facility-located on the Historic Bagnell Dam Strip at the 0mm. You will find amazing views of the entire race area from several points around the lake. Many businesses and sponsors of the event will welcome you with open arms to see firsthand, the power and excitement of these magnificent boats. The Race Pits will be on the docks at Beavers, the Racer Village will be located on the Bagnell Dam Strip, as well as the Vendor Village. The entire strip area will be electrified with excitement for race weekend and we invite you to join in fun.

Please visit www.lakerace.com for photos, sponsors, schedules, and more detailed information.

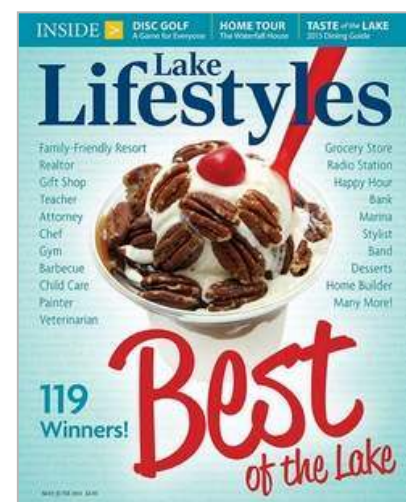
Lakerace.com reminds: "As you navigate through our website, please keep in mind that our committee is comprised of business owners, and individuals from all over the lake area who gladly donate their time and treasures to promote this race as a world class event. Our goal is to shine a spot light on our beautiful lake area, and create wonderful memories for all who take part in "Lake Race". If you are unable to find answers to your questions within our website, you are welcome to contact Mike Shepherd-co-chairman at info@lakerace.com, or phone 573-434-0611." Jun 3, 2013. lakerace.com.

Businesses honored in magazine

The winners of the 4th annual Best of the Lake online poll are revealed in the May/June issue of Lake Lifestyles magazine. Winners were selected based on the results of a public opinion poll held earlier this year. The cover story features 119 people and local businesses representing a variety of industries and interests.

Just in time for the summer season, the magazine features a special section on listings and information from local restaurants. Each issue of the magazine focuses on local artists, bands, entertainment, homes, fashion and commentaries.

Lake Lifestyles magazine is the Lake's most popular magazine, with three times the number of paid subscribers than any other magazine at Lake of the Ozarks. Visit TheLakeOnline.com for more stories and the information you need to enjoy the Lake life.



April 29, 2013. lakenewsonline.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE ~ JULY

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	CONTACT INFO
Lake Area Community Orchestra June Concert Series (See schedule for weekly venue)	Jun 4-25	Lake of the Ozarks	www.lakeareacommunityorchestra.org 573-375-5403
35th Annual HK's Hospital Benefit Golf Tournament	Jun 7-9	Lake Ozark, MO	573-348-8265
Lake of the Ozarks Offshore Super Series Race	Jun 7-9	Lake Ozark, MO	www.lakerace.com
Canine Cannonball Dog Days Bar & Grill	Jun 7-9	Osage Beach, MO	573-348-9797
Eldon Area Chamber 23rd Annual Golf Outing	Jun 14	Eldon, MO	573-392-3752
Hot Summer Nights Bangell Dam Strip	Jun 14	Lake Ozark, MO	www.crusiehotsummernights.com
6th Annual Night Stride 5K Run/Walk	Jun 14	Camdenton, MO	573-346-0660
Osage River Pow Wow Miller County Fairgrounds	Jun 15	Eldon, MO	www.osageriverpowwow.com
Laurie Swap Meet Laurie Fairgrounds	Jun 15-16	Laurie, MO	573-374-8776
Style Show with Luncheon (reservations recommended)	Jun 21	Linn Creek, MO	573-346-7191
Jim Stafford at Main Street Music Hall	Jun 22	Osage Beach, MO	573-348-9500
Janet's Wish Poker Run	Jun 29	Lake Area	573-793-3367
Lodge of Four Seasons Resort - Fireworks & BBQ	Jul 4	Lake Ozark, MO	1-888-265-5500
Fireworks at Seven Springs Winery	Jul 6	Linn Creek, MO	573-317-0100
2nd Annual Red Dirt Lake Fest (10 bands)	July 18-22	Climax Springs, MO	1-800-468-1655
AQUAPALOOZA	Jul 20	Osage Beach, MO	573-365-5382

Friday night out: Restored theater features classic westerns and comedies

The Versailles Area Chamber of Commerce [welcomed] Osage Theater with a ribbon cutting ceremony... Friday, May 24. The theater, located in at 308 W. 2nd St. in downtown Stover, has been restored to its look from the early 20th century and shows classic movies. Showing during the ribbon cutting event [was] *Zorro's Fighting Legions* Ch. 5, *Lone Ranger "War Horse"* and *The Trail Beyond*, a 1934 film starring John Wayne and Noah Beery Sr.

Admission is \$2. Soda, popcorn and more will be available at the concession stand...Seating 75 people, the theater is open on Friday and Saturday night for movies showing at 7 p.m. Friday nights feature Sagebrush Saga Westerns and on Saturdays, comedies. The Venue is also available for private parties. May 20, 2013. *Lakewestonline.com*.

Amphitheater sells to Colorado pair

A well-known venue right outside of the Camdenton city limits on Business Route 5 recently received new ownership. The Stone Ridge Amphitheater was put up to auction and went to the highest bidder, business partners from Colorado.

Bill Carle and Robert Mein came across the property online. After making a few trips down to see it, they were sold.

Carle and his family has been in the tourism business for years. He was intrigued by the property when he found out it was located right outside of Camdenton. He had heard of the town since he was young. He remembers being at the family business and watching trucks pull up with 'Blair's Cedar' on the side. Since Blair's is from Camdenton, he felt like he already had a connection to the area.

The partners found out about the property about 50 days [prior to closing] on the land May 4. *Continued on page 6.*

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"We are just coming into it," Carle said. "We are excited. It's an amazing facility." Carle and Mein have ran a similar business before and plan on hosting outdoor movies and bands. They also plan on eventually moving their families to the area. "We have a life shift to make," Carle said. "It's in great condition, now it just needs programming," he said of the facility. The facility was most recently known as the Lake of the Ozarks Amphitheater and has hosted famous musicians as well as the annual Crossover Christian Music Festival. The capacity is almost 20,000 visitors and sits on 72 acres. The amphitheater will most likely not be open for this coming tourist season, but will be in the near future. For updates on the amphitheater's progress, keep logging on to lakenewsonline.com.

Spree Hilliard. May 8, 2013. Lakenewsonline.com.

Brewing on the bend

After years of online research and making brew out of the garage, Chris and Carrie Case have finally turned their love of craft beer into a business. Located in Lake Ozark Fire Protection District's old station No. 2, the Horseshoe Bend Brewing Co. is producing more than 100 gallons of beer a week but they expect to step up their efforts as the summer season draws near.

Chris and Carrie opened the microbrewery in September 2012 after several years of working on a business plan and testing out recipes. As the brewmaster, Chris has more than 20 years of culinary experience, and is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America. Carrie has a business degree and while she has a day job with a local real estate office, she contributes to the marketing efforts of the microbrewery. In 2011 the couple started a crowd funding campaign to help raise money to get up and running. Contributors were given certain reward and perks for making a donation. Chris renovated the 1970s firehouse and built the entire brewery by hand, down to the boilers and the walk-in fridge that ferments the beer.

It was a trial-and-error process that Chris says has resulted in a few fun experiments. His years of being a chef makes him strive for freshness, and to use quality ingredients when mixing different flavors and combinations. He even gets a daily water analysis to make sure that no outside factors might affect their brew. There are usually around seven beers on tap. Their flagship beer is the Howling Hef, a Hefeweizen and Chris' personal favorite. All of the beers are Ales and they range from a refreshing, light beer to a robust stout. "I spin my own yeast strains for every batch," Chris said. "That way every flavor of my beer will be different." You will have to visit often to try the changing supply of beers. Chris makes different batches to keep each one fresh and incorporates seasonal beers into their offerings.

Visitors can taste the beers free, or order more generous portions including the beer flight where you will get your choice of any three. While no food menu is available, the couple encourages guests to bring their own picnic or even have food delivered. They do offer the occasional Brew Bites like Chris' homemade pretzels with mustard. Once a month, the microbrewery offers a seasonal dinner and food pairing where participants will receive a 5-course meal and a selection of beers.

Carrie says one of the things that was important to them as they developed the business was to incorporate some of the local history. You will find vintage photos and creative labels for their beer hanging on the wall. Their logo incorporates the famous zig zag that makes up the Lake's shape.

What's popular

1. Howling Hef: Hefeweizen
2. Cherry Mashup: Belgian Ale with cherry puree
3. MnO: Imperial stout

The Growler

Purchase the 64 ounce growler filled with your choice of beer for \$15.
Wash it out and return for a \$9 refill.

[Hours of operation: Friday 4-8 p.m., Saturday 2-8 p.m., Sunday 1-5]

