

BOAT RENTAL RULES

- *Deposits: All equipment use must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of ID, keys, cell phone or cash.
- *Participants 12-15 years of age may use boats with a signature of a parent or guardian who is present on Beach grounds. Participants 16-17 year olds may use boats with signature of parent or guardian.
- *SAILBOATS: Participants under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian in the sail boat.
- *The Crystal Lake Park District staff reserves the right to refuse use to any individual due to/but not limited to the following criteria: boating proficiency, age, willingness to abide by established policies, or the apparent influence of drugs or alcohol.
- *Operators and passengers must at all times remain inside the boat and avoid adversely impacting the recreational experience of other lake patrons.
- *Boaters must review and display an understanding of safety and operational guidelines before leaving the shore with watercraft. It is solely the user's responsibility to insure that they are adequately prepared to operate the craft according to the present or potential conditions on the lake.
- *Participants will be asked to indicate an estimated outing time limit, allowing staff to maintain an outing log for billing and/or waiting list procedures.
- *Fees will be accrued in one half hour increments; final rates will be established upon return of equipment. Crystal Lake Park District staff alone will determine final rates and damage fees due, and collectable, if in excess of the damage deposit.
- *Accessibility to certain areas of the lake may be limited based on availability, special events, lake conditions, or boater proficiency.
- *All watercraft (except sailboats) are **not** to go beyond the "No Wake" buoys during **wake hours**.
Wake Hours: M, W, F 8am-8pm TU, TH, SA 8am-5pm
- *Participants will be denied use of equipment in the absence of a signed Boat Rental waiver.
- *All participants **must wear** a USCG-approved Personal Flotation Device, provided with use of equipment.
- *Although Crystal Lake Park District staff may provide assistance in the event of equipment failure, there will be **no** rescue service or surveillance provided.
- *The Crystal Lake Park District staff reserves the right to deny access of any kind to the lake based on water or weather conditions.
- *There is **absolutely no swimming or wading** from watercraft.
- *Participants will be expected to respond to warnings of lake and/or weather conditions that may be communicated by the Crystal Lake Park District staff via a warning siren.
- *Consuming alcoholic beverages in conjunction with any water-based activity is prohibited.
- ***No docking allowed at piers away from the Marina or on shore.** These are to be used for emergency use only.
- *Participants will be held responsible for loss of or damages to the Crystal Lake Park District property.