



**MOTOR BOATING WAIVER & RELEASE**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The Winnetka Park District is committed to conducting its recreation programs and activities in a safe manner and holds the safety of participants in high regard. The Park District continually strives to reduce such risks and insists that all participants follow safety rules and instructions that are designed to protect the participant's safety. However, participants and parents/guardians of minors registering for this activity must recognize that there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to participate in boat racing.

You are solely responsible for determining if you or your minor child/ward are physically fit and/or adequately skilled for the activities contemplated by this agreement. It is always advisable, especially if the participant is pregnant, disabled in any way or recently suffered an illness, injury or impairment, to consult a physician before undertaking any physical activity.

When motor boating, make sure that every person on board wears life jackets or personal floatation devices. Check weather conditions before leaving, carry a radio to receive regular weather reports and keep an eye out for storms. Never allow anyone to ride in the bow – keep all passengers in their seats. Do not overpower your boat by exceeding its horsepower rating – overpowered boats are very unstable and can capsize when turning. Too much weight caused by too many people and/or gear can cause the boat to capsize or sink. Power-driven boats should always give the right of way to sail-boats, canoes, rowboats, and other boats without motors.

**WARNING OF RISK**

Motor boating can be dangerous and risky. Despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury, including death. All hazards and dangers cannot be foreseen. Certain inherent risks include failing to follow safe boating rules and regulations, drinking alcohol, failing to yield the right of way to other boats, traveling too fast for water or weather conditions, overloading the boat, carelessness or horseplay, inexperience, improper installation and maintenance of equipment, collisions between boats, striking natural or artificial surface or subsurface objects, failing to wear life jackets or personal floatation devices, losing control of the boat, acts of God, dangerous weather and water conditions, inadequate instruction/supervision, and all other risks inherent in motor boating. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for the Park District to guarantee absolute safety.

**WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and participating in this activity, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with this activity (including transportation services and vehicle operations, when provided).

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in this activity, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of said participation. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have (or accrue to me or my child/ward) as a result of participating in this activity against the (Park District), including its officials, agents, volunteers and employees.

**I have read and fully understand the above important information, warning of risk, assumption of risk and waiver and release of all claims. If registering on-line or via fax, my on-line or facsimile signature shall substitute for and have the same legal effect as an original form signature.**

**PARTICIPATION WILL BE DENIED**  
**If the signature of adult participant or parent/guardian and date are not on this waiver.**

**Waiver and Release of All Claims and Assumption of Risk**

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and participating in the identified programs/activities, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with said programs/activities (including transportation services/vehicle operation, when provided).

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in these programs/activities, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that my minor child/ward or I sustain as a result of said participation. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have (or accrue to me or my child/ward) as a result of participating in these programs/activities against the Winnetka Park District, including its officials, agents, volunteers and employees (hereinafter collectively referred as Winnetka Park District).

I do hereby fully release and forever discharge the Winnetka Park District from any and all claims for injuries, damages, or loss that my minor child/ward or I may have or which may accrue to me or my minor child/ward and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with these programs/ activities.

I have read and fully understand the above important information, warning of risk, assumption of risk and waiver and release of all claims. If registering on-line or via fax, your on-line facsimile signature shall substitute for and have the same legal effect as an original form signature.

**Please sign on the reverse side of this form.**

**Residency Policy**

Recreation program residency rates apply to everyone who lives within Park District boundaries and pays Winnetka Park District taxes. Non-residents pay an additional non-resident fee per program. Non-residents fees are the second fee shown in program descriptions.

**Photo/Video Policy**

Photos and video footage are periodically taken of participants in a class, during a special event or at the District's parks and facilities. Please be aware that, by signing this waiver and release you are authorizing the Park District to use these photos and video footage for District advertising and promotion without your further permission and without any compensation to you. All photos/video are property of the Park District. Please call the Communications Office at 847.501.2076 for more information.



## Winnetka Park District Personal Watercraft Regulations



The following regulations have been implemented by the Winnetka Park District to insure that personal watercraft users will be able to use Lloyd Beach in harmony with other users of the area. Each permit holder of a personal watercraft is being asked to read the following regulations and sign a form that they are aware, understand and will follow the rules governing the use of personal watercraft.

1. Personal watercraft hours are restricted to: 9:00 a.m. to dusk seven(7) days a week.
2. In compliance with the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act Digest\*, Age of Operators of personal watercraft as well as power boats will be as follows:
  - a. No persons under the age of 10 may operate a motorboat or PWC.
  - b. Persons at least 10 years of age and less than 18 years of age may operate a motorboat only if:
    - They are accompanied on the motorboat and under the direct control of a parent or guardian, or a person at least 18 years of age designated by a parent or guardian.
  - c. Persons at least 12 years of age and less than 18 years of age may, however, operate a motorboat or PWC if:
    - They are in possession of a Boating Safety Certificate issued by the Department of Natural Resources Office, Division of Education or a valid certificate issued by another state, a province of the Dominion of Canada, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or the U.S. Power Squadron.

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1. No persons under the age of 10 may operate a motorboat.
2. Persons at least 10 years of age and less than 12 years of age may operate a motorboat only if:
  - a. they are accompanied on the motorboat and under the direct control of a parent or guardian, or a person at least 18 years of age designated by a parent or guardian.
3. Persons at least 12 years of age and less than 18 years of age may operate a motorboat only if:
  - a. They are accompanied on the motorboat and under the direct control of a parent or guardian.
  - b. or a person at least 18 years of age designated by a parent or guardian or
  - c. such motorboat operator is in possession of a boating Safety Certificate issued by the Department of Natural Resources Office, Division of Education or a valid certificate issued by another state, a province of the Dominion of Canada, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or the U.S. Power Squadron.

### Summary Chart of Age Requirements for PWC Operators.

Age	Cannot Operate Boat or PWC	May operate Boat or PWC with Parent/Guardian or designated individual over 18 years of age.	May Operate Boat or PWC with Safety Certificate.
Under age 10	<b>X</b>		
At least age 10 and under age 18		<b>X</b>	
At least age 12 and under age 18		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>

3. Individuals who do not follow the above age rules will be subject to having their pass suspended or revoked by the Winnetka Park District.
4. Due to limited space and control problems each personal watercraft owner may bring up to four (4) guests.
5. The personal watercraft permit will be issued to the registered owner of the watercraft. Only the immediate family of the registered owner can launch the watercraft. **The owner and/or the immediate family must be present during the time the watercraft is in use.**
6. Refueling of personal watercraft will not be allowed on Winnetka Park District properties.
7. All personal watercraft users **MUST** wear Coast Guard approved life jackets and each craft **MUST** have a fire extinguisher.
8. All personal watercraft usage will be by season pass only.
9. One permit is required for each watercraft and they are not transferable.
10. Buoys will be installed in the lake to designate no-wake areas and access areas to and from the beach. If the buoys should be moved by wave action Park District staff will replace them as soon as possible and watercraft operators will still be expected to follow the normal locations of the buoys.
11. Any type of watercraft causing a wake inside the designated no-wake area will have their permit suspended and/or revoked.
12. As a courtesy to riparian owners, all personal watercraft shall operate 100 yards from shore and only beach their watercraft directly in front of the Lloyd beach house.
13. Lloyd beach is for the exclusive use of individuals participating in boating

and sailing activities. Users of Personal watercraft shall follow all Lloyd Beach Rules including: no swimming, no glass containers, and no dogs.

- 14.** For the safety of Sailing students and personal watercraft users, all personal watercraft operators shall be aware of the District's Sailing Programs held at Lloyd Beach and will make every effort to stay removed from these classes. PWC's, like all boaters, shall observe proper right of way.
- 15.** All permit holders must sign a consent of release form to hold harmless the Winnetka Park District and an acknowledgment they have received and understand the rules outlined above.



## Winnetka Park District Lloyd Beach and Launching Rules/Guidelines



1. Lloyd Beach is staffed one week prior to Memorial Day through Labor Day.
2. Staff hours are 8:00am till Dusk.
3. PWC launching hours are 9:00am till Dusk.
4. A season pass is required to launch a PWC. No daily passes will be issued.
5. Holidays rates will include Memorial Day Weekend, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, and Labor Day Weekend.
6. Boats must be attended by owner/passenger at all times when in the launch. Staff members are not responsible for watching boats. The Winnetka Park District is not responsible for any damages.
  - Boats are required to have boat fenders present on the port or starboard side when launching and docking.
  - Boats are required to have **2** boat lines when launching and docking.
7. When returning to the launch, existing boats have the right away.
8. Lloyd Beach is a boating beach only. **No SWIMMING!**
9. All paddle boarders are required to utilize a safety leash. Children under the age of 13 are required to wear a life jacket when using a paddle board.
10. No boogie boards and inflatable floatation devices allowed.
11. No dogs are permitted on Lloyd Beach at any time. Village ordinance #504 will be enforced.
12. NO WAKE ZONE as identified by buoys will be enforced.
13. Pass holders on the beach are limited to be accompanied by immediate family and up to **4** guests.
14. Patrons on the beach must be accompanied by a season pass holder or a rack pass holder.
15. No fires, including grills, are allowed on the beach.
16. Glass containers are not allowed on the beach.
17. No alcohol is allowed on the beach.