



2022 BOATING & FISHING RULES & REGULATIONS

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1. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

a. General Regulations

The boating and fishing laws of the State of Indiana (see www.in.gov) are applicable to Doubletree Lake and are to be considered a part of the Doubletree Lake Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. Boating and Fishing Rules and Regulations. The provisions of these regulations shall apply to waters under the jurisdiction of the Doubletree HOA and all fishing thereon. The Doubletree Homeowners Association Inc. Board of Directors reserves the right to adopt rules and regulations that may be more restrictive than the boating and fishing laws of the State of Indiana in accordance with private waters owned by Doubletree Homeowners Association, Inc.

Boating and swimming on Doubletree Lake are permitted from March 15 – November 30 only. Boaters shall maintain NO WAKE in the months of March and November.

Lake access is strictly prohibited when ice has formed on the lake.

Snowmobiling shall not be permitted within Doubletree at any time.

These Rules and Regulations are subject to change at any time and may be reviewed, modified, and approved by the Board of Directors.

b. Implied Consent

If you operate a watercraft and/or fish in waters over which the State of Indiana and/or the Doubletree Homeowners Association, Inc. have jurisdiction, whether the permit application was signed by you or another member of your family, you agree to:

- i. Abide by all laws of the State of Indiana and the rules and regulations of the
- ii. Doubletree Lake Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. set forth herein; and
- iii. submit to the chemical test provisions of these rules as a condition of operating a watercraft; and
- iv. submit to Safety Patrol Inspections, without prior notice, as a condition of operating a watercraft; and
- v. operate any and all watercraft in a safe and prudent manner at all times.

c. Enforcement

All peace officers of the State of Indiana and individuals acting as agents of the Doubletree Lake Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. shall have the power to enforce any and all lawful rules and regulations. In 2009 the HOA implemented Lake Patrol to be utilized during unspecified times. The Lake Patrol's duties are to assist the Doubletree residents and guests using the lake and to enforce the Rules and Regulations herein.

d. Violations and Fines Procedures

Violations will result in a fine or fines being issued to the property owner(s) and/or person(s) involved. In cases where family members or guests are violating these rules and regulations, the registered owner of the watercraft involved and/or the property owner of record on file with Doubletree Lake Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. shall be responsible for the payment of any and all fines levied for violations. Fines shall be payable to the Doubletree Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. and will be assessed in accordance with the following fine structure:

Fines

Class A	\$50
Class B	\$100
Class C	\$250
Class D	\$500
Class E	\$1000 and a suspension of fishing and boating privileges for a minimum of 12 months as determined by the Board of Directors

Boating Violation Fines

1 st Offense	Class B
2 nd Offense	Class C
3 rd Offense	Class D
4 th Offense	Class E

Fishing & Swimming Fines

1 st Offense	Class A
2 nd Offense	Class B
3 rd Offense	Class C
4 th Offense	Class E

Snowmobile and Ice Activity Fines

1 st Offense	Class D
2 nd Offense	Class E

Any person to whom Class E violation is issued shall have their boating and/or fishing privileges suspended for the remainder of the season. In addition, if a Class E violation is issued as the result of the operation of a watercraft, said watercraft shall be removed from the lake for the remainder of the season. The property owner to whom a Class E violation has been issued shall relinquish all applicable decals and permits to the Doubletree Lake Estates Security Department and shall forfeit any and all fees paid for the use of the applicable amenity.

The continued use of the lake of the Doubletree Lakes Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. by any person who has had their boating privileges suspended will result in trespassing charges being filed in the Circuit/Superior Court of Lake County, Indiana.

e. Appeal Process

It is the right of each property owner or individual, in accordance with Grievance Procedures adopted by the Board of Directors, to appeal any violation and subsequent fine to the Grievance Committee of the Doubletree Lake Estate Homeowners Association, Inc. Important provisions of the appeal procedure include:

- i. All written Notices of Appeal requesting a grievance hearing must be filed with the 1st American Management Co., Inc. office located at 3408 Enterprise Avenue, Valparaiso, IN 46383 within ten (10) days of receipt of the violation.
- ii. Written Notices of Appeal must include the following information: Name, Address or Lot Number, Date of Violation, Violation Number, and a brief statement requesting a hearing.
- iii. Once a hearing has been scheduled, a Notice of Hearing will be mailed indicating the date, time, and place that the Grievance Committee will hear appeals (see Grievance Committee Procedures). Failure to appear before the Grievance Committee without canceling a scheduled hearing at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to its scheduled time will result in forfeiture of the right to appeal and a \$100.00 penalty.

f. Definitions

“Association” “DBL” “H.O.A.”	The Doubletree Lake Estates Homeowners Association, Inc.
“Board”	The Board of Directors of the Doubletree Lake Homeowners Association
“Boat”	Watercraft
“Chemical Test”	An analysis of a person’s blood, breath, urine or other bodily substance for the purpose of determining the presence of alcohol or a controlled substance. This shall include, but not be limited to an Alco-sensor test and/or field sobriety test. DBL will enforce the DUI/BWI Rules as listed in the Indiana State Law.
“Child/children”	Any person under thirteen (13) years of age
“Idle Speed”	The slowest possible speed so as to maintain steerage, whereby the wake or wash created is minimal.
“Impaired or Under the Influence”	Under the influence of alcohol and/or a controlled substance and/or any other drug or combination thereof which causes an impaired condition of thought and/or action, and the loss of normal control of a person’s faculties to such extent as to endanger any person’s property.
“Lake”	Any and every body of water connected to or a part of those waters over which the Doubletree Lakes Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. jurisdiction.
“Litter”	Bottles, glass, crockery, plastic, cans, scrap metal, junk, human or animal excrement, paper, garbage, rubbish, and similar refuse.

“Main body of DBL Lake”	Those areas on Doubletree Lake seventy-five feet (75) or more from shore where twenty-five (25) miles per hour watercraft operating speeds are permitted.
“Member or Property Owner”	A member or associate member of the Association (any person who belongs to the family of a member or associate member and maintains the same residence as the member to whose family he/she belongs).
“Motor craft”	A watercraft propelled by an internal combustion or electrical inboard or outboard motor or engine or by any mechanical means.
“No Wake”	The same proceeding at “Idle Speed.”
“Owner”	A person who has legal title to the watercraft.
“Person”	Natural person, firm, partnership, association, or corporation.
“Personal Flotation Device”	A U.S. Coast Guard approved life vest, life jacket, life belt, or equivalent. Seat cushions and life rings are specifically excluded for purpose of this definition. DBL suggests using only U.S.C.G. approved life jackets Type I, II, III, IV or V.
“Jet Boats”	Jet boats, defined as, propelled by a jet of water ejected from the back of the craft, are prohibited from Doubletree Lake Estates. Exception: boats previously registered in 2019 with the HOA. Any new jet boats will not be allowed to be registered due to their increased noise level, ultra-maneuverability, speed, and stirring up of lake silt.
“Two Stroke Engines”	Prohibited from Doubletree Lake Estates due to environmental concerns. Exception: boats previously registered in 2019 with the HOA.
“Personal Watercraft”	Smaller, agile boats powered by an inborn engine and/or jet pump mechanism. These watercrafts are considered by the U.S. Coast Guard to be “Class A inboard motors”, and include, but are not limited to jet skis, wave runners, water scooters, water bikes and cruise craft.
“Normal Boating Hours”	All activities permitted, including, but not limited to skiing, jet skiing, and power boating.
“Nighttime Boating Hours”	Idle speed only for the entire lake and navigation lights required.
“Reckless Operation”	Any conduct or act while operating watercraft that could endanger the safety of persons or property. Reckless operation includes, but, is not limited to: zigzagging, racing, excessive speeding, excessive weaving, jumping, high speed turns, playing chicken, chasing waterfowl or wildlife, operating a watercraft while intoxicated, operating a watercraft too close to swimmers, intentionally operating a watercraft too close to shoreline or another watercraft, operating a watercraft during conditions of poor visibility, etc.

“To Operate”	The act of navigating, driving, steering, sailing, rowing, paddling, or otherwise moving or exercising physical control over the movement of the watercraft.
“Trespassing”	Enter upon property of another without consent.
“Watercraft”	Any instrument or device in or by means of which a person may be transported upon waters. This includes, but is not limited to every: motorboat, personal watercraft, sailboat, rowboat, kayak, skiff, dinghy, canoe, or paddleboat.
“Waterskiing”	Towing of person(s) by a motorboat in any manner such as on skis, tubes, wake boards, surfboards, kneeboards, or other flotation devices.

2. BOATING RULES AND REGULATIONS

a. Registration of Watercraft

All H.O.A. members owning a watercraft of any type shall register the watercraft with the Association and obtain an annual permit (decal) before placing the watercraft upon any lake. Failing to purchase and display a boat permit prior to launching a boat will be subject to fines equal to three (3)-times the cost of a permit.

No guest motor craft/ watercraft will be permitted on the lake.

Any property owner who falsely registers a motor craft to obtain a sticker for a nonresident will forfeit their boating privileges.

Registration fees will be determined by the Lake Committee. Fees will be reviewed and authorized upon approval by the Board of Directors at least once each boating season.

Only those HOA members in “good standing” will be issued a registration permit (Decal) and allowed to operate a watercraft on any waters under the jurisdiction of the Association. Only residents whose assessments are current and have no outstanding fines and/or citations will be permitted to register a watercraft.

The registration of the watercraft shall include:

- Property owner’s name
- Lot number
- Address
- Telephone number
- Watercraft description, including make, model, length, color, present registration number (State and number, if applicable), and Hull Identification Number (H.I.N.)
- Trailer license number
- Type of motor and horsepower
- **Outboard motor serial number**

- Proof of ownership (state excise sticker number or registered Indiana title or proof of Title)
- Current proof of insurance and coverage amounts. Proof of registration and insurance MUST bear the name of the HOA member.

Insurance coverage must remain constant throughout boating season. In the event insurance coverage becomes lapsed, cancelled, or renewed, an updated copy of insurance coverage must be submitted to the HOA before boating is resumed. Insurance must include Doubletree Lake Estates HOA/ DBL Residential, 3408 Enterprise Ave., Valparaiso, IN 46383 as "Certificate Holder."
Photocopy required.

All watercraft and trailers must display a current DBL/HOA decal of the proper category. All decals must be placed as described below so as to be clearly visible at all times for identification purposes. Failure to affix a purchased permit may result in a \$200 fine for motorized vessels.

- Boats- the decal shall be **on the rear (stern) of the watercraft**, above the waterline. Only the current decal is to be displayed and all others to be removed.

Watercraft operating on the lakes within DBL restricted in length to a maximum of twenty-one (21) feet for motorboats and sailboats and twenty-four (24) feet for pontoon boats. Lengths are to be verified in accordance with the State of Indiana registration designations.

No watercraft without a current HOA decal shall be allowed through the security gate(s) into or out of the community unless it is being towed by an automobile with a current HOA decal or the property owner has contacted the Security Department to inform them their watercraft is being delivered or removed by a third party.

Watercraft owners registering their vessel shall be required to sign agreeing the Rules and Regulations have been received, read, understood, and agreed to.

Registration of Watercraft and Trailers Violations and Fines

- i. Failure to properly register a watercraft before placing it in and upon the lake(s).
Fine: Class B AND subject to fines equal to three (3)-times the cost of a permit.
- ii. Failure to prominently display a current HOA decal of the proper category on a boat
Fine: Class B
- iii. Operation of a watercraft that exceeds the length restriction of the Association
Fine: Class B PLUS immediate removal from the lake

b. Boat/ Trailer Storage and Trailer Parking

Trailers may not be parked on HOA property.

There is no allowed parking at the ramp discharge; therefore, all trailers must be removed from the ramp area. Improperly parked trailers will be towed at the owner's expense.

Boat/Trailer Storage Violations and Fines

- i. Unauthorized use of HOA space
Fine: Class B
- ii. Unauthorized or improper storage or parking of a watercraft or trailer
Fine: Class B PLUS cost of impounding/towing.

c. Watercraft Hours of Operation

No waterskiing after sunset.

Between 7pm and 8am the entire lake is to be considered "Idle Speed Only" unless otherwise extended by approval of the HOA. Waterskiing is permitted between the hours of 10am and 7pm May 1st through September 30th, unless otherwise extended by approval of the HOA. Exception: Saturdays and Holidays (Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day), waterskiing is permitted until 8pm or sunset, whichever occurs earlier.

For night boating safety: idle speed only will be permitted and all watercrafts must have lights. Boats with navigation lights must be turned on per state boating regulations (including non-motorized boats, rafts, canoes, and kayaks). For non-motorized watercraft, a white position light is the minimum requirement per Rule 25 by U.S. Coast Guard.

d. Watercraft Operating Rules

Boating is permitted on Doubletree Lake from March 15 – November 30 only.

A person must be at least sixteen (16) years of age to operate any gasoline powered watercraft or personal watercraft. Learner's permits are acceptable as long as the operator is accompanied in the watercraft by an adult that possesses a valid driver's license.

The operator of any gasoline powered watercraft must possess and be able to produce a current valid driver's license for age verification and identification process. Personal watercraft are prohibited.

The maximum speed limit during normal boating hours on Doubletree Lake is twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

The operator of a watercraft must reduce the speed of the watercraft to "Idle Speed" at least twenty-five (25) feet prior to entering an "Idle Speed Only" zone.

All motorboats and personal watercraft operated on the main body of DBL Lake must travel in a counter-clockwise direction at all times. All turns and rotational maneuvers must be done in a counter-clockwise direction (Exception: when

retrieving a downed skier. See section 5). East-West traffic must yield the right of way to North-South traffic.

All motorboats and personal watercraft being operated on DBL Lake must maintain a distance of not less than seventy-five (75) feet from the shoreline when producing a wake.

All motorboats and personal watercraft being operated on DBL Lake must maintain a distance of not less than one hundred (100) feet from any other watercraft, skiers, swimmers, and flotation devices when producing a wake. (See exception for personal watercraft section i).

When approaching another boat which is towing a skier, all motorboats and personal watercraft must maintain a distance of not less than one hundred and fifty (150) feet from the skier.

Motorized watercraft may only operate on the main body of DBL Lake, east of the tunnel. West arm of DBL Lake (west of the tunnel) is all "Idle Speed Only".

Pond, which has no direct access to main body of DBL Lake, is reserved for non-motorized craft and fishing only. No swimming is permitted.

Watercraft Operating Rules Violations and Fines

- i. Failure to meet the minimum age requirements while operating a gasoline powered watercraft.
Fine: Class B
- ii. Failure to produce a valid driver's license for identification purposes and verification.
Fine: Class B
- iii. Operating a watercraft in excess of established speed limits or violating watercraft hours of operation.
1st Offense- Class B
2nd Offense- Class C
3rd Offense- Class D
4th Offense- Class E
- iv. Operating a motorboat in the wrong direction on the main body of DBL Lake.
Fine: Class B
- v. Operating a motorboat too close to shoreline or any other watercraft, skier, swimmer, or flotation device.
Fine: Class B
- vi. Operating a motorboat while intoxicated.
Fine: Class B PLUS suspension
- vii. Operating a watercraft outside the dates of March 15 – November 30.
Fine: Class C PLUS suspension

e. Waterskiing, Tubing, and Towing Rules

The recreational activities of waterskiing, tubing, and towing any persons, objects, or flotation devices is permitted only on the main body of DBL Lake, east of the tunnel.

No waterskiing after sunset.

Waterskiing is permitted between the hours of 10am and 7pm on May 1 through September 30 unless otherwise extended by approval of the HOA. Exception: on Saturdays and Holidays (Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day) waterskiing is permitted until 8pm.

For safety purposes: Only two boats with skiers, tubers, or knee boarders are allowed to operate at simultaneous times.

Waterskiing or towing any persons, objects, or floatation devices without a spotter is strictly prohibited. The spotter must be at least thirteen (13) years of age, and the spotter's attention must at all times be focused on the persons or objects being pulled or towed. No water skier shall be permitted to drop a ski and continue skiing. Any individual skiing, knee boarding, or tubing must wear a personal flotation device (PFD). Boats may only tow one individual skier or tube at a time. No exceptions.

Parasailing is strictly prohibited.

Waterskiing, Tubing, and Towing Rules Violations and Fines

- i. Waterskiing, tubing, and towing infractions

1st Offense- Class B

2nd Offense- Class C

3rd Offense- Class D

4th Offense- Class E

- ii. Parasailing on Lake DBL

Fine: Class D

f. Equipment and Watercraft Safety Rules

All watercrafts being operated on the lake in Doubletree Lake Estates are subject to safety patrol inspections without prior notice. The HOA Board of Directors reserves the right to restrict the use of any watercraft equipment that jeopardizes the safety and wellbeing of any persons or property.

All watercrafts must carry one (1) U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III personal flotation device (PFD) per passenger. Any child or children that are passengers on a watercraft must wear a personal flotation device at all times when a watercraft is being operated (in motion). All 16' boat and over, State Law requires one type IV throwable flotation device must be onboard. Type V's are only legal when being worn.

All gasoline powered watercraft must be equipped with a properly approved ABC-rated fire extinguisher. While operating above idle speed, all motorboats, personal watercraft, and powered watercraft must yield the right-of-way to all swimmers, sail craft, unpowered watercraft, and other craft operating at idle speed or less.

Riding on the closed bow, gunnels or back of seats by any person while a watercraft is being operated (in motion) is prohibited.

Equipment and Watercraft Safety Violations and Fines

- i. Littering
 - 1st Offense- Class A**
 - 2nd Offense- Class B**
 - 3rd Offense- Class C**
- ii. Operating a watercraft with a rooster-tail device, an open modified exhaust, or any artificial wake enhancement, including adding ballast to increase the size or shape of the wake.
 - 1st Offense- Class B**
 - 2nd Offense- Class C**
 - 3rd Offense- Class D**
 - 4th Offense- Class E**

g. Accident Procedures

The operator of any watercraft involved in any accident or collision resulting in injury, death, or damage to any boat or property shall immediately and by the quickest means possible give notice of such incident to the Lake County Police Department and the HOA. This notice requirement applies to any and all accidents or collisions, regardless of the extent of damages to persons or property. Note: State Law requires the DNR to investigate boating accidents, fatalities or missing persons, serious personal injury accidents, and property damage accidents over \$750.

Any and all persons/parties involved in a watercraft accident or collision are required to follow any and all directions of the Lake County Police Department in a prompt manner.

Accident Procedures Violations and Fines

- i. Failure to report a watercraft accident and/or collision
 - Fine: Class C**
- ii. Failure to follow the directions of the Lake County Police Department during and/or after a watercraft accident or collision.
 - Fine: Class C**

h. Operation of Personal Watercraft

All personal watercrafts or PWCs (i.e. jet skis, wave runners, water scooters, water bikes, and cruise craft) are prohibited.

i. Operation of Watercraft by an Invited Guest

Only DBL property owners in good standing are permitted to place any watercraft into DBL Lake as outlined in previous sections and only after proper registration with the HOA.

The placement of any watercraft that is registered to someone other than an HOA property owner into any DBL Lake is strictly prohibited. Violation of this rule will result in immediate removal from the lake of the watercraft by the property owner or guest. The watercraft owner will be prohibited from reentering DBL and trespassing charges will be filed.

The amenities at DBL are restricted and are for the use by HOA members and their invited guests only. The property owner must either be present or provide the guest with an authorization form, which must be obtained from and approved by security. This authorization form states that the property owner grants authority to the guest to use his/her boat and that the property owner assumes responsibility for all actions, violation, and damages which might occur while his/her guest is operating the personal watercraft/boat on Doubletree Lake. Operator must also be at least sixteen (16) years of age and possess a valid driver's license as stated previously or possess a learner permit and be accompanied in the boat by an adult who possesses a valid driver's license.

The HOA reserves the right to prosecute any unauthorized personnel using a boat without the required authorization form.

When an invited guest operates a watercraft, the member who invited assumes full responsibility for making sure the guest is aware of all rules and regulations of the Association. Any member who allows an invited guest to operate a watercraft implicitly consents to assume financial responsibility for all actions, violations, subsequent fines, and damages resulting from the operation of the watercraft by his/her guest.

Operation of Watercraft by an Invited Guest Violations and Fines

- i. Operation of a watercraft by an invited guest without a written authorization form.

1st Offense- Class B

2nd Offense- Class D

3rd Offense- Class E

j. Flag Advisory System for Boating and Swimming

For safety purposes, the below listed Flag Advisory System has been adopted by the HOA. The Advisory System ensures precautions are taken so boaters/swimmers and their guests can enjoy the use of Doubletree Lake and maintains necessary authoritative control in case of emergency or in-climate conditions.

The Flag Advisory System will be enacted when adverse weather conditions exist such as high lake levels, tornado warnings and/or any adverse change in the Water Quality. The Lake County Health Department will perform tests to ensure the lake water is acceptable to their standards.

The Flag Advisory System will be flown from a flagpole located at the Boat Launch on Doubletree Drive North.

The flag color and advisories shall be as follows:

Red	Closed: Lake closed for boating/swimming activities until further notice.
Yellow	Boating allowed (no wake); No swimming
Orange	Boating allowed (no wake); Swimming allowed
Green	Open for authorized lake activity
Blue	Open for boating; Use caution swimming

Any destruction or unauthorized alteration of advisory flag system shall result in a \$250 fine.

Violation of Flag Advisories shall result in a \$250 fine.

No more than one hour will be allowed for boaters on the lake to observe a displayed red flag and vacate the lake.

Only authorized personnel may enact, raise, or lower advisory flags.

The flag advisory system is in place for the health and safety of those using the lake. The system shall be considered in addition to safe and practical lake use by its residents and guests. Those utilizing the lake are expected to use common sense and enter at their own risk.

k. Buoys

Seven (7) vertical white buoys are placed in Doubletree Lake to mark designated safe zones or "No Wake" locations where fishermen and non-motorized boats can be free from lake traffic.

Please use caution when approaching buoys. Remember, **safety** is number one at Doubletree Lake.

Placement of any additional buoys by property owners is prohibited without approval by the HOA.

3. Doubletree Lake Swimming & Recreational Platform Rules & Guidelines

a. DBL Lake Swimming Restrictions

Swimming is permitted on Doubletree Lake from March 15 – November 30 only.

Swimming beyond forty (40) feet from the shoreline on the main body of DBL Lake is strictly prohibited. Swimming from any watercraft while on the main body of DBL Lake is prohibited, except for swimming that is within fifteen (15) feet of a watercraft or associated with waterskiing or tubing.

Swimming Restrictions Violations and Fines

- i. Swimming in unauthorized areas
Fine: Class B
- ii. Unauthorized swimming from a watercraft
Fine: Class B
- iii. Swimming in DBL Lake outside the dates of March 15 – November 30.
Fine: Class B

b. Floating Recreational Platforms & Devices Guidelines

Recreational floating platforms and devices shall include, but not be limited to, single person mats or inflatable tubes, air mattresses, trampoline platforms, inflatable play structures, swim rafts, water mats, floating island, or similar structures.

Waterfront property owners have the right to place a single floating platform or similar structure into the water, and that the platform must not interfere with the rights of other property owners, must not impede navigable waters, must adhere to placement and size guidelines, must remain properly secured, and the device's condition must be is properly maintained.

Size guidelines of a floating recreational platforms

The following sizing guidelines do not guarantee a right to use a floating platform on DBL Lake, but provides a general reference of acceptability, assuming all other applicable lake and boating rules and guidelines are followed. Factors of placement, location, water depth, interference of rights of other property owners, general aesthetics, and impact to navigable waters will also govern what is permitted on DBL Lake. It is recommended that a property owner solicit approval from the DoubleTree HOA prior to purchase and deployment if there are questions on floating recreational platform acceptability or size for use on DBL Lake. The approval or right to use a floating recreational platform is revocable and may be ordered removed by the DBL Lake Estates Homeowners Association for lake maintenance, lack of proper maintenance, or changes in permissible use guidelines.

- Water trampoline: maximum of (10) feet diameter and (40) inches high
- Inflatable play structure, floating island or swim raft: maximum of (10) feet wide and (40) inches high
- Water mat: maximum (20) feet long, (6) feet wide, and (3) inches high
- Size restrictions are inclusive of any attachments, temporary or permanent

Placement of Floating Recreational Platforms

- **Daylight Hours:** On the main body of DBL Lake, any floating recreational platform must stay within defined and permitted swimming area (40) feet from shoreline
- **Between Dusk & Dawn:** On the main body of DBL Lake, waterfront property owners' flotation recreational platforms may be left on the lake between dusk and dawn, but must not protrude beyond the dock by more than (5) feet, or (30) feet from shore and must be securely attached to a dock, shore, or anchor
- Floating Recreational platforms must be removed from DBL Lake outside of the dates of March 15th-November 30

Floating Recreational Platform Violations and Fines

- i. Placement or use in unauthorized areas
Fine: Class B
- ii. Violation of sizing guidelines
Fine: Class B
- iii. Placement in DBL Lake outside the dates of March 15 – November 30.
Fine: Class B

4. Fishing Rules and Regulations

a. General Permission

Fishing on the Lake in Doubletree is reserved for the exclusive use and enjoyment of the HOA members in good standing with the Association. When an invited guest fishes at DBL, the property owner who invited the guest assumes full responsibility for making sure the guest is aware of all rules and regulations of the Association. Any member who allows for invited guest to fish at DBL is responsible for all actions, violations, and subsequent fines of their guest.

The killing or catching of any fish by the use of explosives, poison, electrical current, grab hooks, any type of net, seine, gig, or spear is strictly prohibited.

Nets may be used only for the removal of rough fish (carp, suckers, and shad).

Bow fishing is prohibited.

From a watercraft, fishing is prohibited within ten (10) feet from an existing dock and/or boat.

b. Fishing Limits

In order to maintain a plentiful supply of game fish, the following daily catch limits and minimum size requirements are in effect:

Fish Species	Daily Catch Limit	Minimum Size
Bass	5	10"-14"
Walleyed Pike	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY	
Northern Pike	2	20"
Muskellunge	1	30"
Crappie	25	None
Hybrid Bluegill	15	8"
Bluegill/Sunfish	None	Do not return to lake
Perch	None	None
Catfish	5	10"
Bullhead	None	Do not return to lake
Carp	None	Do not return to lake
Hybrid Striper	5	12"

Fishing Violations and Fines

- i. Killing or catching a fish in an unauthorized manner
 - 1st Offense- Class A
 - 2nd Offense- Class B
 - 3rd Offense- Class C
 - 4th Offense- Class E
- ii. Exceeding the maximum number of allowable catch limits or fishing lines and/or hooks and lures at any one time
 - 1st Offense- Class A
 - 2nd Offense- Class B
 - 3rd Offense- Class C

4th Offense- Class E

- iii. Ice and bow fishing- prohibited
 - 1st Offense- Class D**
 - 2nd Offense- Class E**

5. Sunken or Abandoned Boat Policy

Boats that are sunken or abandoned in the Doubletree Lake shall be removed from the lake in a timely fashion. The Homeowners Association retains the right to remove any boat from the lake if it is determined to jeopardize the safety or environment of the lake.

Sunken boats must be reported to security immediately. Security will notify the HOA, who shall attempt to respond to the scene and begin oil remediation immediately. The HOA shall secure the boat and assist the owner in obtaining a company to remove the boat. The HOA will make a determination at the scene as to the risk associated to the boat and the lake.

Sunken or abandoned boats must be removed from the lake within twenty-four hours, providing they can be secured safely and will not affect the safety or the environment of the lake as determined by the HOA. The HOA retains the right to charge lot owners the cost of material to secure the boat and any unusual cost associated with securing and or removing the boat. The boat owner will be responsible for any fines or fees assessed by any governmental agency.

The Homeowners Association or its agents will not be held responsible for any damage to private property while securing or removing said vessel.

6. Forms

a. Guidelines for Docks/Boat Lifts/ Store Stations

- i. All docks, boat lifts, and Shore Station type boat lifts, whether new or replacing an old, must have architectural committee approval before installation. Boat lifts and Shore Station type boat lifts must be constructed of aluminum materials. If a canopy is desired, it must be “tan” in color and must be removed during winter seasons.
- ii. No dock may extend more than 25 feet from the shore.
 - 1. No dock may block you neighbor's access.
 - 2. No dock may block a channel or create a navigation hazard.
 - 3. No permanent docks are permitted.
 - 4. All docks shall be neatly and ascetically maintained at all times.
- iii. Docks must be floating and made of quality materials. We highly recommend the use of Follansbee (or approved equal) Float Drums Urethane Foam Filled. However, Dow (or approved equal) Buoyancy Billet Floats will be approved.
- iv. Applying for Architectural Review approval
 - 1. Applicants must provide drawings and specifications from the installer or manufacturer and a plot plan showing dimensions of dock and distance from property lines.

- v. Any non-floating docks must be replaced with a floating dock when replaced.
- vi. Boat houses are not allowed.
- vii. The approval to install a dock, boat lift, or Shore Station type boat lift is a mere revocable license and may be ordered removed by the Doubletree Lake Estates Homeowners Association for lake maintenance or lack of proper maintenance.
- viii. Residents with a dock in Doubletree Lake are required to attach home address numbers at the end or lakeside of their dock. The numbers shall be legible, reflective and a minimum of three (3") inches in size (Contact Lake Committee for preferred recommendations).

The purpose of this requirement is to enable a resident/
boater/swimmer to identify a location on the lake in the event of an
emergency.

GUEST AUTHORIZATION FORM

Property Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Watercraft: _____

This authorization form grants authority to the guest to use the property owner's watercraft. Operator must be at least sixteen (16) years of age and possess a valid driver's license or possess a learner's permit and is accompanied in the boat with an adult who possesses a valid driver's license.

When an invited guest operates a watercraft, the HOA member assumes the responsibility for making sure the guest is aware of all Rules and Regulations of the lake. The HOA member implicitly consents to assume financial responsibility for all actions and violations, subsequent fines and damages resulting from the operation of the watercraft by his/her guest.

The property owner agrees to provide the **"Top Ten Lake Rules to Follow for Safety"** to guest(s).

HOA member signature

Date

2022 Powered Watercraft Permit Application
 Applicable March 15, 2022 – November 30, 2022



DOUBLETREE LAKE ESTATES
 HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION-SECURITY

Please complete the application in its entirety.

Applicant Information		
Homeowner's Name / Responsible Party		
Address		Lot #
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email

Watercraft Information			
Make	Model	Length	Color
Hull Identification Number (HIN) + circle one: pontoon power boat other		Registration Number	
Motor Type (Circle): Outboard -or- Grandfathered inboard	Horsepower	Motor Make and Model	Outboard Motor Serial #
Will your boat be docked or trailered?	Trailer License Number	Fee Amount	

- Watercraft are permitted on Doubletree Lake **March 15** through **November 30**. **No wake** rules are in effect in the months of March and November.
- Any property owner who falsely registers or falsifies the horsepower output of a watercraft will forfeit all boating privileges for that calendar year.
- Only those HOA members in "good standing" will be issued a registration permit and allowed to operate a watercraft on any water under the jurisdiction of the association.
- Current maximum horsepower allowed on Doubletree Lake is **90hp** unless exception granted by the HOA applies.
- See boating and fishing regulations for complete rules and regulations.
- Make check payable to **Doubletree Lake HOA**.
- Insurance must include Doubletree Lake Estates HOA/DBL Residential, 3408 Enterprise Ave., Valparaiso, IN, 46383 as "Certificate Holder." Photocopy required.
- Insurance coverage must remain constant throughout boating season. In the event insurance coverage becomes lapsed, cancelled, or renewed, an updated copy of insurance coverage must be submitted to the HOA before boating is resumed.
- The HOA has the right to remove any watercrafts from the lake if the boat has not been registered, does not have the proper decal, or was put in the lake against HOA rules.
- The HOA is not responsible for any damage when a boat is removed. The offending owner will be responsible for all costs including removal.
- Applicant has received a copy of the "Top Ten Lake Rules to Follow for Safety" and agrees to adhere.

As applicant, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations in Doubletree Lake Estates Boating and Fishing Rules and Regulations.

Signature: _____

Office Use Only	
<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Driver's License	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Boat Registration
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation of Residency
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Received	<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Ownership
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest form	

2022 Non- Motorized Watercraft Permit Application

Applicable March 15, 2022 – November 30, 2022



DOUBLETREE LAKE ESTATES HOMEOWNER'S
ASSOCIATION- SECURITY

Please complete the application in its entirety.

Applicant Information		
Homeowner's Name / Responsible Party		
Address		Lot #
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email

	Type of Non-Motorized Watercraft	Color	Serial Number	Fees
1				\$25 (up to 4)
2				
3				
4				
5				+ \$10
6				+ \$10

- Watercraft are permitted on Doubletree Lake **March 15** through **November 30**. **No wake** rules are in effect in the months of March and November.
- **\$25 per household to register up to 4 non-motorized watercraft. Any additional will be \$10 each.**
- Make checks payable to **Doubletree Lake HOA**.
- Any property owner who falsely registers or falsifies the horsepower output of a watercraft will forfeit all boating privileges for that calendar year.
- Only those HOA members in "good standing" will be issued a registration permit and allowed to operate a watercraft on any water under the jurisdiction of the association.
- See boating and fishing regulations for complete rules and regulations.
- The HOA has the right to remove any watercrafts from the lake if the boat has not been registered, does not have the proper decal, or was put in the lake against HOA rules.
- The HOA is not responsible for any damage when a boat is removed. The offending owner will be responsible for all costs including removal.
- Applicant has received a copy of the "Top Ten Lake Rules to Follow for Safety" and agrees to adhere.

As applicant, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations in Doubletree Lake Estates Boating and Fishing Rules and Regulations.

Signature: _____

Office Use Only	
<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation of Residency	<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Received

2022 Watercraft Permit Fee Schedule

Applicable March 15, 2021 – November 30, 2021



DOUBLETREE LAKE ESTATES
HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION- SECURITY

Schedule of Fees		
Non-Motorized Watercraft	No motor at all Examples: Canoe, paddle board, kayak, rowboat, paddleboat.	\$25/household up to 4. \$10 each after that. (Please fill out application and place decal on watercraft)
Trolling Motor-Powered	Powered by trolling motor only	\$200.00
Powered	3 hp – 24 hp	\$250.00
Powered	25 hp – 49 hp	\$350.00
Powered	50 hp – 90 hp	\$450.00

See changes below.

The following boats will be permitted in 2022 only if decals were purchased each year beginning in 2007.

Powered	91hp – 150 hp	\$750.00
Powered	151 hp – over	\$950.00

- Insurance and State Registration is required on all powered boats.
- No decals will be issued to jet boats (exception: if previously registered in the year 2019).
- No decals will be issued to boats with 2-stroke engines (exception: if previously registered in the year 2019).
- No decals will be issued for boats greater than **90hp** unless otherwise accepted by the HOA as a special circumstance.



Doubletree Lake Estates

TOP 10 LAKE RULES TO FOLLOW FOR SAFETY

1. Do not exceed a safe Speed Limit. Maximum 25 MPH.
2. Watercraft must travel “Counter-clockwise” when circling lake.
3. Comply with No Wake Zones.
4. A spotter over the age of 13 is required when skiing, tubing, etc.
5. Only two watercrafts are permitted to tow skiers, tubers, etc. at any given time.
6. Life vests inside watercraft are required for all occupants.
7. Operators must be over the age of 16 to operate a powered watercraft.
8. Swimming is not permitted beyond 40’ from shoreline.
9. Watercraft must remain a minimum of 75’ from the shore when creating wake.
10. Watercraft must remain a minimum of 100’ from other watercraft and swimmers when operating. 150’ from skiers.

Watercraft Operation Hours

24 hours

Idle Speed Only

7pm to 8am

Water Skiing Permitted

May 1st – September 30th

10am – 7pm

Exceptions: Saturdays, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day
Skiing is permitted 10am – 8pm or sunset (whichever is earlier)

Use of lake is at own risk.