

# Lake Lorelei Property Owners Association

## Highlights of Boating Rules

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This is a highlight of the Boating Rules. For the complete section go to [LLPOA Rules](#).

All persons using Lake Lorelei waterways shall comply with Ohio Watercraft (ODNR) Laws AND Lake Lorelei (LLPOA) Boating Rules. Members are responsible for whoever operates their watercraft –family member, guest, etc. We expect safe and courteous operation of all watercraft on our lake –please ensure that anyone operating your boat is aware of and responsible to LLPOA and ODNR rules and regulations.

This document highlights LLPOA-specific rules, as well as key ODNR regulations. Be sure that drivers of your boats are familiar with both. Either contact the LLPOA office or check [www.lakelorelei.ohio.com](http://www.lakelorelei.ohio.com) for the most current version of this document, and for links to the ODNR web site. The ODNR web site contains the Operator's Guide and rules for safe operation on our waterways. Free copies of the Operator's Guide and these rules are also available at the office.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Watercraft Laws of Ohio shall be enforced for the purpose of safety and orderly conduct upon the waters of Lake Lorelei. If any Lake Lorelei rule exceeds any state law or regulation, the Lake Lorelei rule shall govern and take precedence. Any change in state law that exceeds a Lake Lorelei rule will render the Lake Lorelei rule obsolete.

Boating, skiing, and related activities are undertaken at your own risk. The LLPOA assumes no liability or responsibility for injuries to persons/property caused by persons boating/skiing on the Lake Lorelei waterways.

### **REGISTRATION & IDENTIFICATION**

1. All watercraft to be operated on the lake must be registered with the Association and display a current LLPOA decal affixed to the stern.
2. Only watercraft owned by an LLPOA member in good standing or renter in good standing may be registered. All watercraft must be registered (including non-powered such as kayaks, canoes, etc.) A watercraft on the lake for less than one hour for demonstration only, when said intent is to purchase said watercraft, is exempt. The General Manager or a Trustee must grant prior permission for such demonstration.
3. Proof of ownership (state registration) and a current copy of insurance showing continued liability insurance on each watercraft must be on file with the Association.
4. The LLPOA decal will be numbered, with a decal number assigned to each watercraft.
5. Your lot number must be displayed in 3 inch numbers on both sides of each watercraft near the stern.

### **SPECIFICATION**

1. The maximum length for pontoon boats is 26' and the maximum length for all other boats is 20'.
2. Unmanned motorized skiing devices are prohibited.
3. Exhaust systems that exceed noise levels of 90 decibels in a stationary sound test or 75 decibels in any level of operation 200 feet or more away are prohibited. Through-hull or above water exhaust systems are prohibited.

### **OHIO SETS SPECIAL RULES FOR OPERATION OF VESSELS ON LAKE LORELEI**

On October 18, 2002 the State of Ohio adopted special rules for operation of vessels on Lake Lorelei. These rules are listed in the Ohio Administrative Code 1501:47-7-16:

1. Upon the waters of Lake Lorelei, no person shall operate or permit to be operated a powercraft at a speed greater than 35 mph from sunrise to sunset within the water-ski or open zone.
2. No person shall operate or permit to be operated a powercraft at a speed greater than 6 mph from sunset to sunrise within the water-ski or open zone.
3. No person shall operate or permit to be operated a powercraft at greater than idle speed, or at a speed that creates a wake within 150 feet of the marina, gasoline dock, and launch ramp.

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4. No person shall operate or permit to be operated a powercraft at greater than idle speed or at a speed that creates a wake within the coves and in the Northern no-wake zone.

5. Powercraft shall be operated in a counter-clockwise traffic pattern with the shoreline on the starboard (right) side of the powercraft.
6. No person shall operate or permit to be operated a powercraft in a clockwise direction, unless the operator is picking up a fallen water-skier.
7. A "wake" as used in this rule, shall be defined as a track left by a watercraft in the water causing waves or swells.

#### **Enforcement of LLPOA/ODNR Rules & Regulations:**

Lake Lorelei will be patrolled at random times by LLPOA representatives who are authorized to stop boaters and if appropriate, issue citations for violations. Violations may qualify for a Class I (\$100.00) or Class II (\$200.00) fine. Members in good standing may also report violations of safety rules. Members wanting to report violations should do so either to the LLPOA General Manager or to any patrol boat on duty.

#### **SUMMARY OF ACCEPTABLE OPERATION OF POWERCRAFT**

##### **Reckless Operation**

##### **No person shall operate a vessel, water skis or similar device:**

- carelessly or heedlessly;
- without due caution;
- in disregard of the rights or safety of any person, vessel, or property; or
- at a rate of speed or in a manner so as to endanger any person, vessel, or property.

##### **No person shall operate or permit operation of a vessel in an unsafe manner. Unsafe operation includes:**

- becoming airborne while crossing the wake of another vessel within 100 feet or other unsafe distance;
- operating at a speed or proximity to a vessel or person being towed so as to require either vessel to swerve to avoid collision;
- operating less than 200 feet behind a water-skier or towable;
- weaving through congested traffic; and
- operating a boat with passengers standing, sitting above the gunwales, on sundecks and/or on platforms.

#### **LAKE LORELEI OPERATION AND AGE VARIATION TO OHIO REQUIREMENTS**

1. No person under the age of 16 shall operate any motorized watercraft, except that a person between the ages of 12 and 15 years may operate a motorized watercraft if a supervising person 18 years of age or older is aboard. Both the operator and the supervising person must comply with the Ohio Education Requirement. State of Ohio minimum age requirements apply for manually propelled watercraft.
2. Watercraft under power, except with electric motors, shall not be operated within 20 feet of swimming areas, shorelines or docks. Swimming is not permitted from any watercraft.
3. Towing multiple skiers, wakeboarders or more than one device such as a tube, surfboard, or similar device simultaneously is prohibited from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays. If you have more than one person on a towable of any kind you should immediately pick up any rider that falls off. Also, your boat must have appropriate capacity for driver, spotter and all passengers on the towable (*for instance, a two person jet ski cannot tow a one-person tube*).
4. Wake surfing is prohibited from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays. Wake surfing (similar to, but not the same sport as, wakeboarding) is a water sport in which a surfer trails behind a boat, surfing the boat's wake.
5. Docking at the marina is limited to 15 minutes. Overnight docking at the Clubhouse is prohibited. Launching on Association property is limited to the launch ramp next to the marina.
6. Watercraft will not be permitted to operate on LLPOA waterways if it is closed due to an emergency or lake maintenance. This will be indicated by a red flag at various points on the lake. In the event of high or low water levels, a Yellow flag will indicate idle speed for all watercraft. A yellow flag will be assumed during winter pool.

Questions should be directed to the LLPOA office at 513.875.3435.