

Little Cedar Lake
Protection & Rehabilitation District
2023

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The Little Cedar Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District (LCLPRD) is an inland lake district with taxing authority created in accordance with Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin State Statutes. Its annual budget and tax levy are approved by District electors and property owners at the Annual Meeting. Services provided by the LCLPRD include lake patrol, aquatic invasive species management and weed harvesting. The LCLPRD also sponsors the Annual July 4th Boat Parade and Annual Summer Social. The LCLPRD is governed by a Board of Commissioners, three of whom are elected and two of whom are appointed. Elected commissioner terms are three years, and staggered. Appointees are selected by the Town of West Bend Board Chair and Washington County Executive. The LCLPRD Board of Commissioners meets eight to nine times a year at the Town of West Bend Town Hall. Meeting notices and agendas are posted at the Town of West Bend, Town of Polk, in the West Bend Daily News, and on the LCLPRD website. Meeting Minutes are likewise posted to the website. The meetings are a great way to stay apprised of current issues in our lake district community. District residents and property owners are encouraged to attend. ***The 2023 Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the Town of West Bend Town Hall.***

Website

Visit the LCLPRD website (<https://lclprd.org>) for updates on meetings, weed harvesting, events, etc. If you “subscribe” to the website (dropdown menu under the “Contact Us” tab), you will receive email or text notification of a new post. Consider using the website **Trading Post** to list items you would like to buy or sell.

LCLPRD email

The LCLPRD email account is used to communicate information regarding activities, events, high water restrictions, etc., as well as to provide a platform for District residents and property owners to communicate with the LCLPRD Board of Commissioners. Our email database contains addresses that have been provided by District residents and property owners. If you haven’t yet notified us of your email address, and would like to be included in these communications, please send it to us at lclprd@gmail.com.

Little Cedar Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District (LCLPRD) Water and Ice Ordinances

LCLPRD Ordinances are included in this booklet and also appear on the LCLPRD website (<https://lclprd.org>). We encourage all to familiarize themselves with the Ordinances, as well as with current Wisconsin Boating Laws and Responsibilities (<https://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/le/le0301.pdf>).

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2023 SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Weed Harvesting

This season's aquatic weed harvesting will commence on Tuesday, June 6. For most of the summer, weather permitting, harvesting will occur every other week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There will be a slight deviation from this schedule in July and September, when harvesting will be postponed a week due to the July 4th and Labor Day holidays. ***Pier pickups of weeds will be offered on Thursdays of harvesting weeks, beginning June 8. Weeds must be at the end of piers no later than 7:00 AM on pickup days.*** The harvesting schedule is posted to the LCLPRD website. Pier pickups on Sept 14 and Sept 28 are not yet confirmed. Please check the LCLPRD website for updates to the harvesting and pier pickup schedules throughout the summer.

Cedar Lakes Conservation Foundation (CLCF) Annual Kayak/Pontoon Tour

This year, Little Cedar Lake is the venue for CLCF's Annual Kayak/Pontoon Tour. The event will be held on ***Saturday, June 17*** from ***9:00 AM to noon***. Tours will depart from the CBAI launch (corner of Margolis & Wayne Drives) every 30 minutes. If conditions permit, the kayak tour will explore the flora and fauna of the proximal segment of Cedar Creek (west side of the kettle). For more information, and to register for a tour time slot, please visit the CLCF website: (<https://conservecedarlakes.org/event/kayak-tour/>)

Annual Boat Parade

The boat parade will be on ***Tuesday, July 4th at 7:00 PM***. This annual tradition has become one of the highlights of the summer. We encourage everyone to consider participating this year. Decorate your boat and join in the fun! The ***Most Patriotic, Most Creative and Best Decorated*** vessels will receive awards. Watch the website for more details. We're looking for several volunteers to photograph parade participants as well, especially from the west side of the lake. If interested, please contact us at lclprd@gmail.com. ***There will be no rain date.*** If required, event cancellation will be posted to the website by 6:30 PM on July 4th.

Summer Social

The annual Summer Social will be on ***Sunday, August 6 at 3:00 PM at Ackerman's Grove County Park, Shelter 3***. The LCLPRD will cover the shelter rental and park admission fees, as well as brats, burgers, condiments and paper products. Attendees will be asked to bring their own beverages and an appetizer, salad or dessert, based on the first letter of their last name. Because the event is subsidized by the LCLPRD, we must limit attendance to District residents. Please watch the website for details.

Boater Safety Classes for Certification

The LCLPRD Water Ordinance (2020-1.09) cites age restrictions and boater safety certification requirements for operation of motorboats and personal watercraft (PWC). Wisconsin law requires those born **on or after January 1, 1989** to pass a boater safety course and carry a boater safety card when independently operating a motorboat or PWC. **In-person boater safety classes** will be offered at the Big Cedar Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District (BCLPRD) building (4480 Gonring Drive) on **June 12, 14 and 19** from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Attendance at all three classes is required to earn a boater safety certificate. For more information, contact the BCLPRD office [bigcedarlakeprd@gmail.com; (262) 629-9322] or link to registration instructions: <https://cdn.townweb.com/bigcedarlakeprd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Updated-3-5-23-Boater-Safety-Course-Sign-Up-Walk-Through.pdf>

The boater safety course is also offered online: <https://www.boat-ed.com/wisconsin/>

Declaration of High Water Emergency Restrictions (LCLPRD Water Ordinance 2020-1.08)

When the water level of Little Cedar Lake exceeds the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) by at least four (4) inches, the Chair of the LCLPRD Board of Commissioners may declare a High Water Emergency. In such case, motorboat and PWC speeds are restricted to “slow, no wake” until the emergency has been rescinded. Notice of imposition and rescission of a High Water Emergency will be posted at the public launch at Ackerman’s Grove County Park, as well as on the homepage of the LCLPRD website. It is incumbent upon those using the lake to be aware of the potential for a High Water Emergency after periods of prolonged rainfall or Cedar Creek congestion that may result in increased lake levels.

Aquatic Invasive Species

Purple Loosestrife

On behalf of the LCLPRD, Sylvia Hillmann, a District resident, has collaborated with the WI DNR and Washington County AIS Coordinator in biocontrol efforts focused on reducing the population of Purple Loosestrife, an invasive plant that grows along the shoreline. This Spring, a small group of volunteers have helped Sylvia with acquisition and cultivation of purple loosestrife plants, which will be used to raise Galerucella beetles. These beetles feed on Purple Loosestrife and will be released later this summer into shoreline areas with a high density of Purple Loosestrife. **Five-gallon pots** are needed for the current phase of this project. Please contact Sylvia [shillmann@charter.net; (262) 203-1234] if you have any pots you can contribute to the cause.

Yellow Flag Iris

Populations of invasive Yellow Flag Iris have been identified along the shoreline in the kettle, as well as along the shorelines on the south end of the lake. Last Summer, Sylvia contacted homeowners on whose shorelines invasive Yellow Flag Iris had been identified and discussed control methods with them. Please contact her via the email or phone number listed above if you have detected Yellow Flag Iris along your shoreline and would like to participate in control efforts for this invasive species.

Starry Stonewort

Starry Stonewort, an invasive macroalga that is spread via ballast water, boats, trailers, motors, anchors, etc., was first detected near the public boat launch at Ackerman's Grove County Park in August 2018. Since then, the LCLPRD has engaged in ongoing efforts to control its spread. We initiated control efforts in 2019, which have included Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) initiatives, Diver Assisted Suction Harvest (DASH) and diver assisted hand pull events. These activities have been partially funded through grants from the EPA and Wisconsin DNR (WDNR) and partially funded by the LCLPRD. In addition, LCLPRD residents, property owners and friends have contributed numerous hours to this effort. Our first Rapid Response grant from the WDNR that partially funded the diver assisted hand pull events was for three years and concluded on December 31, 2021. The hand pull efforts resulted in a significant reduction in the amount of Starry Stonewort biomass in the area of the boat launch, but an unintended consequence of the project was an associated reduction in native aquatic vegetation. Although not yet proven, a robust native aquatic population is felt to play a role in limiting the spread of Starry Stonewort. Hence, after discussion with the WDNR Lakes Biologist and Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Specialist, we took a one-year hiatus from hand pull events and focused Starry Stonewort 2022 control efforts on CBCW activities, primarily boat inspections at the Ackerman's launch. We applied for and received a CBCW grant to subsidize boat inspections by seasonal employees of the Big Cedar Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District (BCLPRD). In 2022, this group provided 242 hours, during which they inspected 194 boats. One hundred (100) additional hours were provided by the AIS intern for Washington County, during which she inspected 313 boats. A total of 512 boats were inspected in 2022. A full point-intercept (PI) survey of aquatic vegetation in Little Cedar conducted by the WDNR in August 2022 demonstrated significant recovery of native aquatics in the areas of previous Starry Stonewort hand pull events. The WDNR Lakes Biologist and Southeast WI Region AIS Coordinator encouraged the LCLPRD to apply for another grant to resume Starry Stonewort containment efforts on Little Cedar. The grant application was submitted in March and approved. We will proceed with two diver-assisted hand pull events in the area of the public launch this summer and next. ***A large volunteer cohort will be required for the success of these events!*** Volunteers will be needed on shore and in kayaks. Please consider assisting for a few hours on each of the two hand pull dates this summer. Our hand pulls are scheduled for ***Saturdays, July 15 and August 12 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.*** We will divide each day into two shifts. If you would like to assist us on either (or both) of those dates, or have any questions regarding volunteer tasks, please contact us at lclprd@gmail.com. Additional requests for help with this project will appear on the website and via LCLPRD email.

Native Shoreline Restoration

Washington County has created a website for Native Shorelines, which includes a recording of the Native Shoreline Workshop held on February 18, as well as links to the materials provided at the workshop:

https://www.washcowisco.gov/departments/natural_resources/land_resources/homeowners_residents/native_shorelines

Fish Stocking in Little Cedar Lake

Perch

Little Cedar was stocked in late October with 600 active adult perch (6-9") purchased by the LCLPRD from Taal Lake Hatchery. Boom shocking is planned for Fall 2023 to evaluate the perch population at that time. The LCLPRD has placed an order with the Taal Lake Hatchery to stock another 1000 perch in Fall 2023.

Walleye

Thirty-three (33) individuals attended the Walleyes for Tomorrow (WFT)/LCLPRD 2023 Fish Stocking Program information session held at the Town of West Bend Town Hall on March 26. Mike Arrowood, President of WFT, provided an excellent presentation. WFT volunteers began their walleye netting operation on Little Cedar shortly after ice-out and set up their hatchery (Walleye Wagon) at the Cedar Bay Association, Inc. (CBAI) launch site on the southwest side of the kettle. After ~30 days, approximately 800,000 fry were hatched and incrementally released into Little Cedar. The process was extremely labor-intensive, and waning volunteer participation made its completion challenging. The LCLPRD will consider stocking with larger walleye (i.e., fingerlings) in the future.

Geese

Canada Geese have been perennial visitors to Little Cedar. The LCLPRD has collaborated with the WI DNR and USDA Department of Fish & Wildlife in the past to conduct a roundup at the time the geese are molting, generally, mid-June to early July. The LCLPRD continues to allocate funds for geese roundup in its Annual Budget, but the minimum number of geese required for such has increased steadily since 2015, the last year in which a roundup was conducted on Little Cedar. We recently learned that the minimum number of geese required for roundup in 2023 is **40**. We must notify the WI DNR and USDA no later than June 5 if we would like to be considered for a roundup. Please notify us (lclprd@gmail.com) **no later than June 3** if you observe a significant population of geese on your property.

Given the ever-increasing number of geese required for a seasonal roundup, a more effective way to limit the goose population on Little Cedar may be to avail ourselves of goose nest and egg depredation options in the spring, before goslings have hatched. We will discuss this option further at the Annual Meeting.

Beer Garden at Ackerman's Grove County Park

In 2022, Washington County entered into a public-private partnership with *The Tap Yard* for provision of a beer garden at Ackerman's Grove County Park. The Tap Yard commenced its second-year operations on May 3. The beer garden will be open Wednesday through Sunday and feature craft beer, hard seltzers, wine, food truck(s) and special events. Live music will be provided on Fridays. Operating hours and event information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/thetapyardwestbend>. District residents and property owners with concerns regarding the beer garden operation should direct them to **Nick Marking**, Owner of the Tap Yard (414.395.5860; thetapyards@gmail.com), **Logan Bliss** (Washington County Parks Property Manager; 262.335.4802; logan.bliss@washcowisco.gov) or the **Washington County Parks office (262) 335-4445**.

Enforcement of Parking Restrictions at Ackerman's Grove County Park

In addition to Washington County Sheriff's Office Deputies, designated members of the Washington County Parks Department are now authorized to issue citations to those in violation of parking restrictions inside Washington County Parks. The fee for such citations has increased to \$50. To report illegally parked vehicles or vehicle/trailer units inside Ackerman's Grove County Park, please call either the ***Parks Department Weekend On-Call*** number ***(262.343.2018)*** or ***Washington County Sheriff's dispatch*** ***(262.335.4411)***.



LCLPRD Summer 2023 Events

June 5

LCLPRD Board of Commissioners Meeting (6:30 pm)
Town of West Bend Town Hall

June 8, 22

Pier pickup of weeds (7:00 am)
Little Cedar Lake

June 17

CLCF Kayak Tour from CBAI Launch (9:00am- 12:00pm)
Little Cedar Lake

July 4

Annual Boat Parade (7:00 pm)
Little Cedar Lake

July 10

LCLPRD Board of Commissioners Meeting (6:30 pm)
Town of West Bend Town Hall

July 13, 27

Pier pickups of weeds (7:00 am)
Little Cedar Lake

July 15

Starry Stonewort Containment Event (8:00am-1:00pm)
Ackerman's Grove County Park Boat Launch

Aug 6

Little Cedar Lake Summer Social (3:00 pm)
Ackerman's Grove County Park Shelter #3

Aug 7

LCLPRD Board of Commissioners Meeting (6:30 pm)
Town of West Bend Town Hall

Aug 10, 24

Pier pickups of weeds (7:00 am)
Little Cedar Lake

Aug 12

Starry Stonewort Containment Event (8:00am-1:00pm)
Ackerman's Grove County Park Boat Launch

Sept 5

LCLPRD Annual Meeting (6:30 pm)
Town of West Bend Town Hall

Sept 14

Pier pickups of weeds - tentative (7:00 am)
Little Cedar Lake

**LAKE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE LITTLE CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
ORDINANCE 2020-1**

Regulation of Activities on the Water of Little Cedar Lake

2020-1.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- (1) APPLICABILITY. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the waters of Little Cedar Lake and the Cedar Creek Channel up to and including the Little Cedar Lake dam, within the Town of West Bend and the Town of Polk, Washington County, Wisconsin.
- (2) PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the persons and area affected by this ordinance.
- (3) AUTHORITY. This ordinance is adopted by the Little Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, hereinafter referred to as LCLPRD, pursuant to the powers granted them by virtue of §30.77 Wis. Stats., and resolutions adopted by the Town of West Bend (Resolution 5-94 June, 1994) and the Town of Polk (Resolution 10-93 July, 1993).

2020-1.02 INTERPRETATION.

The sections of this ordinance pertaining to the use, operation or equipment of boats and other vehicles as well as the activities which are regulated by §§30.12, 30.50 to 30.74, and 30.75 to 30.80, Wis. Stats. and the rules and regulations of the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”) established pursuant thereto, shall be construed and interpreted, if possible, to be consistent with and not contrary to said statute sections, rules and regulations, nothing to the contrary herein notwithstanding.

2020-1.03 ENFORCEMENT.

- (1) The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Washington County Sheriff’s Department, the DNR and the law enforcement officers contracted by the LCLPRD.
- (2) A law enforcement officer operating a duly authorized water safety patrol watercraft, when responding to an emergency call or when in pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of this ordinance, need not comply with state law or this ordinance fixing maximum speed limits when a siren is being sounded and/or such safety patrol’s watercraft oscillating or flashing blue lights are activated.
- (3) Upon the approach of a duly authorized safety patrol watercraft giving an audio or visual signal, the operator of a vehicle referred to in this ordinance shall reduce the speed of that vehicle to slowest possible speed under the circumstances and yield the right-of-way to the safety patrol watercraft until it has passed.
- (4) No person operating a vehicle referred to in this ordinance may refuse to stop after being requested or signaled to do so by a law enforcement officer.

(5) Sections 30.79(l)(b), (3) and (4), Wis. Stats., are adopted herein by reference.

2020-1.04 DEFINITIONS.

Definitions as set forth in §30.01 and §§30.50 through 30.71, Wis. Stats., are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein, except as follows:

- (1) PERSONS. Includes individuals, firms, partnerships, corporations, agencies, or any other association of individuals organized together for any purpose whatsoever.
- (2) SHOREZONE. The surface of the lake that is within 100 feet from and parallel to the shore. Provided, however that on any part of said lake where the distance between the opposite shores is such that the foregoing formula is impossible or impracticable in application, then shorezone shall be as indicated by buoys placed for that specific purpose.
- (3) WATER TRAFFIC LANES. The water traffic lane is the surface of the lake that is beyond 150 feet distant from and parallel to the shore or 100 feet distant from the projecting extremities of any pier, wharf, restricted area or other structure built in or over the water, or the greater thereof, provided, however, that on any part of said lake where the distance between the opposite shores is such that the foregoing formula is impossible or impracticable in application, then the water traffic lane shall be as indicated by buoys placed for that specific purpose.
- (4) WATER TRAFFIC. All moving objects controlled by persons on the water surface.
- (5) SLOW-NO-WAKE SPEED. When used herein, slow-no-wake speed shall mean that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible without generating a wave-wake while still maintaining steerage control.
- (6) PERSONAL WATERCRAFT / PWC. Personal watercraft shall mean a motorboat that uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump or a caged propeller as its primary source of motive power and that is designated to be operated by a person standing on, kneeling on or sitting astride the watercraft.
- (7) BOAT, WATERCRAFT. Boat or Watercraft means every description of watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.
- (8) MOTORBOAT. Motorboat means any boat equipped with propulsion machinery, whether or not the machinery is the principle source of propulsion.
- (9) UNPOWERED VESSELS. Unpowered vessels are sailboats or vessels that are paddled, pedaled, poled or rowed.
- (10) TUBE. An inflatable or solid device on which persons are towed by a motorboat or PWC.
- (11) WATER SKIING AND WATER SKIER. Being towed or the one being towed, respectively, on water skis, wake boards, wake surfboards, knee boards, aquaplane, or some similar devices by a Watercraft or PWC.

2020-1.05 DIRECTIONAL TRAVEL.

- (1) All Watercraft or Personal Watercraft traveling faster than a “Slow-No-Wake” speed are required to travel/follow in a counter-clockwise direction.

2020-1.06 LIGHTING OF BOATS AND WATERCRAFT EQUIPMENT.

- (1) MOORING LIGHTS REQUIRED. No person shall moor, drift, operate or anchor any boat or unpowered vessel from sunset to sunrise unless there is prominently displayed thereon a white light.

2020-1.07 SPEED RESTRICTIONS IN WATER TRAFFIC LANES.

- (1) Monday Through Friday.
10:00AM to 7:00PM (Maximum of 35 mph)
7:00PM to 10:00AM (Slow-No-Wake)
- (2) Weekends and Holidays
10:00AM to 6:00PM (Maximum of 35 mph)
6:00PM to 10:00AM (Slow-No-Wake)
- (3) Speeds outside of Water Traffic Lanes (inside buoys along shorezones) are considered SHOREZONE AREAS and are restricted as Slow-No-Wake.
- (4) When traveling in water traffic lanes and it is necessary to approach closer than the prescribed distances to a moored boat, a slow-moving boat, a flag or marker warning of subsurface activity, or a swimmer, the operating speed shall be Slow-No-Wake.

2020-1.08 DECLARATION OF HIGH-WATER EMERGENCY RESTRICTIONS.

- (1) When the water level exceeds the ordinary high-water mark (as established on the east wing wall of the Little Cedar Lake dam) by at least four (4) inches, the Chair of the LCLPRD Board of Commissioners may declare a high-water emergency. If a high-water emergency is declared, Boat, Watercraft and Personal Watercraft speeds are restricted to “Slow-No-Wake” until the emergency has been rescinded. Notice of imposition and rescission of a High-Water Emergency will be posted at the public launch at Ackerman’s Grove, as well as on the homepage of the LCLPRD website.

2020-1.09 PROHIBITED BOAT AND PERSONAL WATERCRAFT OPERATION.

- (1) DISTANCE. No motorboat or personal watercraft shall pass within 100 feet of an unpowered vessel, moored boat, swimmer, skin diver, or skin diver’s marker unless part of the skin-diving operation.
- (2) AGE RESTRICTIONS (§§30.678, 30.74 and 30.80 of the Wisc. Stats.)
 - A. Motorboats other than personal watercraft

- i. No person ***under 10 years of age*** may operate a motorboat.
- ii. ***No person who is at least 10 years of age but under 12 years of age*** may operate a motorboat unless he or she is accompanied in the motorboat by a parent or guardian or a person who is at least 18 years of age and who is designated by a parent or guardian and the parent, guardian or designated adult holds a valid boating safety certificate issued under §30.74(1)(a) or a valid boating safety certificate that is honored under §30.74(1)(c) or was born before January 1, 1989.
- iii. ***No person who is at least 12 years of age but under 16 years of age*** may operate a motorboat unless one of the following applies:
 - a. The person holds a valid boating safety certificate issued under Wisc. §30.74(1)(a) or a valid boating safety certificate that is honored under §30.74 (1)(c).
 - b. The person is accompanied by a parent or guardian or by a person who is at least 18 years of age and who is designated by a parent or guardian, and the parent, guardian or designated adult holds a valid boating safety certificate issued under §30.74 (1)(a) or a valid boating safety certificate that is honored under §30.74 (1)(c) or was born before January 1, 1989.
- iv. ***No person who was born on or after January 1, 1989 and who is 16 years of age or older*** may operate a motorboat unless one of the following applies:
 - a. The person holds a valid boating safety certificate issued under §30.74(1)(a) or a valid boating safety certificate that is honored under §30.74(1)(c).
 - b. The person is accompanied by another person who is at least 18 years of age and that person holds a valid boating safety certificate issued under §30.74(1)(a) or a valid boating safety certificate that is honored under §30.74(1)(c) or was born before January 1, 1989.

B. Personal Watercraft (PWC)

- i. ***No person under 12 years of age*** may operate a PWC.
- ii. ***No person who is 12 years of age or older but under 16 years of age*** may operate a PWC unless he or she is in possession of a valid certificate issued under §30.74(1)(a) or a valid boating safety certificate that is honored under §30.74(1)(c).
- iii. ***No person who was born on or after January 1, 1989, and who is 16 years of age or older*** may operate a PWC unless the person holds a valid safety certificate issued under §30.74(1)(a) or a valid boating safety certificate that is honored under §30.74(1)(c).

C. Proof of certificate

Any person required to hold a safety certificate while operating a motorboat or PWC shall carry proof of such and shall display such proof to a law enforcement officer upon request.

D. Exemptions

The above restrictions do not apply to a person while the person is operating a motorboat as may be required as part of a boating safety course under §30.74(1).

E. Parent and guardian liability

Any violation of the above restrictions that is done with the knowledge of a parent or guardian shall be considered a violation by the parent or guardian and be punishable under §30.80.

- (3) TIGHT CIRCULAR AND REPETITIVE OPERATION OF MOTORBOATS AND PWCs. No person may operate a motorboat or PWC repeatedly in a tight, circuitous course, or in a prolonged, repetitive manner in the same area of the lake.
- (4) POWER LAUNCHING AND RETRIEVING PROHIBITED. No person shall launch or retrieve a motorboat off or onto a trailer at the Ackerman's Grove public launch unless the motorboat's motor is turned off or the motor is being operated in its neutral gear. No person shall have the motorboat's motor operating in a gear other than neutral while engaged in retrieving a motorboat onto a trailer after the motorboat is at rest on the trailer.
- (5) WEED BED AREA. No person shall waterski, tube, wakeboard, wake surf, aquaplane or use personal watercraft in a marked weed bed area. No person shall operate a motorboat or PWC in a marked weed bed area at a speed in excess of Slow, No Wake.
- (6) EXHAUST/MUFFLER EQUIPMENT. No person shall operate a motorboat or watercraft unless equipped and maintained with a muffler and exhaust system in compliance with Wis. Stat. §30.62. It is unlawful to operate a vessel which exceeds a noise level of 86 dBA.

2020-1.10 WATER SPORT REGULATIONS.

- (1) HOURS OF OPERATION. No person shall operate a boat or PWC for the purpose of towing a water skier, wake boarder, wake surfer, aquaplane, tube, or similar device, or engage in water skiing, wake boarding, wake surfing, aquaplaning, tubing, or similar activity except during the following hours:
 - (a) Monday through Friday 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. (No more than two (2) lines per Watercraft are allowed).
 - (b) Weekends and Holidays 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. (No more than one (1) line per Watercraft is allowed).
 - i. Exception: Towing a flotation device (e.g., tube) behind a single line is allowed at a speed which does not exceed Slow, No Wake for up to 30 minutes after sunset.
- (2) REQUIREMENT TO WEAR A USCG-approved PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE (PFD). Any person on board a PWC, or anyone being towed behind a vessel must wear a USCG-approved PFD.

- (3) AIRBORNE DEVICES PROHIBITED. No motorboat operator shall tow any water skier, aquaplane, or person engaged in similar activity, or tow any tube or similar device using or equipped with any airborne devices, i.e., kite, sail, plane, Jet-ski or other device designed to lift such skier, aquaplane, or person engaged in similar activity above the surface of the water for a sustained period of time.
- (4) FLYBOARDS PROHIBITED. The use of flyboards are prohibited on Little Cedar Lake.

2020-1.11 SWIMMING REGULATIONS.

- (1) WATER TRAFFIC LANE. No person shall swim in the water traffic lane unless accompanied by and within (50) feet of a manned boat, Watercraft or PWC.
- (2) HOURS. No person shall swim in the traffic lanes from sunset to sunrise unless accompanied by manned boat or Watercraft with proper lighting.
- (3) FISH SPAWNING AREA. No person shall skin dive in any marked fish spawning areas, unless sanctioned by the DNR for specific purposes supporting fish habitat.

2020-1.12 SWIMMING BEACHES MARKED.

- (1) GENERAL. All beaches used by the public shall be identified by markers placed on the outer perimeter thereof by the riparian owner; markers are to be of a size normally visible for a distance of 300 feet and securely fastened so as to keep the markers in place, and painted as required by regulations adopted by the DNR.
- (2) BOATS PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING. All boats and PWCs are prohibited from entering such swimming beach, except a boat used by a lifeguard, safety patrol unit, or law enforcement officer.

2020-1.13 RAFTS, BUOYS AND MARKERS.

- (1) COLORS. All buoys and markers of any kind anchored in the water, except docks and piers, shall be painted in conformity with the color scheme established by the rules and regulations of the DNR. Any such marker which does not comply with such color scheme is deemed an unlawful obstruction of navigable waters and can be removed in accordance with law.
- (2) POSITION. All rafts, platforms, buoys and markers shall be anchored so that they shall have at least 12 inches of free board above the water line and so that they will not float or drift in excess of 10 feet in any direction from the position that is directly above their anchor.
- (3) SHOALS. If any shoals are marked, the same shall be indicated with markers normally visible for a distance of 300 feet and which are securely fastened to prevent moving, and painted in conformity with the DNR.

2020-1.14 UNDERWATER CRAFT.

- (1) No person shall engage in any activity employing a craft capable of operating below the surface of the water unless such craft submerges and surfaces in that area of the surface of the lake that

has not been designated herein as the water traffic lane, or submerges or surfaces in the water traffic lane within a radius of 50 feet from a flag similar to that required by §30.70, Wisconsin Statutes, which regulates skin diving, except in the case of emergency.

2020-1.15 AIRCRAFT.

- (1) It shall be unlawful for manned aircraft to use any part of the lake for landing or taking off unless the pilot in command has declared an official “Mayday” emergency.

2020-1.16 MARKERS AND NAVIGATION AIDS: POSTING ORDINANCE.

- (1) LCLPRD is authorized and responsible to direct, place and maintain suitable markers, buoys, navigation aids and signs in such water areas as shall be appropriate to advise the public of the provisions and regulations of this ordinance at all public access points to Little Cedar Lake.
- (2) INTERFERENCE WITH MARKERS PROHIBITED. No person shall, without authority, remove, damage, or change the placed mooring.

2020-1.17 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

- (1) LITTERING LAWS STRICTLY ENFORCED. No person shall deposit, place, or throw from any boat, watercraft, raft, pier, platform structure or shore any refuse, garbage, debris, cans, paper, bottles, or solid or liquid waste on or into the Lake.
- (2) DISORDERLY CONDUCT PROHIBITED. No person shall engage in violent, abusive, threatening, tumultuous, indecent, obscene, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud, or otherwise disorderly conduct. Public urination or defecation shall be considered disorderly conduct.
- (3) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF MOORINGS (§30.12(1)(f) Wis. Stats. and Pier Planner, WDNR Pub. FH 017, August 2012). The number of boat slips, or the total number of watercraft docked at a pier or wharf including boats in a boat lift or hoist, is limited to two (2) boat slips for the first 50 feet of the riparian owner’s shoreline frontage, and no more than one (1) boat slip for each additional fifty (50) feet of shoreline, unless otherwise lawfully permitted by the DNR. In addition to the boat slip allowance, a riparian owner can secure up to two (2) personal watercraft (PWC) for the first 50 feet of the riparian owner’s shoreline frontage and one additional PWC for each additional 50 feet of shoreline.
- (4) STATE UNDERAGE ALCOHOL PROVISIONS ADOPTED. State underage alcohol laws as found in §§125.07(1), 125.07(4)(a),(b),(bs),(c) and(cd), and 125.085(1), (3)(b) and (3)(bd) of the Wisconsin Statutes are adopted herein by reference, including amendments adopted by the State subsequent to the enactment of this ordinance. Any act required to be performed or prohibited by the provisions of any said statute adopted herein by reference is required to be performed or prohibited by this ordinance.
- (5) RESISTING OR OBSTRUCTING WATER SAFETY PATROL OFFICERS PROHIBITED. No person shall resist or obstruct any water safety patrol officer in the performance of duty.

2020-1.18 PENALTIES.

- (1) Any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall pay a determined forfeiture/penalty as provided for in Wis. Stat. §30.80 as applicable to a violation of Wis. Stat. §§30.50 through 30.71, §346.65(2) through (7), and §346.655, §§350.11(1)(b) through (11)(4) as to any violation in this ordinance which is similarly described in said statutes, plus court costs shall apply for violations of the provisions referred to therein.
- (2) Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance which are not covered under §2020-1.19(1) above shall, upon conviction of such violation, forfeit not more than the amounts provided in §30.80(1), Wisc. Stats.

2020-1.19 SEVERABILITY.

- (1) The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the LCLPRD would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

2020-1.20 EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance supersedes all previous Water Ordinances of the Little Cedar Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District and shall become effective upon its passage on September 8, 2020.



LAKE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE LITTLE CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-2
Regulation of Activities on the Ice on Little Cedar Lake

2020-2.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- (1) APPLICABILITY. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all the icebound waters of Little Cedar Lake within the Town of West Bend and the Town of Polk, Washington County, Wisconsin.
- (2) PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the persons and area affected by this ordinance.
- (3) AUTHORITY. This ordinance is adopted by the Little Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, hereafter referred to as LCLPRD, pursuant to the powers granted it by virtue of Wis. Stat., 30.81, 33.22, 33.235 and 33.29, and resolutions adopted by the Town of West Bend (No. 5-94, June 1994) and the Town of Polk (No. 10-93, July, 1993).

2020-2.02 LAW ENFORCEMENT.

- (1) The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Washington County Sheriff's Department, Wisconsin DNR and the law enforcement officers contracted by the LCLPRD.

2020-2.03 DEFINITIONS.

- (1) ATV (All-Terrain Vehicle) or UTV (Utility Terrain Vehicle) mean any engine driven device as defined in Wis. Stat. §340.01(2g) and any other multi-axle, two to six wheeled vehicles, or combination wheel and track (runner) vehicles, not otherwise defined herein, powered by a small motor(s) or fan and designed to be operated on snow, ice, grass, dirt, gravel, sand and wetland whether or not required to be licensed by State Law.
- (2) SNOWMOBILE means any engine driven vehicle as defined in Wis. Stat. §340.01(58a).
- (2) AUTOMOBILE means any motor vehicle as defined in Wis. Stat. §340.01(4) and including mini vans.
- (4) TRUCK means any motor vehicle as defined in Wis. Stat. §340.01(34) and including pickup trucks, sport utility vehicles, regular size vans and combination automobile/trucks.
- (5) RV means any Recreational Vehicle as defined in Wis. Stat. §340.01(6m), (29) and (33m) designed or constructed to operate either under its own power or towed and defined to be used for temporary habitation.
- (6) MOTORCYCLE means any motorized vehicle as defined in Wis. Stat. §340.01(32) and including motorized bicycles and scooters.

- (7) HOVERCRAFT means any engine driven vehicle which travels across land or water just above a cushion of air provided by a downward jet as from its engines, propellers, etc. For purposes of this ordinance, a hovercraft shall be considered an ATV subject to the provisions of Wis. Stat. §22.33, adopted herein by reference in Section 2004-2.12.
- (8) VEHICLE Includes all the above vehicles plus any other vehicle powered by motor.
- (9) FISHING SHANTIES means structures parked or erected on the ice for use as warming buildings and ice fishing shelters, and not including RVs, trucks, and automobiles.
- (10) ICE BOAT means a sailboat-like structure with runners or wheels intended to be wind powered on a solid surface.

2020-2.04 SPEED LIMITS FOR VEHICLES ON ICE.

- (1) WITHIN 100 FEET OF SHORELINE, PERSONS AND OTHER OBJECTS. No person may operate a vehicle on the ice in excess of 10 mph at any time day or night when within 100 feet of: a) the shoreline, b) any person not in, on, or of a vehicle (except vehicles of the same type), c) an ice boat, or d) an ice shanty.
- (2) BEYOND 100 FEET FROM THE SHORELINE, PERSONS AND OTHER OBJECTS. No person may operate a vehicle in excess of the respective speed limits listed below when beyond 100 feet of:
 - a) shoreline, b) any person not in, on, or of a vehicle (except vehicles of the same type), c) an ice boat, or d) an ice shanty:
 - (a) SNOWMOBILES. During the hours from sunrise to sunset, not in excess of a speed of 50 miles per hour; during the hours from sunset to sunrise, not in excess of a speed of 35 miles per hour anywhere on the ice.
 - (b) ATVs, UTVs, MOTORCYCLES & SIMILAR VEHICLES. During the hours from sunrise to sunset, not more than a speed of 25 miles per hour; during the hours from sunset to sunrise, not in excess of a speed of 10 miles per hour.
 - (c) AUTOMOBILES, RVs & TRUCKS. Not in excess of a speed of 10 miles per hour at any time day or night.
 - (d) HOVERCRAFT. During the hours from sunrise to sunset, not in excess of a speed of 25 miles per hour. No person shall operate a hovercraft on the ice between the hours from sunset to sunrise.

2020-2.05 PROHIBITED OPERATIONS.

- (1) No person shall operate a vehicle on the ice in such a manner as to exceed a noise level of 86 dBA, as measured by society of automotive engineers' standards. No vehicle operating on ice shall be modified in any manner that shall amplify or otherwise increase total noise emission above

that emitted by the vehicle as originally constructed, regardless of date of manufacture.

- (3) No person shall operate any vehicle on the ice repeatedly in a tight, circuitous course, or in a prolonged, repetitive manner in the same area.
- (4) DNR age restrictions for off-road operation on ice follows State of Wisconsin UTV/ATV/Snowmobile Vehicle Laws and Regulations.
 - a. All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)
 - i. No person under age 12 may operate an ATV.
 - ii. All ATV operators at least age 12 and born on or after January 1, 1988 must possess a valid ATV Safety Certificate.
 - iii. All ATV operators age 12-15 must also be accompanied by an adult when riding on the ice.
 - b. Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs)
 - i. No person under 16 may operate a UTV.
 - ii. All UTV operators at least age 12 and born on or after January 1, 1988 must possess a valid ATV Safety Certificate.
 - c. Snowmobiles
 - i. Any person who is at least 12 years old and who was born on or after January 1, 1985 is required to possess a valid Snowmobile Safety Certificate.
 - ii. There is no safety certificate requirement for a child under age 12, but a parent, guardian or person 18 years or older must accompany the child on the (same) snowmobile when operating on the ice.

2020-2.06 REGULATION OF ICEBOATS.

- (1) No person shall operate an iceboat on the ice in any careless way to endanger the person or property of another.
- (2) No person shall operate an iceboat on the ice during the hours from sunset to sunrise.
- (3) Within 100 feet of any person not in or upon a vehicle, or of a vehicle or fishing shanty, a person operating an iceboat on the ice shall reduce the speed of the iceboat to the slowest speed reasonable under the circumstances.

2020-2.07 RIGHT-OF-WAY RULES BETWEEN VEHICLES AND ICEBOATS.

- (1) When a vehicle and an iceboat are proceeding in such a direction as to involve risk of collision, the vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to the iceboat.

2020-2.08 AIRCRAFT.

- (1) It shall be unlawful for manned aircraft to use any part of the lake for landing or taking off unless the pilot in command has declared an official "Mayday" emergency.

2020-2.09 RACING OR CONTESTS.

- (1) No person shall participate in a race or contest involving two or more vehicles unless the race or contest has been allowed by permit as provided in this subsection. A person may apply for a permit for such a race by applying therefor to the Board of Commissioners of the LCLPRD on the application form provided by the LCLPRD.
 - (a) Individuals or organizations wishing to conduct a race consisting of any of the defined vehicles in this ordinance may apply for a permit for such by submitting a completed application to the LCLPRD Board of Commissioners. The Permit Application form will be provided per written request.
 - (b) Permits for racing activities/events are restricted to nonprofit and charitable organizations. Participants must have valid operators' licenses to operate the vehicle being utilized in the event.
 - (c) All such permits shall be limited so as not to exceed two days of actual event activities.
 - (d) The LCLPRD Board of Commissioners may impose additional restrictions per permit request depending on the nature of the event. A Board decision and conditions on the permit application will be rendered within 30 days after receipt of the complete application.

2020-2.10 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

- (1) DISORDERLY CONDUCT PROHIBITED. No person shall, engage in violent, abusive, threatening, tumultuous, indecent, obscene, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud, or otherwise disorderly conduct. Public urination or defecation shall be considered disorderly conduct.
- (2) LITTERING ON ICE IS PROHIBITED.

No person shall deposit or place, or throw from any vehicle, iceboat, raft, pier, platform, fishing shanty, structure or shore, any cans, paper, bottles, debris, refuse, garbage, or solid or liquid waste, feces or urine onto or through the ice of the lake or onto or into the waters of the lake.
- (3) STATE UNDERAGE ALCOHOL PROVISIONS ADOPTED. State underage alcohol laws as found in Sections 125.07(1), 125.07(4)(a), (b), (bs), (c) and (cd) and 125.085(1), (3)(b) and (3) (bd) of the Wisconsin Statutes are adopted herein by reference, including amendments adopted by the State subsequent to the enactment of this ordinance. Any act required to be performed or prohibited by the provisions of any said statute adopted herein by reference is required to be performed or prohibited by this ordinance.
- (1) HOLES IN THE ICE. No person may cut a hole in the ice that is in excess of 12 inches in diameter.

2020-2.11 WISCONSIN STATUTES AND RELATED PROVISIONS.

- (1) THE WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE IS ADOPTED BY REFERENCE. Wis. Stats. §22.33, §346.61, §§346.63 through 346.655, §350.01, §§ 350.05 through 350.12(3m)(d), §350.135 and §350.15, and the related provisions of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, including Chapter NR 6 and NR

64, are adopted herein by reference, including those statutes or rules and regulations related thereto that are adopted by the State or the Department of Natural Resources subsequent to the enactment of this ordinance. Any act required to be performed or prohibited by the provisions of any such statute, rule or regulation adopted herein by reference is required to be performed or prohibited by this ordinance.

2020-2.12 WINTER SAFETY PATROL VEHICLES.

- (1) A law enforcement officer operating a duly authorized winter safety patrol vehicle, when responding to an emergency call or when in pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of this ordinance, need not comply with state law or this ordinance fixing maximum speed limits when a siren is being sounded and/or such winter safety patrol vehicle is oscillating or flashing blue lights are activated.
- (2) Upon the approach of a duly authorized winter safety patrol vehicle giving an audio or visual signal, the operator or a vehicle referred to in this ordinance or an iceboat shall reduce the speed of that vehicle or iceboat to the slowest possible speed under the circumstances and yield the right-of-way to the winter safety patrol vehicle until it has passed.
- (3) No person operating a vehicle, or an iceboat referred to in this ordinance or an iceboat may refuse to stop after being requested or signaled to do so by a law enforcement officer.

2020-2.13 CITATION ENFORCEMENT.

- (1) The LCLPRD hereby adopts and authorizes the use of a citation to be issued for violations of this ordinance as provided in for in Wis. Stat. § 66.0113. Citations authorized under this ordinance may be issued by law enforcement officers of the LCLPRD. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the LCLPRD from enforcing this ordinance by any other lawful means.

2020-2.14 PENALTIES.

- (1) Any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall pay a determined forfeiture/penalty as provided for in Wis. Stats. §§30.80 as applicable to a violation of Wis. Stat. 30.50 through 30.71, §346.65(2) through (7), and §346.655, §§350.11(1)(b) through (11)(4) as to any violation in this ordinance which is similarly described in said statutes, plus court costs shall apply for violations of the provisions referred to therein.
- (2) Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance which are not covered under Section 2020-1.19(1) above shall, upon conviction of such violation, forfeit not more than the amounts provided in Section 30.80(1), Wisconsin Statutes.

2020-2.15 SEVERABILITY.

- (1) The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the LCLPRD would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to

any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

2020-2.16 EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance supersedes all previous Ice Ordinances of the Little Cedar Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District and shall become effective upon its passage on September 8, 2020.





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