PAINTED HILLS HANDBOOK
Summer Reminders

Section 6 **BOATING**

The Association does adopt all State boating laws and such laws may be enforced by the Association or by any duly sworn law enforcement officer.

Section 6.01

Members must be in good standing to be permitted to use any lake facilities.

Section 6.02

Members shall register any boat lawfully owned by a member in good standing to be used on the Lakes with the Association each year in accordance with the procedure established by the Lakes Committee and otherwise comply with all government regulations and safety standards.

Amended 1/14/19

Section 6.03

Only a member of said Association may launch a boat on any lake.

Section 6.04

All boats operated on any lake must be of safe construction, presentable in appearance, and kept so. The Association Board of Directors has the Authority to cause to be removed from the Lake any boat in violation of these or any other Association Boating Rules or infraction of the Indiana State Board Boating Laws.

Section 6.05

All boats should be equipped with at least one Coast Guard approved life preserver, life jacket, buoyant vest or cushion **for each person on board always**.

Section 6.06

Motors shall always be muffled.

Section 6.07

All motor boats, sailboats and pontoon boats shall be equipped with a bright white light aft, visible in all directions. All motor boats equipped with a motor of 15 HP or more shall be equipped with a combination light forward which is lower than the white light aft. The forward light shows green to starboard and red to port and shall be visible for one mile or more. This light is affixed or attached to throw light from dead ahead to two points abaft the beam either side.

Section 6.08

All other boats not specifically mentioned above shall be equipped with a hand portable lantern or flashlight not affixed or attached to any part of the boat and capable of throwing a white light visible for two miles or more. It shall be the duty of the operator of any such boat to display the light in enough time to avoid collision with any other boat.

Section 6.09

Above-mentioned lights must be in operation during the period between sunset and sunrise and must be kept in good repair.

Section 6.10

It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of sixteen (16) years of age to operate a watercraft with a horsepower rating more than twenty-five (25) horsepower except when accompanied by a person of age eighteen (18) or older.

Section 6.11
No person shall operate any boat with reckless or heedless disregard of the rights, safety and property of other persons. The security officer will retain the right to remove boats and their operators from the lake as he deems necessary. Proper action will be taken against said persons by the Board of Directors or law enforcement officers.

Section 6.12
No person shall operate any motorboat towing any water ski, water sled, aquaplane, or similar object, or any person thereon, unless said motorboat is occupied by at least one other person who is giving his entire attention to the operation of towed objects. Any motorboat towing skiers or other objects shall do so in a counter-clockwise direction around the lake.

Section 6.13
All motorized watercraft shall travel in a counter-clockwise direction on Lake Holiday and shall operate at idle speed during the period one-half hour before sunset until 9:00 a.m. All motor boats on Lake Nebo will always operate at idle speed.

Section 6.14
When two boats are approaching each other "head and head," or nearly so, each boat shall bear to the right and pass the other on its left side;
When two boats are approaching each other obliquely or at a right angle, the boat on the right shall have the right-of-way; A boat may overtake and pass another boat on either side if the same can be done with safety and within assured clear distance ahead, but the boat overtaken shall have the right-of-way; a boat leaving a dock, pier, or wharf or the shore shall have the right-of-way over all boats approaching the same; the right-of-way of boats shall be in the following order: kayaks, canoes, rowboats, sailboats, motorboats.

Section 6.15
No person shall operate any motorboat within 50 feet of shore or within marked areas at more than idle speed (no wake). Amended 3/15/2010

Section 6.16
No person shall operate any boat at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the conditions and hazards, actual and potential, then existing, including weather and density of traffic, or other reasons. The security officer will have the right to enforce speed limits.

Section 6.17 PERSONAL WATERCRAFT
Personal water craft such as but not limited to Jetski, Seadoo, Waverunner, Wetjet, powered surf boards or powered paddle boards are not permitted on Lake Holiday or Lake Nebo. **Approved 9/14/2020**

All boats configured to create an abnormal wake shall not be operated on Painted Hills' lakes, and all boats must be on plane when pulling skiers or tubers. **Approved 1/17/2011**

Airboats defined as boats propelled by air are not allowed on Painted Hills' lakes for recreational use.
Approved 2/11/2019

Section 6.18 ACCIDENTS
Duties of the operator of any boat involved in any accident or collision resulting in injury or death to any person or damage to any boat or other property shall be:

A. Stop such boat immediately and as close as possible to the scene of such accident;
B. Return to the scene of such accident and remain there until he has complied with the requirements of this section;
C. Give his name and address, a full identification of the boat operated by him, and the name and address of the owner;
D. Render reasonable assistance to any person injured;

E. Report accident to the Painted Hills security officer and complete the necessary written report and mail to: The Department of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement Division, 402 W. Washington, Room 255-D, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, within twenty-four (24) hours.

Section 6.19 GENERAL BOATING RULES

A. It is unlawful to operate a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol or dangerous drugs.
B. It is unlawful to throw any refuse into the lake or onto the shore.
C. The maximum length of boats (watercraft) is twenty-eight (28) feet for pontoons and twenty-one (21) feet for other boats. Amended 9/24/2022
D. Wake surfing is not allowed per Indiana Code 5.32, Chapter 13. Wake boarding is allowed, as long as the tow rope is at least 30 feet, and the boat wake is not the means of propulsion. Amended 1/14/19

Section 6.20

The boardwalk at the Clubhouse is constructed for the convenience of all property owners in good standing. No boat shall be secured to the Clubhouse boardwalk for a period longer than that of the member's utilization of the Clubhouse and/or swimming pool facilities.

Section 6.21

No boat shall be left at or tied to the dams or buoys.

Section 6.22

No unattended boats shall be left at the marina docks from November 1 thru March 31. There will be no storage of boats/trailers at the marina.

Section 6.23

Overnight boat camping is prohibited.

Section 7 SWIMMING

Swimming in the lakes more than 40 feet from the shoreline is always prohibited, except when swimming within 10 feet of a boat.
Persons must change clothing indoors. Dressing in cars or upon open subdivision property is prohibited.

PAINTED HILLS LAKE SAFETY RULES

Security officers will be present on both lakes to enforce water safety and boat sticker compliance.

BOAT STICKER COMPLIANCE

All boats must have a valid sticker affixed to right side of boat.

1st offense, an assessment of $50.00.
2nd offense, an assessment of $100.00.
3rd offense is loss of Association privileges up to 1 year. This pertains to all family members & guests.

All assessments to be paid within 30 days. Any unpaid assessments that exceed 30 days will have an additional assessment of $5 per day charged and loss of all Association privileges until the assessment is paid.

IDLE SPEED

Idle speed on Lake Holiday will be enforced before 9 am and ½ hour before sunset.
Lake Nebo is idle speed only.

BOAT SAFETY

1. All boats must travel in counter-clockwise direction on lake.
2. All motorboats shall operate 50 ft from shoreline in wake areas and operate at idle speed in no wake areas.
3. Anchoring for swimming, sunning, etc., must be in "no wake" areas only.
4. Motorboats must have responsible observer (spotter) in boat for skiing, tubing, and boarding.
5. Boat drivers must be 16 yrs or older and have a valid drivers license.
6. Boats shall have 1 life preserver for each person on the boat.

GOLFCART RULES

1. Only licensed drivers may operate vehicle.
2. Vehicle may be occupied by seated passengers only.
3. Slow moving vehicles flag or sign must be attached; visible at 50 ft. both front and rear.
4. Waiver of liability to Painted Hills Association must be signed and on file.
5. Vehicle may only be used during daylight hours.
6. Vehicle must be registered with Association office and sticker fee paid yearly in advance of use. Display sticker on vehicle.
7. Certificate of Liability insurance must be presented when registering vehicle.

ATV/UTV RULES

1. ATV/UTV's must have a muffler and driven according to Painted Hills Association Rules and Speed Limits.
2. Operators must be legally licensed to drive on state and county roads.
3. Daylight only unless ATV/UTV is equipped with lights for night driving.
4. Must have only seated passengers aboard in factory original seats.
5. Waiver of liability to Painted Hills Association must be signed and on file.
6. Vehicle must be registered with Association office and sticker fee paid yearly in advance of use. Display sticker on vehicle.
7. Certificate of Liability insurance must be presented when registering vehicle.