

Watercraft Use at Veteran's Memorial Lake Park

(Updated May 2023)

1. All watercraft, including but not limited to kayaks, canoes, rowboats, sailboats, and electric, must have a valid OH boat registration.
2. No city-issued permit is currently required.
3. It is prohibited for any person under 18 to be in any rowboat, canoe, or sailboat unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or adult supervisor.
4. It is prohibited for any person to use a rubber, synthetic rubber, plastic, inner tube, life raft or similar device designed to keep a person afloat.
5. Electric motors- 1 ½ HP permitted. **No gas-powered motors.**
6. Watercraft must not be overloaded. Users must abide by Coast Guard regulations for the number of people that can be safely carried. No row boats under 8 feet long, no canoes under 12 feet long and no sailboats under 10 feet in length.
7. Oars or paddles must be in boats at all times.
8. **Everyone** must use a Coast Guard approved life preserver.
9. Swimming, standing, riding side of decks, stunting or any careless operation is strictly forbidden and is just cause for revocation of license to operate on lake.
10. Operation of any watercraft while under the influence of intoxicating drugs or alcohol will not be tolerated or permitted.
11. All watercraft must be removed from city property when not in use.
12. No person shall operate watercraft or be at anchor between sunset and sunrise which does not display at least one continuous white light visible from all points of the horizon.
13. Row boats, canoes, sailboats, and kayaks must be launched at authorized locations.
14. All bait cans and other trash must be put in containers located on shore.
15. The season for boating will be from May 1st through October 1st/
16. All licensed watercraft users must agree to observe the authority of officials designated to police the lake and abide by all the above rules or their licenses will be revoked.

ODNR Boat Operator's Guide: A Summary of Laws and Rules

<https://ohiodnr.gov/static/documents/watercraft/OhioBoatOperatorsGuide.pdf>