

The Day, Printed

Saturday, August 15, 2026 — the whole plan on paper

Print this one. Cell service dies on the last twelve miles of Dry Creek Road. This is the page that still works when your phone does not.

The essentials

Where	Lake Sonoma Marina, 4200 Skaggs Springs Rd, Geyserville
Marina phone	(707) 433-2200
On the water	11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Advance team docks	10:30 AM — Colin, Nicole, Genz, Dave H. + all three dogs
Everyone else	10:45 AM sharp
Aboard	11 people , 3 dogs, 12-person cap — one seat spare

Leave-by times

From	Who	Leave by
Oakland	Colin, Nicole, Genz, Dave H. + dogs (<i>advance team</i>)	8:00 AM
Oakland	Charlie, Casper, Joji	8:15 AM
Richmond	Christina	8:45 AM
Presidio	Carly, Dave L., Beck (<i>sandwich run</i>)	8:20 AM

The day

Time	What
9:50 AM	Out of Healdsburg. Hard stop. Big John's for anything forgotten.
10:00 AM	Turn onto Dry Creek Rd. 12.7 miles, 25–30 min. Cell service ends here.
10:30 AM	Advance team docks — check in, paperwork, orientation, parking, coolers, dogs.

10:45 AM	Everyone else arrives. Hand off your food item. Find a seat.
11:00 AM	Cast off.
11:30 AM	Out past the no-wake line, anchor in a cove — Quicksilver or Black Mountain.
12:30 PM	Cruise the Warm Springs arm.
2:00 PM	Second swim. Pack the coolers and the trash.
2:45 PM	Back toward the dock. Do not cut this close.
3:00 PM	Return the boat. Fuel settle-up. Rinse off <i>here</i> , not on the 101.
3:10 PM	Roll south — art party decision point, per car.
6:00 PM	Optional: art party, Great Highway Gallery, 3649 Lawton St, SF. 6–9 PM.

Lunch

Eleven sandwiches from Big John's, picked up by Carly, Dave L. and Beck. **Dave H.** has the bulk of the drinks and his own coolers. **Colin** has bottled water plus the coolers, ice and service gear.

Everyone brings drinks. If you don't know what to bring, bring snacks. Lunch itself is handled.

Five things that will bite you

1. **10:45 is sharp.** Late arrival eats your rental window — it does not extend it.
2. **No cell service past the Dry Creek turn.** Settle the plan before then.
3. **Beck (11) and Casper (10) wear life jackets any time the boat is moving.** State law and Corps rule.
4. **Nothing gets towed behind the pontoon.** No tubes, no wakeboards. Marina policy.
5. **Four cars = \$60 at the gate.** One free pass, \$20 each thereafter.

If the water looks wrong

Foamy, scummy, paint-thick, pea-green or brownish-red means everyone out — especially the dogs, who drink it and then lick their coats. Ask the marina about algae and about the current no-wake zones when you check in.

Sources

- [Lake Sonoma Marina](#)
- [USACE — Lake Sonoma boating](#)