

# Village of Island Lake Lake Information & Regulations

## CHAPTER 5

### BOATING REGULATIONS



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#### 7-5-1 REGISTRATION AND PERMITS

- A. Registration: All vessels and watercraft shall be required to be registered with the village clerk. Two boat stickers will be issued at the time of registration. A current registration sticker shall be affixed to the port side (left) and to the starboard side (right) at the forward most part of the bow (front) of said vessel just below the gunwale (gunnel). On pontoon boats, a current registration sticker is to be affixed on the port and starboard side at the foremost part of the bow at deck level.
- B. Fees: Residents and Nonresidents: The yearly fee for senior citizens age 65 and older, residents of the village and nonresidents, for boat stickers and the penalty for violation of this section shall be in the amounts set forth in the annual fees, fines and penalty ordinance schedule contained in section 1-16-3 of this code.
- C. Special Permits: Any regatta or other boating exhibition must be approved by the village board and the village board is authorized in issuing any such permit to grant reasonable and appropriate variances from the boating regulations set forth in this chapter.

#### 7-5-2 ILLINOIS BOAT REGISTRATION AND SAFETY ACT

This chapter hereby incorporates by reference all applicable provisions of the boat registration and safety act of the state and amendments thereto, and the same shall be enforced as part of this chapter except where this chapter further restricts operations and use of vessels, then this chapter takes precedence.

#### 7-5-3 DEFINITIONS

When used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

**VESSEL OR WATERCRAFT:** Every description of watercraft having a hull, rails, gunnels, designated seating, hull identification number, maximum persons rating, weight rating, or motor limits tag used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water such as:

**MOTORBOAT:** Any vessel propelled by machinery, whether or not such machinery is the principal source of propulsion.

**NON-POWERED WATERCRAFT:** Any canoe, kayak, paddleboat, non-swim type inflatable, collapsible vessel or watercraft, or watercraft not propelled by sail, canvas, or machinery of any sort.

**PONTOON BOAT:** A flat bottom watercraft on closed, hollow cylinders which provide buoyancy

**SAILBOAT:** Any watercraft propelled by sail or canvas. For the purpose of this chapter, any watercraft propelled by both sail or canvas and machine or motor shall be deemed a motorboat when being propelled by machine or motor.

ENGINE, TWO-STROKE OR TWO-CYCLE: A type of internal combustion engine which uses a gas and oil mixture and completes a power cycle with two strokes (up and down movements) of the piston during only one crankshaft revolution.

ENGINE FOUR- STROKE: A type of internal combustion engine which does not use a gas and oil mixture and completes a power cycle with four strokes (up and down movements) of the piston during only one crankshaft revolution.

HOUSEBOAT: Any boat, vessel or device meant to accommodate living for extended periods of time and powered by either sails, motor or machine.

ICEBOAT: Any boat, vessel or device meant to travel on the frozen waters of Island Lake on runners, skis or similar devices, powered by sail.

NO-WAKE SPEED: A speed at which there is "white" water created by waves, folding water or enough disturbance near the Watercraft, in its track or path that would create any appreciable waves; however, the Watercraft may always maintain the slowest possible speed necessary for steering and control. In no case shall any No-Wake Speed exceed five (5) miles per hour.

OPERATE: To navigate, propel or otherwise use a motorboat, vessel or device.

PERSON: An individual, partnership, firm, corporation, association or other entity.

POLICE CHIEF: The Chief of Police of the Village of Island Lake, or any acting chief, or commanding officer in his absence.

7-5-4 ENFORCEMENT

The Island Lake Police Department or any special police or water safety patrol authorized by the Village shall for the purpose of this act have full and complete jurisdiction of the lake known as Island Lake for the purpose of enforcement of this chapter.

7-5-5 BOAT OPERATIONS

A. Designated No-Wake Areas: It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motorboat at any speed greater than "no wake" in the following areas:

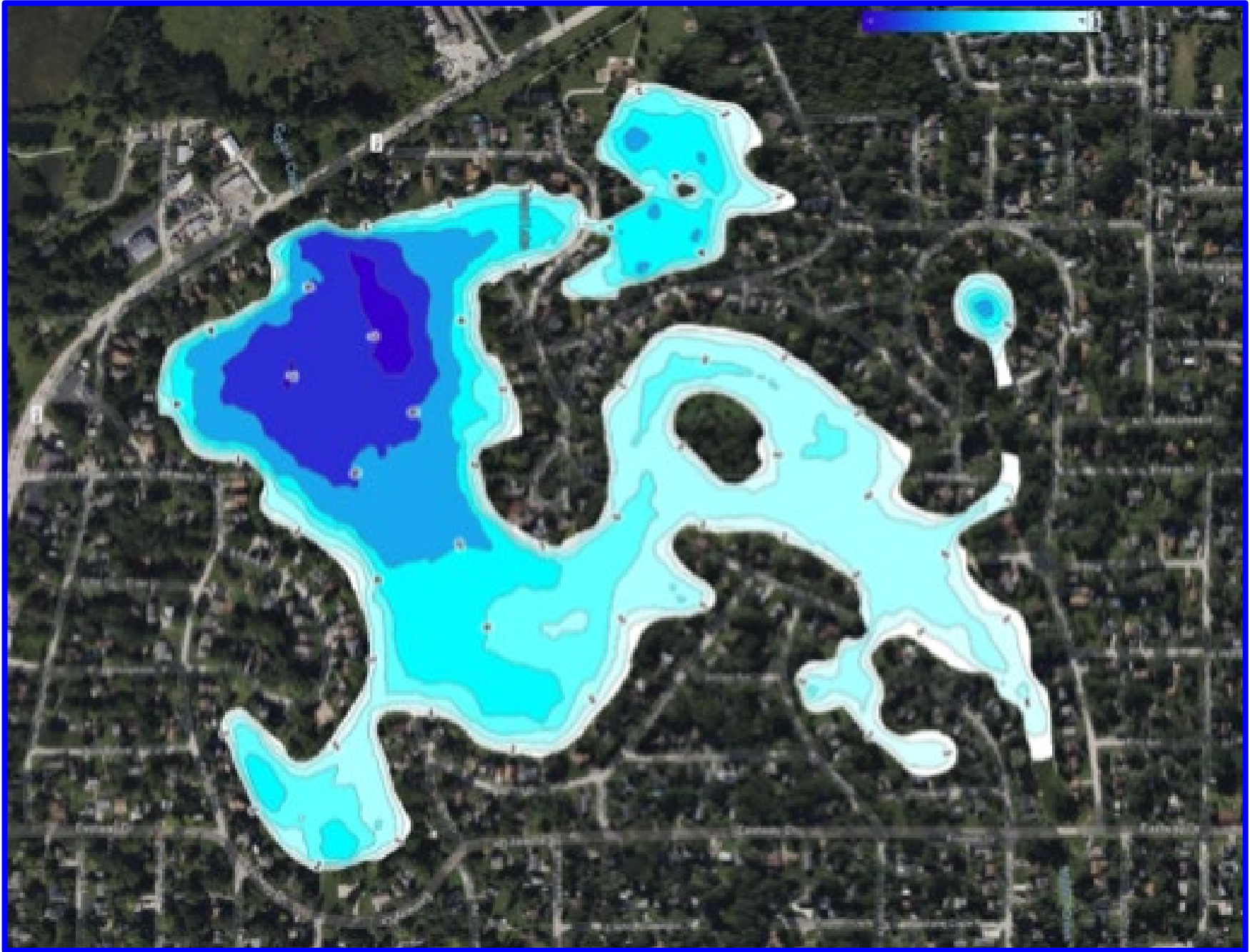
1. Area known as lagoon and channel.
2. All of Island Lake north of a line drawn from the northeasterly corner of lot 6 of the first addition of Island Lake, northeasterly to a point of the southwesterly corner of lot 6 in block "P" of Island Lake estates, said area commonly known as the entrance to the island.
3. All that area north of a line drawn from Dorothy Court to the southeasterly corner of lot 11, block 3 of Island Lake estates commonly known as the beaches near Island Drive and that part north of the bridge on Island Drive.
4. All that area north of a line drawn from the public beaches from South Shore Drive northeasterly to the beaches off Briar Court, commonly known as the area bounded by Briar Court, Eastway Drive, Fairfield Drive and South Shore Drive known as the area bounded by Briar Court, Eastway Drive, Fairfield Drive and South Shore Drive.
5. Any area within seventy five feet (75') of the shoreline.

date of this ordinance, with a motor in excess of ten (10) horsepower shall be permitted to operate within the Village but limited to No-Wake Speed. For each offense violators shall be subject to fines and penalties set forth in section 1-16-3 of this code.

- L. Water Skiing and Tubing: No boat operating under these provisions shall be used for water skiing or towing persons on a floatation device or tube.
- M. Reckless Operation: No person shall operate any boat or vessel in a careless, willful, heedless, reckless or wanton manner so as to endanger, harass or annoy persons or endanger property.
- N. Driving While Under the Influence: No person shall operate any boat or vessel or be in actual physical control of any boat or vessel who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor and/or narcotic drug.
- O. Mooring to Village Property Prohibited: No person shall moor or attach any vessel or watercraft to a village pier or other village property, or allow any vessel or watercraft to be placed or to remain on any village property except while loading or unloading such vessel or watercraft.
- P. Houseboats Prohibited: It shall be unlawful to operate or maintain any houseboat upon the waters of Island Lake.
- Q. Exemptions: The following organizations shall be exempt from the horsepower limitations:
  1. Island Lake Police Department.
  2. Wauconda Fire Department.
  3. Illinois Department of Natural Resources.
  4. Lake and McHenry County Health Departments.
  5. Vendors under contract with the Village to provide a service
- R. Commencing January 1, 2023, no two stroke engines shall be allowed to power any motorboats or other vessels on Island Lake. (10/28/2021)

7-5-6 PENALTIES

Any person violating any part of this chapter shall be fined in the amount set forth in accordance with the general penalty provisions contained in section 1-4-1 of this code. Each day that the offense occurs shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense for the purpose of this chapter. Any person who shall be convicted a second time in a calendar year of a violation of this chapter shall be prohibited from operation of any boat or vessel upon the waters of Island Lake for the remainder of said calendar year.



**CHAPTER 9**

**FISHING REGULATIONS**

**4-9-1 Size, Slot and Daily Creel Regulations**

Permitted harvesting of fish from the waters of Island Lake located within the Village of Island Lake shall be limited in accordance with the following written regulations which shall be made available at Village Hall and posted at the Eastway Park Boat Launch.

Size, Slot and Daily Creel Regulations Relating to Harvesting of Fish from the Waters of Island Lake		
The following size, slot and daily creel regulations apply to harvesting fish from the waters of Island Lake within the Village of Island Lake:		
Species	Daily Limit	Size
Northern Pike	1 (one)	Minimum 24"
Muskellunge	Catch and Release	Catch and Release
Largemouth Bass	2 (two)	Under 14" or Over 18" (14"-18" Protected slot) <i>(revised 9/9/2022)</i>
Smallmouth Bass	Catch and Release	Catch and Release
Yellow Bass	10 (ten)	Minimum 9" <i>(revised 9/9/2022)</i>
Bluegill	10 (ten)	Minimum 8" <i>(revised 9/9/2022)</i>
Crappie (all types)	5 (five)	Minimum 9"
Perch	10 (ten)	Minimum 8"
Walleye	2 (two)	Minimum 17"
Catfish (All Types)	3 (three)	Minimum 15"
Carp	No limit	No limit <i>(revised 9/9/2022)</i>

**4-9-2 PENALTY**

A person found to be in violation of this Chapter shall be subject to the following minimum fines: \$100 for a first offense; \$250 for a second offense; \$750 for a third offense and for each offense thereafter. Enforcement of this Chapter shall be by the Island Lake Police or authorized lake patrol officers. *(revised 9/9/2022)*

**CHAPTER 6**

**BEACH REGULATIONS**

**4-6-1 DESIGNATED BATHING BEACHES**

- A. Dorothy Court Beach: Lot 18 in Owners Re-Subdivision of Block 7 in Island Lake Estates, a Subdivision of part of the East Half of the East Half of Section 20, Township 44 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded August 16, 1938 as Document No. 134125 in Book 9 of Plats, page 11, in McHenry County, Illinois.
- B. Park Drive Beach: Located at the South end of Park Drive between Blocks "G" and "H" in Island Lake Estates in Lake County, a Subdivision of part of the West Half of the West Half of Section 21, Township 44 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded September 19, 1938 as document No. 453966, in Book "Z" of Plats, pages 5, 6 and 7, in Lake County, Illinois.
- C. Bria(e)r Court Beach: In Island Lake Estates, Lake County, Illinois, situated between Lot 31 in Block "P" and Lots 10 and 11 in Block "R" and the southernmost point of Lot 31 in Block "P"; (it being intended that the above described line shall be in the Western terminus of that part of Bria(e)r Court which is hereby conveyed).
- D. South Shore Drive Beach: Lots 14 and 16 (except the Southeasterly 100 feet thereof) and all of Lot 15 in Block "S" in Island Lake Estates in Lake County, a Subdivision of part of the West Half of the West Half of Section 21, Township 44 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded September 19, 1938, as Document No. 453966, in Book "Z" of Plats, pages 5, 6 and 7, in Lake County, Illinois.
- E. Veterans Beach A tract of land in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 44 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Commencing at a point in the East line of said Quarter Quarter Section, said point being the Southwest corner of Lot 9 in Block 4 of Island Lake Estates, according to the Plat thereof recorded May 21, 1937 in Book 8 of Plats, page 158, as Document No. 126782, a Subdivision of part of the East Half of the East Half of said Section 20; thence West along the South line of said Lot 9 extended West, 73.23 feet to the center line of State Route 176; thence Northwesterly along the center line of said State Route, 125.95 feet; thence Northeasterly at right angles to the center line of said State Route, 162.4 feet to a point in the East line of said Quarter Quarter Section, 8.5 feet South of the Northwest corner of Lot 5 in Block 4 of Island Lake Estates; thence South along the East line of said Quarter Quarter Section, 191.5 feet to the place of beginning, in McHenry County, Illinois.

**4-6-2 BATHING BEACH REGULATIONS**

- A. Fishing is prohibited on the beaches.
- B. Swimmers using the beaches must stay within the confines of the buoys marking the swimming area.

- C. The Village board or chief of police may restrict use of bathing beaches when conditions of weather or health warrant or when other activities have been approved.
- D. Fires prohibited on beaches.
- E. The beach regulations set forth in 77 Illinois Administrative Code 820.400(i) as such regulations now exist or may hereafter be amended, are hereby incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

**4-6-3 SPECIAL PERMITS**

The Village may issue a permit upon good cause shown to persons or groups for the purpose of special events on a first-come, first served basis.

**4-6-4 ENFORCEMENT**

The police department or any special police or water safety patrol authorized by the Village shall for the purpose of this chapter have full and complete jurisdiction of the beaches for the enforcement of this chapter.

**4-6-5 VIOLATION, TICKET, PENALTIES**

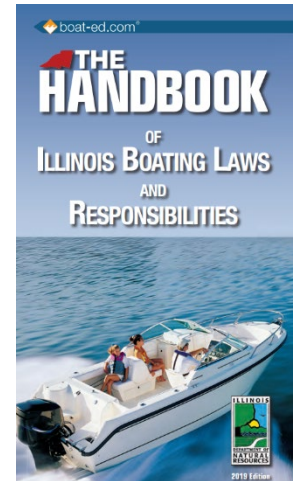
Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be fined in the amount set forth in the annual fee ordinance schedule contained in section 1-16-3 of this code.

**Fees**

- Resident boat sticker: \$20 first boat  
\$15 each additional boat
- Resident senior boat sticker: \$6
- Nonresident boat sticker: \$40

**Penalties**

- Violation of boat sticker requirement: \$50
- Violation of horsepower restrictions: not less than \$200 nor more than \$750



***The Handbook of Illinois Boating Laws and Responsibilities*** is available on the Illinois Department of Natural Resources website:  
<https://dnr.illinois.gov>

## Contacts

### Emergency: 911

Police Nonemergency: 847-526-2100

### Village of Island Lake



Greenleaf Ave.  
Island Lake, IL 60042  
847-526-8764; fax: 847-526-1534  
[www.villageofislandlake.com](http://www.villageofislandlake.com)

### Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)



Illinois  
Department of  
**Natural  
Resources**

1 Natural Resources Way  
Springfield, IL 62702  
217-782-6302

### Lake County Beach

Information: <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/2385/Beach-Advisory>

### McHenry County Beach

Information: <https://www.mchenrycountyil.gov/county-government/departments-a-i/health-department/environmental-health/public-beaches>



Illinois Department of Public Health  
**Environmental Health**

**FIND ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH CURRENT BEACH  
INFORMATION**

HERE: <http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/ilbeaches/public/>

## Fish Identification



*Bluegill*



*Black Crappie*



*White Crappie*



*Perch*



*Yellow Bass*



*Bullhead*



*Largemouth Bass*



*Walleye*



*Northern Pike*



*Muskellunge*



*Channel Catfish*



*Flathead Catfish*