

## What Size and Shape Boathouse Can I Construct?

The size requirements of a new boathouse is determined by lake name and size. Located in Article XI, Section 11.3, D. of the Vilas County Shoreland Ordinance.

### Lakes less than 100 acres:

A boathouse shall not exceed 100 square feet except at licensed resorts.

### Lakes greater than 100 acres:

A boathouse shall not exceed 300 square feet.

The footprint of a boathouse must be square or rectangular.

Overhangs for roofs are not included in the maximum footprint and can not exceed 18 inches.

## Vilas County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Article VII, Section 7.1

The Vilas County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Article VII, Section 7.1 requirements for a new boathouse and maintenance of an existing boathouse are set forth and can be referenced at [www.vilascountyzoning.com](http://www.vilascountyzoning.com).

All boathouses must comply with the requirements of the Vilas County Floodplain Zoning Ordinance and require:

Zoning Permit



Shoreland Alteration Permit

Erosion Control Plan

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## Vilas County Boathouse Regulations & Requirements



## BOATHOUSES

## Frequently Asked Questions

## Boathouse Uses & Restrictions

- A boathouse is solely for the purpose to store boats and marine equipment.
- A flat roof of a boathouse may be used as a deck provided roof railing meets State of Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code and is not covered or screened.
- Other features inconsistent with the use of the structure exclusively as a boathouse are prohibited.

## Where Can I Construct My Boathouse?

- A new boathouse must be located in the Viewing & Access Corridor which is a select cut area except for the area of a boathouse. See diagram below.

### Setback Requirements:

- Boathouse may be placed between the 5 feet and 75 feet setback from OHWM
- A minimum of 15 feet setback from side lot line

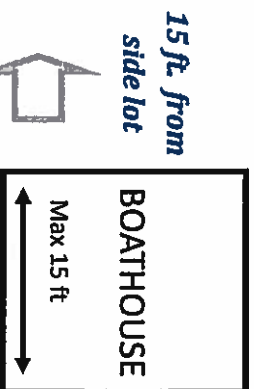
## What Are The Construction Requirements?

- A new boathouse can only be one story and constructed with solid walls. Opaque, glass and screen sidewalls or patio doors are not permitted.

### Height & Width Requirements:

- 6 foot minimum side wall height
- 10 foot maximum side wall height
- 15 foot maximum width facing water
- 3 foot maximum width of steps to flat roof use option

**0-75 Feet from OHWM:**  
**NO CUT AREA**  
**NO VEGETATION REMOVAL**  
**NO RETAINING WALLS**



ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK  
(OHWM) OF WATER BODY

