

Boaters advised to watch for air tankers

(Penticton, BC – July 19, 2018) - The City of Penticton is requesting the assistance of recreational boaters on Okanagan and Skaha Lakes.

Air tankers responding to nearby wildfires are collecting lake water to support their operations. When aircraft are approaching lake surfaces for this purpose, it is requested that boat traffic visually monitor overhead flight paths and avoid any areas where air tankers can be seen making passes over water to replenish their loads.

"We thank boaters for their cooperation and diligence to monitor their surroundings while fire fighting aircraft carry out their operations", said Deputy Fire Chief, Chris Forster.

Update on general fire state in Penticton

There are currently no wildfires within the boundaries of Penticton. Residents are advised to exercise extra caution when undertaking activities that could trigger a fire. If you notice smoke or fire in any urban park or wildland area, call 911 or the BC Wildfire Service at *5555.

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