

March 26, 2025

Re: 2025 BLYC Launch Site Usage & Vendor Fees

Dear BLYC Members & Vendors:

Over the past several years the BLYC launch site has experienced a considerable increase in use by commercial vendors. As a community that shares and protects these valuable assets, it is prudent to communicate the following new vendor policies have been ratified by the BLYC board of Directors

Our commercial vendors are typically classified as boat porters, seasonal pier / lift installers and service providers, permanent pier contractors, shoreline contractors, landscape contractors and general contractors. Each vendor classification offers different levels of services to our members. However, each vendor type also burdens our decades-old launch site with their own unique sets of infrastructure challenges, causes and effects.

In 2024, we had over 850 gate openings at the BLYC launch site. 62% of these gate openings were performed by commercial vendors. The remainder of openings were by Members. Most of the commercial use can be attributed to vendors using large commercial barges that perform seasonal pier installs and permanent pier installation, shoreline construction, and boat lift services. Most of these barges are 36' or longer. Some even require tractor-trailer rigs for delivery.

In 2024, only about 55% of our 130 Members used the gate for their own personal launch access. All other Members used commercial vendors to perform delivery services for them.

Times have changed since our decades-old gravel pavement was constructed. What was built for a volunteer DIY launch community, on a tight lot with ~80' of shoreline, was not designed for our current level of commercial traffic requiring heavier loads and wider turning radiuses. To protect our launch and the private road that is shared with our neighbors; the following vendor policies have been adopted for 2025:

- 1) Boat porters will continue to be charged last year's **\$500/year** annual access fee. All "**Large Barge Contractors**" (vendors with barges exceeding 30') will be assessed a \$500 annual minimum and will be charged an additional **\$200/day access fee** after 2 daily uses.
- 2) **Vendors will no longer be allowed to use the BLYC launch site - or staging lot on Beaver View Road - for delivery of construction materials.** This includes but is not limited to: a) pipe and materials for permanent piers; b) rocks, boulders and materials for shoreline construction; c) lumber and landscaping materials for structures, decking, boathouses and piers; and d) any use using a vehicle requiring a CDL license for transport or delivery.
- 3) In the event there are extenuating circumstances whereby a Member reasonably believes that delivery of construction materials described above: a) cannot be achieved by using their own personal property; or b) may create an unreasonable hardship or burden to the Member, then the Member may simultaneously appeal in writing to the **BLYC Board** and to the **Beaver View Road Association (BVRA)** for a "**Special Use Construction Permit**" to use the BLYC properties that are also governed by a private road association.

After receiving a written request, **along with pre-payment for a \$5,000 fee**, from a Member for a **Special Use Construction Permit**, the BLYC Board will render a decision within **15 days**. The Board may or may not grant approval to a Member's vendor to use BLYC property to deliver construction materials for a specific use or project. In the event the Special Use Construction Permit is not granted, the \$5,000 fee will be returned to the Member.
- 4) Please refer to the following Beaver Lake Yacht Club – Authorized Vendor Launch Site policy and application, or to the BLYC website, for Vendor Launch site details which are subject to change annually.

Regards,

Rick Stallé, Commodore | Rick Boelter, Rear Commodore

BLYC Board: Suzannah Bong, Carolyn Duris, Lara Ehram, Bill Lewis, Karen Trimble

Beaver Lake Yacht Club (BLYC)

Commercial Vendor & Commercial Contractor Launch Site Access Policy - Effective: April 1, 2025.

This policy is for managing access, safety, and commercial use of the BLYC launch. Vendors using the BLYC launch typically provide boat porter delivery, seasonal pier installation and removal, shoreline restoration, and other contracted marine services for the Beaver Lake property owners and Members. This is the 2025 policy that outlines how vendors should apply for seasonal BLYC launch site access privileges, and how all BLYC approved vendors are expected to operate while on Beaver Lake and on the BLYC property.

A. “Commercial Vendors” - Boat Porters, & Small Barge vendors – with a pontoon-style barge less than 30’:

A \$500 annual vendor fee will be charged for access.

This applies to boat porters, marine vendor or seasonal pier installation vendor with small barges not exceeding 30’ desiring direct access to the BLYC site. No annual vendor fee will be charged when a BLYC member meets a vendor at the BLYC site to open the gate for a boat/marina vendor delivering a Member’s personal watercraft.

B. “Commercial Contractors” - Companies with “Large Barges” – exceeding 30’ in length:

After paying a **\$500 yearly minimum** and using the launch 2 days, a **\$200 per day usage fee will be charged. These fees** will be assessed vendors accessing the BLYC property with any **“Large Barge”** that exceeds 30’ in length. Monthly invoicing and billing adjustments will be issued to all **“Large Barge”** vendors thereafter. Vendors who do not make payments within thirty (30) days after billing are subject to revocation of their access privileges until any past-due amount, plus interest and late fees (determined by the Board on an annual basis) are paid in full. Multiple infractions may result in a permanent revocation of access privileges.

The Commercial Contractor access fee applies to any shoreline, permanent pier, special use or landscaping contractor accessing the BLYC site with a Large Barge, or a commercial truck or trailer which exceeds 30’ in length. This fee also applies to any vendor performing seasonal pier installations, pier/lift service, or take-outs with any Large Barge which exceeds 30’ in length.

Effective 2025: Vendors will no longer be allowed to use the BLYC launch site, or the Beaver View Road staging lot, for delivery of construction materials. These materials include, without limitation, construction or landscaping deliveries: a) for pipe and permanent pier materials; b) for rocks, boulders and materials for shoreline or landscaping construction; c) for lumber for structures, decking, boathouses and piers; or d) using any commercial vehicle requiring a CDL license for transport.

BLYC Members with extenuating circumstances may petition the BLYC Board, along with **pre-paying a \$5,000 “Special Use Construction Permit”** fee, for consideration. The Board will render a decision within **15 days** after receiving the request for a Special Use Construction Permit. The fee will be refunded if the Special Use Permit is not granted.

Contractors with Large Barges may NOT be escorted onto BLYC property using a Member’s gate access privileges.

C. Vendor Access to the BLYC Launch

BLYC uses an electronic lock box on the main BLYC gate for access into the BLYC property. Each vendor must complete the BLYC Commercial Vendor Application form annually and provide the first name, last name, email address, and cell # for each employee/user they desire to have access privileges granted to.

Upon receipt of applicable fee(s), a COI (that names BLYC as an **“Additional Insured”**, and the Launch Site Application Form, BLYC will issue each vendor instructions to on how to install the Master Lock Vault App on each of its authorized user’s Bluetooth enabled smart phone.

Any vendor performing construction work under a Member’s **“Special Use Construction Permit”** must also provide written notice of the work they intend to perform at least 48 hours prior to commencing any project by providing: a) the BLYC Member’s name

and address; b) the date of the 1st delivery to, or use of, the BLYC launch; c) the dates and duration of the project; d) detailed information regarding the scope of work and types and amounts of items which will generally be transported from the BLYC launch; and e) information on how many delivery days and launch-site visits are anticipated for each job. Any vendor found performing such construction work without a Special Use Construction Permit and/or who does not provide such prior written notice is subject to having its access suspended, or, upon multiple infractions, terminated.

A list of “Authorized Vendors” will be published periodically on the BLYC website:

<https://beaverlakeyachtclub.org/>

D. Additional Regulatory Policies & Rules governing the BLYC property:

1. The electric gate is to remain closed while vendor crews are on the BLYC property, while on the lake, and upon exiting BLYC property. The gate may not be overridden or forced to remain open. Infractions shall result in a fine and the possible suspension of all access rights for the rest of the calendar year.
2. Only authorized and registered vendor crew members shall have BLYC access.
3. “Power Loading” of boats and barges onto trailers on the ramp is strictly prohibited.
4. Those who do not comply with these rules or provide a complete list of resident clients in advance of desired service, may have access privileges revoked or restricted.
5. Overnight parking or mooring of lifts, trailers, barges, materials, equipment, or vehicles on the BLYC grounds or shoreline is prohibited. All vendor equipment must be removed from BLYC property by sunset of each day unless special advance permission is granted in writing by the BLYC Commodore or the Rear Commodore.
6. Commercial Contractors - with large 30’ or longer barges, or 8,000 pound equipment – may not use the BLYC site on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays in July and August.
7. The BLYC property is monitored by video surveillance to ensure safety and compliance.
8. All wake traffic is to operate at least 250’ from shore. (i.e. No Wake within 250’ shoreline)
9. It is a recommended best practice that watercraft be out of other waterways for at least seven (7) days or have been power washed, with all ballasts purged, prior to launching. Follow the Wisconsin DNR Invasive Species signs and the Friends of Beaver Lake (“FOBL”) & BLYC signs onsite.
10. An Aquatic Invasive Species (“AIS”) Removal Station has been established at the BLYC site. Any vehicle with a trailer coming from another lake is expected to stop, inspect, and remove any weeds from the boat, barge, or trailer before launching or re-loading.

E. BLYC Launch will be closed to Commercial Vendors/Contractors on the following dates in 2025

- December 1 to March 31 and all Sundays
- Sat May 31 through Monday June 2 (Memorial Day Weekend)
- Fri July 4 through Sunday July 6 (4th of July Weekend)
- Sat Aug 30 through Monday Sept 1 (Labor Day Weekend)
- All Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays in July & August - for Commercial Contractors.
- High-Water Alerts per Town of Merton slow-no-wake policy as published on the Town of Merton website. (Red buoy alert placed in middle of the lake).
- Such other days as determined by the Board for the betterment of the lake and its Members.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us by phone or by email.

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