

TBPA Boating Rules and Regulations as Revised 2026

SECTION A BOAT LAUNCH & GATE

- 1) Boat launch usage is granted to current Master Members (lot owners who have paid current equitable maintenance fees). (1998 boat rules) (as amended 2010)
- 2) Proof of registration and proof of insurance must be presented for all watercraft over 16' using the Twin Beach Park Association boat launch. (as amended 2010)
- 3) There will be an annual fee to use the boat launch during the boating season. No guest boats are allowed to use the boat launch or Association property. (From Bylaws Article 12 Sec D, Effective April 2000 (Amended April 2007)
- 4) The launch fees are due by 6:00 PM (amended April 2026) on May 1st, along with the Member's equitable maintenance dues, as amended August 2020 at the fall General Membership meeting.
- 5) There will be a deposit for the first boat gate key issued to a Master Membership. The key will be exchanged annually for a fee. If the prior key is not returned, the new key will be issued upon receipt of the deposit plus annual fee (From Bylaws Article 12, Sec. J) effective August 2000, amended April 2007 FEES (added 2010)
- 6) Equitable Maintenance Fees shall be determined at the General Membership Annual Spring Meeting
- 7) Boat Slip: \$300.00 annually (includes the launch fee) (amended April 2026); \$75.00 annually (for dry slips - and includes the launch fee), per increase voted on by general membership on 04/18/21
- 8) Boat Launch: \$50.00 annually (if not paying a slip fee) (amended April 2026)
- 9) Boat Gate (After Hours) Key: \$10.00 Deposit (first key); \$3.00 Annual Exchange

SECTION B BOAT SLIPS AND DOCKS

WAITING LIST

TBPA maintains a waiting list, as needed, for dock slips.

- 1) A Member's name may be placed on either or both Boat Slip Waiting lists (wet or dry). This may be done by contacting the beach manager or current member of the governing body and filling out a three-part Boat Waiting List form. The member will keep the top copy of the form and the second copy will be sent to the boat committee chairperson and the beach manager will file the third copy with the TBPA Governing Body. After receipt of the completed waiting slip request form by the boat committee chairperson, the member will be placed on the Boat Slip Waiting List. A current Boat Slip waiting List will be provided to the TBPA Secretary within seven (7) days of Memorial Day (From Bylaws Article 12, Sec G. effective April 2000 (as amended 2010)

- 2) Unacceptable slips must be indicated at the time of request to be placed on the waiting list. A member may pass on an acceptable slip once. If the member is offered an acceptable slip a second time, the member must take the slip or be placed at the end of the waiting list. Special considerations for length, width and draft of a proposed watercraft require boat committee and Governing Body approval. (From Bylaws Article 12, Sec G.1) effective April 2000, rev 4/2007 (as amended 2010)
- 3) When a boat slip becomes available, the first person on the waiting list that lists that slip acceptable will be contacted by the boat committee and shall have the right of refusal on the available slip. The boat committee must be given acceptance or refusal by the Master Member within five days of notification, otherwise the slip will be deemed refused. If refused, the next person on the waiting list shall have the option to obtain the slip with the same procedure. (From Bylaws Article 12, Sec G.2) Effective April 2000
- 4) If a boat slip is assigned after June 1st, the member shall have 10 days to either place a boat in their slip or loan their slip out for the remainder of the season pursuant to Boat Slip Rules – Section C #4 (as amended fall 2022).
- 5) Notice of a boat slip loan must be provided to the boat committee chairperson or a member of the governing body by the second Sunday in June of the current TBPA season. Effective April 2007 (as amended 2010)

DOCK CONFIGURATION

- 1) Dock must be removable, with either auger post or square feet & top caps. (1998 Boat Rules)
- 2) Dock must not be less than 2 feet wide or greater than 3 feet wide. (1998 Boat Rules)
- 3) Dock must be made of wood and/or aluminum. (1998 Boat Rules)
- 4) Dock must be safe, sturdy & neat in appearance. (1998 Boat Rules)
- 5) In the canal area, members must secure their boat using 2 poles located in the water. Boats may not be affixed to the walkway or retaining wall.
- 6) Boat slip location and configuration shall be determined by the boat committee. If a boat slip is assigned to an existing conventional two boat dock space, those types of docks must be shared (as amended fall 2022).
- 7) Pontoon boats are not to be placed in slips A1 through A9. These slips are the first 9 slips at the front of the canal on the park side, next to the retaining wall (amended June 2026).

DRY DOCKS

- 1) There will be a dry dock rack. The upper shelf will hold kayaks, or canoes and the bottom shelf will hold rowboats, kayaks, or canoes. The spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis with a waiting list to be handled the same as the wet docks. Effective April 2000, (From Bylaws Article 12, Sec I) Rev. 4/2007 (as amended 2010)
- 2) All other rowboats, canoes, etc. using the park and launch must use the day parking area and be removed daily. No boats will be stored on the ground anywhere on Association property - effective August 2000 (From Bylaws, Article 12, Sec I).

- 3) All boats in dry dock area must be removed by November 1st unless other arrangements are made and permission is granted by the Governing Body. effective April 2007

SECTION C BOAT SLIP RULES

- 1) There will be a fee per boat wet or dry during each boat season and will include the use of the boat launch - effective August 1999 and as amended August 2000. Amended 4, 2007.
- 2) Only one dock slip, wet or dry, shall be permitted for each approved Master Membership, effective August 2001 (From Bylaws Article 12, sec G.7) and only one vessel per slip will be allowed (as amended 2010)
- 3) A member's assigned slip reverts to the custody of the boat committee for reassignment due to non-use of boat in member's assigned slip for a total of thirty (30) days overnight during the boating season, Memorial Day to Labor Day, or if the member fails to notify the Governing Body, in writing, of his/her intent to use the slip. If the slip is not used by June 15th, the Master Member will be sent a notification by certified mail that the member will lose their slip if it is not used or loaned by June 30th (as amended fall of 2023).
- 4) LONG TERM LOANING (entire season) –
A Master Member may loan their slip (wet or dry) for the duration of the season. This slip will be assigned by the Boat Committee to the first Member on the waiting list that considers the slip acceptable. A Member may not perform a long-term loan of their slip for more than 2 seasons during the life of their dock ownership. These loans shall be one year at a time and shall be non-consecutive.
- 5) SHORT TERM LOANING (14 days or less) –
After notification and approval from the Boat Committee, a Master Member may loan their boat slip to any other Master Member for a period of up to 14 days. A slip may not be loaned to the same member for two consecutive periods.
- 6) A Master Member must notify the Boat committee, in writing, if they are exchanging their dock slip with another Master Member's dock slip for any reason during the active boating season - effective July 16, 2002 (From Bylaws Article 12, Sec L)
- 7) Each member who has a boat slip is to remove any dock, poles, or hoist from the water by November 1st of each season. All personal property shall be removed from TBPA property unless permission is granted by the Governing Body. (as amended 2010)
- 8) A Master Member may relinquish their boat slip back to the boat committee and have their name placed back on the waiting list according to their original boat waiting slip number. They may choose to place themselves at a "no acceptable slip" waiting status until sometime when they notify the boat committee that they would like to accept an acceptable slip. Effective 4/2007
- 9) Members are responsible for maintenance, upkeep, and cleaning of their assigned slip. Slips must be kept neat, safe, and trash free. All expenses related to slip upkeep are the slip owner's responsibility (added fall of 2023).

SECTION D REVOCATION OF DOCKING PRIVILEGES

On the first violation of any of these rules, the member will receive written notification and will be granted seven (7) days to correct the violation. Non-compliance will result in the boat committee bringing a recommendation before the board that docking privileges be revoked or some further action taken. (Boat Rules 1998) (as amended 2010)

SECTION E PARKING AND MOORING

- 1) Boat trailer parking in designated areas shall be on a first come, first serve basis. (Boat Rules 1998) (as amended 2010)
- 2) All other trailers must be removed from Association property. (Boat Rules 1998) (as amended 2010)
- 3) No boat trailers shall be parked on the East/South side of the launch (as amended 2010)
- 4) No overnight parking of watercraft on Association property will be allowed other than Members' watercraft in their assigned dry dock or wet slips.
- 5) Boats parked in the designated day parking area shall be anchored securely to avoid damage to people or property. No anchors shall be placed on the association shoreline. No lines shall be tied to any trees or barbeque grills. (Boat Rules 1998) (as amended 2010)
- 6) Docks are private property of boat owners, and no boarding of Member's dock is allowed without Member's permission. (Boat Rules 1998)

SECTION F LAKE ORDINANCES & STATE LAWS MIDDLE STRAITS LAKE RULES

- 1) Power boating at wake speed and water skiing are prohibited on Middle Straits Lake on Sundays, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day before 11:00 a.m., or after 7:30 p.m. Violators are subject to a \$100.00 fine and court costs, or 90 days maximum imprisonment, or both.
- 2) Boats are to be driven in a counterclockwise direction.

BOATING LAWS UNDER MICHIGAN MARINE SAFETY ACT

- 1) All powerboats must be registered with the state and display ID numbers correctly. The registration certificate must be onboard when the boat is in use.

Water Skiing guidelines:

- 1) Must have 170-degree wide-angle rear-view mirror.
- 2) A competent observer must be onboard.
- 3) No skiing 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise.
- 4) The driver and skier are responsible for their actions regarding the safety of others

- 5) Boats are to be driven in a counterclockwise direction.

Boating equipment to be carried:

- 1) One Coast Guard approved life preserver per person
- 2) One additional throwable flotation device and a whistle/horn if the boat is 16 ft. or longer.
- 3) Fire extinguisher (If semi-enclosed construction)

General Rules:

- 1) Remain 100 feet away from any dock, raft, swimming area, diver's flag, or other boat on anchor, except when proceeding at no wake speed.
- 2) Drivers under 16 must have a boating safety certificate or be accompanied by a person 16 years or older.
- 3) Operating a boat while under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substance is illegal.
- 4) The speed limit on the lake is 40 mph.

APPENDIX

Definitions: (added 2010)

Assignee – a registered Master Member who has been assigned a boat space

Boat – any recreational watercraft powered manually, by wind or b motor

Boat Slip – a mooring place where a boat can be made fast

Boat Space – a boat slip or a position on the dry dock

Dry Dock – a rack built for the onshore storage of boats

Non Use – not actively operating a boat, same as parking a boat. It is the assignee's responsibility to prove that a boat is actively being operated

Season – will begin from ice out in the spring and end by November 1st in the fall

Vacant – a vacant boat space is one of the following:

- o One that has not been assigned to a Master Member
- o When there are two or more weeks of continuous non-use (as defined herein)

Wet Dock – a platform built out from the shore into the water and supported by poles

The following words, wherever shown herein, shall be synonymous:

Member; Master Member

Board Member; Governing Body