

Notice of Boat Slip Policy Change – Summer 2026

Dear Rose Lake Forest Members,

We heard you! Due to increasing demand, we are adopting the following changes with the issuance of boat slips for starting the summer of 2026.

The Association has 434 members, but only 11 boat slips. In reality, the policy of allocating each slip to only one member for the duration of the summer is inequitable. In actual practice, the “First come, First Served” policy has resulted in the same Early Birds securing a summer-long slip, year after year.

The monopolizing of these slips by a few members, has been status quo for so long, the assumption of the membership is slips are too difficult to get and give up trying. This makes it impossible to gauge actual demand.

The updated Boat Slip Allotment Policy will regulate only the months of June, July and August. Boat slips will continue to be available first come, first served from when “ice is off the lake” until May 29, 2026 and starting back up on Sept 1, 2026. Any boat remaining in a slip at the end of the day on May 29, or August 30 shall be removed at the owners’ expense in accordance with the policy outlined below.

Furthermore, if you want a boat slip from April 1st to May 29th, please contact Jim Smith via roselakeforest@gmail.com. Put Temporary Boat Registration in the subject line.

During the regulated months, 10 slips shall be available to the general membership, with each slip available for the first 29 days of June and the first 30 days of July and August. This increases our available slips from 10 to 30.

A volunteer is being sought to manage the slips. The compensation for the “Boat Attendant” position shall be the 11th slip for the duration of the summer, in addition to a \$50 dollar payment for each incident to coordinate the removal of ANY boat for overstaying the allotted time. The core elements of the new boat policy have been outlined above and below.

The eligibility requirements for all slip applicants are as follows:

- Must be a member of RLFPOA, with assessments paid
- The boat must have a RLFPOA member sticker, prominently displayed
- The boat must have a current and properly displayed Michigan MC#
- Member agrees to application terms including a \$250 refundable* boat removal bond
- Boat slips will be granted for only one slip per member.
- Pontoons and other motorized water-craft are allowed. Note: Two jet ski’s may occupy one slip.

* The \$250 “refundable” boat removal bond is to ensure that members will vacate their slips on time. If not, the bond is forfeited. This condition is necessary ensuring the removal of overstays, doesn’t impose a cost to the association.

The Final Boat Slip Policy is being developed by the Board of Directors in cooperation with the Boat Committee and shall be in place by May 15th and posted on our website at rlfpoa.com, under the heading of “BOATS”.