

# **2011 USLL WATERCRAFT TALLY**

An unofficial tally of the watercraft on USLL was made during a cruise of the lake on the weekend before Labor Day.

All watercraft types are probably self explanatory except for a skiff. Due to the limited nautical intelligence of the cruise members, any non-motorized craft that was not a canoe, kayak, paddleboat or sailboat was declared a skiff. This would include fishing boats that had their motor removed when ashore.

The impetus for the project came during the July 4 boat parade when it appeared that "hey, the lake has been overtaken by pontoon boats", and indeed it has. We are sure that we under counted the non-motorized craft, but if it was not visible from the lake, it did not count. The results are as follows:

Pontoons	100
Fishing Boats	66
Paddleboats	59
Skiffs	52
Runabouts	46
Canoes	45
Jet Skis	29
Kayaks	15
Sail Boats	9
Airplane(s)	1

It was also noted that there were several docks, some with lifts, that had no boats visible suggesting that some people had already removed their watercraft for the season.

Another point of interest is that the total of the above count is 422 watercraft. With a few over 200 properties on the lake that means we average a nice 2 craft per property.