

Beech Mountain Lakes Association Policies			
<i>Section:</i>	6.0 Recreation and Activity	<i>Effective Date:</i>	June 28, 2023
<i>Policy:</i>	6.1 Boating and Lake Policy	<i>Supersedes:</i>	July 28, 2021
<i>Approved by:</i>	5 of 5 Board Members		

If applicable, the exact amount of the fee, fine or deposit that may be referenced in the below policy can be found in the Schedule for Fees and Fines (found by following this link).

If permits are required for this policy:

- 1. Beech Mountain has 30 days from the date of submission to approve the permit.*
- 2. It is your responsibility to check with Butler Township for any permits needed to ensure you are in compliance with their policies.*

RECITALS

- A. Whereas, the Beech Mountain Lakes Protective Covenants, Declarations, and Rules and Regulations, from hereon referred to as the 'Policies,' describe how a property may be used, developed, and maintained within the community.
- B. Whereas, under the Declaration of Protective Covenants, Exceptions, Reservations, and Conditions for Beech Mountain Lakes in Drums, Pennsylvania, the Board of Directors is charged with certain responsibilities regarding protection of the safety and well-being of residents and guests of Beech Mountain Lakes, as well as with the care, maintenance, service, and preservation of the Common Areas.
- C. Whereas, the Board of Directors, under section 13 of the Beech Mountain Lakes Protective Covenants has the power to implement general use restrictions including section 13.10.
- D. Whereas, the Property Owner, under section 13 of the Covenants and section 3 of the Policies, is charged with certain responsibilities regarding the care, maintenance, service, and preservation of property within Beech Mountain Lakes Association in Drums, Pennsylvania.
- E. Whereas, the Board of Directors wishes to update the uniform boating and lake policy.

Now, therefore, let it be resolved that the Board of Directors hereby updates the following boating and lake policy:

General

1. ANYONE USING THE LAKE DOES SO AT HIS/HER OWN RISK.
2. Gasoline-powered motors are not permitted **on any watercraft** (except boats used by the PA Fish and Boat Commission) on BMLA lake waters at any time. A gas motor must be removed from a battery powered boat due to danger of gas and oil seepage.
3. Boats exceeding 28 feet in length are not permitted on the lake.
4. Pontoon boats are limited to electric motors equivalent to 25 HP.

5. Hydrofoil surfboards and any other watercraft are limited to electric motors equivalent to 8 HP.
6. Members of the Association and the Quail Hollow Community in good standing are permitted lake access, which includes use/registration of private watercraft, the community beach, the renting of association watercraft and rental of the watercraft slips in the community marina. Violators are subject to fines and prosecution for trespassing.
7. Anyone using watercraft must **READ, SIGN** and **ABIDE** by the boating rules of the Beech Mountain Lakes.
8. All fishing tournaments to be held on the Beech Mountain Lake must be approved by the BMLA Board of Directors.

Safety

1. All watercraft must have approved life jackets or flotation devices with a whistle or other noise instrument. The pilot and all occupants must comply with all other rules and regulations of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, and Beech Mountain Lakes Association.
2. All lake swimmers must follow established water safety practices at all times as mandated by the above agencies.
3. Children under the age of 14 will be permitted in a rented watercraft only if accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.
4. All watercraft activities must cease on the lake during electrical storms or other hazardous conditions.
5. All watercraft (kayak, canoe, floating device, rowboat, pontoon boat) must have working illuminated lighting when on the lake after sundown or before sunrise.

Access

1. All privately-owned watercraft, whether propelled mechanically or manually by BML resident or guest, or Quail Hollow renter/owner, will not be permitted use of the lake, unless the craft displays a current BML watercraft permit. Failure to display a current BML watercraft permit will result in fines, penalties & suspension of lake privileges as defined in the penalties' section.
2. All watercraft are to be removed from association waters by the last weekend in October (except for craft in privately owned docks). Failure to do so will result in fines.

Behavior

1. All watercraft, and fishing lines in use associated with them, must remain 50 feet from private docks and 50 feet from marked swimming areas, except when leaving or returning to the dock area.
2. The owner of any watercraft is responsible for the actions of the occupants and the operator of such craft.
3. Horseplay or other conduct jeopardizing the safety of others in, or creating a nuisance upon the waters or beaches or other common property, will constitute an infraction of the rules. Lewd or obscene conduct will not be tolerated at any time.
4. LITTERING AND VANDALISM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

Boat Slips/Mooring

1. Owners wishing to rent a slip in the community marina must register their intent at the Recreation Department Office. Slips will be assigned, as they become available, in the order in which they were received.
2. Slip renters must sign the Beech Mountain Lakes Slip Rental Agreement.
3. The renter of each slip must provide evidence of Property Damage Liability Insurance in the amount of \$50,000. Coverage must remain in place throughout the boating season.
4. At the beginning of each rental year, owner/renters whose term is up for renewal will be given first option to renew the agreement on their previous slip or other slip. All owner/renters who are relinquishing their slip must sign and date a Slip Relinquishment Form.
5. All boats are to be secured to any of the following: approved lake front private dock, private lake front property without a dock, or wet slip provided by BMLA.
6. No boats, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards or any type of watercraft shall be tied to, or anchored to BMLA property. These areas are to include both islands within the lake, both dams, and all shorelines, with the exception of the shoreline of the privately owned property on the south side of the lake. Watercraft owned by Quail Hollow renters/owners may be tied to or anchored to Quail Hollow property.
7. No pontoon boats shall be anchored to the shoreline of Quail Hollow overnight, unless they are owned by an approved Quail Hollow resident.
8. All boats that are not property owners' boats, but are tied to private property shorelines and Quail Hollow, must provide written consent from the property owner allowing such watercraft to be tied to the property.
9. All person(s) caught violating these mooring policies will face fines and possible loss of boating privileges. (See the Schedule for Fees and Fines.)
10. No boat shall be stored on BMLA common areas/roads without written permission from the BMLA General Manager.
11. All boats using BML dry dock areas must display the BML dry dock sticker on the boat trailer.

Penalties

Violations of the boating rules will result in fines, (See the Schedule for Fees and Fines.), and possible revocation of lake privileges.

Effective date

The aforementioned policy shall be effective upon adoption by the Board of Directors, and the execution of this resolution.

In witness whereof, the undersigned have executed this Resolution the 28th day of June, 2023 .

Signature on file in Admin office

President

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Secretary