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Jensen Lakes Homeowner's Association Watercraft Rules & Regulations

Definitions

Resident: A Resident is any person who owns, leases, or resides in a JLHOA property, is officially recorded as part of that household's entourage on the JLHOA portal, and holds a valid JLHOA membership card if age 12 or older.

Pre-Possession Resident: A Pre-Possession Resident is an individual who has purchased a JLHOA property but has not yet taken possession, and who has been granted temporary amenity access by JLHOA. Pre-Possession Residents do not receive a membership card until possession and are required to present government-issued identification when accessing amenities.

Guest: Any non-resident present on JLHOA property at the invitation and responsibility of a Resident.

Minor Guest: Any non-resident under 18 who is invited by a Resident and recorded under that Resident's seasonal waiver.

Minor: A Minor is any individual under 18 years of age.

JLHOA-Owned Watercraft: Any vessel supplied, maintained, and owned by the JLHOA for community use.

Resident-Owned Watercraft: Any vessel privately owned by a Resident and authorized for use on the lake under HOA rules.

Supervising Resident: A responsible adult is in a watercraft, within continuous visual contact, and able to provide immediate assistance.

Reasonable Distance: No more than 10 metres (33 feet) between the supervising adult and the supervised person(s), with visibility and response time maintained.

General Safety Rules

- Watercrafts are required to be operated in a safe manner at all times.
- **Life preservers are mandatory, no exceptions.** It is to be worn properly secured at all times when using any JLHOA-owned watercraft. There are no lifeguards on duty.
- **NO** capsizing or jumping off watercraft.
- **NO** watercraft are allowed inside the designated swimming area.
- **NO** docking or beaching JLHOA watercraft at locations other than the JLHOA Boat Dock.
- All watercraft users are required to follow all instructions given by JLHOA staff.
- Users are required to return to the dock immediately if staff sound the air horn or direct a recall due to weather or safety concerns.
- Watercraft, paddles, and life jackets are required to be returned in good condition.

- Any damaged JLHOA equipment is required to be reported to staff immediately.
- **NO** alcohol or cannabis use before or during watercraft operation.
- **NO** swimming from watercraft, towing, pushing, or linking watercraft together.
- Users are required to remain seated unless the watercraft is designed for standing (e.g., paddleboards).
- Fishing from JLHOA-owned watercraft is strictly prohibited. Fishing equipment including rods, hooks, tackle, or nets, may not be brought onto JLHOA-owned watercraft.

Operating Rules for JLHOA-Owned Watercraft

- Follow all posted capacity limits.
- Maintain a safe distance from swimmers, docks, and shoreline.
- JLHOA-owned watercraft may only be docked or beached at the JLHOA Boat Dock.
- Users are required to comply immediately with any safety instructions from JLHOA staff.

Rental Eligibility & Supervision Requirements

- **Membership Card Required:** Residents are required to leave their membership card with JLHOA staff during the rental period. Pre-Possession Residents may rent JLHOA-owned watercraft only if they present government-issued identification in place of a membership card. All standard rental and supervision requirements apply.
- **Waiver Requirement:** A current JLHOA Watercraft Waiver is required to be completed and on file prior to any watercraft rental or use of JLHOA-owned watercraft. Individuals 16 years of age or older are required to submit their own seasonal waiver. Waivers remain valid for the duration of the operating season unless updated information is required.
- **Guest Waiver Requirement:** Guests 16 years of age or older are required to submit their own seasonal JLHOA Watercraft Waiver before using any JLHOA-owned watercraft.
- **Age Requirement:** Renters are required to be at least **16 years old**. Sign out is available only to members ages 16 and over with a valid waiver on file.
- **Residents Only:** Rentals are for Residents only. Guests may use watercraft only if they are directly supervised by the Resident who rented the watercraft.

Supervision of Minors and Guests

- Residents who sign out watercraft for Minors or Guests are required to provide supervision and act as the "Supervising Resident".
- The Supervising Resident is required to remain on lake grounds, in a watercraft, within Reasonable Distance.
- The Supervising Resident assumes full responsibility for the safety, behaviour, and rule compliance of any Minor Guests they accompany.
- Minors may rent a watercraft if they are included on a parent or legal guardian's seasonal waiver.
- Minor Guests may rent a watercraft if they are recorded under the Supervising Resident's seasonal waiver.

- Guests over 18 are permitted to rent a watercraft if they have submitted their own seasonal waiver.

Rental Limits

- Maximum of 3 watercraft per household at one time.

Rental Hours

- 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM during the summer season (subject to availability and weather).
- 60-minute maximum time limit during peak hours.
- No watercraft may be taken out 30 minutes prior to closing.

Additional Restrictions

- Nannies/childcare providers are not permitted to rent watercraft.

Resident-Owned Watercraft Rules

- **Motorized watercraft are not permitted**, except those owned and operated by JLHOA or approved lake management contractors.
- Resident-owned watercraft may be launched only at the **Designated Resident Boat Launch**.
- **Shared docks are for launching only**. No watercraft may be stored at any shared and private dock, as well as the shore line.
- Docking is at the Resident's discretion. Residents are expected to respect shared access areas.
- Any watercraft used outside JLHOA waters is required to be cleaned prior to launching to prevent contamination. Residents are required to check in with JLHOA staff for assistance.
- **Fishing from Resident-owned watercraft is permitted**, provided all JLHOA fishing rules and regulations are followed.

Fishing Rules

Fishing from JLHOA-Owned Watercraft

- Fishing and fishing equipment are not permitted on JLHOA-owned watercraft to prevent equipment damage, sanitation concerns, and safety hazards.

Fishing from Resident-Owned Watercraft

- Fishing from Resident-owned watercraft is permitted, provided all Alberta Sportfishing Regulations and all JLHOA Fishing Rules are followed.
- Residents are required to handle fishing equipment safely and in accordance with all JLHOA rules.

Fishing Location Restrictions

Residents are required to be mindful of other lake users when casting. Fishing is permitted only from the designated fishing pier or resident owned watercrafts.

- **NO** fishing in or near the designated swimming area.
- **NO** fishing from or within close proximity to the JLHOA Boat Dock.

- **NO** fishing from shared docks, as these are for launching only.
- **NO** fishing from or within close proximity to the Fishing Pier when operating a watercraft.
- Fishing lines are required to avoid interfering with swimmers, watercraft, or shoreline activities.

Watercraft Safety Near Fishing Areas

- Watercraft are required to maintain a safe distance from the designated fishing area in front of the Fishing Pier to avoid entanglement or injury from casting lines or hooks.
- Watercraft should remain well outside the casting range (minimum 10 metres) of anyone actively fishing from the Fishing Pier or shoreline.

Safety & Conduct

- Casting is required to be conducted safely and away from people, docks, and watercraft.
- Hooks and tackle are required to be handled responsibly and kept away from children.
- All waste and fishing line are required to be disposed of properly and not discarded into the lake.
- Residents are required to ensure their fishing activities do not create hazards or disturbances.

Weather, Air Quality & Closures

- Rentals may be suspended up to one hour before forecasted unsafe weather (e.g., storms, heavy rain).
- Rentals will close if winds exceed 20 km/h.
- Rentals will close if the Air Quality Index (AQI) reads 7 or higher.
- All users are required to immediately return to shore when directed by staff due to weather, air quality, or safety concerns.

Damage, Misuse & Consequences

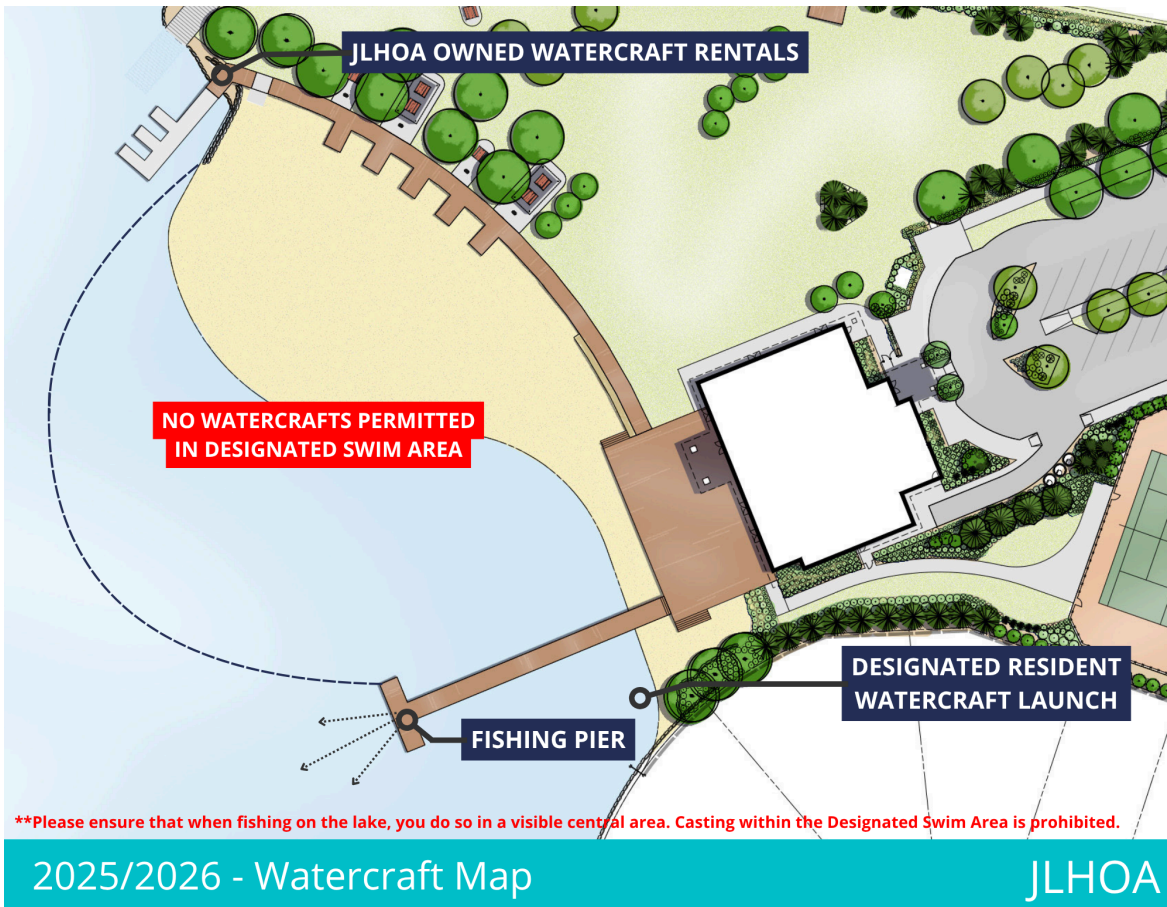
- Damages to JLHOA equipment may result in repair or replacement charges.
- Unsafe behavior or rule violations may result in:
 - Immediate termination of watercraft use for the day
 - Documentation of the incident
 - Suspension of lake privileges for repeated or serious violations

Staff Authority & Compliance

- **JLHOA staff have full authority to:**
 - Deny watercraft rentals
 - Limit the number of watercraft in use
 - Recall watercraft at any time
 - End watercraft use for any Resident or Guest due to safety, behavior, or policy concerns.
- Residents, Pre-Possession Residents, and Guests are required to comply immediately with all staff instructions.

Maps & Additional Information

- The JLHOA Beach Map, including designated swim areas, Resident Boat Launch, and JLHOA Boat Dock, is available at www.jensenlakeshoa.ca.
- All JLHOA General Rules and Regulations continue to apply.
- Pre-Possession Residents are required to bring government-issued identification to access amenities.



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