

BOATING

BOATING REGULATIONS FOR THE HIDE-A-WAY HILLS LAKES ARE IN EFFECT AND WILL BE ENFORCED TO MAINTAIN SAFETY AND TO HELP PROTECT PERSONAL PROPERTY. SECURITY OFFICERS MAY ORDER ANY WATERCRAFT OFF THE LAKE FOR VIOLATION OF THE RULES.

1. Only member-owned watercraft may be registered or operated at Hide-A-Way Hills. All watercraft, with or without a motor, must be registered each year with the Club office. Proof of ownership and proof of liability insurance for all motorized craft must be supplied upon request for a dock or sticker. A duplicate copy of state registration, title, or sworn Bill of Sale must be supplied. Any other document must be approved by the Hide-A-Way Hills Club office before receiving a sticker or dock. All stickers must be on existing watercraft by the cut-off date that is required by the Hide-A-Way Hills office for boats to be in their docks.
2. All watercraft, boat trailers, and private docks must be properly identified. Proper identification consists of a member's lot number. Numbers must be in accordance with the State of Ohio (3") or greater in height, affixed on both sides of the watercraft, close to the stern and below any boat cover, and the current Club registration sticker affixed to the outside front tip of the port side (left) pontoon or the port (left) front side of all other watercraft. In all cases the Club registration sticker is to be visible when the boat cover is in place. No watercraft or boat trailers will be permitted within Hide-A-Way Hills without such identification. All lake front lot docks shall be properly identified with numbers at least 3 inches in height. Proper identification consists of the lot number corresponding to boat registration affixed on the dock facing the lake.
3. Parking of cars and trailers in the launching area is prohibited. Cars and trailers are to be moved from this area as soon as the watercraft is launched. Cars or cars with trailers may be parked for brief periods in the areas below the dam, providing trailers are not unhitched from the cars.
4. Watercraft and trailers are not to be stored in the areas below the dam or in the Security parking lot. Overnight parking in these areas, except as approved by the Club, is prohibited. Winter storage of pontoons is permitted in the lot near the woods, as approved by the Club. All other types of watercraft are not to be stored over winter in the lots below the dam.
5. All boats and boat trailers, or other items stored in the storage area near the airstrip must be registered with Security by completing a "Contract to Store in Area Designated Beside Air Strip" form, available at Security. All watercraft in this area must have the member's lot number displayed in 3" numbers visible at all times, and display a current-year HAH boat decal.
6. The service dock is to be used only for refueling and/or taking on gear and passengers. Watercraft must not be left tied to the service dock or launching pier without the operator being present. Attempt to limit use of the service dock to ten (10) minutes maximum.
7. No watercraft is permitted within the designated beach area. NON-SKI AND NO WAKE areas are well marked and will be enforced.

8. Swimming, sunbathing and fishing from the Club docks or launching area is prohibited except for fishing from the beach area boat docks. However, fishing from Club docks is permitted when boats are removed for the winter season.
9. All small children on the docks, or near the launching area, must be accompanied by an adult.
10. A speed limit slow enough to prevent a wake must be maintained within seventy-five (75) feet of common docks, swimming beaches, and other designated areas, and within twenty-five (25) feet of any other land or private dock. A maximum speed of 30 mph in non-restricted areas is allowed by all watercraft. All watercraft will maintain a safe speed for conditions. The speed limit after dark, with a properly lighted watercraft must be slow enough to prevent a wake.
11. All watercraft MUST maintain a counterclockwise flow.
12. Any driver operating watercraft in a reckless or unsafe manner may be required to leave the lake and may be subject to a fine.
13. Watercraft cannot be anchored overnight for sleeping or camping purposes.
- 13.1 The following are prohibited at Hide-A-Way Hills except for watercraft acquired, registered and used at Hide-A-Way Hills prior to May 1, 2013 and registered without interruption each year thereafter:
 - A. Any Houseboat
 - B. Any watercraft which:
 - i. Is a power boat over 20'6" (twenty feet six inches) in centerline length, except for a deck boat which may be up to 22'6" (twenty two feet six inches) or a pontoon boat which may be up to 24'6" (twenty-four feet six inches) in length;
 - ii. Has a cabin (other than a small cuddy cabin);
 - iii. Has more than a single engine (other than small outboard auxiliary motors);
 - iv. Has a fly bridge.
 - C. Jet skis or craft specifically manufactured to be operated from a standing position.
 - D. All boats, including boats previously owned and registered for operation on Hide-A-Way Hills lakes, being registered for the first time by a new owner (HAH member) must be physically measured by Hide-A-Way Hills Security following the criteria below.
 - Speed boats --- from centerline bow to transom (excluding the motor)
 - Deck boats --- from centerline bow to transom (excluding the motor)
 - Pontoon boats --- the longest point from front to rear (excluding the motor)
14. State of Ohio and USCG (United States Coast Guard) safety requirements and buoy markings will be followed. When water-skiing, tubing, or when using any towing device, three (3) persons must be present at all times: the person being towed, the operator, and a qualified observer (10 years of age or older). Coast Guard Type I, II or III life jackets must be worn by the person being towed.

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15. Water skiing and jet skiing are allowed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and sunset only. Sunset as is determined by the National Weather Service.
16. Using a dock not assigned to you is prohibited. Relocating without authorization may result in being denied all lake privileges and fine(s).
17. Effective 3/1/2020, only pontoon boats, speed boats and wave runners will be assigned public Club dock space. When assigning docks, the Club shall assign on a first-come, first-serve basis. Members who have applied for and received a dock the previous year will be considered for the same dock if proof of insurance and an application is received by the deadline. If applications submitted exceed docks available, those members will be placed on a waiting list for the next available dock. The Club shall reserve the right to make all assignments to ensure that the safety of watercraft and the integrity of the HAH docks are maintained.
 - A. Docks are assigned one to a membership, not to the boat or lot. If you purchase a boat already docked in a common dock, you must have a boat registration on file and be next on the waiting list. The dock does not go with the boat or the lot.
 - B. No more than one dock may be assigned per membership.
18. Docks that have been assigned and remain empty for a period of three (3) weeks will be reassigned, unless the Hide-A-Way Hills Club office has had prior notification. Acceptable reasons include vacation, repairs, or other reasons approved by the Club.
19. Security has the authority to remove from the lakes those who disregard the rules and regulations established by the HAH Board of Trustees.
20. Gas motors are permitted on the "Lake of Four Seasons" ONLY - prohibited on other Lakes.
21. Installation of carpeting or any other moisture retaining material on the docks is prohibited. Any material installed in violation of this rule will be removed by the Club.
22. No member-owned watercraft shall be operated by any social guest or short term tenant at Hide-A-Way Hills unless accompanied by a member, permanent guest, long term tenant or family guest.
23. All watercraft and associated gear that has been exposed to known Zebra mussel infested waterways must be left out of the water for ten days and the watercraft owner must treat the bilge and fish tanks with chlorine.
24. All personal watercraft (PWC) must display the lot number, to which the craft is registered, by affixing permanent lettering and numbers. Numbers must be in accordance with the State of Ohio (3") or greater in height on both side panels of the craft. This lettering must be visible and above the waterline during normal operation. Violators are subject to removal from the lake. All PWC must also display a current HAH registration decal.
25. In addition to all referenced above, all existing Ohio State Laws, Rules, and Regulations pertaining to the safe and courteous operation of watercraft and personal watercraft can be enforced on all lakes within Hide-A-Way Hills. It is the responsibility of each member, permanent guest, family member, long term tenant or social guest engaged in the operation of watercraft to be familiar with existing Ohio State Laws, Rules, and Regulations regarding the safe operation of the type of craft they are using.

26. Wake boats that are designed for large wakes, or ski boats modified with an add-on ballast bladder to the inside passenger area of the boat to create excessive waves, are banned from Hide-A-Way Hills. Boats registered before July 2008 will be grandfathered and not allowed to utilize ballast tanks.
27. All watercraft must be removed from Hide-A-Way Hills Club docks (for the winter) one week following the posted date of the lowering of the Lake of the Four Seasons. If your boat is not removed by this time, the Maintenance Department will be instructed to do so at a charge of \$275.00 that will be billed to you or payment can be made directly to the office. This removal fee must be paid in full by January 1 of the following year. Failure to pay this fee will result in no dock assignment for the next boating season.
28. Racks are provided at the north end of the Lake of the Four Seasons and at Lake Eagle Claw for members to store their canoes and kayaks during warm weather. All canoes and kayaks must be removed from these areas between November 15th and March 1st. Any watercraft left in this area during this time will be removed by Maintenance staff and the owner/member will be charged a fee.
29. Hide-A-Way Hills Club prohibits parking on earthen dams. No cars, trucks, golf carts, ATV's or UTV's are allowed. Only Security and Maintenance vehicles are permitted. Wear and tear on the dams by vehicles is a safety and environmental issue. However, ATV, UTV and golf-cart parking is permitted at the top of the spillway in the designated parking spaces.
30. Members may remove watercraft from club docks on the Lake of the Four Seasons any time after the Labor Day Holiday has ended. This will not result in the forfeiture of their assigned dock for the following season, provided the member is current on assessments and has submitted the proper registration documents required for their boat to the Hide-A-Way Hills office. The member is required to notify the office of the early removal of their boat.

Note:

No watercraft may be stored in the parking area at the base of the dam nor in the area next to the woods prior to the annual Lakes Committee Pontoon Removal date each season. No exceptions.

Removal of the boat without notification to the HAH office will result in the dock being put on the "3 week empty rule list" by HAH Security. A dock 3 weeks empty, without notification of a reason to the HAH office, results in losing your dock.

31. Effective November 15, 2016, a large inflatable flotation device exceeding 31 square feet (about the size of a double air mattress) may not be stored on any lake so that it extends beyond the lakefront owner's property line on either side of their property, or beyond 18 feet from the shoreline. Such a device must be securely anchored, or tethered to the shoreline, when not in use. Such devices may never interfere with any boat traffic or block coves.

No inflatable flotation device, whether owned by a lakefront property owner or non-lakefront property owner, regardless of size, may be left unattended, free-floating, or permanently held in place off-shore by anchors or tethers.

Non-lakefront property owners must remove an inflatable flotation device after use on any lake. When in use they may not interfere with any boat traffic or block coves.

There is a limit of one (1) such flotation device per member account. Flotation devices may not exceed 150 square feet in area or 13 feet in diameter.

Identification

For identification purposes, the member's lot number is to be attached or stenciled on the flotation device in at least two (2) places around the item and be at least 3 inches in height. If it is not identified it will be asked to be removed by security.

Registration

A lakefront property owner who wishes to place one of these flotation devices on the lakes must register the device annually according to the Boating Rule #1.

Currently Owned Extra Large Flotation Devices

A flotation device currently owned by a member, and in use as of November 15, 2016, that exceeds 150 square feet or 13 feet in diameter will be grandfathered, only with regard to size, for so long as it is continuously registered. All other requirements and restrictions described in this rule apply. A replacement of the same size or larger will not be approved. Upon sale of member property, the grandfathered device can't be transferred to the new owner(s).