

BOAT LAUNCH VIOLATIONS

As we approach the Labor Day Weekend, we would like to make sure all members review our boat launch rules and abide by those so you do not lose your boat launch privileges or risk having your vehicle towed.

Unfortunately, this weekend we found a member attempting to unlock the gate to allow two unauthorized boaters to use the boat launch, we found the gate open on two occasions with no member in site of launching or retrieving their vessel, two members parked overnight without the appropriate exceptions pass, and we suspect there was at least one member whose decals were removed from their assigned trailer and used on a guest's boat trailer. Each of these situations are violations and could result in the revocation of boat launch privileges.

We have made every attempt to provide a means for exceptions and for members to comply with the rules of the boat launch, however, we continue to have members who want to circumvent the process and put their membership at risk. Therefore, the Board will be meeting to discuss penalties for these situations and future situations which may include revoking member privileges since they chose not to follow our rules.

As an additional measure, to ensure people are not swapping decals from assigned trailers to other trailers, we will be checking decal numbers against the registration number of the vessel to which the decal was assigned going forward. If we find a discrepancy, we will consider that trailer to be unauthorized and subject to towing.

As a paying boat launch member, you are not authorized to allow anyone other than yourself to use the boat launch. We don't issue passes for visiting guests and we don't do "one time" launch situations for family members or guests. It isn't fair to your fellow members when you attempt to circumvent the rules.

Additionally, all paying members should also help us monitor the area for violations and report those to the security guard or to me, Grant Nichols or Kevin Sinyard - these two board members have responsibility over the boat launch area and will bring forward issues from the boat launch to the Board of Directors.

The Board is looking at a way to automate the entrance to the boat launch to prevent access to unauthorized individuals. At a minimum, we are planning to install a camera so that we can see who the violators are so we can address just those individuals. In the meantime, we are asking all members to make sure to keep the gate closed to control access to only those who are authorized to use the launch, We would also like to ask you to help us monitor this area that you have paid money to use.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
Sam Spencer