

As of March 2026, we have approximately 140 boats docked in our lake. It is likely that some boat owners may want to consider the options of relocating their boat during these times of water reduction.

Our board has researched other similar lakes like the Whispering Pines community who also lower their lake periodically. During those times, Whispering Pines waives their ordinance to allow boat owners with trailers the option of parking their boats either in their yards or driveways. As you probably know, a Pinehurst ordinance currently prohibits us from parking our boats in that manner. We would have to consider lobbying the village council for a similar waiver.

For those without boat trailers, we reached out to Seven Lakes Marine in West End. Many of our boat owners already patronize them for maintenance work on their boats. They have a boat yard that can accommodate storage of @ 150 boats at \$100 per month. Seven Lakes Marine will charge us @\$100 round-trip pick-up/drop-off fee from the marina and @\$135 from your dock in addition to the above storage fee. Seven Lakes Marine does not currently have any transportation options for those with “Duffy Boats” or sail boats.

We have questioned several respected boat manufacturers and mechanics regarding the outcome of lowering your boat to rest on or near the lake bottom. In each instance, we received the response of “it depends”. Most of our lake bottom is either sandy or muddy which would allow a soft landing to the lake bottom. However, if you know of any obstacles like tree stumps, that may hamper your option. The only other suggestion provided was to keep your dock ropes loose and lift your boat motor prior to the drop in water level.

Some have asked whether boat owners could move their boats to deeper parts of the lake, anchor them and maybe kayak back to their docks. While it seems like a viable option, that comes with knowing how to properly anchor it to accept the wind in open water.