

## **Aurora Lake Association (ALA) Rules and Regulations**

### **I. Conditions of Aurora Lake use:**

The following conditions are required to be met for a vessel, or watercraft to be on Aurora Lake. If any of the following conditions are not met the vessel shall be considered as trespassing and reported to the local authorities, and/or become subject to Process and Penalties in accordance with Section IV.

- a. All vessels and watercraft must be registered with the State of Ohio, and possess a current ALA permit (sticker) to enter, or operate on Aurora Lake.
- b. ALA boat permits (sticker) are issued by the ALA to Aurora Shores Home Owner Association (ASHA), and Hawthorn of Aurora Home Owner Association (HHOA) to be issued to members in good standing. In order to receive a permit (sticker) an applicant must have a current OHIO Boat Registration, Title, Proof of in-effect liability insurance with a 10-day notification clause in the event of cancelation or lapse (see bullet l.c. for specific requirements), and a completed waiver of liability for the current year at the time of application. A permit (sticker) is eligible from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, XXXX, and this will be referenced as the "Permit Life". The ALA permit (sticker) is issued by calendar year, and renewed annually.
- c. As a condition to obtain boating privileges, boat owners must present a current comprehensive liability insurance policy with minimum liability coverage of \$300,000 for all non-motorized vessels, and motorized vessels with 10 HP, or less. All other vessels require \$1,000,000 liability coverage. A new certificate of insurance is required if the policy expires during the permit life, or renews during the current permit life.
- d. A \$ 50 permit (sticker) fee will be assessed for vessels with motors. All other watercraft will be a \$15 permit (sticker) fee.
- e. Issued ALA permits (sticker) must be visible from the stern of the vessel at all times. It is required that the ALA permit (sticker) be placed on the starboard stern side of a motorized vessel. It is required that all other watercraft place the ALA permit (sticker) before, or after the Registration Numbers (OH – XXXX). In any event all watercraft require a current ALA permit (sticker).
- f. In no case shall a homeowner be permitted to register more than two motorized vessels per property. If two motorized vessels are permitted, then one of those two motorized vessels must have a maximum of 10 horsepower (HP), or less.
- g. Motorized vessels shall not exceed 20' in length. All new vessels should be vetted and approved by an authorized measurer in the community per instruction of the ALA, and/or show proof of length as established by online description and bill of sale.
- h. Sailboats shall not exceed 23' in length. All new vessels should be vetted and approved by an authorized measurer in the community per instruction of the ALA, and/or show proof of length as established by online description and bill of sale.
- i. Rowing shells are exempt from length limits.

- j. Jet skis, or other similar motorized personal watercrafts (PWC's) are not permitted.
- k. First time boat registrants must complete a USCG approved boating safety course and provide a certificate of completion at the time of boat registration. Please refer to America's Boating Course: [www.americaboatingcourse.com](http://www.americaboatingcourse.com). Onsite courses are sometimes offered in the spring and sponsored by a USCG official.

## **II. Aurora Lake Association (ALA) Authority**

Any use of Aurora Lake by a homeowner, resident, or guest is at their own risk. The homeowner assumes all risk and liability for personal, resident, or guest activity while on Aurora Lake.

- a. The Trustees of the ALA reserve the right to change, add, or delete rules and regulations at their discretion without notice. However, they will make efforts to consult with and notify the respective Homeowner Associations, and larger community.
- b. The Trustees of the ALA reserve the right to enforce Section III Rules for lake use in accordance with Section IV Enforcement and Penalties.

## **III. Rules for lake use**

All Federal and State of Ohio Laws governing boating are applicable on Aurora Lake. The laws and regulations are displayed on the ODNR website: <http://watercraft.ohiodnr.gov/laws/boating-laws-in-general>.

These laws are supplemented by the following Aurora Lake specific Rules and Regulations:

### Definitions:

Skier – A towed person of any discipline including, but not limited to a skier, tuber, wakeboarder, surfer, or bare footer.

Vessel – Any registered boat on Aurora Lake.

- a. Children less than 10 years old must wear a personal flotation device. Any person wearing a cast while on board any boat must wear a USCG approved life jacket.
- b. Operating under the influence of alcohol, or any other chemical is strictly prohibited.
- c. 35 MPH is the maximum speed on Aurora Lake. The only exceptions are USA Waterski members, and membership in the Aurora Lake Waterski Club and only when a skier of a required discipline is in tow.
- d. Vessels in the "Open, or Ski Zone" areas shall move in a counter-clockwise direction except for the purpose of retrieving a skier.

- e. Operation of a vessel less than 200 ft. behind a skier is not permitted.
- f. A skier is not permitted within 100 ft. of the shoreline.
- g. More than two towable devices may not be pulled from one vessel at any one time.
- h. A qualified observer must continuously make visible an orange safety flag while a skier is preparing to launch, and until they successfully launch. The orange safety flag must also be continuously visible after a skier falls, and until the fallen skier either successfully relaunches, or is safely onboard the vessel.
- i. Any person using a non-powered vessel including, but not limited to a Kayak, Paddleboard, or Canoe must wear a USCG approved life vest while operating in the "Open, or Ski Zone". Otherwise, the life vest must be present on the vessel at all times.
- j. Powered vessels shall extend right of way to vessels without power.
- k. Litter shall not be discarded improperly from any vessel regardless of intent.
- l. Parasails, and Kite Boards are not permitted on Aurora Lake.
- m. The minimum size limit on fish is as follows: Northern Pike 22", Large Mouth Bass 15", Bass of any size cannot be taken from the lake until after June 15<sup>th</sup> to allow time for spawning.
- n. Recreational Swimming is not permitted in the "Open, or Ski Zone".
- o. In no case shall a Motorized Vehicle operate, or an Ice Fishing House structure be placed on a frozen Aurora Lake.

#### **IV. Enforcement and Penalties**

The Trustees of the ALA reserve the right to observe and enforce all Federal, State, and Aurora Lake specific Rules and Regulations through Authorized Observers. The Trustees of the ALA may also recommend penalty for violators in accordance with Process and Penalties.

There is due process. However, penalties may not be sequential as determined by the severity and nature of the incident(s), or if there is presence of patterned behavior. If any section of this agreement is held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, that shall not affect or impair, in any way, the validity, legality, or enforceability of the remainder of this agreement.

##### Authorized Observers:

Security officers which could include, but not be limited to Aurora Lake Patrol, City of Aurora Police, Village of Reminderville Police, ODNR Officers, Trustees of the ALA, or Community Members will enforce Federal and State Laws, and/or the Aurora Lake specific Rules and Regulations. Video Evidence is permissible in all cases, and should be forwarded to [auroralakeassociation@gmail.com](mailto:auroralakeassociation@gmail.com) with a verbal, or visual date/time stamp, as well as a violator, or sticker reference number, if known.

Process and Penalties: Violating any combination of Federal, State, or Aurora Lake specific Rules and Regulations will be subject to the following Process and Penalties.

- a. Violators of Federal, or State laws are subject to penalties described in statute and the Ohio Revised Code. Violators of Federal Law, State Law, or the Aurora Lake specific Rules and Regulations are afforded due process as described in the paragraphs below, and are subject to the penalties listed below. Video evidence is permissible in all cases, and may be reported to ODNR, or other state officials.

Verbal Warning. A verbal counseling will be conducted for educational purposes. This will be followed by an email notification, and copied to the ALA Executive Secretary.

Written Warning. A formal written counseling will be issued for educational purposes. This may be sent certified mail to the Homeowner, and/or email. It will be copied to the ALA Executive Secretary, and to ASHA/HHOA for record keeping. A \$100 fine may be assessed, and accompanied by up to a two (2) week suspension of lake privileges.

Final Written Notice: A formal written notice will be issued, and have a life of up to 12 months. This may carry beyond the current permit life. Notification will be sent to the homeowner via certified mail, email, or both. It will be copied to the ALA Executive Secretary, and ASHA/HHOA for record keeping. Lake privileges may be immediately revoked contingent upon the severity of offense(s), patterned behavior, or as deemed appropriate by the Trustees of the ALA.

- b. Homeowners that receive fines, suspensions, or expulsions will be granted a ten (10) day period to contest such fines, suspension, or expulsion from the time of notification. The homeowner will be granted an executive hearing as indicated in the final written notice, but the penalty will be served from the date of the original notification. In any event, the homeowner must respond with formal notification indicating their intent to appeal, or not to [auroralakeassociation@gmail.com](mailto:auroralakeassociation@gmail.com).