

HOA Watercraft Information—summary sheet

- Watercraft Length and Weight Restrictions—Lake Winnebago HOA/Boat Committee must approve any boat that is registered on Lake Winnebago, including a “new-to-you” boat that may have been purchased from another Lake Winnebago resident. We try to accommodate boat approvals quickly, but it may take up to 7 days. We recommend that you send us the watercraft information *prior* to purchase, to make sure it is an approved boat. The best way to start the approval process is to email the year, make, model and motor of the watercraft to the HOA. As of April 2018, the following restrictions are enforced (please see the Watercraft Regulations for a more detailed explanation of the restrictions):
 - No watercraft may exceed 3400 pounds dry weight
 - Pontoons may not exceed 28’ 0”
 - Other watercraft may not exceed 20’ 0”
If the dry weight is 3100 pounds or less, the maximum allowable length is 20’ 6”
 - PWCs: 2 stroke engines are limited to 800cc
PWCs: 4 stroke engines are limited to 140hp
- Property owners may have no more than three motorized watercraft permitted. There is no limit to the number of human powered watercraft which may be registered annually.
- Annual permits for motorized boats are \$60; permits for human powered watercraft are \$10 annually.
- The Watercraft Regulations are constantly being evaluated to make sure they are as complete as possible. Please check the website at www.lakewinnebago.org for the most up-to-date version.
- Insurance—all watercraft must be insured in the property owner’s/renter’s name for bodily injury and property damage liability with a minimum combined single limit of \$100,000 and must name the Lake Winnebago HOA as an additional insured with an agreement for notice of policy cancellation. Insurance information must be provided to the HOA every year prior to receiving a watercraft permit. The mailing address for the HOA is 12 Winnebago Drive, Lake Winnebago, MO 64034.
- Proof of ownership—all watercraft permitted on Lake Winnebago must show proof of ownership with the property owner’s/renter’s name. Titles, state registration receipts and manufacturer’s statement of origins qualify as proof of ownership.

- Watercraft permitting process—permits are issued annually in April of each year. In order to be eligible for a permit, the following requirements must be met:
 - Must be a member in good standing (all dues are paid)
 - Watercrafts are approved for Lake Winnebago
 - Proof of insurance is submitted
 - Boat Safety Class must be attended once every three years
 - Boating Safety & Regulations test is required *every* year by any resident who operates a watercraft on Lake Winnebago
 - Anyone born after 1984 must have a State of Missouri Boating Safety ID card with them while operating a watercraft. This applies to everyone who operates a watercraft on Lake Winnebago, including guests (grandchildren, friends, etc.). The boating certification test may be taken online at www.boat-ed.com/missouri/
- Water Patrol personnel operate on the lake to insure all boats are operated in compliance with the Watercraft Regulations. Violations may equate to points against the property owner. When the points assessed total nine, there is a 14 day lake suspension. At 12 points, there is an additional 14 day lake suspension. When the points total 15 within a year's time, there will be a six month suspension. A total accumulation of 18 or more points results in a 12 month suspension.
- Each watercraft must display the lot number (Ex: J25) in letters not less than 3" on both sides, approximately 1 foot from the stern.
- Boat fuel is available for purchase at the dock near the Community Center. Please see the HOA office for a key in order to access the pump.
- Until there is lake equalization, there are three boat ramps that allow access to the lake: one at the Community Center and two at the AYC. Each ramp has a locked gate to limit access and deter trespassing. Only Lake Winnebago approved and registered boats may be launched into the lake. Members in good standing will be given the code to the gate locks, which are changed every May 1st.
- The HOA offers a pontoon trailer for resident use for a small fee. Please see the HOA for more details.
- Zebra mussels are a very destructive and invasive species which have impacted several local bodies of water. The introduction of zebra mussels to Lake Winnebago would be potentially catastrophic to the lake, the ecology, fish population, use, enjoyment and property value of all residents. In an effort to reduce the risk of zebra mussels infesting the lake, there are prevention guidelines. Failure to comply with the provisions will result in the assessment of 18 points, and/or a fine of up to \$5000.00. The complete Zebra Mussel Prevention plan is in Section H of the Watercraft Regulations.

H. ZEBRA MUSSEL PREVENTION

1. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section on zebra mussel prevention will result in the assessment of eighteen (18) points, a fine of up to \$5,000, or both due to the potential damage that an infestation would cause to this lake.
2. All Watercraft and equipment (i.e. lifejackets, PFD's, bait buckets, fishing gear, water toys, noodles, tow ropes, anchors, anchor lines, ski equipment, scuba and sailboarding equipment, trailers, etc.) used at any OTHER body of water must be inspected, cleaned, drained, and quarantined/dried prior to being placed on the Lake in accordance with the following:
3. Cleaning shall involve a thorough power wash of the Watercraft including the trailer and pontoons/hull of the Watercraft with heated water. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) advises that 104F water (typical of a normal car wash) requires a minimum 20 minute exposure to kill Zebra Mussels. 140F water is adequate to kill Zebra Mussels with a 10 second exposure. The HOA will designate approved 140 F wash stations in the area. All mud and plant fragments shall be removed. All live wells shall be washed and flushed, all internal compartments including the bilge, and ballast tanks, or bags, shall be drained or emptied, and inspected for standing water, and the engine cooling water shall be drained.
4. The Watercraft, and/or equipment, shall be quarantined/dried for a period of days depending on the ambient temperatures and conditions (month of the year) in accordance with the following:
 - June thru September: 7 Days
 - May: 12 Days
 - April & October: 19 Days
 - March & November: 29 Days
 - Dec, Jan & February: 46 Days
5. The cost of all cleaning and drying operations are the responsibility of the Property Owner, Renter or Lessee.
6. All contractors performing Watercraft repairs or maintenance, or delivery of Watercraft or equipment used at the Lake must be approved by the HOA through the HOA Administrative Office. Please see section K for trailer regulations, as outside trailers are not allowed on the Lake unless they meet our strict contractual requirements. Such contractors must affirm that any tools, or equipment used in performing their services at the Lake have either (1) only been used at Lake Winnebago, or (2) have been cleaned and quarantined/dried in accordance with Item 2 above. If their equipment has been used in other bodies of water the Contractor shall be asked to identify the last body of water the equipment was used at, but the requirements of Item 2 above shall be met regardless. It is the responsibility of the Property Owner, Renter or Lessee to obtain HOA approval and the contractor's affirmation. Any expenses incurred as a result of this process will be the responsibility of the Property Owner, Renter or Lessee. The HOA Office will make the HOA pontoon boat available for contractors when possible. (NOTE: THESE REQUIREMENTS ALSO APPLY TO CONTRACTORS PERFORMING DOCK REPAIRS, DOCK MAINTENANCE, DELIVERY OF DOCKS, SEA WALL WORK, ETC.)