

## **Cedar Lake Dredging Boating Safety Guidelines**

Dredging of Cedar Lake will be occurring, generally, from April to November and as weather allows. There will be a winter shutdown period starting in November and restarting in the Spring each year. The project is scheduled to be completed at the end of 2025. Dredge America will be operating the dredge rain or shine, from 7am to 7pm, seven days a week.

Boating safety is a paramount concern of everyone involved in this project and we ask for patience while this project is completed. We want to help accommodate the public as best as we can for a safe and an early finish to the project so normal lake activities can resume. There are hazards to the public that come along with any dredging project, but can be mitigated with a bit of caution from the boating public and the dredging process.

## If anyone observes an emergency, please call 911 immediately.

One of the biggest risks is speed in uncertain water. If anything looks out of place or there are unfamiliar water markings or equipment nearby, please slow down to assess the situation. There will be a black high-density polyethylene pipeline extending from the dredge barge location to a booster pump (located on a barge floating in the lake) and then exiting the lake near Pine Crest Marina. Outside of noted crossing locations, the remaining pipe will float up and down in the water depending on the load that is being pumped at any given time. A safe distance should be maintained from the pipeline at all times.

Do not swim on or near the pipeline as there is a risk of it sinking at any time and could pull a swimmer down with it. Please keep 200 ft. distance from the dredge, booster barge, and crew working at all times. If it is necessary to get closer, please operate at a no-wake speed to avoid injuring the crew as they may be working on equipment and could cause them to lose balance or injure themselves between sudden moving objects they may be working on.

Dredge America will do everything it can to keep the public safe and informed of their work areas and hazards and to finish the project as soon as possible to return full lake access back to the community. This will all go much faster and safer with everyone's cooperation and support.

The following sets of buoys will be visible on the lake:



The tall orange and white buoys will have a white colored light that will mark the location of the pipeline every 300 ft. These buoys will also be floating.





The tall green and white buoys will be to mark pipeline crossing locations. There will be one of these buoys on either side of the pipe crossing. Boat traffic should cross directly between these buoys (closest to the middle, as possible) at a slow no-wake speed. The pipeline will be weighted to sink the pipe to the bottom of the lake between sets of 3' tall marker buoys that will have the words "pipe crossing" on them in white lettering.

They will vary in width with the location (+/- 100 ft.) and the amount of traffic in that part of the lake. There will be two pipe crossing locations, one on each end of the lake. The buoys will have a green flashing light on top of them for boating at night. These buoys will always be floating.



The <u>white round</u> buoys will identify anchors that Dredge America has placed in the lake either to hold the pipeline in place or for the dredge to swing from. These buoys should always be floating.

The <u>orange round</u> buoys mark the pipeline when it is floating or semi floating. These buoys will not be visible when the pipeline is sunk but should be visible when the pipeline is floating and is a hazard to boats. Always stay 200 ft. from round orange buoys. If the pipe rises and you are near it, please try and drive away from the pipe at a slow no-wake speed to avoid damaging it.



The excavator and crane barges will be in the lake from time to time. These barges are very heavy and vulnerable to wakes. All efforts should be made to stay a minimum of 200 ft. from these barges when they are in the lake and observe a no-wake zone of the same distance.

