# Candlewood Lake (CWL) Boating Regulations

**LAKE, BOATS, AND WATERSPORTS**

**1. Watercraft Permit Requirements**

1.1. Watercraft Permits are handled by CWL designated person(s). Appointments are required, to schedule a time call 419-947-3511.

1.2. All boats and non-powered watercraft permitted on CWL must meet CWL requirements and provide the following documentation:

1.3. Boat Title and Registration must be in the name of the member. Only originals will be accepted.

1.4. Copy of State Registration.

1.5. Must be within the guidelines set forth in the Boat Requirements (section 2) defined by Candlewood Lake Association.

1.6. Must be inspected for State required equipment as currently specified by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources when you're on the water.

1.7. Two stickers will be used for the CWL Watercraft Permit and are to be placed at the rear of the boat on both sides.

1.8. $10.00 Watercraft Permit Fee per non-powered watercraft; $102.00 Watercraft Permit Fee per powered watercraft with 100 hp or less; $154.00 Watercraft Permit Fee per powered watercraft with over 100 hp; Watercraft Permit Fees are based on a 2 year term beginning on March 31st of each year.

1.9. Only two gasoline-powered power-boats may be granted access per lot or contiguous lot.

1.10. Watercraft liability insurance is required.

**2. BOAT REQUIREMENTS**

2.1. Maximum beam (width) of any boat is 8'6".

2.2. Power Boats maximum length of 21 feet (252 total inches) as listed on the original title.

2.3. Sailboats Boats maximum length of Twenty (20) feet.

2.4. Pontoon boat maximum Twenty-six (26) feet and maximum 40 HP engine.

2.5. All of the following are prohibited access to Candlewood Lake: Houseboats, any boat with an enclosed cabin, jet boats, jet skis.

2.6. Boat trailers within Candlewood Lake property must display a state license plate or a 5" X 8" white metal plate with black lettering with the property owner's unit and lot number in letters 3" high.

**3. DOCKING**

3.1. No permanent dockage allowed on CWL Association docks

3.2. Dock rental areas are available for the season. Cost is $410.00. Contact the CWL Association Office for more information.

3.3. Boats may be docked at Main Lodge, North and South boat ramps and on the North Island dock for a period not to exceed thirty (30) minutes.

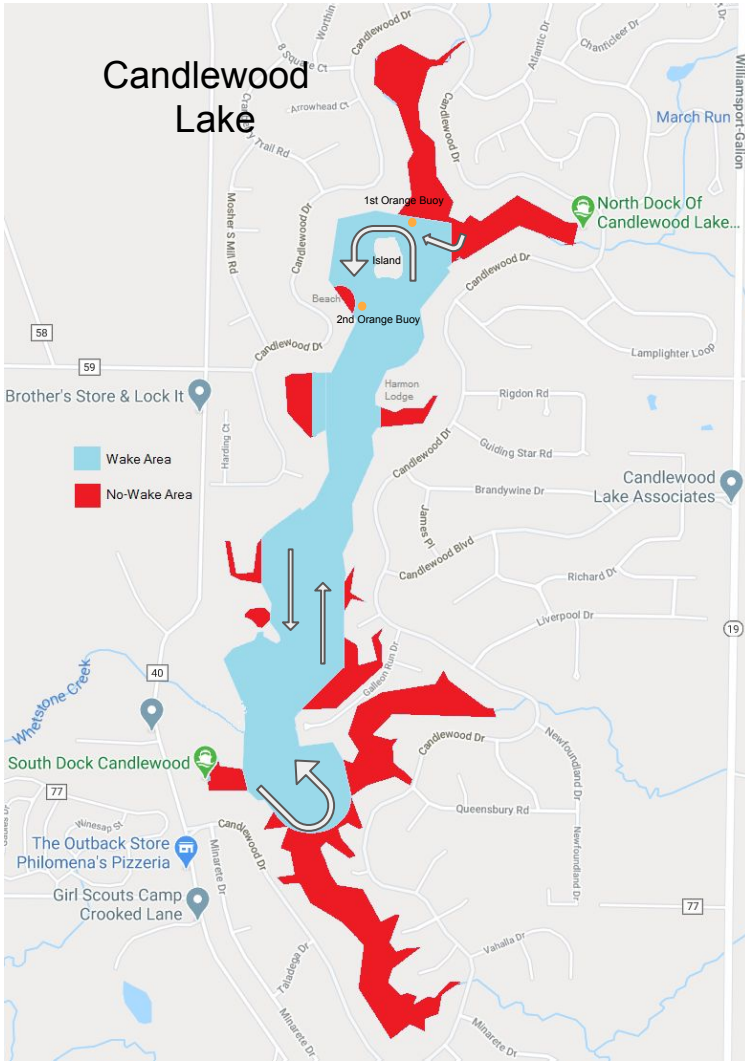
**4. LAKE-GENERAL**

4.1. The body or main core of all inflatable trampolines, bounce units, or multi person floatation devices designed for water use must not be installed in a manner that would impede with boating traffic and as close proximity to members dock as reasonably possible.

4.2. The use of wake enhancement devices on Candlewood Lake to artificially enlarge the wake a boat produces is prohibited.

4.3. All human-powered watercraft shall be restricted to operate only in no wake zones on weekend and holidays during high speed boating hours.

**Lake Map:**



4.4. Any towable device made for airborne purposes (ex. parasailing, kites) are prohibited.

4.5. No persons using the lake for any purpose may act in a reckless or unsafe manner.The wake area is defined as the central body of water between the no wake buoys and no less than 50 ft. from any shoreline. All other areas of the lake are no wake zones.

4.6. All boat operators must be educated on the rules and regulations of CWL. Security will give each person a copy of CWL boating rules and have them sign a document that they read and understand the rules and take responsibility for them.

4.7. All boats must travel counter-clockwise around lake. It is not permitted to cut across the lake if doing so would in any way interfere with oncoming traffic.

4.8. Human powered craft may travel in either direction in no wake zones at any time (this does not include sailboats).

4.9. No boating or docking in roped off areas.

4.10. Anything not specifically covered in this document is governed by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Boating Laws.

**5. SPEED LIMITS:**

5.1. In No Wake Areas (24/7) and entire lake between 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. the speed at which no wake is created.

5.2. In WAKE AREAS from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. daily 40 MPH.

**6. LAKE SWIMMING**

6.1. Candlewood Lake Board of Trustees does not endorse swimming in the lake.

6.2. Anyone swimming in the lake does so at their own risk. Absolutely no swimming between 10:00 am and 8:00 pm in the skiing/wake area.

6.3. No swimming from the beach area to the island.

**7. SKIING, WAKEBOARDING, TUBING, KNEEBOARDING**

7.1. Skiing/Tubing permitted in the Wake Area Only, in a counter-clockwise direction around the island.

7.2. No person being towed is allowed to “drop off/stop” or “take off/start” from behind the island (North end) nor the beach side of the island (West side ). When a person being towed falls in this area, the person being towed must be immediately picked up and restarted beyond the Beach Pavilion (South side). This area is designated by SOLID orange buoys. Boats are not permitted to run side by side or anchor in these areas during wake times. *No more than two skiers, two towable devices with one person each or one towable device with up to three persons are permitted at any time. On the following three (3) holidays no more than one person shall be towed as a skier or in a single towable device at any time: Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day. When one of these three holidays fall on Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday, no more than one (1) person shall be towed as a skier or in a single towable device at any time on the holiday and that Saturday or Sunday. The only exception to this is for ski club with prior written approval from the General Manager during times designated by the General Manager.

7.3. No water skiing or tow-able devices are permitted from pontoon boats.

7.4. No children under five (5) years of age shall ride in towable devices without an adult.

7.5. An adult and child 8 years and younger is always considered one person. When an adult and child 8 years or younger are considered one person, no other skier, towable devices or persons are permitted behind the same boat at that time.

**8. PARKING POLICY**

8.1. No more than two boats or boat trailers may be parked per lot or contiguous lots.

8.2. No storage of boats or boat trailers on empty lots without current CWL or Ohio registrations.

**SECURITY**

Front Gate Security: 419-947-3511
(7 days a week 7:00 am –5:00 PM)
The following items are handled through the Front Gate: Car Registration and Watercraft Permits, Daily Passes for Guests, and Motorized Vehicle ID After hours

Security can be reached at 419-947-3511 and is available 24 hours a day.

When Boat Patrol is on the lake they will enforce all CWL and Ohio Department of Natural Resources rules and regulations.

**CLO-15** Penalties and fines associated with Boating Rules and Regulations: Violation of Boating Rules and regulations by any individual may result in a fine of Fifty Dollars ($50.00) and loss of the privilege of operating their boat on Candlewood Lake or a warning will be issued. If a subsequent offense occurs within 12 months of the previous offense or warning, the individual will receive a violation citation and be levied a fine of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) for a 2nd offense, doubling for each subsequent offense.

For 3 or more violations in a 12-month period, the individual will forfeit CWL Watercraft Permit and forfeit the privilege of using Candlewood Lake access points for a period of 12 months from the date of the 3rd or subsequent violation. Board Policy 5.049.18

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