



*Beaver Lake Blast*

## Beaver Lake Yacht Club Launch Site Update

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Dear Beaver Lake Homeowners,

Thank you to everyone who shared feedback through the recent survey about the Beaver Lake Yacht Club (BLYC) launch site. Sixty homeowners took the time to respond, and the Board truly appreciates the thought, care, and candor reflected in your comments. I've attempted to give an accurate summary here, however, for those interested, the detailed survey results are posted on the BLYC website.

One thing was very clear from the survey results: there is a wide range of opinions about how the launch site should be used and managed. While nearly everyone agrees the launch is an important shared resource that should be protected, there is no clear agreement on construction use, fees, or how costs should be allocated.

Some homeowners feel strongly that the launch should be limited to boats and seasonal pier activity, while others support limited use for shoreline-related projects when land access simply is not feasible. There were also many different ideas about fees, weight limits, responsibility for repairs, and how decisions should be communicated.

Given these divided viewpoints and the many thoughtful — but differing — recommendations, the Board believes the most responsible path forward is to pause before making changes. Rather than rushing to update policies without broad alignment, we feel it is important to take the time to listen, learn, and fully understand the implications of any changes.

**What this means for 2026: The Board will keep the current launch site policies in place for this year. No new rules or fee changes will be implemented in 2026. Documents are attached and posted on BLYC website.**

Over the coming months, the Board will continue to gather input, review maintenance and usage information, and work toward clarifying options that balance access, fairness, and long-term stewardship of the launch site. As a reminder, all meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the BLYC website. Future meeting dates are also posted for interested parties to RSVP if they

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We plan to readdress potential policy changes at the Annual Meeting in October. At that time, homeowners will have an opportunity to review information in advance, ask questions, and participate in a more structured discussion before any decisions are made.

Thank you again for your engagement and for helping guide these decisions in a constructive and respectful way. We remain committed to transparency and to managing the launch site in a manner that serves the entire Beaver Lake community.

Sincerely,

Rick Boelter, BLYC Commodore

### **Beaver Lake Yacht Club (BLYC) Commercial Vendor & Commercial Contractor Launch Site Access Policy - Effective: 2026.**

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 current 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.

**Please note that the launch site is on a very narrow private dead end road, making it nearly impossible to turn around a tow vehicle and barge. The narrow road does not allow for cross traffic. Also, any stopping/staging on the road will likely result in blocking a driveway. As such, we are asking for only one vendor to access the site at a time. Please STOP before entering the private road and check to see if the launch site is clear. If the launch site is occupied, there is a staging lot/field on the right, just prior to joining the private road. Thanks in advance for your help and consideration.**

**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 vendors, or seasonal pier installation vendors 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. Periodic 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.

**Vendors are not 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

...transporting construction equipment, materials, or supplies; loading, unloading, or stowing 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 BYLC 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 BLYC property:**

1. The electric gate should 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 BLYC grounds or the 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.
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 the 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 2026:**

- December 1 to March 31 and all Sundays
- Saturday May 23 through Monday May 25 (Memorial Day Weekend)
- Friday July 3 through Sunday July 5 (4th of July Weekend)
- Saturday September 5 through Monday Sept 7 (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 buoys 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 email.

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