

Park Avenue Boating Facility Regulations

Section 1: LAKEFRONT PARKING REGULATIONS

Resident Parking: (refer to www.pdhp.org for parking chart)

Residents with Highland Park city stickers may park in the north lot all weekdays, weekends and holidays. Residents with Highland Park city stickers may park in the south lot any time on weekdays and after 3:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Resident vehicles not displaying a city vehicle sticker that park in the designated lots are subject to a fine. To park in the south lot on weekends and holidays BEFORE 3:00pm, residents must display a Park Avenue Season Parking Decal, which are available for purchase at pdhp.org.

Non Resident Parking: (refer to www.pdhp.org for parking chart)

Nonresidents wishing to park at Rosewood Beach, Moraine Park, Central Park and Millard Park may purchase a parking decal that allows them to park in the lots. The lakefront parking decal entitles nonresidents to park at Rosewood Beach, Moraine Park, Central Park and Millard Park every day. The Lakefront decal is valid at Park Avenue Boating Facility Monday-Friday, excluding holidays. If non-residents want to park at Park Avenue Boating Facility on weekends, they will need to purchase a Park Avenue Season Parking Decal. Decals may be purchased at the Recreation Center of Highland Park, Mon-Sun. 7am-7pm or at West Ridge Center, Mon-Thurs 9:00am-6:30pm; Fri 9am-5pm.

Section 2: GENERAL FACILITY REGULATIONS

- 1) Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at the Park Avenue Facility. Yacht Club building users may have alcoholic beverages in the building with special permit.
- 2) Observe no anchor and wake zones.
- 3) Glass containers, bonfires and grills are prohibited.
- 4) Feeding of wildlife or other actions that encourage their presence is prohibited.
- 5) Please walk bicycles and skateboards on sidewalks.
- 6) Dogs must be on a leash and are not allowed on the beach.
- 7) No swimming/wading or picnicking and sunbathing is allowed at the Park Avenue South Beach.
- 8) Smoking is not permitted at any Park District facility, City parking lot or beach area.
- 9) Violators of the Park Avenue Facility ordinances are subject to fines of not less than \$20.00 nor more than \$200.00 for each offense.
- 10) Fuels and Oils: All petroleum products, gasoline, lubrication oils, etc., shall be stored in an approved container and kept onboard the boat. Petroleum products are not permitted to be stored on the ground on Park District property or the City of Highland Park property.
- 11) Chemicals and Hazardous Materials: Laboratory chemicals and hazardous materials must be removed from the boat prior to storage of the boat, and transported to a proper materials storage facility. Boat flares may remain on the vessel and should be kept in a weatherproof box away from flame sources and ignition points.
- 12) Wash-down, Engine Flushing, Fueling, and Oil Changes: Any of these activities must take place on the asphalt parking area. These activities are prohibited in the boat launch and in the storage area to prevent fuel and oil contamination of the soil area or in the lake. It is the responsibility of the vessel operator to ensure all pollutants are removed and disposed of properly.
- 13) Automobiles and Vehicles: Personal vehicles may be left at PDHP Boating Facility with an attached vessel trailer for daily durations, so long as the location and configuration do not prohibit access for other facility users and vessels in storage.
- 14) Winterization and Long Term Storage: Storage status of all watercraft will be reviewed annually. Specific storage practices are recommended for storage seasons and during seasons of harsh weather.
- 15) ABANDONMENT OF PROPERTY:
Owner's boat and any other personal property stored on Park District premises shall be deemed abandoned from the date of the termination or cancellation of this permit. Park District is relieved of all liabilities for any

abandoned property. If Owner abandons the boat/property or is dispossessed thereof by process of law, or otherwise, title to any boat/personal property belonging to Owner and left on the premises shall be deemed to have been transferred to the Park District. Park District shall have the right to remove and dispose of such boat/property without liability therefore to Owner or to any person claiming under Owner, and shall have no need to account therefore. Park District may retain the boat/property as its property or may dispose of the boat/property through sale or donation or other manner as the Park District, in its sole discretion may determine. Any proceeds derived from the sale or disposition of such property shall be the property of the Park District.

16) Access: The facility is open during regularly scheduled hours. After-hours access must be arranged through the manager provided that access has been previously authorized for an assigned user group.

17) Security: The Park Avenue Boating facility is affected by increased security at the Highland Park Water Plant. The Highland Park Police Department will notify the Park District and our patrons of any changes in procedures as soon as possible.

Section 3: BOATING INFORMATION & REGULATIONS

1) The regular boating season has been established from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend (weather and Conditions permitting). Ramp hours during this period are from 7:00 a.m. to dusk. After Labor Day, the ramp will remain available, however staffing will be at the discretion of the Park District. Closing procedures will begin on or after October 1. The floating dock will be removed at the discretion of Park District staff in October. The boating season for vessels on tiers/cables is from April 30th through October 15.

2) Appropriate parking decals are required for all vehicles and boats using the Park Ave Facility. (see above-Lakefront Parking Policy). Storage and season decals may be purchased online at www.pdhp.org

3) NO Daily fees may be purchased at Park Avenue from the Attendants on duty.

4) The launching decal must be permanently affixed before launching will be permitted. The numbered decal is registered to the permit holder for a specified boat and is non-transferable. Trailer/vehicle parking decal must be permanently hung from the rearview mirror.

5) The launching decal should be affixed to the starboard side of the transom (the right rear of the boat). All decals not permanently affixed are considered invalid.

6) U.S. Coast Guard-approved life vests: No person shall operate any watercraft upon Park District facilities or within the jurisdiction thereof contrary to any State or Federal law or regulation governing the operation of watercraft. All watercraft shall carry U.S. Coast Guard-approved life vests in good and serviceable condition for each boat occupant. All power boats shall be in good overall condition, shall have on board and available for immediate use an operable flashlight, hand line with attached anchor, distress flares, whistle or horn, bailing device and an approved fire extinguisher. Fuel storage and engines shall be properly ventilated, backfire flame control provided on the engine, proper and operable navigation lights for night use.

7) Only numbers and the "State of Illinois" decal should be affixed to the bow of any boat.

8) No Assumption of Care, Custody or Control by Park District-Owner is storing the boat at Owner's own risk and understands and agrees that by permitting Owner to store the boat on the Park District Property, the Park District is **not** assuming the care, custody or control of the boat. Further, this agreement does not establish, create, or impose joint ownership, care, custody, or control of the boat or any other personal property of the boat owner.

9) Insurance and Indemnification-Owner shall at its own expense obtain and maintain during the term of this agreement, marine/property coverage insuring the boat against loss or damage to the boat by reason of fire, theft, vandalism, collision or other casualty, in an not less than the actual cash value of the boat with respect to total loss or damage to the boat. The insurer for the Owner shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the Park District, its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and agents for losses arising from this Agreement. Further, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, Owner shall protect, indemnify, save, defend and hold harmless the Park District, its officers, officials, volunteers, employees and agents, from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, claims, damages, penalties, causes of action, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney and paralegal fees, which Park District and for which its officers, officials, volunteers, employees and agents may become obligated by reason of any accident, bodily injury, death of person, or loss of or damage to tangible property, arising indirectly or directly in connection with or under, or as a result of this agreement.

Section 4: VESSEL SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 1) A U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check (VSC) is required for all boats with auxiliary power to launch at the Park District ramp. This includes PWCs, daily launch, season launch and season storage/launch boats. There is no charge for this exam.
- 2) PWCs & season launch boaters must present their completed safety checklist to purchase a season decal.
- 3) Season storage/launch boaters must have a VSC decal on their boat prior to their first launch of the year.
- 4) Vessel Safety Checks will be conducted on-site at Park Ave. Refer to our website www.pdhp.org for more information or contact the Waukegan U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Station.

Section 5: CONCRETE RAMP LAUNCH REGULATIONS

“The West side of ramp is for launching; the east side is for retrieval.”

If while preparing your boat for launching and another boat arrives that is fully ready to launch, that boat will be given permission to launch first.

- 1) All launch users should be proficient in backing/launching the vehicle/trailer for safety reasons.
- 2) Launch/retrieve guidelines must be followed when using launch ramp.
- 3) Attendants duties: The launching ramp attendant is on duty to monitor traffic and assist with the lines of the boat, WHEN AVAILABLE. Neither staff nor the PDHP is responsible for any damage incurred to your property while using these facilities. Boaters are responsible for winching their boats upon the trailer.
- 4) Be certain that both the hydraulic and emergency brakes on your automobile function properly before backing down ramp incline. Fix the emergency brakes on your vehicle when stopping on the ramp. The depth of water at the end of the ramp varies from time to time.
- 5) Prepare your vessel for launching prior to entering the ramp area. The safety chain or winch cable should remain attached to your vessel until vessel is in the water. Removing these devices earlier may allow the vessel to slide down the trailer onto the ramp. Make sure drain plug is securely in place.
- 6) Boats should be unstrapped from trailer before proceeding down ramp and outboard motors should be tipped forward to prevent damage to propeller blades while entering and leaving ramp. Boats should have dock lines prepared, fenders prepared and make sure drain plug is securely in place.
- 7) Final fastening of the boat: When removing the watercraft from the water and after placing it on your boat trailer, final fastening of the boat should be done after leaving ramp area. Please do not block access to the ramp. Boats should be unstrapped from trailer before proceeding down ramp and outboard motors should be tipped forward to prevent damage to propeller blades while entering and leaving ramp. Must have dock lines and fender in place. Make sure your drain plug is in.
- 8) During busy times, remember there are other boaters who are eager to both launch and remove their boats from the lake. Your fellow boaters will appreciate your courtesy in hastening your use of the ramp during these periods.
- 9) The possibility of ramp damage due to excessive boat and trailer weight requires that all boats 21 feet in length or more shall be reviewed for weight limitation requirements prior to launching. Only those boats meeting safety weight limits will be permitted use of the concrete ramp. Boats over 21 feet may have difficulty launching in times of low lake water levels.
- 10) Trailer/vehicle length must not exceed 45 feet.
- 11) Factory setting on noise levels: All boats launching from Park Avenue must not exceed factory setting on noise levels and must conform to all federal, state and local laws concerning noise levels. Violators are subject to suspension of launching privileges.
- 12) No Wake zones: All boats (sail, power, PWC) may not come w/in 100 yards of the east driveway, as this is a fishing area.

13) Slow/no wake speed: All boats (sail, power, PWC) must enter and exit the launch/beach at a safe, slow/no wake speed. This safe, slow/no wake speed must be maintained until the vessel is 300 yards from the launch/beach area.

14) Dropping anchors: Boats may not drop anchor in the harbor area and may tie up to the west side of the ramp for a maximum of 10 minutes.

Section 6: BEACH RAMP LAUNCH REGULATIONS

- 1) Power boats may not be launched from beach ramp.
- 2) Electric winch: Attendants will be on duty to assist sailors in the use of the electric winch.
- 3) No boat is to be launched or retrieved with its sails cleated.
- 4) Returning trailers to their assigned spaces: After launching, people who have been assigned storage space on the beach pad must return their trailers to their assigned spaces, leaving the area at the water's edge for the trailers from the compound.
- 5) No boat is to be left unattended with sails hoisted.
- 6) Please make sure your trailer nose wheel is on the metal ramp & winch rope is secure before winching.
- 7) Sailboats may launch off concrete ramp when it is unoccupied or sand ramp is closed.
- 8) Boats on top of a car: Boats that may be transported on the top of a car and do not use a trailer to launch do not have to purchase a season launch pass. A season parking decal is required for the vehicle with proof of boat registration.

Section 7: BOATING STORAGE REGULATIONS

- 1) Assigned spaces: All boats and trailers must be stored in their assigned space and their space only. Board boats are to be stored in their racks or on the cable. All boats must have a permanently affixed storage decal.
- 2) Storage decals should be affixed to the right side of the trailer tongue. Board boats should place the storage decal on the starboard side of the transom.
- 3) Trailer Requirements: Suitable nose wheel; nose skids are required. Please block trailer nose wheel in storage space.
- 4) Boats in Storage spaces must be REMOVED prior to Oct. 15th or your Storage Fee Deposit will be forfeited.
- 5) To reduce theft boats and sails in storage racks and garage should Locked at all times.
- 6) Storage assignments: Storage spaces are assigned to boats based upon length, width and weight. Any boat 18 feet long with a beam of 6 feet or less (mono hull only) will be stored in the fenced compound. Boats exceeding these dimensions will be reviewed for placement at the discretion of the Park District.
- 7) Owner's risk: Loss from theft, vandalism or accident resulting during storage of any personal property on park premises is at the owner's risk and the Park District will not be held responsible.

Section 8: FISHING REGULATIONS

- 1) Maximum of fishing poles: One person may not have more than two poles and one net.
- 2) All vehicles parked must have the proper decal. Decal must be permanently affixed.
- 3) Vehicle Length: Fishing vehicle length is limited to 20 feet.
- 4) State/Federal fishing regulations: All people fishing at Park Avenue must conform to all state/federal fishing regulations.

Section 9: WINDSURFING REGULATIONS

- 1) Parking regulations: Windsurfers may launch at Park Avenue any day of the week, if they have purchased the appropriate decal or parking permit. The Park Avenue launch attendant has the authority to restrict windsurfers, if the attendant determines a hazardous condition does exist or boating traffic prohibits usage.
- 2) Personal Flotation Devices: All windsurfers must wear Coast Guard-approved Personal Flotation Devices to launch from a Park District beach.

Section 10: PERSONAL WATERCRAFT REGULATIONS

- 1) NO Daily launch passes will be sold. PWC owners must purchase a season launch pass.
- 2) Slow/no wake speed: PWCs must enter and exit the launch/beach areas at a safe, slow/no wake speed. They must maintain this safe, slow/no wake speed for a distance of a minimum of 300 yards from the launch/beach.
- 3) No wake zones: PWCs must stay a minimum of 100 yards away from the fishing area along the east driveway.
- 4) Personal Flotation Devices must be worn at all times.
- 5) Staging areas: The concrete ramp will only be used to launch and retrieve the PWC. PWCs may use the south beach (not north beach) as their staging area at the discretion of the attendant. PWCs must provide a mooring line for use during peak periods of launch/retrieval.
- 6) Restrooms: PWCs may beach their watercrafts on the south beach to utilize the Park Avenue amenities.
- 7) Noise levels: PWC must not exceed factory setting on noise levels.
- 8) Hours of operation: No operations of PWC are allowed between sunset and sunrise.
- 9) PWCs must adhere to the same rules and regulations as power boats. Refueling not allowed on launch area.
- 10) PWCs must provide a tether line to expedite launch and return.
- 11) Violation of these policies subjects the PWC owners to forfeiture of their season launch privilege.

PWC Trailer Parking Area

A PWC trailer area is at the southeast corner of the car parking area along the lakefront. PWC users will launch their boats, pull their car/trailer up to the designated area, unhitch their trailer and place the trailer in the designated area. They will then place their car in the angled parking area. PWC patrons should use this area when trailer parking spaces are heavily utilized.

PWC Registration Guidelines

- 1) PWC season launch pass applications should be completed online at www.pdhp.org. Deer Creek Racquet Club will process PWC season launch pass applications. Applications are NOT accepted in-person, unless by appointment only with proof of residency and proof of boat ownership documents.
- 2) Residents must show proper proof of residency (current driver's license, previous year Park District tax bill) to receive resident rates.
- 3) Proof of ownership must also be furnished.
- 4) Vessel Safety Check: PWC must have a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check prior to registering for a season pass.
- 5) Maximum number of registered PWC's. Residents may register a max of three PWCs. NR may register only one PWCs.
- 6) Registration dates: Registration will be accepted beginning the published boating season dates.
- 7) Nonresident registrations: are limited to 10 PWC's and will be on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 8) There will not be a limit on resident registrations.
- 9) Adherence to rules and regulations: PWC season decal launchers are held responsible for observance of all rules and regulations for Park Avenue. Any violation of the rules and regulations could result in forfeiture of that launch pass.
- 10) Season launch decals are not transferable.
- 11) NO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 10, MAY OPERATE A MOTOR BOAT OR PWC. Persons between the ages of 10 and 18 years old may operate a motorized boat or PWC if they are accompanied by a parent or guardian or if they possess a Boating Safety Certificate issued by the Natural Resources Dept. or the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, etc.

I have read and fully understand the above important information, warning of risk and agree to adhere to all of the Park Avenue Facility Regulations and understand my privileges may be revoked if I fail to adhere to them.

Printed Name	Signature	Date
Printed Name of Witness	Signature of Witness	Date