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### **BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY OFFERS BOATER SAFETY COURSES**

February 2, 2010 – The Brazos River Authority will offer Boater Safety Courses at Granbury and Possum Kingdom lakes again this spring and summer. Boaters born on or after Sept. 1, 1984 who are younger than 18 are required by the Texas Water Safety Act to obtain certification to operate a vessel with a motor exceeding 10 horse power, a wind-blown vessel longer than 14 feet and/or all personal watercraft.

The courses provide useful information for boaters of all ages and experience levels including all types of water conditions, from ponds to offshore and ideal situations to worst case scenarios.

The Boater Safety Courses are available for ages 12 and older, though children will have to wait until they are 13 to be certified. The program cost is \$10. Payment by cash only. Participants must provide a social security number and a picture identification card (driver's license, student I.D. or library card accepted).

#### **Lake Granbury**

Children younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Classes begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m., with a break for lunch between noon and 1:30 p.m. Lunches are not provided. All sessions will take place at the lake office, 4552 Mambrino Highway. For further information and to register, call Lake Ranger Randy Johnston at (817) 573-1407. Class dates are as follows:

- May 8
- June 26
- July 24
- Aug. 28

### **Possum Kingdom Lake**

Children younger than 17 must be accompanied by an adult. Classes run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a one-hour break for lunch. Lunches are not provided. Classes vary between two locations, depending on the session. For more information about class location, or to register, call (940) 779-2321, extensions 222 or 229. Class dates are as follows

- April 10
- May 15
- June 5
- June 12
- July 10
- July 31
- Aug. 14
- Sept. 18

### ***About the Brazos River Authority***

The Brazos River Authority, with headquarters in Waco, is the oldest river authority in Texas. Created by the Texas Legislature in 1929, the Authority's 42,000 square-mile territory includes all or part of 70 counties; extending from the Texas-New Mexico border west of Lubbock to the Gulf of Mexico near Freeport.

The Authority built, owns, and operates three reservoirs (Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, and Limestone). In addition to these water supply reservoirs, the Authority contracts with the Corps of Engineers for the water supply storage space at eight Federal multi-purpose flood control and water conservation reservoirs (Lakes Whitney, Belton, Proctor, Somerville, Stillhouse Hollow, Granger, Georgetown and Aquilla).

The Brazos River Authority owns and operates a regional wastewater system for the cities of Temple-Belton. The Authority also operates wastewater treatment plants for Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System in Round Rock, and the cities of Hutto, Georgetown, Dime Box, Clute-Richwood and Sugar Land.

The Authority owns and operates water treatment systems at Lake Granbury (which supplies potable water to wholesale customers in Hood and Johnson Counties), the City of Taylor and the City of Dime Box. A potable water treatment plant located in Leander is owned jointly by the Lower Colorado River Authority and the Brazos River Authority. The Authority also engages in water quality monitoring activities throughout the Brazos River Basin.

For further information on the Brazos River Authority, please contact Judi Pierce, Public Information Officer at 254-761-3103.