

Inland Lake Marina & Boat Rental 2026 Season Preparation Checklist

WATER LEVELS & LAKE CONDITIONS

- Review historical and projected lake level changes
- Identify and document submerged hazards
- Update hazard maps and staff briefings
- Verify no-wake and shallow-water signage
- Coordinate with lake authority on drawdowns

FLEET & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Inspect engines, lower units, props, and intakes
- Check hulls and pontoon logs for damage
- Inspect docks, gangways, and anchoring systems
- Verify ramps, lane markings, and staging areas
- Confirm fuel dock access at varying water levels

SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT

- Update lake-specific renter safety briefings
- Review prior-season incidents
- Confirm life jackets and emergency equipment
- Inspect fire extinguishers and throwables

STAFF & OPERATIONS

- Train staff on docking and renter assistance
- Schedule for weekends and holidays
- Cross-train staff to reduce bottlenecks

FUEL, PRICING & DEMAND

- Review fuel usage and idle policies
- Plan fuel deliveries for peak weekends
- Set rental pricing and flexible durations

MARKETING & COMMUNICATION

- Update website with lake maps and rules
- Prepare pre-arrival guest communications
- Refresh signage for busy weekends

FINAL PRE-SEASON REVIEW

- Boats ready
- Staff trained
- Safety plans posted
- Opening day confirmed

