

## Freedom Boat Club at Lake Oconee

By Catherine Dean

Long and leisurely summer days should be spent carefree in the sun and on the water. The Freedom Boat Club of Lake Oconee (FBC), located at Waterfront Marina in Eatonton, provides lake lovers with luxury boating opportunities without the hassle of ownership.

Co-owners, as well as husband and wife, Deano and Heather Cantrell, focus on providing their clients a simple alternative to boat ownership. Club membership takes the frustration out of maintaining a boat in both summer and offseason.

“Becoming a member of FBC means you will never have to deal with the worries that come with owning a boat including repair, maintenance, slip rental, storage, insurance, and winterization,” said Deano.

Going into their fifth season on Lake Oconee, the Cantrells are looking forward to a summer filled with friends and families reconnecting on any of their 18 luxury boats. Deano and Heather are thrilled to assist in creating wonderful lake memories for their members.

“It’s about bonding with the people you love and spending quality time with them,” added Deano. “Without all the phones and distractions, lasting memories are made on our beautiful lake.”

FBC offers two membership plans to meet any lake goer’s needs. The fulltime membership provides unlimited boating seven days a week. The weekday membership offers unlimited boating Monday through Friday until 2:00 p.m. Due to a reciprocal agreement between all Freedom Boat Club franchises, members enjoy access to other luxury vessels at ocean and lake shores throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe.

Serving as member concierge, Heather makes the reservation process as smooth as possible. Reserving a boat is made by merely calling her directly or using the online boat reservation system. All that is left to do is get to the dock-the dock master handles the rest.

“FBC continues to grow because of the 100% boating time and availability guarantee,” said Deano. “Every club member enjoys unlimited access to our fleet of 18 boats-which is the most variety we have ever had.”

The style of boat that is readily available for members’ enjoyment include speedboats, pontoon boats, and fishing boats. Except for the fishing boats, all vessels are equipped for skiing, wake boarding, or pulling inflatables to make time on the lake exciting and enjoyable. On the water, training is also arranged to ensure an educated, safe, and confident boater.

“Our staff are professional, polite, and ready to help any member have the most enjoyable experience possible while boating on the lake,” said Deano. “We take pride in the exceptional service we give and the quality of boats available to members.”

No matter if you are spending a leisurely day floating along on a pontoon or gliding on the water with speed, or just casting a fishing line and hoping for a bite, FBC has you covered. Visit their website for more details on how this summer on the lake can be your best yet- [www.freedomeboatclublakeoconee.com](http://www.freedomeboatclublakeoconee.com) or call the office at 888-781-7363.