

The Lake is provided for the enjoyment of all members in good standing and their guests. The State of Ohio has legal jurisdiction of the waterway and enforcement of State laws on the Lake, and Apple Valley Property Owners Association staff has the right to enforce the Rules and Regulations of the Association with respect to the lake area as well. Members and their guests must conduct themselves in a safe and lawful manner and abide by the following:

I. Requirements for Access & Operation of Watercraft

- A. All watercraft shall:
1. Have Association permit decals affixed to the hull in the manner prescribed.
 2. Have State registration numbers and current State registration tag affixed to the hull in the manner prescribed.
 3. Comply with the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC).
 4. Have a member in good standing on board at all times.
 5. Have on board a current property owners card, and (if required by ORC) certificate of successful completion of boating course or proficiency examination, and show willingness to share these items with Association staff and law enforcement agencies.
 6. Be currently titled in the name of a current property owner in good standing.
- B. All persons operating watercraft are to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the ORC, OAC and the Association.

II. Association Watercraft Permits

- A. There are four categories of permits:
1. Annual – issued each year for each watercraft.
 2. Temporary – issued for a maximum of seven days.
 3. New Boat – issued for a maximum of 30 days while awaiting State registration.
 4. Special Event – issued to a watercraft participating in a special event recognized by the Association.
- B. Any of the above-mentioned permits may be obtained at the administration office.

After January 1, 2023, any ownership transfer by deed will be permitted a maximum of four (4) watercraft permits per lot with no more than one (1) being a **powercraft**.**

Any transfer of ownership by deed that has happened prior to January 1, 2023 shall remain with the maximum of four (4) watercraft permits per lot, with no more than two (2) being a **powercraft**.**

****Powercraft** means any vessel propelled by machinery and/or fuel”.

III. Size Restrictions for Watercraft

- A. Maximum length for mechanically powered craft is twenty-one feet six inches (21’6”) (exception is pontoon boats) as stated on current state registration.
- B. Maximum length for pontoon boats is twenty-eight feet (28’) as stated on current state registration, inclusive of pontoon tubes.
- C. Maximum horsepower on all boats with outboard motors is limited to a single engine with the primary engine not to exceed 300 horsepower and a secondary engine not to exceed 25 horsepower for trolling motors.
- D. Maximum length for non-mechanically powered craft is twenty-eight feet (28’) as stated on current state registration.
- E. Maximum beam for all watercraft is eight feet six inches (8’6”) at the widest point.
- F. No houseboats, regardless of type, are permitted.

IV. Safe Watercraft Operation

Definitions Used:

“Idle speed” means the slowest possible speed needed to maintain steerage or maneuverability.

“No Wake” has the same meaning as “idle speed”

- A. No wake areas:
 1. Within eighty feet (80’) of any shoreline.
 2. Within fifty feet (50’) of any designated swimming areas.
 3. Within fifty feet (50’) from watercraft engaged in fishing.
 4. Within fifty feet (50’) of any downed skier or like individual engaging in a towed activity.
- B. No wake hours for the entire lake are between sunset and sunrise.
- C. All watercraft will travel in a counterclockwise pattern around the Lake, except at no wake speeds.
- D. No “rooster-tail” devices on any watercraft except personal watercraft (PWC).
- E. Scuba diving from boats is permitted only in no wake areas.
- F. Swimming outside of designated areas is at your own risk.

G. No Wake Boarding or Wake Surfing is permitted within eighty (80) feet from a no-wake zone.

V. Lake Use Restrictions

- A. The use of the lake may be restricted during periods of abnormally high water or other reasons.
 1. Lake condition signal flags are posted at five common area locations* around the lake. All watercraft operators are requested to observe the condition flags, or call the Association administration office for clarification prior to operating watercraft on the lake.
 2. Flag colors/meanings are as follows:
 - Green** – Full boating, no restriction

Yellow – Idle speed only (see above definition of “idle speed”)

Red – Lake closed, no boating

- B. No para-sailing is permitted.
- C. The Association Ski Club maintains a portable slalom course that may be positioned on the lake a few days of the year. Only ski-type boats with slalom water-skiers are permitted to use the course. Others should stay clear of the course when it is not in use and, as a matter of courtesy, maintain no wake speed in the area around the course when it is in use.
- D. All watercraft operators must abide by regulatory buoys or signs.
- E. AVPOA prohibits use of hydro-jet devices (i.e. jet lifts, flyboards, jetvators, jet bikes, etc.), and mechanized submersible watercraft (aka: submarines) in or on Apple Valley Lake.

VI. Anchoring and Docking Restrictions

- A. Beaching of watercraft on common property is only permitted in posted areas.
- B. Do not leave watercraft anchored, tied or docked at launch areas any longer than necessary to park tow vehicles.
- C. No overnight docking, anchoring, beaching or mooring at any Association common areas.
- D. No overnight sleeping on any watercraft on the lake.
- E. None of the following are permitted to extend beyond the length of the dock into the lake after sunset or obstruct the ability to navigate the waters of Apple Valley:
 1. Swim Platforms
 2. Inflatable recreation devices including but not limited to; trampolines, towables, party islands, floats, mats, lily pads, and water toys.
- F. Designated swim areas created by members are temporary and need to be removed when not in use or no later than sunset.

VII. Parking and Storage

- A. Storage is available at the Marina pursuant to the current fee schedule.
- B. No watercraft or watercraft trailer storage is permitted at a launch site for more than twenty-four hours.

VIII. Security

- A. The family unit is responsible for the conduct of their guests.
- B. All property owners are encouraged to report violations of these rules that they witness to the Association office, sheriff, or a member of the lake patrol. It would be most helpful if you could obtain the registration number, Association registration year and number, and site of the violation. A call made to the sheriff’s office will most likely result in a page to the deputy on duty on the Lake. Please DO NOT call 911 unless an injury, accident or emergency situation has occurred.