



# Geneva Lake Environmental Agency

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## Geneva Lake Environmental Agency: 2023 Annual Boat Count Press Release

The GLEA Annual Boat Count was conducted on August 2, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 12:15 PM. There was a crew of 5 people taking data on motorized boats, sailboats, personal watercraft, and nonmotorized vessels, docked and moored on Geneva Lake. Counts from in-out services were gathered at a later date and included in the survey. The shoreline is divided into sections to allow for effective and accurate assessment of boat type and community totals.

We would like to thank Mr. Charles Colman for taking us out on his boat and allowing us to conduct the study from it. We appreciate your support.

In 2023, there were a total of 5,167 watercraft docked, moored, or available for in-out service on Geneva Lake. There has been an increase in the percentage of motorized boats by 19% since 2022, and the number of personal watercraft, like jet skis and wave runners, has almost doubled since last year.

### Breakdown of All Watercraft Docked, Moored, or Available for In-Out Service

Motorized boats: 3,970 (77%)  
Sailboats: 228 (4%)  
Personal Watercraft: 715 (14%)  
Nonmotorized Vessels: 254 (5%)

Compared to the 2022 count of 5,591, this year's count is down 424 boats from last year. Boats in-use on the lake are not included in the count. The GLEA knows that the boats in use could impact the annual count.

This year, the total amount of watercraft available for in-out service was 1,604 or 31% of all watercraft, including motorized boats, sailboats, personal watercraft, and nonmotorized vessels. This is a large increase in the percentage of watercraft available for in-out service (14% in 2022) and almost double the number of watercraft (805 in 2022) compared to last year.

### Breakdown of All Watercraft Available for In-Out Service

Motorized boats: 1,411 (27%)  
Sailboats: 87  
Personal Watercraft: 14  
Nonmotorized Vessels: 92

Four communities share Geneva Lake's 112,854 feet of shoreline with the majority in the Town of Linn (48%). The Village of Fontana, Village of Williams Bay, and City of Lake Geneva each have 19%, 17%, and 16%, respectively. Consistent with last year, the lake-wide boat density is one boat per 23.7 ft. of shoreline (0.042 boat/ft. shoreline).

### Breakdown of All Watercraft Totals by Community

Fontana: 1,701 (883 available for in-out)  
Williams Bay: 1,393 (721 available for in-out)  
Linn: 941

Lake Geneva: 660

Geneva Lake is well known for its recreational community, and to continue that reputation, safe and respectful boating is crucial. The GLEA thanks you for your cooperation.