

LAKE LIMERICK COUNTRY CLUB, Inc.
LAKE RULES AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

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- 1) Violation of applicable Federal, State, County or LLCC Lake Rule or regulation (see Reference) may result in the suspension of member's boating privileges and/or the assessment of a fine.
- 2) Members shall be responsible for their guests conduct.
- 3) Non-member power vessels (including relatives and guests') **ARE NOT PERMITTED** on the lake unless actively engaged in fishing. Launching of non-member vessels from LLCC boat launches is prohibited.
- 4) Launching or recovery of a trailered boat from a member's property is prohibited.
- 5) No parking of motor vehicles is allowed within 20 feet of the shoreline.
- 6) All member vessels used on LLCC waterways, which require Washington State Registration, must be currently registered with the State, and they must also be registered with LLCC as described in the "Vessel Registration Procedures and Forms" document. Important elements include:
 - a. On application for the LLCC watercraft tags, the current year (original) State Registration must be presented.
 - b. The LLCC watercraft tags shall be clearly visible on the exterior of the vessel hull or windshield in accordance with the Vessel Registration Procedures and Forms document.
 - c. All vessels with Washington State Registration and NO division/lot numbers or LLCC watercraft tag **WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE LAKE**, unless actively fishing from that boat.
- 7) All member registered vessels shall be identified with their division and lot numbers.
 - a. The numbers are to be a minimum of 3 inches high and of a **CONTRASTING COLOR** to the hull.
 - b. The numbers are to be displayed on the hull (towards the stern), on the port **and** starboard sides. If they cannot be seen there, then they are to be displayed on the port **and** starboard sides of the windshield.
- 8) Vessels shall not use devices or systems designed to create excessive wakes including ballast bags or tanks or external, mechanical wake generating devices.
- 9) Vessels shall not be operated in a manner which creates large wakes (stunting, swerving, donuts, powered bow-up, other). Wake surfing (no tow rope) is also not allowed.
- 10) Pontoon boats over 20 feet in length and other vessels over 19 feet in length are not allowed on the lake. Vessel length will be as stated on the State of Washington Vessel Certificate of Title and/or Vessel Registration. Vessel length is based on Washington State Law, WAC 308-93-285 – Vessel Length Measurement.
- 11) Members may request an exception from the Board for a competition ski boat up to 20 feet in length provided certain criteria are met (ex: near-flat bottom and straight shaft inboard engine). Requests must be submitted to the Lake/Dam Committee and requires their recommendation to the Board for approval. When purchasing a new boat, homeowners are strongly encouraged to review boat specifications with the Lake/Dam committee prior to purchase.
- 12) E-foils are classified as motorized vessels, are allowed, and **MUST** observe all vessel usage and safety rules. Jet Skis, WaveRunners, and Sea-Doos that one can sit-on or stand-on and remote-controlled towing devices are prohibited.
- 13) Maximum vessel speeds on the lake shall be as follows:
 - a. 8 MPH - Lakeside of the buoy line (all hours except as noted below)
 - b. 35 MPH - Lakeside of the buoy line during skiing hours (10:00 AM-7:00 PM daily)
 - c. NO WAKE - Shore side of the buoy line (all hours)
 - d. NO WAKE - Bird Sanctuary, King's Cove (aka Log Toy Cove)

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- 14) Vessels and skiers, exceeding 8 mph, shall remain lakeside of the buoy line at all times and 100 feet from other vessels, skiers and swimmers.
- 15) Tow vessels shall have a responsible driver and responsible observer/flagger. Individual property owners shall be, at all times, responsible for verifying the qualifications of the observer/flagger and driver in their boat, according to Mason County Ordinance.
 - a. An observer/flagger shall be at least 12 years of age.
 - b. A red warning flag shall be used to denote a person in the water.
 - c. Vessels must be operated in a counterclockwise pattern.
 - d. Skiers wishing to “drop a ski” must do so at the buoy line. Dropping a ski in the ski lanes is strictly forbidden.
 - e. When a vessel is pulling more than one person, and one falls, the other person(s) is/are required to drop off immediately. Under no circumstances shall a vessel continue down the lake, leaving a person(s) in the water.
 - f. Vessels pulling a skier shall not go inside of the buoy line (shore side) at any time. This includes starting or dropping off skiers.
- 16) Water ski tournaments are typically held during "Lake Limerick Daze" and "End of Summer Bash". The ski course is installed and removed on a yearly basis by the LLCC water ski club. Removal is typically complete by the end of September. Extra ski practices are allowed the two weeks prior to a tournament (weather permitting) as follows:
 - a. Friday 7 pm to dusk
 - b. Saturday and Sunday 8 am to 10 am - and - 7 pm to dusk

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- 17) Wind surfers, paddle boarders, E-foilers and all persons being towed shall wear an adequate approved floatation device. Riders should maintain awareness of surrounding boat traffic and be cognizant of their visibility to other boaters.
- 18) Operation-Right-Of-Way Rules states that a swimmer has the right of way over any craft "AT ALL TIMES".
 - a. Any swimmer more than 100 feet from the shore or lakeside of the buoy line **MUST** be escorted by a vessel displaying a red flag.
 - b. Swimming or floating on an inner tube, mattress or other floatation device **SHALL NOT** be allowed lakeside of the buoy line during skiing hours.
- 19) Buoys are **NOT** to be used by swimmers as floatation or mooring devices.
- 20) For personal safety, riding on a vessel deck, side, or standing while the vessel is under power, at speeds of 8 MPH, or greater is prohibited.
- 21) All boaters are responsible for their own wake.
- 22) All boats shall use legal navigation lights after sunset.
- 23) All vessel operators must have a "Washington Boater Education Card" unless; 1) vessel engine is less than 15 horsepower 2) operator was born prior to Jan 1, 1955 or 3) operator has a US Coast Guard License.
- 24) Any member boater who observes a safety issue or a violation of these lake rules and safety guidelines is encouraged to render aid and/or inform the other party of the lake rule or safety guideline.

Reference:

Code of Federal Regulations: <https://www.uscgboating.org/regulations/federal-regulations.php>
Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 79A.60 Regulation of Recreational Vessels
Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Chapter 352-60 Recreational vessel equipment and operation
Mason County Code Chapter 9.04 Motorboats (Ordinance No. 83-88)