

LAKE SAINT LOUIS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**Lakes & Parks – Committee Meeting**

March 5, 2019 at 7:00 PM

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**PRESENT ABSENT**

Chris Meyer- Chairman (2019)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tom Mispagel Vice Chair (2021)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Barry Berisford Secretary (2019)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Duane Wall (2019)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
John Dangoia (2019)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Diane Arisman (2019)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skip Raleigh (2017)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jim Dodds (2021)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Beth Treadway (2021)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**LSLCA – REPRESENTATIVES**

Heather Malone – General Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Steve Bernstein – Water Safety Patrol Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jim Matthies – Board Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**AGENDA**

- i. Call to Order by Chairman Meyer at 7:02pm
- ii. Roll Call –
- iii. Approval of Agenda: **Motion to approve as submitted. Approved (7-0)**
- iv. Approval of Minutes –February 2019: **Motion to approve as submitted. Approved (7-0)**
- v. Board Report – Jim Matthies/Heather Malone: No report. See New Business Item b for Board’s request to Lakes & Parks
- vi. Staff Report – Steve Bernstein: See Steve’s written report. Additionally, a member’s sunken boat will be removed this week.
- vii. Committee Reports
  - a. Aquatics – Heather: No report
  - b. Finance – Skip Raleigh reported that the Finance Committee discussed resubmitting their recommendation on the suspension of Class 8 boat registration and prohibition of wake surfing. After discussion, they took no further action.
  - c. E&F – Heather: No report
  - d. Green Environmental Advisory Committee – Linda Daniel: No report
  - e. Water Patrol Report – Steve Bernstein
- viii. Old Business
  - a. Park/Marina Assignments for 2019
    - Main Marina/Carnac/Rue Grand- John Dangoia
    - Windjammer/Wharf- Duane Wall
    - Jefferson Point- Beth Treadway
    - Woodlands Marina- Chris Meyer
    - Villa Marina- Skip Raleigh
    - Lakewood Park/Saxony Court- Diane Arisman
    - Brittany Park- Diane Arisman
    - Bay Oaks/Highpoint- Tom Mispagle
    - Ravens Point/Foxtrail- Barry Berisford
- ix. New Business
  - a. **Lakes & Parks Rules and Regulations Change Requests:** The Committee reviewed the changes recommended by Steve Bernstein resulting in the following:
    - Page 5 (3D):
      - a. Reads as follows: “Fishing boats with outboards greater than 150 horsepower...”(Proposed Change) and must belong to the Angler’s Club...

Since this is a special Class 2 Category and could include any type of compliant boat, but with a 150+ horsepower outboard. The Committee concluded that the current rule

needs no modification. The Committee noted that this special Class 2 only permits the use of the 150+ horsepower engine for trailer loading and unloading. Only the trolling motor may be used beyond the boat ramp. There is no need to encumber the Anglers Club to monitor these special Class 2 boats. Class 7 boats will continue to be required to belong to the Angler's Club.

- Page 7 General:
  - a. #1 Reads as Follows: "After sunset and before sunrise..."(Proposed Change) "After officially published sunset and sunrise"...

The Committee agreed with the substance of Steve's recommendation and recommends the following:

**Motion: Recommend the CA Board of Directors approve the following changes to the Lakes & Parks Rules and Regulations:**

- **Section I Definitions, Item N: Sunset – The link on the LSLCA website providing the time when the sun disappears below the horizon.**
- **Section I Definitions, Item O: Sunrise – The link on the LSLCA website providing the time when the sun appears above the horizon.**
- **Section III, B General, 1: After sunset and before sunrise times as provided on the LSLCA website, all waterskiing and other sports involving towing are prohibited on both lakes.**
- **Section III, B General, 8: A 10 mph SPEED LIMIT is in affect from sunset to sunrise times as provided on the LSLCA website. Speeding at night is considered "RECKLESS and DANGEROUS".**

Approved (7-0)

- b. #8 Same Change to wording as Item a above. (Addressed in motion for Item a. above)
- c. #19 Reads as follows: "Boats with wedges, water ballast tanks or any other equipment designed to increase wakes..." (Proposed Change) "Boats with wedges, water ballast tanks or any other means designed to increase wakes are prohibited from being used on LSLCA Lakes..."
- d. #24 Reads as Follow: "...must have on board his/her boating safety identification card issued by the Missouri State Water Patrol..." (Proposed Change)... "or other Federally approved boating courses i.e. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Other approved state boating courses, or official online course completion..."

**Motion: Recommend the CA Board of Directors approve the following changes to the Lakes & Parks Rules and Regulations:**

**Section III, B General, 19: Change the last sentence to read: "Boats with wedges, water ballast tanks or any other device designed to increase wakes are prohibited from being used on LSLCA Lakes."**

**Section III, B General, #24: Change to read "All persons born after January 1, 1984, who operate any vessel on either Lake St Louis or Lake St Louise, must have on board his/her boating safety identification card (or online course completion document) issued by the Missouri State Water**

**Patrol or other Federally approved boating courses, i.e., US Coast Guard Auxiliary, or other approved state boating courses.**  
**Approved (7-0)**

- In addition to the above proposed changes: With over 2279 registered boats, 1217 or 53% of them creating wakes; the Water Patrol has been tasked by the BOD to help educate boaters about excessive wakes. S. Bernstein proposes to add to section #28 a paragraph stating: “It is the boat operator’s/owner’s responsibility to keep the wake of their boat to the absolute minimum. A boat on plane or at idle speed creates a minimum wake. A boat plowing through the water (Transom low, Bow high) and creating excessive wake has been know to cause damage to seawalls, docks, and property.”
- If L&P agrees, S. Bernstein suggests 3 warnings (for this issue only) are given to the owner/operator, proceeded by a fine. The warnings will give WP a reasonable opportunity to educate the owner, before penalizing them for continued issues with the operation of their boat.
  - a. After three stops it would then fall under the nuisance category section IV B.27 which would be \$100 first violation. This would technically be the fourth stop. 2nd offense \$250- and 6-months suspension.

There was considerable discussion about Steve’s recommendation, as well as taking note of New Business Item b below. The Committee agreed that, rather than a warning and violation tactic, a more helpful and community service approach would likely be better accepted and supported by the CA boating membership. Since a major item of interest from the Board is the reduction of boat wakes, the Committee agreed that the CA boating membership would benefit from more information and education on how to still enjoy boating on the lake AND also have the opportunity to minimize their creation of large wakes when not needed for watersports.

**Motion: Recommend the CA Board of Directors direct Water Patrol and staff to develop and deploy a focused Education and Information campaign regarding boat wakes and their impact on overall boating enjoyment as well as wear and tear on shoreline, docks, lifts and marina property. The campaign should include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:**

- **Develop descriptive information and graphics showing how boats can produce relatively small wakes when operating at idle speeds and at hull planing speeds. Descriptions of how ‘plowing’ at speeds just under planing speed can produce dramatically large wakes.**
- **Develop a ‘good neighbor’ message to encourage boaters not to ‘plow’ the water unless it is needed for watersport activities.**
- **Develop and publish articles and special features in NewsTime, the CA Monthly Newsletter and the CA Website to spread the above messages. Include this information in the CA Boating Safety Course.**
- **Water Patrol conduct ‘Courtesy Stops’ to discuss boat wakes when they observe boaters ‘plowing’ or causing large wakes not related to watersports. Water Patrol to document and report Courtesy Stop activity as part of their monthly report.**

**Approved (7-0)**

- Reduce official sunset speed from 10 mph to 5 mph to reduce nighttime wake.

After discussion, the Committee agreed there is little benefit in pursuing this – and most boat speedometers don't read effectively below 10mph.

**Motion: Recommend the CA Board of Directors direct a change to the Lakes & Parks Boating Rules and Regulations as follows:**

**IV Boating Rules, B General, 8 “A 5mph SPEED LIMIT is in affect from sunrise to sunset.....”**

**Failed (0-7)**

- Prohibit swimming to areas other than no wake and coves. Swimmers without a boat should be marked with a flag or device to be seen by watercraft operators.

There was considerable discussion on this topic by the Committee. Open-water swimming is currently only allowed in No Wake areas. Boaters are aware that swimming can and does occur at numerous No Wake areas since many waterfront property owners swim from their shorelines and docks. A major point of discussion centered about whether an orange flag is needed for people in the water around anchored/moored boats in no wake zones such as Party Cove and Barefoot Cove. The Committee agreed that the primary effective utility of the orange flag is to alert other boaters of people in the water as a result of falling during watersports. The Committee develop recommended changes to the use of the orange flag under our description of ‘Ski Flag/Towing Flag’ as follows:

**Motion: Recommend the CA Board of Directors approve a change to the Lakes & Parks Boating Rules and Regulations as follows:**

**IV Boating Rules, F Safety Equipment, 7 Ski/Towing Flag: eliminate “(including swimmers) from the fourth to the last sentence. Add a new sentence at the end to say: “Display of the flag is NOT REQUIRED when the boat is anchored or moored in a No Wake area.”**

**Approved (7-0)**

- Boats with wakes deemed excessive by WP will be stopped.

Covered under Courtesy Stops above.

- b. **BOD Motion to Lakes & Parks (2/11/2019): The BOD has asked that Lakes and Parks come up with suggestions to reduce wakes on both lakes within 90 days, and present recommendations to the BOD.**

The Committee welcomes the opportunity to address this topic for the Board and will develop recommendations in addition to those in the above agenda item. The Committee members noted that wave action on the lakes is a year-round phenomenon – and that a high density of boat wakes are concentrated to the weekends of our four month summer boating season. The Committee understands the Board is interested in obtaining a detail outside study to include all natural and man-made impacts on CA docks and marinas. The Committee would like to have the opportunity to review any proposal(s) the Board is seriously considering to bring our perspective and experience to bear on adequately scoping the study.

- x. General Discussion / Comments: None
- xi. Adjournment: 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Berisford  
Lakes & Parks Secretary