

Marble Falls Boat Patrol Mission Statement

"The Marble Falls Police Department's Marine Safety Division protects recreational users by providing law enforcement on Lake Marble Falls. The Marine Safety Division combines enforcement and education to ensure safety and maintain quality recreational opportunities for every citizen and guest of The City of Marble Falls. The Marine Safety Patrol treats every contact during the season as an educational opportunity for the boater. The Marine Unit's primary goals are to educate the boating public, promote boating safety, and enforce marine laws. Since establishing the Marble Falls Police Department Marine Safety Patrol, the marine unit has been actively patrolling the Colorado River (Lake Marble Falls) conducting safety checks, providing free educational materials, and enforcing boating violations."

Mr. Roddy,

The Marble Falls Police Dept. officers assigned to lake patrol are trained and certified by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department as Marine Safety Enforcement Officers which authorizes them to enforce the Texas Parks & Wildlife Rules on Lake Marble Falls.

The 50ft. Rule is enforced with or without the warning buoys at all times but if "No Wake" is enforced it must have a "No Wake" buoy advising of such. Our experience has been the 50ft. Rule is the largest offense we deal with on Lake Marble Falls and we ask the boater if they have ever heard of the 50 ft. Rule, 95% of the boaters give us the "Deer in the Headlight" look. Our next question is whether they have completed a Boater Safety Course and once again 95% of them answer "No".

Our Department will give one (1) warning and if we see or receive another complaint the offenders will be escorted off the lake and banned for the rest of the weekend.

We want everyone to enjoy our Lake but in a safe manner.

Thank you for your inquiry, I hope this will help you in the long run. Contact me if you have any further questions.

Be safe,

Ted Young

Captain – Police Department

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