# **LAKE MOHAWK MARINE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

All rules and regulations of the State of New Jersey are applicable to Lake Mohawk.

The following rules and regulations supersede all previously published

Lake Mohawk Country Club Marine Rules and Regulations

#### **PREFACE**

Lake Mohawk is a private lake and is intended for use by its members only. The rights of peace, tranquility, and privacy must be respected.

Our lake is patrolled by the LMCC Marine Patrol and the New Jersey State Police. These officers are authorized to enforce Federal and State Laws as well as the Marine Rules and Regulations contained herein. Over the years the Marine Patrol has done much more than call attention to safety infractions. Many lives have been saved and accidents avoided by their insistence on the observation of safety rules and regulations.

Many of our members are new to boating, and it is required that they take a formal boating safety course. Various United States Coast Guard courses are available in the area and they are well worth the time.

The Lake is open to all members in good standing to enjoy any or all of the various leisure-time activities offered. Abiding by the rules allows all to enjoy the pleasures offered by our beautiful lake.

### **BOATS**

Any person planning to purchase a boat over 19' in length is advised to contact the Lake Mohawk Country Club Office or Marine Services (See Item 4, below) prior to purchase.

- 1. Current Lake Mohawk Country Club Boat Tags (stickers) must be affixed on the port and starboard bow behind and in close proximity to the New Jersey Registration number. Tags are not transferrable. Tags must be affixed prior to launch and must be renewed on an annual basis. Boats in violation of this provision are subject to a fine equal to 50% of the Lake Mohawk registration fee for the first offense and to a fine equal to 100% of the Lake Mohawk registration fee for subsequent offenses. Continued failure to comply with above boat registration and boat tag display may result in a Board of Adjudication Hearing before the Marine Services Committee.
- 2. Gasoline-powered watercrafts are not permitted on Upper Lake Mohawk or Alpine Pool. Powerboats designated primarily for racing are not permitted on Lake Mohawk. Powered platforms, wheeled, tracked, or skidded amphibious vehicles, jet skis, jet boats, hydroplanes, aquadarts, ski sleds, air boats, hydrofoil, hovercraft, and houseboats are not permitted. No twin-powered or diesel engine craft are permitted on the Lake. Non-approved Boating Industry Association pontoon boats are not permitted.
  - a. Wake-enhancing devices and designs for boats are of serious concern for Lake Mohawk. A large wake from boats has numerous detrimental effects: 1) It can make the lake very choppy and potentially unsafe or unusable for some users (small crafts, water skiers, etc.); 2) Property damage can occur as well as shoreline erosion; and 3) The additional downward forces from the boat and propulsion system disrupt the lower strata of the Lake and the delicate ecological balance of the Lake. To help manage the lake's quality and for the safety of all users, boats with wake enhancing devices such as but not limited to, wedges, plates, or other mechanical devices for wake enhancement will not be allowed to operate on the lake. Boats with built-in ballast systems will be required to disable the systems by means such as removing control fuses, plugging of intake hoses, or removal of weights, hoses, or impellers that fill the systems. Boats with wedges, plates, or other mechanical devices will be required to remove the device, remove the handle for adjusting the plate, disable any electrical control to the

device or put a pin through the device thereby disabling its use. Owners of boats with "fat sacks" or other "stand alone" bladder systems will not be allowed to have them in their boats and will be required to remove such devices. The recommended penalty for violation of this provision is removal of the boat from the Lake for twelve months.

- b. Boats with specific wake-enhancing hull designs are not permitted on Lake Mohawk. The hull design characteristics and description that the boat manufacturer uses to market the boat will determine whether a boat fits into this category.
- c. Boat weight is also recognized as a factor in wake creation and enhancement; therefore the "Wet Weight" of any boat on Lake Mohawk will be limited to 3600 lbs or less. Wet Weight is defined as the manufacturer's specified Dry Weight plus the maximum weight of all operating fluids:
  - (A) Wet weight of the boat- If the manufacturer does not specify the wet weight, it is calculated as the sum of the following two components:
  - 1. Dry Weight of the boat
  - 2. Nominal weight of operating fluids (where applicable):
    - a. Fuel weight (maximum fuel capacity X 6.0 lbs/US gal)
    - b. Engine oil weight (maximum capacity X 6.9 lbs/US gal)
    - c. Engine coolant weight (maximum capacity X 9.3 lbs/US gal)
    - d. Hydraulic oil weight (maximum capacity X 7.5 lbs/US gal)
- d. The "Total Weight" shall not exceed 5500 lbs. Total Weight is defined as the sum of the following three components and must be provided either through the manufacturer's specification documentation or a statement from a dealer or mechanic:
  - (A) Wet weight of the boat- If the manufacturer does not specify the wet weight, it is calculated
  - (B) Maximum weight capacity (manufacturer specified or by the NMMA capacity plate, whichever is greater);
  - (C) Supplemental tank weight (including, but not limited to, live-wells, built-in coolers and integral ballast tanks, calculated by the maximum capacity of the container(s)/tank(s) X 8.3 lbs/US gal);

Wet weight (3600 lbs or less)=A or a+b+c+d

Total weight (5500 lbs or less)=A+B+C

- 3. Club members are advised to contact the Club Office prior to purchasing any boat which may be questionable. The Marine Services Committee must approve all boats before LMCC Tags can be issued. Prior to the issuance of LMCC Tags for your watercraft, it is necessary to present at the Club Office:
- a. LMCC registration card filled out and signed by a member in good standing.
- b. Proof of liability insurance. Minimum coverage must be \$100,000.00.
- c. Current New Jersey Boat Registration.
- d. New Jersey Boating Safety Certificate, and valid Operator's License where applicable.
- e. The watercraft must be inspected by the Marine Services Committee. If the craft is transferred or subsequently altered so that its description on the Club Registration Card is not accurate, the craft must be re-inspected and reapproved. Failure to permit inspection by the Marine Services Committee constitutes grounds for revocation.
- 4. The maximum length for boats on Lake Mohawk is 22'0" (276" or less) as specified by the manufacturer's overall length (OAL). Overall length shall include swim platforms or any other similar structures which may extend beyond the forward or aft areas of the boat hull.
- 5. The maximum width for boats on Lake Mohawk is 8'6" (102" or less) as specified by the manufacturer's overall width (Beam).
- 6. Watercraft shall not be of cabin cruiser type nor contain living quarters. Enclosed passenger compartments are not permitted. Soft detachable tops are permitted. Watercraft may not contain galleys, cuddy cabins, heads, waste lines, or similar facilities.

- 7. All watercraft must meet all United States Coast Guard standards and conform to New Jersey State Law. All boats on Lake Mohawk shall be muffled to produce no more than 73 DBA scale noise reading 50 feet from the boat at any proper setting. Engines may not exceed the boat manufacturer's horsepower rating for the hull. Outboards may not be raised on the transom so that the cavitation plate is above the plane of the bottom of the boat.
- 8. All watercraft previously used on water other than Lake Mohawk must be sanitized with bleach before being put into Lake Mohawk. Such treatment shall include all wetted surfaces including the engine cooling system and the boat trailer. Boats re-entering after being in other waters must again be sanitized.
- 9. All small portable craft are defined as boats. This includes sailboards, canoes, kayaks, sculls, paddle boats, paddle boards, inflatable boats, rowboats, etc. and as such, they must be tagged and equipped and operated with lifesaving devices.
- 10. Any requests for exceptions to these rules must be presented to the Marine Services Committee and the Lake Mohawk Board of Trustees.

## **BOAT DOCUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST**

#### **Required Documents:**

- 1. Valid New Jersey license for boat operation.
- 2. New Jersey Boating Safety Certificate.
- 3. Valid New Jersey Registration for the boat.
- 4. Current and properly displayed New Jersey boat registration numbers and stickers.
- 5. Current and properly displayed Lake Mohawk Tags (stickers).

#### **Equipment Checklist**

- 1. U.S. Coast Guard approved life preservers (PFDs), both the wearable (Types I, II, III, and V) and the throw-able (Type IV) where required. All PFDs must be of appropriate size for every passenger, in good condition, and readily accessible in an emergency.
- 2. Operable fire extinguisher for powerboats, mounted for easy access.
- 3. Triangular orange flag to be displayed only when towing a skier or object.
- 4. Back-fire flame control/flame arrestor (for inboard and I.O. engines).
- 5. Proper ventilation when required for inboard and I.O. engines.
- 6. Sound-producing device (horn or whistle).
- 7. Navigation lights properly installed and working.
- 8. First aid kit, boat hook, oar, extra rope, and garbage bag.
- 9. Operating bilge pump.
- 10. Anchor (mushroom type only).
- 11. Frequent check of the electrical system and fuel system for corrosion and wire damage.

All above items are recommended for operation of boats on Lake Mohawk, and some are also required by State and/or Federal Law. All boaters and prospective boaters shall familiarize themselves with Lake Mohawk Marine Rules and Regulations (obtainable at LMCC Office) and with the State of New Jersey Boating Safety Booklet (obtainable from New Jersey State Police Marine Bureau website.)

### **BOAT STORAGE**

The Township regulation for boat storage is written below. This article serves to remind you that boats must comply completely with the ordinance. If you do not comply, you will be in jeopardy of losing your Boat Privileges on the Lake.

Parking and storage of boats and trailers in any zone shall be permitted to subject to the following restrictions and regulations:

- 1. Trailers, boats or boat trailers which are thirty-two feet or more in length as measure from the outside dimensions including hitching devices shall be stored within an enclosed garage at all times. Trailers, boats or boat trailers less than thirty-two feet in length may be parked or stored outside the confines of a building only in accordance with paragraphs 2 through 7 below.
- 2. All trailers, boats or boat trailers shall be stored in the side yard or rear yard only. No trailer, boat or boat trailer shall be parked or stored in the front yard of a lot or the front yard building line.
- 3. The area devoted to the storage of boats or trailers shall not exceed seven (7) percent of the lot area or 400 square feet whichever is the lesser.
- 4. Any trailer, boat or boat trailer parked in the side or rear yard of any lot shall meet the requirements and regulations applicable to accessory buildings in regard to setbacks.
- 5. To obscure from view to the maximum extent possible, any trailer, boat or boat trailer parked or stored in a side or rear yard and not in an enclosed garage shall be screened to the maximum of six feet. Such screening may be waived it topographical area or other physical conditions would render the screening ineffective.
- 6. The area in which any trailer, boat or boat trailer parked or stored shall not preempt any off-street parking space required to be provided by any provision of this ordinance.
- 7. Failure to comply can impact your boating privileges.