Stricter rules for Lake Tahoe boaters

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More than a decade after Lake Tahoe regulators banned polluting two-stroke Jet Skis and two years after boat inspections commenced to guard Tahoe from invading plants and animals, officials are poised to take the next step to protect the lake from boating impacts.

Last week, governors of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency took on a long-discussed "blue boating" program designed to offset the environmental effects of motorboats cruising the famous Sierra lake.



The Blue Boating Program on Lake Tahoe begins in April. Photo/Kathryn Reed

The program is designed to protect Tahoe from various problems associated with boating, including engine emissions and noise, dirty bilges and sewage discharge.

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