



## News Release

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### **Safe Harbour Boat Launch Closed**

Effective immediately, the boat launch at the Okanagan Centre Safe Harbour Regional Park is closed.

Communications Coordinator Bruce Smith says, "One of the concrete pads has broken and there is exposed rebar so unfortunately it's not safe for use. Until environmental approvals are received and the repairs are complete people with smaller boats and trailers may choose to use the area to the south of the closed boat launch. Because of the low lake water level anyone with a large boat should not use the Safe Harbour to launch. Instead, they should launch or trailer their vessel in other locations such as the District of Lake Country Coral Beach launch in Carrs Landing or the City of Kelowna Water Street or Cook Street boat launches."

The Regional District apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause. Smith adds, "Even though the launch itself is closed, the Safe Harbour still provides shelter and refuge for boaters during storms, poor weather conditions or other emergency needs at any time."

From October through the end of April, the gate to the Regional Park, boat launch, small beach and parking area along Okanagan Centre Road in Lake Country is not locked. Between May 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>, the gate is locked daily from 10:00 pm to 5:00 am.

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