



Willett Pond Charitable and Protection Association

Rules Governing the Use of Willett Pond

Boating

1. Only lessees, members of their immediate family supervised guests are allowed swimming, boating and fishing privileges. Lessees assume full responsibility for the conduct of their families and guests.
2. All boats shall be marked on each side with the applicable WPCPA license number and a current boat sticker.
3. Everyone operating a boat on the pond should carry a current copy of the Willett Pond Rules.
4. All boats, their operators and anyone fishing shall fully comply with any local state or federal rules or regulations regarding licensing, registration, safety equipment, alcohol consumption, safe operation, or other matters.
5. Everyone using the pond must fully and immediately cooperate with any instructions from a member of the Willett Pond Safety Patrol or law enforcement officials. Any disagreements may be referred to the Willett Pond Operating Committee for resolution afterward.
6. No boat exceeding eighteen (18) feet in length overall, and no motor more powerful than 135 horsepower shall be operated on the pond. These generous size limits are to accommodate owners who use their boats elsewhere, but smaller boats, smaller engines and cleaner, quieter four stroke engines are strongly recommended.
7. The following are prohibited from the pond:
 - a. Jet skis, jet boats, hovercraft, hydroplane racers, airboats, parasails and other non-commercial boats.
 - b. Motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles.

8. The following areas are no wake "courtesy" zones. Powerboats shall operate at no more than 5 miles per hour in these areas and water skiing is prohibited in those areas (see map on last page)
 - a. Within 150 feet of fishing, row or sail boats.
 - b. Within 150 feet of the shore, beaches, docks or swimmers.
 - c. Between Fox Island and the western shore (see attached diagram).
 - d. In the Fish and Game cove and Pettee's Pond.
 - e. Amongst the small islands on the west shore.
 - f. In the extreme southeast cover.
9. The **only** exception to the speed limit in the "courtesy" zones is when initiating water skiing from the licensee's own dock where such high speeds would not disrupt the shore, other docks, other boats, wildlife or swimmers.
10. The speed of powerboats must be reasonable for the circumstances at all times, and shall never exceed 30 miles per hour during daylight.
11. At dusk, dawn or after dark, the maximum speed limit is 5 miles per hour, and water skiing is prohibited. Since sound carries over the pond, especially at night, noise must be kept to a low conversational level. All boats on the water at night
Kept to a low conversational level. All boats on the water must display running lights.
12. Basic courtesy and consideration must be observed at all times and all boaters must keep a respectful distance from the property of others.
13. Disturbing, harassing or injuring any wildlife, in any way is strictly forbidden.

Use of Fox Island

1. Water skiing is prohibited between Fox Island and the mainland. Only the north side of the Island may be used for takeoff and landing.
2. The Island must be kept clean. When you leave, remove all refuse, including any you may find during your visit.
3. The Island is an important wildlife habitat and must not become a nuisance spot. The Island is not to be used after sunset or 9:00PM, whichever comes first. No use is allowed which would disturb wildlife.
4. No campfires are allowed on Fox Island or any other land owned by NRLHA at any time.

Enforcement of the Rules

In the event that a lessee, their family member or their guest violates these rules, the WPCPA will take appropriate sanctions up to and including permanent revocation of the lease.

Docks on Willett Pond: Goals and Guidelines

Goals:

1. To minimize environmental impacts on the pond and the wetland environment
2. To minimize sources of conflict between people who use boats and people who enjoy using the pond from shore
3. To ensure that docks are not an obstacle to appropriate maintenance of NRLHA property in and around the pond.

These goals have resulted in some general principles. Docks can be installed which are perpendicular to the shore but not parallel to the shore. The parallel docks destroy too much shoreline and increase erosion. Secondly, dock sections need to be small enough to be moved by two people without machinery. In the past, larger dock sections have remained on NRLHA property, prohibiting maintenance. Machinery brought in to move them further damaged NRLHA property.

Finally, materials should not be hazardous to the environment. None of the following materials can be used in the water; poured concrete footings, tires filled with concrete. Styrofoam or other friable floatation, pressure treated wood in contact with the water.

Abutters are strongly encouraged to share docks to minimize disruption to the pond and to take advantage of natural pond depth. Exceptions to the guidelines below may be necessary to accommodate either the natural contours of the pond bottom or more than one family:

1. Decks must be oriented perpendicular to the shore and T-shaped docks are not allowed.
2. Docks may be fixed or floating.
3. Docks must be less than or equal to 4 ft wide and 16 ft long. Each section must be small enough to be carried by 2 people without machinery, approximately 8 ft long.
4. Docks shall be removed in winter unless they are properly secured against being torn away by storms or ice.
5. Every dock section must have the license number on it so that it can be returned if it drifts away.
6. No storage structures or seating are allowed on docks.
7. No electricity and no lighting is allowed on docks.

Fixed Docks

- a. Footings to which the legs fasten must have easily removable.
- b. Legs may simply rest on the bottom.
- c. Height must be adjustable because the water level varies.
- d. Fixed docks may be anchored by two metal pipes or by two 4x4 posts.

Floating Docks

- a. Ramp and float sections may be attached to a fixed platform on shore no larger than 4 feet by 4 feet. The fixed platform may be anchored by metal posts or by wood 4x4 posts; the latter may be pressure treated as long as they are not in contact with the water
- b. Floating dock sections must not include pressure treated wood or friable floatation, e.g. Styrofoam.
- c. Floating sections, including any ramps and floats, can be no larger than 4 ft wide by 16 ft long. As noted above, each individual section must be small enough to be carried by two people.
- d. Floating docks are usually anchored with two mushroom anchors.

Willett Pond Water Skiing Pattern



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