

BEECH MOUNTAIN LAKES ASSOCIATION

Rules and Regulations

RR020: BOATING RULES

General

1. ANYONE USING THE LAKE DOES SO **AT THEIR OWN RISK**.
2. Privately-owned gasoline-powered boats are required to have a BMLA provided bag over the engine while on the lake (bags are available at The Recreation Office) - electric motors do not need to be bagged.
3. Boats exceeding 26 feet in length are not permitted on the lake.
4. Only BML/QH owners/members in good standing are permitted lake access which includes use/registration of private watercraft, the Community beach, the renting of Association watercraft & rental of the watercraft slips in the Community Marina.
5. Anyone renting watercraft must **READ, SIGN** and **ABIDE** by the boating rules of the Beech Mountain Lakes.

Safety

6. All watercraft must have USCG approved life jackets or flotation devices for each occupant of the craft and the pilot and all occupants must comply with all other rules and regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the U.S. Coast Guard and Beech Mountain Lakes Association.
7. Children under the age of 14 will be permitted in a rented watercraft only if accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.
8. All watercraft activities must cease on the lake during electrical storms or other hazardous conditions.

Access

9. Privately-owned watercraft will not be permitted use of the lake unless the craft displays a current BML watercraft permit. Failure to display a current BML watercraft permit will result in fines, penalties & suspension of lake privileges as defined in the penalties section.
10. All watercraft are to be removed from Association waters by the last weekend in October. Except for craft in privately owned docks, failure to do so will result in fines.

11. Relatives/Friends of BML/QH members in good standing are permitted to register a watercraft with the BML/QH member present. Both parties must sign a specified document agreeing to the terms of the registration. There will be an additional lake access fee assessed annually by the Board of Directors for non- BML/QH member watercraft registrations.

Behavior

12. All watercraft in use must remain 100 feet from private docks and 50 feet from marked swimming areas except when leaving or returning to the dock area.
13. The owner of any watercraft is responsible for the actions of the occupants and the operator of such craft.
14. Horseplay or other conduct jeopardizing the safety of others in, or creating a nuisance upon the waters or beaches or other common property will constitute an infraction of the rules.
15. No unattended watercraft may be anchored on the lake at any time.
16. **LITTERING AND VANDALISM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!**

Boat Slips

17. Owners wishing to rent a slip in the Community Marina must register their intent at the Recreation Department office. Slips will be assigned, as they become available, in the order in which they were received.
18. Slip renters must sign the Beech Mountain Lakes Slip Rental Agreement.
19. The renter of each slip must provide evidence of Property Damage Liability insurance in the amount of \$50,000. Coverage must remain in place throughout the boating season.
20. At the beginning of each rental year, owner/renters whose term is up for renewal will be given first option to renew the agreement on their previous slip or other slip. All owner/renters who are relinquishing their slip must sign and date a Slip Relinquishment form.

Penalties

Violations of the Boating rules will result in the following:

Rules 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, and 14: Removal of the craft from the lake until a fine of \$25.00 is paid and the violation remedied.

Rule 9: Fine of \$100 for 1st offense, \$150 for 2nd offense, \$200 for 3rd offense. Revocation of lake access privileges for three months for 3rd & each subsequent offense.

Rule 10: Fine of \$100.00 per week for up to four weeks; thereafter, boat will be removed from the lake to an available onshore location at an additional cost of \$500.00.

Rule 15:

Littering

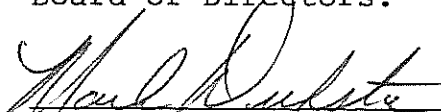
Disposing of litter (debris) in the lake: from \$100.00 to \$300.00, depending on the amount of debris.

Littering a beach or other lakeside Common Area: from \$50.00 to \$150.00, depending on the amount of debris.


Vandalism

A fine of \$300.00 in addition to the cost of the repair or remediation of the item(s) vandalized.

Adopted this 18th day of March, 2015, at a duly organized meeting, by vote of the Beech Mountain Lakes Association, Inc. Board of Directors.



Mark Duksta, Secretary



Kevin Walsh, President