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FOREST PARK BEACH RULES, REGULATIONS & GUIDANCE

- The Launch Basin is not a mooring harbor. Boats & Jet Skis may not dock and then leave for any amount of time without the watercraft being attended. And even when attended may not remain in the Basin for more than 30 minutes. Please understand this is so that we can offer launch space to all permit holders. As we are limited in capacity, we are not equipped to offer mooring facilities and your permit does not entitle you to that.
- Due to the type of dock construction and basin size, watercraft 30 feet and under, and or 10,000 pounds and under are permitted to use the dock facilities. A watercraft longer than 30 feet in length may be allowed to make a passenger stop on the center finger dock only. This exception is at the discretion of the Forest Park Beach Supervisor and is governed by traffic, weather conditions and basin depth.
- During LF Recreation Department Sailing School launching times, the north ramp will have priority to serve the launching of sailing dinghies.
- Watercraft that require launching by hoists have priority to the docking area immediately in front of the hoists and the adjacent east-west docks.
- Vehicles and trailers may not be left in the parking lot overnight unless you have permission from the Lakefront Manager.
- Sailboats launching from trailers or dollies shall use the north ramp and be moved to the north side of the dock finger for rigging.
- Normally, a “one in, one out” launch/recovery policy will be observed. However, in the event of inclement or severe weather conditions and/or excessive holding in the basin, all incoming recoveries will have priority.
- No private vehicles or beach equipment (e.g. inflatables, beach trolleys etc.) shall be allowed on the walkway bricks.
- The center aisle of the Forest Park Beach - South parking area shall be reserved for vehicles with trailers. Trailers must be attached to vehicles at all times or must have permission of the Sailing Supervisor to be detached.
- No one shall be permitted to make major repairs or paint watercraft hulls in any part of the Forest Park Beach – South facility.
- No one shall store paints or other flammable materials in the Dry Mooring Compound so as to create a fire hazard.
- All watercraft owner’s and/or skippers are responsible for their crew and guests. All watercraft owners and guests using any area of Forest Park Beach or the South Watercraft Basin, shall observe these and any other rules that may be made to ensure the enjoyment and safety of all concerned.
- Shoes must be worn at all times while on the docking system.
- With the exception of an emergency, under no circumstances shall sailboats navigate under sail power entering and exiting the Forest Park Beach – South watercraft basin. Sailboats must be navigated within the watercraft basin by motor power for maximum navigational control – this does not pertain to sailboats 18’ and under.
- No person shall operate a watercraft at a speed in excess of “slow-no-wake” within the shore side of the Regulatory Markers. It is both federal and state law to respect the No Wake Zones. It is important to go slow in the No Wake Zone so that you can see all watercraft entering or leaving the Basin.
- Refueling or repairs of any motor powered watercraft is strictly prohibited within the confines of the Forest Park Beach – South watercraft basin and on the watercraft launch ramp. Watercraft must be removed from the watercraft launch ramp in a timely fashion, in order to allow access for other permitted watercraft.
- No parking of vehicles along the South Side of Forest Park Beach – South watercraft pavilion. No parking of vehicles on the east side of the Forest Park Beach - South pavilion.
- City of Lake Forest employee(s) are authorized to move any watercraft located on City of Lake Forest property for any reason at any time, or as deemed necessary by said City employee(s) with or without advance notice.
- A photocopy of the applicant’s current state watercraft registration certificate must be included with any new application forms.



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- All watercraft must be owned by the applicant and applicant's name must be listed on the state registration certificate.
- Payments for fees must accompany all applications.
- Residents holding permits for Dry Mooring compound and beach racks in 2023 are guaranteed renewal for 2024 if application is made & paid by March 31st, 2024. Decals and keys will be mailed to permit holders.
- Those boats held in Dry Mooring Compound or Beach Racks must renew their permits no later than March 31st, 2024. Those that do not comply will be assessed a \$50.00 late fee. Fees not received by April 1, 2024 will result in forfeiture of Compound and Rack space.
- Due to high demand, all new applicants who wish to receive a space in the Dry Mooring Compound will be issued permits, space permitting, on a first come first serve basis. Permit applications from residents will be processed prior to consideration of non-resident applications.
- Any watercraft in a state of serious disrepair or deterioration, as determined by the sole discretion of the Parks and Recreation department, so as to cause an eyesore or nuisance which is visible is not permitted. Watercraft in disrepair may show lack in proper maintenance, such as deteriorating sails, unstable trailers, excessively dirty hulls. They may also have tears in tarps, loose parts or missing parts. The watercraft or trailer would then be considered in disrepair.
- Resident is defined as a person whose abode is within the corporate limits of Lake Forest.
- Applications made later in the season will be processed as space is available.
- Watercraft decals are not transferable and must be permanently affixed only to watercraft registered on the application form. The decal for the boat is to be permanently affixed on the starboard (right) box by the Illinois State registration decal or on the wave runner cowling.
- Vessels without up to date decals will have an impoundment decal placed on the vessels hull.
- Keys, as well as permit decals, are not transferable and must be permanently affixed only to vehicles registered on the application form. Unregistered vehicles displaying decals will be considered in violation. Use by unauthorized persons will result in a loss of launching and storage privileges
- Watercraft launch decals, which must be permanently affixed to the towing vehicles, are valid only for the boat registered on the application form.
- Watercraft launch/compound/rack/south beach parking decals are to be permanently affixed on the lower right front window of registered vehicles. Failure to affix a decal permanently on the front window will result in a violation.
- REPLACEMENT VEHICLE STICKERS: If your vehicle, or windshield, will be replaced, please remove the current vehicle sticker from the windshield (the sticker may come off in pieces) and return the sticker (or pieces) to the Recreation Center Building to qualify for a \$5.00 replacement. If the vehicle sticker is not returned, proof that you no longer own the vehicle, or receipt for windshield replacement, is required.
- A permit holder of launching, storage or parking privileges agrees to hereby release and forever discharge The City of Lake Forest, its officers and employees from any and all liability for any loss, damage or injury to persons or property arising in any manner out of the issuance of a permit or the use of the boat launching or storage facilities.
- It is anticipated that dredging of the basin will be completed no later than the third week of May 2024. The docks will be installed after the dredging is completed.

Any infractions or violations of these regulations are subject to fine and/or revocation of permit privileges.