

UNDER THE INFLUENCE:

No person under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance shall operate watercraft on Forest Lake.

IMPROPER MOORING:

Boaters may not, at any time, moor their watercraft to Forest Lake owned buoys or floats. There is no permanent docking on Forest Lake Association property unless you are in a dock that you have rented.

WATER PATROL:

Periodically an Association volunteer watercraft may be seen on the lake identified by a visible Water Patrol flag. This will be for observation of safety violations. Forest Lake sticker numbers may be recorded and reported. Please be courteous remembering that safety is important to each of us.

WATER SPORTS PERIOD:

As a courtesy, persons in tow behind any size powerboat are allowed only from 9:00AM to 8:00PM - skiing, tubing, etc.

SUBMERGED OBSTACLES:

All boaters must be alert to floating or submerged obstacles such as logs, dropped water skis, etc. Any unmarked obstacle should be reported immediately to Water Patrol, Security or any Board Member for appropriate action.

ADHERENCE TO SAFETY RULES:

As listed in the "MICHIGAN BOATING GUIDE" and "FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS". These guidelines contain excerpts from these publications.

PROPELLERS:

Always turn off boat motors when any person in the water is near or approaching a propeller.

COMMON COURTESY:

The best way to avoid problems is to eliminate conflicts by using simple courtesy. Such considerations should include a wide berth for fishermen, swimmers, or downed water skiers. In general, treat others as you would prefer that they treat you.

HAVE FUN AND A SAFE SEASON!!!

Welcome to Forest Lake



General Guidelines for Safe and Enjoyable Boating on Our Lake.

FORWARD

Welcome to summer boating on beautiful Forest Lake!

This is one of the most treasured privileges of membership in the Forest Lake Property Owners' Association. It is our sincere hope that you will treat this privilege with safety and concern, not only for yourself but others as well.

This booklet is offered to highlight subjects of importance for pleasurable, courteous boating and water safety.

Copies of the "MICHIGAN BOATING GUIDE" and "FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS" are available at the office. You are responsible for being familiar with and adhering to the provisions in these publications.

ELIGIBILITY:

Due to environmental conditions and their effect on the ecology of the lake, only the first named Forest Lake property owner on the deed in good standing may apply for registration of boats for use on Forest Lake.

BOAT SIZE:

- A. Pontoon boats must not exceed 25 feet. All other watercraft must not exceed a length of 20 feet. (A boat must have aluminum or steel pontoons to qualify as a pontoon boat).
- B. Any "grandfathering" of a boat or pontoon in excess of A. (above) will not continue if ownership changes, or if not registered in a current calendar year.

REGISTRATION OF ALL WATERCRAFT:

- A. Eligible property owners in good standing must apply annually for boat registration at the office prior to boat use on Forest Lake.
- B. The watercraft must be registered in the property owner's name.
- C. When required, the registered watercraft must have a properly affixed State of Michigan registration number and current validation decal.
- D. After registration, two Forest Lake I.D. stickers will be issued, each of which shall be permanently affixed to each side of the windshield, or if none, immediately adjacent to the Michigan registration number. "Scotch taping" or other forms of temporary fixation, or transfer to another watercraft is not allowed. Violators shall be subject to appropriate sanction.

KEYS:

A key will be issued for the launch site gate. **IT IS NOT TO BE DUPLICATED.**

JET SKIS:

- A. As stated above, jet skis must be registered and "stickered" in the same manner as all other watercraft.
- B. Please be aware of operator age restrictions as set forth in the "MICHIGAN BOATING GUIDE" for all powered watercraft.

BOAT LAUNCH SITE:

- A. Launch site gates are to be relocked immediately after boat launching, or upon removal from the lake. If other boaters are at the site and present current "stickered" watercraft, the gate may be left unlocked for their use.
- B. For security reasons the Ringneck Park launch site is not expected to be available for launching on weekends and holidays.

BOAT LAUNCH CHECKS:

From time to time Water Patrol or Security will be stationed at the launch site gates to admit only properly authorized watercraft.

SPEED:

No watercraft shall exceed a speed of 35 miles per hour on Forest Lake at any time. Watch your wake ... protect our shoreline!!!

TRAFFIC FLOW:

For safety reasons boat traffic will travel in a counterclockwise direction insofar as reasonably possible. Jet skis are included.

SLOW-NO WAKE SPEED:

- A. When approaching a shoreline dock, raft, buoy, swimming area or an anchored watercraft, a distance of not less than 100 feet shall be maintained or a SLOW NO-WAKE speed shall be maintained.
- B. As a courtesy, power boating of any size is limited to SLOW - NO WAKE speed before 9:00AM and after 8:00PM.

RIGHT OF WAY:

Non-powered watercraft such as canoes, rowboats, sailboats and paddleboats shall have the RIGHT OF WAY over powerboats. Powerboats are legally responsible for personal injury or property damage caused by operator negligence.