

## **A: GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION**

### **#01. General Regulation**

The boating and fishing laws of the State of Indiana are applicable to Lake Holiday, Big Bass Lake, Trouthaven Lake and Lake on the Green and are to be considered a part of the Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association, Inc. Boating & Fishing Rules and Regulations. The provisions of these regulations shall apply to all waters under the jurisdiction of the Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association, Inc. and to all watercraft navigated or moving thereon and all fishing thereon. The Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association, Inc. Board of Directors reserves the right to adopt rules and regulations that may be more restrictive than the boating and fishing laws of the State of Indiana in accordance with private waters owned by the Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association, Inc.

### **#02. Implied Consent**

If you operate a watercraft and/or fish in waters over which the State of Indiana and the Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association, Inc. has jurisdiction, you implicitly consent to:

- a) Abide by all laws of the State of Indiana and the rules and regulations of the Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association, Inc. set forth herein; and
- b) Submit to the Chemical Test provisions of this act as a condition of operating a watercraft; and
- c) Submit to Safety Patrol Inspections, without prior notice, as a condition of operating a watercraft; and
- d) Operate any and all watercraft in a safe and prudent manner at all times.

### **#03. Enforcement**

All peace officers of the State of Indiana and individuals acting as agents of the Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association, Inc. shall have the power to enforce any and all lawful rules and regulations.

### **#04. Violations & Fine Procedures**

Violations will result in a fine or fines being issued to the property owner(s) and/or person(s) involved. In such cases as family members or guests are violating these rules and regulations, the registered owner of the watercraft involved and/or the property owner of record on file with the Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association, Inc. shall be responsible for the payment of any and all fines levied for violations.

Fines shall be payable to the Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association, Inc. and will be assessed in accordance with the following fine structure:

**Boating Violations**

CLASS A - \$25.00  
CLASS B - \$50.00  
CLASS C - \$100.00 + suspension

**Fishing Violations**

CLASS A - \$12.50  
CLASS B - \$25.00  
CLASS C - \$50.00 + suspension

Any person to whom a CLASS C violation is issued shall have their boating and/or fishing privileges suspended for the remainder of the season. In addition, if a CLASS C violation is issued as the result of the operation of a watercraft, said watercraft shall be removed from the lakes for the remainder of the season. The suspension of boating and/or fishing privileges and/or the removal of a watercraft from the lakes shall apply to all lakes of the Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association, Inc. The property owner to whom a CLASS C violation has been issued shall relinquish all applicable decals and permits to the Lakes of the Four Seasons Security Department and shall forfeit any and all fees paid for the use of the applicable amenity.

The continued use of any of the lakes of the Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association, Inc. by any person who has had their boating privileges suspended can result in trespassing charges being filed in the Superior Court of either Lake County or Porter County, Indiana.

**#05. Appeal Process**

It is the right of each property owner or individual, in accordance with Grievance Procedures adopted by the Board of Directors, to appeal any violation and subsequent fine to the Grievance Committee of the Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association, Inc. Important provisions of the appeal procedure include:

- a) All Written Notices of Appeal requesting a grievance hearing must be filed in the P.O.A. Office at the Clubhouse within ten (10) days of receipt of the violation.
- b) Written Notices of Appeal must include the following information: Name, Address or Lot Number, Date of Violation, Violation Number and a brief statement requesting a hearing.
- c) Once a hearing has been scheduled, a Notice of Hearing will be mailed indicating the date, time and place that the Grievance Committee will hear appeals. Failure to appear before the Grievance Committee without canceling a scheduled hearing at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to its scheduled time will result in forfeiture of the right to appeal and a \$10.00 failure to appear penalty.

## **#06. Definitions**

"Association" or "LOFS" or "P.O.A"	means the Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association, Inc.
"Board"	means the Board of Directors of the Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association, Inc.
"Boat"	means watercraft.
"Chemical Test"  shall and/or	means an analysis of a person's blood, breath, urine or other bodily substance for the purpose of determining the presence of alcohol or a controlled substance. This include, but is not limited to an Alco-sensor test  field sobriety test.
"Child/Children"	means any person under thirteen (13) years of age.
"Idle Speed"	means the slowest possible speed so as to maintain steerage, whereby the wake or wash created is minimal. See also "No Wake".
"Intoxicated"	means under the influence of alcohol and/or a controlled substance and/or any other drug or combination thereof such that there is an impaired condition of thought and/or action, and the loss of normal control of a person's faculties to such an extent as to endanger any persons or property.
"Lake"	means any and every body of water connected to or a part of those waters over which the Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association, Inc. has jurisdiction.
"Litter"	means bottles, glass, crockery, plastic, cans, scrap metal, junk, human or animal excrement, paper, garbage, rubbish and similar refuse.
"Main Body of Lake Holiday"	means those areas on Lake Holiday seventy-five feet or more from shore where thirty-five mile per hour (35 mph). Watercraft-operating speeds are permitted.
"Member" or	means a member or associate member of the Association (any person who belongs to the family of a member or

Property Owner”	associate member and maintains the same residence as the member or associate member to whose family he/she belongs).
“Motorcraft”	means a watercraft propelled by an internal combustion, steam or electrical inboard or outboard motor or engine or by any mechanical means.
"No Wake"	means the same as proceeding at "Idle Speed".
"Owner"	means a person who has legal title to a watercraft.
"Person"	means natural person, firm, partnership, association or corporation.
"Personal Floatation Device”	means a U.S. Coast Guard approved life vest, life jacket, life belt or equivalent. Seat cushions and life rings are specifically excluded for purposes of this definition.
"Personal Watercraft"	means smaller, agile boats powered by an inboard engine and a jet pump mechanism. These watercraft are considered by the U.S. Coast Guard to be "Class A inboard motors", and include but are not limited to jet skis, wave runners, water scooters, water bikes and cruise craft.
"Reckless Operation"	means any conduct or act while operating a watercraft that Could endanger the safety of persons or property. Reckless operation includes, but is not limited to: zigzagging; racing; excessive speeding; excessive weaving; jumping; high speed turns; playing chicken; chasing waterfowl or other wildlife; operating a watercraft while intoxicated; operating a watercraft too close to swimmers; intentionally violating no wake or idle speed zones; intentionally operating a watercraft too close to the shoreline or another watercraft; waiting until the last minute to swerve out of the way of another watercraft; operating a watercraft during conditions of poor visibility; etc.
"To Operate"	means the act of navigating, driving, steering, sailing, rowing, paddling or otherwise moving or exercising physical control over the movement of a watercraft.
"Trespassing"	means entering upon property of another without consent.
"Watercraft"	means any instrument or device in or by means of which a person may be transported upon waters. This includes but is not limited to every: motorboat, personal watercraft,

sailboat, rowboat, skiff, dinghy, canoe, paddleboat or raft of whatever length or size.

"Water Skiing" means towing a person/s by a motorboat in any manner such as on: skis, tubes, wake boards, surfboards, kneeboards or other flotation devices.

## **B. BOATING RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **#01. Registration of Watercraft & Trailers**

All POA members owning a watercraft of any type shall register the watercraft and any trailer with the Association and obtain an annual permit (decal) before placing the watercraft upon any lake.

Only those POA members in "good standing" will be issued a registration permit (decal) and allowed to operate a watercraft on any of the waters under the jurisdiction of the Association.

The registration of a watercraft shall include:

- \* Property Owner's Name
  - \* Lot Number
  - \* Address
  - \* Telephone Number
  - \* Watercraft description including make, model, length, color, present registration number (State and number, if applicable) and Hull Identification Number (H.I.N.)
  - \* Trailer license number
  - \* Type of motor and horsepower
  - \* Outboard Motor Serial Number (if applicable)
  - \* Proof of Ownership (current registration or registered Indiana Title or proof of title)
  - \* Proof of Insurance (current)
- (Proof of Registration and Insurance must bear the name of the POA member)

All watercraft and trailers must display a current LOFS POA decal of the proper category. All decals must be placed as described below so as to be clearly visible at all times for identification purposes:

- \* Boats - the decal shall be on the rear of the watercraft and to the right (starboard) side, above the waterline. Only the current decal is to be displayed and all others are to be removed. (rev. 2/98)
- \* Personal Watercraft (i.e., jet ski, wave runner, etc.) - the decal shall be on the front of the watercraft and to the right (starboard) side, above the waterline.
- \* Trailer - the decal shall be on the right side of the trailer near the winch.
- \* Rental Dock - the decal shall be directly adjacent to watercraft decals.

Watercraft operating on the lakes within LOFS are restricted in length to a maximum of twenty-one feet (21 ft) for motorboats and sailboats and twenty-four feet (24 ft) for pontoon boats. Lengths are to be verified in accordance with the State of Indiana registration designations. All watercraft registered prior to the 1986 boating season are exempt from this rule (non-transferable).

No watercraft without a current P.O.A. decal shall be allowed through the security gate(s) into the community unless it is being towed by an automobile with a current P.O.A. decal or the property owner has contacted the Security Department to inform them that their watercraft is being delivered by a third party.

### **Violations & Fines**

- a) Failure to properly register a watercraft before placing it in and upon the lake(s).  
FINE: The cost of this fine will be equal to the cost of the registration for this Watercraft PLUS the price for the proper registration.
- b) Failure to prominently display a current P.O.A. decal of the proper category on a boat, personal watercraft or trailer.  
FINE: The cost of this fine will be equal to the cost of the registration for this Watercraft.
- c) Failure to remove out-dated POA decals.  
FINE: Class A.
- d) Operation of a watercraft that exceeds the length restrictions of the Association.  
FINE: CLASS A, plus immediate removal from the lakes.

### **#02 Boat Docks & Boat/Trailer Storage**

Residents can rent dock space by one of the following procedures:

- a) If you currently rent a dock space you have the option of reserving the same dock space for the new budget year by meeting the following criteria:
  - You must notify the POA office of your intent to keep your current dock by the last Friday in February prior to the March 1 Assessment year.
  - You must pay both your POA Assessment and Dock Rental fee (and any outstanding balances on your lot) by the last Friday in February prior to the March 1 Assessment year.
- b) Any remaining P.O.A. dock spaces will be rented on a first come first served basis, beginning March 1st of each year.

P.O.A. dock spaces may only be used by the property owner who has rented a specific dock space and may not be used for temporary parking. Only the current dock decal is to be displayed and it must be located on the stern of the boat next to current boat decal.

Trailers may not be parked on P.O.A. property, with the exception of **boat trailers** which may be parked on the grass areas by the South Lake Holiday boat ramp during the boating season (**April 1 through November 30**), provided they have a **current P.O.A. decal** prominently displayed at all times and provided they are parked **for no more than one (1) day**. The grass area is to be used for parking boat trailers while boating on the lake for the day – not for all summer. Keeping this area open will allow the Operations Department to maintain them thus enhancing the beauty of your lake accesses and your launch sites. For long term boat or trailer storage call Rick Cleveland at 988-4461.

Small unpowered boats may be parked on designated lake access areas, provided they have a current P.O.A. decal prominently displayed at all times.

Improperly parked trailers and boats will be impounded. If the owners cannot be located trailers and boats will be sold at public auction. Impounded trailers and boats can be claimed by the owner by purchasing a P.O.A. decal and showing proof of ownership at least two weeks prior to the day of auction.

### **Violations & Fines**

- a) Unauthorized use of a P.O.A. dock space.  
FINE: CLASS A.
- b) Unauthorized or improper storage of a watercraft or trailer.  
FINE: CLASS A, plus the cost of impounding.
- c) Unauthorized or improper parking of a watercraft or trailer.  
FINE: CLASS A, plus the cost of impounding.

### **#03. Watercraft Hours of Operation**

"Normal Boating Hours" shall be from 7:30 a.m. to sunset.

"Nighttime Boating Hours" shall be from sunset to 7:30 a.m.

### **#04. Watercraft Operating Rules**

A person must be at least sixteen (16) years of age to operate any gasoline-powered watercraft or a personal watercraft.

The operator of any gasoline powered watercraft or a personal watercraft must possess and be able to produce a current, valid driver's license for age verification and identification purposes.

The maximum speed limit for the operation of a watercraft during nighttime boating hours is ten miles per hour (10 mph), except in bay areas where idle speed, no wake must be maintained.

The speed limit in marked bay areas and on Big Bass Lake shall be idle speed, no wake at all times.

The maximum speed limit during normal boating hours on Lake Holiday is thirty-five miles per hour (35 mph).

The operator of a watercraft must reduce the speed of the watercraft to "idle speed" at least twenty-five feet (25 ft) prior to entering a "no wake" zone.

All motorboats and personal watercraft operated on the main body of Lake Holiday must travel in a counter-clockwise direction at all times. All turns and rotational maneuvers must be done in a counter-clockwise direction (SEE EXCEPTION: when retrieving a downed skier, SECTION #05). East-West traffic must yield the right of way to North-South traffic.

Sailboats are requested to also travel in a counter-clockwise direction. However, other boaters need to watch for unexpected changes in the travel of sailboats due to the winds.

All motorboats and personal watercraft being operated on the main body of Lake Holiday must maintain a distance of not less than seventy-five feet (75 ft) from the shoreline when producing a wake.

All motorboats and personal watercraft being operated on the main body of Lake Holiday must maintain a distance of not less than seventy-five feet (75 ft) from any other watercraft, skiers, swimmers and flotation devices when producing a wake (SEE EXCEPTION for personal watercraft section #11).

When approaching another boat, which is towing a skier, all motorboats and personal watercraft must maintain a distance of not less than one hundred and fifty feet [150] from the water skier.

### **Violations & Fines**

- a) Failure to meet the minimum age requirements while operating a gasoline powered watercraft or a personal watercraft  
FINE: CLASS B.
- b) Failure to produce a valid driver's license for identification purposes and verification.  
FINE: CLASS B.
- c) Operating a watercraft in excess of established speed limits.  
FINE: 1<sup>st</sup> violation - CLASS A; 2<sup>nd</sup> violation - CLASS B;

3<sup>rd</sup> violation - CLASS C.

- d) Operating a motorboat or personal watercraft in the wrong direction on the main body of Lake Holiday.  
FINE: CLASS B.
- e) Operating a motorboat or personal watercraft too close to the shoreline or any other watercraft, skier, swimmer or flotation device.  
FINE: CLASS B.

#### **#05. Water-skiing, Tubing & Towing Rules**

The recreational activities of water-skiing, tubing or towing any persons, objects or flotation devices is permitted only on the main body of Lake Holiday.

Water-skiing, tubing or towing any persons, objects or flotation devices is permitted only during normal boating hours.

The pulling or towing of any persons, objects or flotation devices behind a personal watercraft is strictly prohibited.

The pulling, towing or moving in any way of any buoy or lake marker is strictly prohibited.

Water-skiing or towing any persons, objects or flotation devices without a spotter is strictly prohibited. The spotter must be at least ten (10) years of age, and the spotter's attention must at all times be focused on the persons or objects being pulled or towed.

Towing or pulling more than two (2) persons, objects or flotation devices behind any one watercraft at any one time is prohibited.

Towing or pulling more than one (1) person on any one (1) tube, ski-board or other flotation device is prohibited.

All motorboats pulling a water skier must slow down immediately when their skier falls and when safe turn their boat in a CLOCKWISE direction, away from traffic, and proceed safely back to their skier.

Any time a skier loses a ski or any other item, the skier must immediately retrieve the item so as not to leave an unsafe condition for unsuspecting boaters or skiers.

#### **Violations & Fines**

- a) Water-skiing, tubing or towing any persons, objects or flotation devices in unauthorized areas.  
FINE: CLASS B.

- b) Water-skiing, tubing or towing any persons, objects or flotation device during unauthorized times.  
FINE: 1<sup>st</sup> violation - CLASS A; 2<sup>nd</sup> violation - CLASS B;  
3<sup>rd</sup> violation - CLASS C.
- c) Pulling or towing any persons, objects or flotation devices behind a personal watercraft.  
FINE: 1<sup>st</sup> violation - CLASS A; 2<sup>nd</sup> violation - CLASS B;  
3<sup>rd</sup> violation - CLASS C.
- d) Pulling, towing or moving any lake marker or buoy.  
FINE: CLASS C.
- e) Water-skiing or towing any person, object or flotation device without a spotter and/or without a spotter of the authorized age.  
FINE: 1<sup>st</sup> violation - CLASS A; 2<sup>nd</sup> violation - CLASS B;  
3<sup>rd</sup> violation - CLASS C.
- f) Towing or pulling more than two (2) persons, objects or flotation devices behind any one watercraft at any one time.  
FINE: CLASS B.
- g) Towing or pulling more than one (1) person on any one tube, ski board or other flotation device.  
FINE: CLASS B.
- h) Not retrieving a ski or any other object left in the water immediately.  
FINE: CLASS A.

#### **#06. Lake Holiday Swimming Restrictions**

Swimming beyond fifty feet (50 ft) from the shoreline on the main body of Lake Holiday is prohibited.

Swimming from any watercraft while on the main body of Lake Holiday is prohibited, except for swimming that is associated with water skiing, tubing or to remount a personal watercraft.

#### **Violations & Fines**

- a) Swimming in unauthorized areas.  
FINE: CLASS A.
- b) Unauthorized swimming from a watercraft.  
FINE: CLASS A.

## **#07. Safety Equipment**

All watercraft being operated on the lakes in LOFS are subject to safety patrol inspections without prior notice. The P.O.A. Board of Directors reserves the right to restrict the use of any watercraft or equipment that jeopardizes the safety and well being of any persons or property.

All watercraft must carry one (1) Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) of Type I, II, III or V per passenger. Any child or children that are passengers on a watercraft must wear a personal flotation device at all times when a watercraft is being operated (in motion). All watercraft over 16 foot must carry one (1) Coast Guard approved Type IV throwable device, such as a life ring or floating cushion.

Coast guard approved personal flotation devices must be worn by the operator and any passengers on a personal watercraft.

Coast guard approved personal flotation devices must be worn at all times by any persons water-skiing, tubing or being towed on any flotation device behind a watercraft.

All gasoline-powered watercraft must be equipped with a properly approved ABC-rated fire extinguisher.

All watercraft operated on any lake during nighttime boating hours must be equipped with proper lighting as required by Indiana Boating Laws and Regulations. Required lighting is to be in good repair and operating condition, and must be used at all times during nighttime watercraft operation.

### **Violations & Fines**

- a) Operating a watercraft without required safety equipment and/or proper lights.  
FINE: CLASS A.
- b) Failure to wear required safety equipment while operating a personal watercraft.  
FINE: CLASS A.
- c) Failure to wear the required safety equipment while water-skiing, tubing or being towed behind a watercraft.  
FINE: CLASS A.
- d) Refusal to submit to a safety patrol inspection.  
FINE: CLASS C.

## **#08. Watercraft Safety Rules**

Reckless operation of any watercraft is strictly prohibited.

The operation of a watercraft while intoxicated is prohibited.

Any person operating a watercraft in LOFS must submit to a chemical test upon the request of any person acting as an agent for the Association.

The attachment of a watercraft to any buoy or lake marker is prohibited.

The loading of any watercraft beyond its safety limits with passengers and/or cargo as determined by the B/A certification is prohibited.

While operating above idle speed, all motorboats, personal watercraft and powered watercraft must yield the right-of-way to all swimmers, sail craft, unpowered watercraft, and other craft operating at idle speed or less.

Riding on the closed bow, gunnels or back of seats by any person while a watercraft is being operated (in motion) is prohibited.

The operator and any passengers on a watercraft must be seated at all times while the watercraft is being operated (in motion), except on pontoon style boats to see over the bow while starting out.

### **Violations & Fines**

- a) Reckless operation of a watercraft.  
FINE: CLASS C.
- b) Operating a watercraft while intoxicated.  
FINE: CLASS C.
- c) Refusal to submit to a chemical test.  
FINE: CLASS C.
- d) Attaching a watercraft to a buoy or lake marker.  
FINE: 1<sup>st</sup> violation - CLASS B; 2<sup>nd</sup> violation CLASS C.
- e) Operating a watercraft while loaded beyond its safety limits.  
FINE: CLASS B.
- f) Failure to yield the right-of-way while operating a motorboat, personal watercraft or powered watercraft.

FINE: 1<sup>st</sup> violation - CLASS A; 2<sup>nd</sup> violation - CLASS B; 3<sup>rd</sup> violation - CLASS C.

- g) Riding on the closed bow, gunnels or back of seats of a watercraft that is in motion.  
FINE: CLASS A.
- h) Failure to be seated while a watercraft is in motion.  
FINE: CLASS A.

### **#09. Additional Watercraft Rules**

Littering in the lakes, on beaches or private property is prohibited.

Para sailing on any of the lakes is prohibited.

The operation of any watercraft with a rooster-tail spray or an open modified exhaust is prohibited; except for rooster-tail devices on personal watercraft, which are for safety purposes.

No motorboat powered by a motor having a horsepower rating in excess of ten (10) horsepower shall be operated on Big Bass Lake. If the boat is capable of carrying two motors, one of which is more than ten (10) horsepower, it will be permitted to use Bass Lake providing the larger motor is completely out of the water and not in use.

### **Violations & Fines**

- a) Littering.  
FINE: 1<sup>st</sup> violation - CLASS A; 2<sup>nd</sup> violation - CLASS B;  
3<sup>rd</sup> violation - CLASS C.
- b) Para-sailing on a lake in LOFS.  
FINE: 1<sup>st</sup> violation - CLASS A; 2<sup>nd</sup> violation - CLASS B;  
3<sup>rd</sup> violation - CLASS C.
- c) Operating a watercraft with a rooster-tail device or an open modified exhaust.  
FINE: 1<sup>st</sup> violation - CLASS A; 2<sup>nd</sup> violation - CLASS B;  
3<sup>rd</sup> violation - CLASS C.
- d) Operating a motorboat powered by a motor with a horsepower rating in excess of five (5) horsepower on Big Bass Lake.  
FINE: 1<sup>st</sup> violation - CLASS A; 2<sup>nd</sup> violation - CLASS B;  
3<sup>rd</sup> violation - CLASS C.

### **#10. Accident Procedures**

The operator of any watercraft involved in any accident or collision resulting in injury, death or damage to any boat or other property shall immediately and by the quickest means possible, give notice of such incident to the LOFS Security Department. This notice requirement applies to any and all accidents or collisions, regardless of the extent of damage to persons or property.

Any and all persons/parties involved in a watercraft accident or collision are required to follow any and all directions of the LOFS Security Department in a prompt manner.

### **Violations & Fines**

- a) Failure to report a watercraft accident and/or collision.  
FINE: CLASS C.
- b) Failure to follow the directions of the LOFS Security Department during and/or after a watercraft accident or collision.  
FINE: CLASS C.

### **#11. Specific Personal Watercraft Rules**

NOTE: All boating rules and regulations apply to the operation and use of a personal watercraft. Therefore, you should read and abide by all of the rules contained herein. The operation of a personal watercraft is restricted to use upon Lake Holiday only.

Personal watercraft(s) may be operated on Lake Holiday only during the normal boating hours of 7:30 a.m. to sunset.

Any and all acrobatic turns done while operating a personal watercraft /boat must be done in a counter-clockwise direction.

The operator of any personal watercraft that was manufactured with a lanyard type engine cutoff switch must have the switch attached to the operator at all times. The lanyard type engine cutoff switch must be in good repair and must be used at all times when a personal watercraft is operated that was manufactured with this type of safety device.

The operation of personal watercraft is limited to two [2] abreast when above idle speed, While riding two abreast, operators must maintain a safe parallel distance of at least twenty feet [20 ft.] between themselves. The operators must maintain the previously described distance of seventy-five feet [75 ft] from all other craft (SEE SECTION #4). Pack riding of three [3] or more personal watercraft is strictly prohibited.

### **Violations & Fines**

- a) Operating a personal watercraft in unauthorized areas.  
FINE: 1<sup>st</sup> violation - CLASS A; 2<sup>nd</sup> violation - CLASS B;  
3<sup>rd</sup> violation - CLASS C.



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### **#13. TEMPORARY BOAT PERMITS**

Residents who wish to try out a boat before purchasing it may obtain a Temporary Boat Permit. The Temporary Boat Permit is issued to P.O.A. members in good standing, and is good for two (2) hours on weekdays only, with a limit of five (5) permits per household per assessment year. The fee is \$25.00 per permit and requires proof of insurance and boat registration before issuance. The permits are issued by the P.O.A. office.

### **Violations & Fines**

- a) Placing of a non-resident's boat on any waters of LOFS without proper permits.  
FINE: CLASS C for the member and all non-residents prohibited from entering LOFS.

## **C: FISHING RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **#01. General Permission**

Fishing on any of the lakes at LOFS is reserved for the exclusive use and enjoyment of P.O.A. members in good standing with the Association. The right of an invited guest to fish on any lake in LOFS is subject to the guest being accompanied by a P.O.A. member at all times. When an invited guest fishes at LOFS, the property owner who invited the guest assumes responsibility for making sure the guest is aware of all rules and regulations of the Association. Any member who allows an invited guest to fish at LOFS is responsible for all actions, violations and subsequent fines of their guest.

Unaccompanied non-members fishing on any lakes is strictly prohibited.

### **Violations & Fines**

- a) Unauthorized fishing by any person who is not a member of the P.O.A. and/or is not accompanied by a member in good standing.  
FINE: 1<sup>st</sup> violation - CLASS A for the member & guest.  
2<sup>nd</sup> violation - CLASS B for the member and the guest is prohibited from using the lakes.  
3<sup>rd</sup> violation - CLASS C for the member and the guest is prohibited from entering LOFS.

## **#02. General Regulations**

The introduction of breeding aids by the placement of trees, branches, bushes, objects or any other artificial habitat into any lake is prohibited. The LOFS Lakes Committee reserves the exclusive right, subject to P.O.A. Board approval, to create habitat suitable for reproduction of desired fish species.

Ice fishing holes are restricted in size to not greater than eight inches (8") in diameter.

The use of a chain saw for the purpose of cutting an ice-fishing hole is strictly prohibited.

The release of live fish used as bait into any lake is prohibited.

## **Violations & Fines**

- a) Unauthorized placement into any lake of artificial habitat and/or breeding aids.  
FINE: CLASS B, plus the cost of removal.
- b) Cutting too large a hole for ice fishing.  
FINE: CLASS A.
- c) Unauthorized use of a chain saw for cutting an ice-fishing hole.  
FINE: CLASS A.
- d) Unauthorized release of live fish used as bait into any lake.  
FINE: CLASS B.

## **#03. Equipment**

The killing or catching of any fish by the use of explosives, poison, electrical current, grab hooks, any type of net, *seine*, gig or spear is strictly prohibited. Nets may be used only for the removal of Rough Fish (Carp, Suckers & Shad). (rev. 2/98)

Each person fishing on any lake at LOFS is limited to a maximum use of three (3) lines with one (1) hook or lure per line at any one time.

Leaving any ice fishing shanty or structure unattended is prohibited.

**Violations & Fines**

- a) Killing or catching fish in an unauthorized manner.  
FINE: CLASS C.
  
- b) Exceeding the maximum number of allowable fishing lines and/or hooks and lures at any one time.  
FINE: CLASS B.
  
- c) Leaving an ice fishing shanty or structure unattended.  
FINE: CLASS B, plus the cost of removal.

#### **#04. Fishing Limits**

In order to maintain a plentiful supply of game fish, the following daily catch limits and minimum size requirements are in effect:

Fish Specie	Daily Catch Limits	Minimum Size
Large Mouth Bass	5	15"
Walleyed Pike	4	15"
Northern Pike	2	20"
Muskellunge	1	30"
Crappie	25	NONE
Hybrid Bluegill	15	8"
Bluegill/Sunfish	NONE	DO NOT RETURN ANY TO LAKE HOLIDAY
Perch	NONE	NONE
Catfish	15	10"
Bullhead	NONE	DO NOT RETURN ANY TO LAKES
Carp	NONE	DO NOT RETURN ANY TO LAKES
Hybrid Striper	5	12"

NOTE: From time to time it may become necessary to remove from the lakes undesirable fish such as shad, carp or bullheads. The LOFS Lake Committee shall recommend to the P.O.A. Board of Directors any removal programs that are necessary for the successful elimination of such fish and the protection of other fish species.

#### **Violations & Fines**

- a) Exceeding the daily catch limits for any fish specie.  
FINE: 1<sup>st</sup> violation - CLASS A; 2<sup>nd</sup> violations - CLASS B;  
3<sup>rd</sup> violation - CLASS C.
- b) Removal of any fish specie from the lake that does not meet the minimum size requirements.  
FINE: 1<sup>st</sup> violation - CLASS A; 2<sup>nd</sup> violation - CLASS B;  
3<sup>rd</sup> violation - CLASS C.

**D. BOATING AND SWIMMING ADVISORY SYSTEM**

It is intended that all residents and their guests enjoy the use of our lakes and beaches. For safety, purposes, the Lakes of the Four Seasons Property Owners Association Board of Directors has devised an advisory flag system. The flags will be of varied colors and will be flown from flagpoles at the following locations to serve as a warning system for boaters and swimmers:

- Clubhouse Docks
- South Boat Ramp on Lake Holiday
- Sandy Beach
- Big Bass Beach
- South Boat Launch on Big Bass Lake (located off of  
Four Seasons Parkway, west of Lot P-1004)

The flag color and advisory is:

- RED**           Lakes closed for boating and swimming activities.
- YELLOW**       Caution, swimming advisory, boating advisory, etc.
- GREEN**         Lakes open for all activities.

The different colored flags will be flown based on The Lake County Health Department samples of the water quality in the lakes, adverse weather conditions, construction, etc.

Removal or destruction of the flag warning system will result in a \$100.00 fine and suspension of the use of the lakes and beaches for the remainder of the year.

Boating or swimming in the lakes, while the RED flag is flown, will result in a \$100.00 fine, and suspension of the use of the lakes and beaches for the remainder of the year. Sufficient time (one hour) will be given for boaters already on the lake to observe the RED flag.

**E. SUNKEN OR ABANDONED BOAT POLICY**

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PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

**Sunken or Abandon Boat Policy**

Boats that are sunken or abandoned in the lakes of Lakes of the Four Seasons will be removed from the lake in a timely fashion. The Property Owners Association retains the right to remove any boat from the lakes of LOFS if it is determined to jeopardize the safety or environment of the lake.

Sunken boats must be reported to Security immediately. Security will notify the Director or Operations who will respond to the scene and begin oil remediation immediately. The Operations Director will secure the boat and assist the owner in obtaining a company to remove the boat. The Operations Director will make a determination at the scene as to the risk associated to the boat and the lake.

Sunken or abandoned boats must be removed from the lake within twenty-four hours providing they can be secured safely and will not affect the safety or the environment of the lake as determined by the Operations Director.

The POA retains the right to charge lot owners the cost of material to secure the boat and any unusual cost associated with securing and or removing the boat. The boat owner will be responsible for any fines or fees assessed by any governmental agency.

The Property Owners Association or its' agents will not be held responsible for any damage to private property while securing or removing said vessel.

Adopted by LOFS Board of Directors  
This 12<sup>th</sup>. day of November 2001

Keith Batton  
President LOFS Board of Directors