

# Rules and Regulations for Lake Petersburg Association

All boats stored in the common space near the LPA Maintenance Building will 1) be on trailers, 2) when required by Illinois Law have a State of Illinois DNR issued watercraft registration number on both sides of the front of the boat, and 3) when required by Illinois Law have a current State of Illinois DNR issued watercraft registration expiration decal next to the registration numbers. All trailers, of any sort, must 1) be in good working order (no flat tires) so that the maintenance staff can easily move for mowing, 2) have the owner's lot number stenciled on the tongue of the trailer next to the current LPA decal, and 3) have a license plate. A Special Permit may be obtained from Lake Office for Members who need special accommodations such as pontoons without trailers and trailers with locking brakes.

The common space near the LPA Maintenance Building is the ONLY common space where boats and trailers are to be stored.

## **3.5 Dam Area**

The Dam is a restricted area and there is no trespassing allowed.

## **SECTION 4: LAKE USAGE**

### **4.1 State Boat and Safety**

The provisions of the State of Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act (625 ILCS 45) are incorporated by reference into these regulations. Every boat operator is required to know the Boat Registration and Safety Act. Any violation of the Act is a violation of these rules. A guide containing highlights of the Act is available on the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Internet site at: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/boating/Documents/BoatDigest.pdf>

It can also be obtained at the Association Office. The full text of the Act can be found at: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs5.asp?ActID=1826&ChapterID=49>

### **4.2 Safe Boating**

Boating is subject to the following restrictions:

- A. The speed of boats shall be reduced to idle speed – NO WAKE at 8:00 P.M. or the official sunset, whichever occurs first. The NO WAKE requirement will be enforced from 8:00 P.M. or official sunset until 10:00 A.M. the following day. Fast boating may resume at 10:00 A.M. seven days a week.
- B. The speed limit for any boat on Lake Petersburg is 40 miles per hour.
- C. The racing of power boats is not permitted.
- D. All motorized water craft shall be driven in a counter-clockwise pattern.
- E. Boats shall not be tied together on open water of the lake unless towing a disabled boat. Tying up is allowed in no wake areas as long as other boats can pass.
- F. Proper navigational lights must be used after official sunset or 8:00 pm, whichever occurs first, until official sunrise.
- G. Repeat violations of safe boating rules may result in the suspension of boating privileges for the membership following notice and a hearing.
- H. Members and their guests are required to obey the directions of the Lake Patrol. Failure to obey directions of Lake Patrol, in addition to any fine, may result in suspension of boating privileges for the membership following notice and a hearing.

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## **4.3 Reckless Operation**

No boat may be operated in a reckless or otherwise dangerous manner. In addition to any fines that may be assessed, violation of this rule may result in suspension of boating privileges for the membership following notice and a hearing.

## **4.4 Damaging/Hazardous Wakes**

As the speed of a boat is increased, the bow rises, causing the stern to plow through the water. Maintaining this state without transitioning to plane creates the largest wake and has the most potential for damage. Therefore, plowing for an excessive time is prohibited. Plowing for more than a minute will be considered excessive, although a lesser period may qualify. No boat shall be operated in a manner as to obstruct the vision of the operator or create an unusually high or hazardous wake.

Because of the relatively small size of Lake Petersburg and the wear and tear on shorelines and the danger to others using the lake, any boat designed to produce large wakes by the use of wake enhancing devices is prohibited. This includes devices that add weight to a boat, including but not limited to water or sand-filled bags (ballast), bladders, pods, sofas, launch pads, fat bladders, locker sacks, hydrofoil, Hull technology, etc., and the use of wedges, power fins or homemade devices. Enhancing wake by artificial means is prohibited.

When boat stickers are purchased, members will need to certify their boat is not a wake boat and that they have not added any wake enhancing device to their boat.

Any person, other than someone who purchased their boat prior to July 10, 2018, and registered it as a wake boat with the Lake office by July 25, 2018, who places a wake boat in the reservoir or falsely certifies their boat is not a wake boat may be required to remove said boat from the reservoir after notice and a hearing. Any person who operates a boat in the reservoir in a wake enhanced mode may be required to remove said boat from the reservoir after notice and a hearing.

All owners of a grandfathered wake boat should familiarize themselves with Rule 4.8(B)(14) which provides the Association has the power and authority to prohibit, restrict, or otherwise limit or regulate any boat should it become necessary to do so in the interest of public health or safety or the protection or improvement of the reservoir.

Only wake boats registered with the Lake Office by July 25, 2018 shall be grandfathered in. It is the boat, and not the member, that is grandfathered in. See Rule 4.8 (B) (8) which prohibits the sale or transfer of any wake boat to another member.

## **4.5 Teak Surfing, Platform Dragging and Body Surfing Prohibited**

Teak surfing, platform dragging, and body surfing are prohibited.

Teak surfing or platform dragging is holding onto any portion of the exterior of the transom of a vessel, including the swim platform, swim deck, swim step, or swim ladder while a power driven boat is underway or idling, except for normal ingress and egress into and out of the boat.

Body surfing is the sport of riding a wake or wave without the assistance of any buoyant device such as a surfboard, body board or ski rope.

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## 4.6 No Wake Conditions

During high water or bad weather conditions, flags will be posted on the dam and on buoys. Also, Flag Signs will be posted at the five (5) entrances to the lake.

- A. **Black Flag.** Indicates “No Wake/Idle Speed” for the entire lake during high water conditions.
- B. **Red Flag.** Indicates no boating on the entire lake during bad weather or other emergency conditions.

## 4.7 No Wake - Idle Speed Definition

No wake means any vessel operating in a speed zone posted as "Idle Speed “is to have no wake whatsoever; possibly 600-900 RPMs, depending on your boat. This applies to the posted “No Wake” zones (posted with a buoy) and all channels or inlets that have homes.

## 4.8 Boat Registration Required

- A. All motorized boats operated on Lake Petersburg shall be required to display a current State of Illinois issued watercraft registration in the name of the Regular Member or Associate Member.
- B. No boat or craft of any kind may be propelled, kept, or used in the reservoir; or stored or kept on the marginal land, until the owner has registered such boat or craft and secured registration decals with numbers from the Association. Registration for motorized boats must accompany the payment of the annual license fees at the Association Office.
  1. **Registration Fees.** The amount is set by the Board for each boat or craft.
  2. **Membership Required.** No registration decal shall be issued except to a Member of the Association.
  3. **Number of Boats and Motors.** A Member may have up to two (2) gasoline powered boats but only one (1) boat can have a motor over 25 horsepower. There may be any number of boats without a gas motor.
  4. **Registration Decal Display.** Decals shall be displayed adjacent to state registration numbers. If the State does not require registration then the LPA decal shall be displayed in a clearly visible location. Current year registration decals shall be displayed by May 15<sup>th</sup> and will expire on May 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year.
  5. **Paddleboard Decal Display.** Only one lake decal is required to be placed on the tail end of the Standup Paddle Board (SUP) either on the bottom or on the top of the board.
  6. **Boat Length Regulation:**
    - a. Motor driven boats– 20 feet maximum
    - b. Hull type deck boats – 22 feet maximum
    - c. Pontoons – 28 feet maximum
    - d. Sailboats – 20 feet maximum
    - e. Canoes, paddleboats and rowboats – no length restriction
    - f. Members attempting to circumvent this rule will forfeit boating rights for that boat(s) following notice and a hearing.
  7. **Personal Watercraft.** Airboats, electric surfboards and all jet propelled watercraft including jet boats, jet skis, and bumper boats are prohibited. Boats with inboard, outboard, inboard/outboard motors along with, pontoons, sailboats, canoes, paddleboats, paddleboards, rowboats, kayaks or hull type

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- deck boats are allowed (all within regulation length). Any other type of watercraft needs approval by the Lake Board.
8. **Sale of Any Boat or Craft.** The registration issued shall cease to apply when a boat or craft is sold, but such registration and the registration number may be transferred to any other qualified boat or craft then owned by the vendor upon his written application and payment to the Association of a transfer fee of one dollar. The boat or craft so sold shall be removed from the reservoir or registered by the purchaser if the purchaser is a Regular or Associate Member. Grandfathered wake boats are not permitted to be transferred to other Regular or Associate Members.
  9. **Renting and Passengers.** The renting of boats for hire or carrying passengers for hire on the reservoir is prohibited.
  10. **Houseboats.** No houseboats shall be permitted on the reservoir.
  11. **Toilet Facilities.** No boat or craft used or operated on the reservoir shall be equipped with toilet facilities.
  12. **Pollution of Waters.** Persons using or operating any boat or craft on the waters of the reservoir shall do so in such manner as not to create any unsanitary condition in or about such waters and shall not pollute such waters by the discharge, in any material amount, of oil or other polluting liquid or solid tending to make such waters unwholesome or injurious to aquatic life.
  13. **Nuisances.** No boat or craft shall be used, or operated, nor any horn or sound device sounded so as to create a nuisance or disturb the peace or quiet of any neighborhood.
  14. **Reservation of Rights of the Association.** The Association shall at times have power and authority to prohibit, restrict or otherwise limit or regulate the keeping, maintenance or operation of any or all boats and crafts on the waters of the reservoir should it become necessary to do so in the interest of public health or safety, or the protection or improvement of the reservoir or other cause.
  15. **Impounding Vessels Adrift, etc. by the Association.** Any boat or craft abandoned or adrift or any unlicensed boat or craft, found in the reservoir, shall be taken up by the Association and the Association shall have a lien against it for all registration fees and the expense of taking, towing, keeping, advertising and selling of the same and for all damage caused by such craft, and may enforce such lien by advertisement and sale of such craft in like manner as chattel mortgages may be foreclosed under the laws of this state. Nothing herein shall be construed as exonerating the owner or operator of any boat or craft from personal liability to the Association or any other person, for any damage or injury caused by such boat or craft.

### 4.9 Falsification of Registration

Anyone who knowingly alters or compromises the integrity of an outboard motor or applies fraudulent horsepower markings in an attempt to obtain two permits for motors over 25 horsepower shall forfeit boating rights. Boating rights will also be forfeited for anyone who buys an over-length boat and alters the registration to conform to the allowed limit. Notice and a hearing should occur prior to any forfeiture.