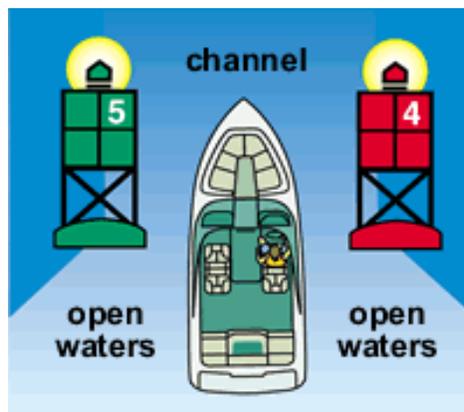


West Point Lake Lighted Buoy Information

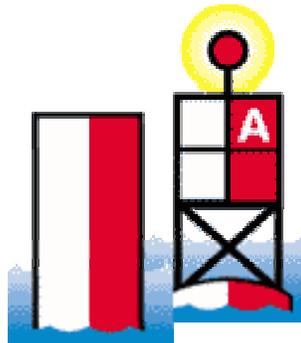


In 2006, solar-powered lights were installed on Buoys #1 – #100, which are located in the Chattahoochee River channel of West Point Lake. These navigation lights are designed to increase boater safety during low visibility and at night.

Six (6) types of navigation lights are being installed on the channel buoys, each of which emits a specific color and flash frequency. The color of the lights and the flash frequencies are as follows, when navigating from the West Point Dam upstream on the Chattahoochee River:



- Buoy lights on the right side of the channel are red and match the color of the red, nun buoys on which they are installed. Buoy lights on the left side of the channel are green to match the green can buoys where they are placed. Both of these types of lights flash at a frequency of on for .5 seconds, and then it is off for 1.5 seconds.
- Junction buoys and their lights mark areas where creeks or other tributaries join the river channel. There are six (6) red junction buoys with red lights on the right side of the channel, and four (4) green buoys with green lights on the left side of the channel. Junction buoy lights flash on for .5 seconds, then remains off for 5.5 seconds.



- Buoy #99 is both a mid-channel buoy and a junction buoy. The light installed on this buoy flashes white and is on for .5 seconds, then off for 5.5 seconds.
- Buoy #100 serves as a mid-channel buoy. Its white light flashes on for .3 seconds, and is off for 7 seconds.

The buoys and lights are inspected monthly. Even so, boaters are advised to use caution when relying on these aids to navigation, because buoys may be off station, and their lights could malfunction. Boaters are asked to report buoys found to be out of position or buoy lights that are not working properly to the West Point Project Management Office at 706/645-2937. In addition, boater education courses are offered at the office on a monthly basis from February through September. For more information, please call 706/645-2937.