



SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY



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As the Diamond Cup Hydroplane races near, the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office would like to alert the public to waterways hazards and potential traffic congestion.

For the past few days, event organizers have been setting the race course on Lake Coeur d'Alene, near the Silver Beach area. From now through the Labor Day weekend, numerous course buoys and log booms will be moved into the area for the races. Boaters are encouraged to use extreme caution when traversing the area around the course.

Additionally, beginning Thursday morning August 29, Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive from Potlatch Hill Rd to just west of Sunnyside Rd will be reduced to one lane of travel with traffic flaggers at each end. Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive will remain one lane through the weekend. The Centennial Trail will also remain open, but will be diverted next to the single lane of vehicular traffic.

For residents and other motorists needing access east of the race venue, they are encouraged to use an alternate route, such as I-90 to Mullan Trail to Sunnyside Rd.

In an effort to reduce traffic congestion, spectators of the races are encouraged to use the free bus services from the Kootenai County Fairgrounds as well as the downtown shuttle services; there is no parking at the race venue. Vehicles found blocking emergency vehicle access to roadways, parked on private property or blocking residential ingress/egress will be subject to removal at the vehicle owner's expense.

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office will have increased patrols through the Labor Day weekend to ensure the safety of all residents and guests to Kootenai County. We sincerely appreciate the public's cooperation and look forward to an enjoyable weekend.

Ben Wolfinger, Sheriff
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