



Thank you for choosing Oconee Tugboat Company -- Towing and Assistance

Contact: 706-681-1035 (Call or Text)

OCONEE TUGBOAT COMPANY MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

A. Membership Benefits

1. **Towing Assistance:** Gain peace of mind knowing that if your vessel becomes disabled on Lake Oconee, we'll tow you safely to your preferred destination—be it your home dock or a nearby marina. Our experienced captains are ready to assist, ensuring you and your passengers are never stranded on the water.
2. **Battery Jump Start:** Don't let a dead battery ruin your day on the lake. Whether at the dock or out on open water, we'll bring the power you need to get back underway.
3. **Fuel Delivery:** If you find yourself running on empty, we'll deliver fuel directly to your vessel. Avoid the hassle and risk of paddling or flagging down help—stay safe and keep your adventure going. (Fuel cost is additional; see Section C.3.)
4. **Dock-to-Dock Towing:** Planning for maintenance but can't get your boat there under its own power? We'll tow your vessel to a repair facility, marina, or boat ramp of your choice on Lake Oconee, ensuring your investment stays protected and in top shape.
5. **Exclusions from Towing Services:**
 - Vessel was already disabled at the time of membership purchase.
 - Soft ungrounding situations.
 - Salvage operations, including hard groundings or assistance requiring additional vessels, pumps, divers, airbags, or specialized equipment.
 - Abandoned vessels.
 - Vessels involved in or damaged by fire.
 - Any vessel in a state of peril.
 - Towing from a repair facility where the vessel can be serviced.
 - Costs of fuel, parts, or supplies for the vessel.
 - Marina fees or charges.
 - Assistance for members operating a vessel for commercial purposes.
 - Any service not explicitly stated as a towing benefit in this agreement.



B. Membership Terms

1. **Activation:** Membership becomes effective at midnight the day following receipt of payment and expires as indicated on the membership record.
2. **Not Insurance:** This agreement is not an insurance policy and does not cover liability, compensation, or damages resulting from injury, vessel damage, or property loss.
3. **Emergency Situations:** This membership provides towing benefits but is not a guarantee of rescue. Severe weather or perilous conditions may prevent OTC from responding. In emergencies, members should contact Georgia DNR or local law enforcement.
4. **Service Availability:** Services are provided on an "as available" basis, and response times may vary due to:
 - Ongoing assistance to other members or non-members.
 - Local road traffic affecting the captain's response time to OTC's vessel homeport.
 - Heavy waterway traffic requiring safe navigation.
 - The member's location on Lake Oconee relative to OTC's vessel homeport.
5. **Right to Cancel:**
 - Members may cancel within 30 days for a full refund, provided no towing benefits were used within this period.
 - OTC reserves the right to cancel memberships immediately in cases of misuse, including misrepresentation of vessel condition, excessive towing requests, neglectful vessel operation, or fraud.
6. **Non-Transferable:** Memberships are non-transferable and may not be assigned to another party.
7. **Communication Consent:** Members agree to receive text messages and phone calls for dispatch and service coordination.



C. Definitions & Terms

1. **Covered Vessel:** A recreational vessel owned by the member that becomes disabled on the water. Coverage extends to chartered, rented, leased, or borrowed vessels operated by the member.
 2. **Member:** The individual(s) listed on the membership record who are eligible for towing benefits.
 3. **Fuel Delivery:** Up to 5 gallons of fuel is available at market price (rounded to the nearest whole dollar). An additional 5 gallons may be purchased based on distance to homeport or an on-water fueling station.
 4. **Disentanglement:** The removal of lines, ropes, or foreign objects from a vessel's underwater running gear. This service is subject to the OTC captain's discretion based on safety and weather conditions.
 5. **Service Area:** Services are limited to Lake Oconee. Certain coves and hazard buoy areas may be inaccessible due to navigational hazards.
 6. **Incident / Disabled Vessel:** A vessel that becomes inoperable while being operated and requires assistance.
 7. **Oconee Tugboat Company (OTC):** The provider of membership towing services on Lake Oconee.
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