



## **BOATING AND FISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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

### A: GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### 1. General Regulations

The boating and fishing laws of the State of Indiana (see [www.in.gov](http://www.in.gov)) are applicable to Doubletree Lake, and are to be considered a part of the Doubletree Lake Estates Property Owners Association, Inc. Boating and Fishing Rules and Regulations. The provisions of these regulations shall apply to waters under the jurisdiction of the Doubletree POA and all fishing thereon. The Doubletree Property Owners 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 Property Owners Association, Inc.

Boating and swimming on Doubletree Lake are permitted from March 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup> only. Boaters shall maintain NO WAKE from March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>.

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.

#### 2. Implied Consent

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

- a) abide by all laws of the State of Indiana and the rules and regulations of the Doubletree Lake Estates Property Owners Association, Inc. set forth herein; and
- b) submit to the Chemical test provisions of these rules as a condition of operating a watercraft; and

- c) submit to Safety Patrol Inspections, without prior notice, as a condition of operating a watercraft; and
- d) operate any and all watercraft in a safe and prudent manner at all times.

### 3. Enforcement

All peace officers of the State of Indiana and individuals acting as agents of the Doubletree Lake Estates Property Owners Association, Inc. shall have the power to enforce any and all lawful rules and regulations. In 2009 the POA 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 here in.

### 4. 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 Property Owners Association, Inc. shall be responsible for the payment of any and all fines levied for violations. Fines shall be payable to the Doubletree Estates Property Owners Association, Inc. and will be assessed in accordance with the following fine structure:

#### Boating Violation Fines

- Class A - \$50.00
- Class B - \$150.00
- Class C - \$300.00 + suspension of boating rights for remainder of calendar year.

#### Fishing & Swimming Fines

- Class D - \$40.00
- Class E - \$100.00
- Class F - \$200.00 + suspension of fishing rights for remainder of calendar year.

#### Snowmobile and Ice Activity Fines

- Class G - \$500.00
- Class H - \$1,000.00 + suspension of Fishing, Boating privileges for a minimum 12-months as determined by Board of Directors.

\*All fees and fines shall be deposited into a separate specialized lake fund set-up for the enhancement and protection of Doubletree Lake and its rules and regulations.

Any person to whom a Class C and/or F violation is issued shall have their boating and/or fishing privileges suspended for the remainder of the season. In addition, if a Class C 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 C 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 Lake Estates Property Owners 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.

## 5. 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 Property Owners Association, Inc. Important provisions of the appeal procedure include:

- a) All written Notices of Appeal requesting a grievance hearing must be filed in the P.O.A. Office located at 10110 Randolph Street, Crown Point, IN within ten (10) days of receipt of the violation.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.

## 6. Definitions

“Association” “DBL” “P.O.A”	The Doubletree Lake Estates Property Owners Association, Inc.
“Board”	The Board of Directors of the Doubletree Lake Property Owners 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 Property Owners 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).
“Motorcraft”	A watercraft propelled by an internal combustion or electrical inboard or outboard motor or engine or by any mechanical means.
“No Wake”	The same as 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.
“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 Boat Hours”	Idle Speed Only for entire lake.
“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, skiff, dinghy, canoe, paddleboat or raft of whatever length or size.

“Water skiing”

Towing of person(s) by a motorboat in any manner such as on: skis, tubes, wake boards, surfboards, kneeboards, or other flotation devices.

## B: BOATING RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 1. Registration of Watercraft and Trailers

All P.O.A. members owning a watercraft of any type shall register the watercraft and any trailer 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 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 non-resident 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 P.O.A. 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 (if applicable)
- 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 name of P.O.A. 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 POA before boating is resumed.**

All watercraft and trailers must display a current DBL/POA 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 and \$50 for non-motorized vessels.**

- Boats - the decal shall be near the rear of the watercraft and to the right (starboard) side, above the waterline. Only the current decal is to be displayed and all others to be removed.
- Personal Watercraft (ie. jet ski, wave runner, etc.) – the decal shall be on the front of the watercraft and to the right (starboard) side, above the waterline.
- Trailer – the decal shall be on the right side of the trailer near the winch.

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 P.O.A. 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 P.O.A. 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

- a) Failure to properly register a watercraft before placing it in and upon the lake(s).  
FINE: CLASS B - Plus the cost of proper registration less any registration costs already paid for the watercraft/boat for current year.
- b) Failure to prominently display a current P.O.A. decal of the proper category on a boat, personal watercraft or trailer.  
FINE: CLASS A -
- c) Operation of a watercraft that exceeds the length restriction of the Association.  
FINE: CLASS B - Plus immediate removal from the lake.

## **2. Boat/Trailer Storage and Trailer Parking**

Trailers may not be parked on P.O.A. 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.

- a) Unauthorized use of a P.O.A. space.  
FINE: CLASS A

- b) Unauthorized or improper storage or parking of a watercraft or trailer.

FINE: CLASS A - Plus cost of impounding/towing.

### 3. Watercraft Hours of Operation

Between 6 pm and 8 am the entire lake is to be considered "Idle Speed Only" unless otherwise extended by approval of the POA. No skiing is to take place before 10 am in the morning and after 6pm in the evening unless otherwise extended by approval of the POA.

Exception: (Implemented 3/30/2009): Exceeding Idle speeds and skiing are permitted until 8pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### 4. Watercraft Operating Rules

Boating is permitted on Doubletree Lake from March 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup> 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 or a personal watercraft must possess and be able to produce a current valid driver's license for age verification and identification purposes.

Beginning at 6 pm, the maximum speed limit for the operation of a watercraft is idle speed, unless otherwise extended by approval of the POA. NO WAKE MUST BE MAINTAINED.

Exception: (Implemented 3/30/2009): Exceeding Idle speeds and skiing are permitted until 8pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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 water craft section 9).

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

- a) Failure to meet the minimum age requirements while operating a gasoline powered watercraft or personal watercraft.

FINE: CLASS B

- b) Failure to produce a valid driver's license for identification purposes and verification.

FINE: CLASS B

- c) Operating a watercraft in excess of established speed limits.

FINE: CLASS A - First violation  
FINE: CLASS B - Second violation  
FINE: CLASS C - Third violation.

- d) Operating a motorboat or personal watercraft in the wrong direction on the main body of DBL Lake.

FINE: CLASS B

- e) Operating a motorboat or personal watercraft too close to shoreline or any other watercraft, skier, swimmer, or flotation device.

FINE: CLASS B

- f) Operating a motorboat or personal watercraft while intoxicated.

FINE: CLASS C - Plus suspension

- g) Operating a watercraft outside the dates of March 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>.

FINE: CLASS C - Plus suspension

## 5. Water-Skiing, Tubing and Towing Rules

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

Water-skiing, tubing or towing of any persons, objects or flotation devices is permitted only between 10 am and 6 pm.

Exception: (Implemented 3/30/2009): Exceeding Idle speeds and skiing are permitted until 8pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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

The pulling or towing of any persons, objects or flotation devices behind a personal watercraft is strictly prohibited.

Water skiing or towing any persons, object or flotation 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 tow only one individual at a time. No Exceptions.

Para-sailing is strictly prohibited.

Water-Skiing, Tubing & Towing Rules Violations and Fines

- a) Water-skiing, tubing and towing infractions.

FINE: CLASS A - First Violation  
FINE: CLASS B - Second Violation  
FINE: CLASS C - Third Violation

- b) Para-sailing on Lake DBL.

FINE: CLASS C

**6. Doubletree Lake Swimming Restrictions**

Swimming is permitted on Doubletree Lake from **March 1<sup>st</sup>** – November 30<sup>th</sup> 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 10 feet of a watercraft or associated with water skiing, tubing, or to remount a personal watercraft.

Swimming Restrictions Violation and Fines

- a) Swimming in unauthorized areas.

FINE: CLASS E

- b) Unauthorized swimming from a watercraft.

FINE: CLASS E

- c) Swimming in DBL Lake outside the dates of **March 1<sup>st</sup>** – November 30<sup>th</sup>.

FINE: CLASS E

**7. Equipment and Watercraft Safety Rules**

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

All watercraft must carry one (1) U.S.C.G. 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.

The operator and any passengers on a watercraft must be seated at all times when traveling at no wake speeds.

#### Safety Violations & Fines

a) Littering.

FINE: CLASS A -	First Violation
FINE: CLASS B -	Second Violation
FINE: CLASS C -	Third Violation

b) Operating a watercraft with a rooster-tail device or an open modified exhaust.

FINE: CLASS A -	First Violation
FINE: CLASS B -	Second Violation
FINE: CLASS C -	Third Violation

#### **8. 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 POA. 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, fatal or missing persons, serious personal injury accidents, and property damage accidents over \$750.00.

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 & Fines

a) Failure to report a watercraft accident and/or collision.

FINE: CLASS C

b) Failure to follow the directions of the Lake County Police Department during and/or after a watercraft accident or collision.

FINE: CLASS C

#### **9. Operation of Personal Watercraft.**

NOTE: All boating rules and regulations apply to the operation and use of a personal watercraft. Therefore, you should read and abide by all of the rules contained herein. The operation of a personal watercraft is restricted to use upon the main body of Doubletree Lake.

Personal watercraft(s), when allowed, may be operated on DBL Lake from 10 am to 6 pm only.

Exception: (Implemented 3/30/2009): Exceeding Idle speeds and skiing are permitted until 8pm on Tuesdays and Thursday.

Any individual operating or riding a personal watercraft must wear a personal flotation device (PFD) at all times. No exceptions.

Any and all acrobatic turns done while operating a personal watercraft/boat must be done in a counter-clockwise direction.

The operator of any personal watercraft that was manufactured with a lanyard type engine cutoff switch must have the switch attached to the operator at all times. The lanyard type engine cutoff switch must be in good repair and must be used at all times when a personal watercraft is operated when manufactured with this type of safety device.

The operation of a personal watercraft is limited to two (2) abreast when above idle speed. While riding two (2) abreast, operators must maintain a safe parallel distance of at least twenty (20) feet between themselves. The operators must maintain the previously described distance of one hundred (100) feet from all other craft. Pack riding of three (3) or more personal watercrafts is strictly prohibited.

#### Specific Personal Watercraft Rules Violations & Fines

- a) Operating a personal watercraft in unauthorized areas.

FINE: CLASS A - First violation  
FINE: CLASS B - Second violation  
FINE: CLASS C - Third violation

- b) Operating a personal watercraft during unauthorized times.

FINE: CLASS B - First and second violation  
FINE: CLASS C - Third violation

- c) Performing acrobatic turns in the wrong direction while operating a personal watercraft.

FINE: CLASS B

- d) Failure to use lanyard engine cutoff switch while operating a personal watercraft that was manufactured with such a device.

FINE: CLASS B

#### **10. 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 P.O.A.

The placement of any watercraft that is registered to someone other than a P.O.A. 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 re-entering DBL and trespassing charges shall be filed.

The amenities at DBL are restricted and are for the use by P.O.A. 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 personal watercraft/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 learners permit and be accompanied in the boat by an adult who possesses a valid drivers license.

The P.O.A. 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 & Fines

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

FINE: CLASS A -	First violation
FINE: CLASS B -	Second violation plus guest prohibited from use of lake.
FINE: CLASS C -	Third violation plus guest prohibited from entering DBL Lake.

**11. Flag Advisory System for Boating and Swimming**

For safety purposes, the below listed Flag Advisory System has been adopted by the POA. 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 flag pole 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**       **NO WAKE – NO SWIMMING**

**ORANGE**       **NO WAKE**

**GREEN**        **OPEN for authorized lake activity.**

Any destruction or unauthorized alteration of advisory flag system shall result in a \$250.00 fine and suspension of lake use.

Violation of Flag Advisories shall result in a \$250.00 fine and suspension of lake use.

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.

## C: FISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 1. General Permission.

Fishing on the Lake in Doubletree is reserved for the exclusive use and enjoyment of the P.O.A. 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 an 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.

Each person fishing on any lake in Doubletree is limited to a maximum use of two (2) lines with one (1) hook or lure at any one time.

Ice fishing is prohibited.

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

#### Fishing Violations & Fines

- a) Killing or catching a fish in an unauthorized manner.

FINE: CLASS F

- b) Exceeding the maximum number of allowable catch limits or fishing lines and/or hooks and lures at any one time.

FINE: CLASS F

- c) Ice and Bow fishing.

- d)

FINE: CLASS F            Plus cost of removal.

**2. 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	15"
Walleyed Pike	4	15"
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"

**D: 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 Property Owners 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 POA who shall attempt to respond to the scene and begin oil remediation immediately. The POA shall secure the boat and assist the owner in obtaining a company to remove the boat. The POA 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 POA. The POA 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 Property Owners Association or its' agents will not be held responsible for any damage to private property while securing or removing said vessel.

**E: FORMS**Guidelines for Docks/Boat Lifts/Store Stations

1. 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.
2. No dock may extend more than 25 feet from the shore.
  - a. No dock may block you neighbor's access.
  - b. No dock may block a channel or create a navigation hazard.
  - c. No permanent docks are permitted.
  - d. All docks shall be neatly and ascetically maintained at all times.

3. 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.
4. Applying for Architectural Review approval.
  - a. Applicants must provide
    - i. Drawings and specifications from the installer or manufacturer.
    - ii. Plot plan showing dimensions of dock and distance from property lines.
5. Any non-floating docks must be replaced with a floating dock when replaced.
6. Boat houses are not allowed.
7. 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 DBL Tree Lake Estates Property Owners Association for lake maintenance or lack of proper maintenance.
8. 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.

**Watercraft Registration Checklist**

Property Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lot Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Watercraft Description:

- Make: \_\_\_\_\_
- Model: \_\_\_\_\_
- Length: \_\_\_\_\_
- Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Hull Identification Number (HIN): \_\_\_\_\_

Trailer License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Motor & Horsepower: \_\_\_\_\_

Outboard Motor Serial # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Proof of Ownership: (photocopy required)

Registration or Title

**Proof of Insurance: Insurance must include Doubletree Lake Estates POA / DBL Residential, 10110 Randolph St. Crown Point, In. 46307 as "Certificate Holder". Photo copy 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 POA before boating is resumed.**

**Guest Authorization Form**

Property Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 P.O.A. member assumes responsibility for making sure the guest is aware of all Rules & Regulations of the lake. The P.O.A. member 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
P.O.A. member signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
date



**DOUBLETREE LAKE ESTATES**  
Property Owner's Association - Security

Applicable **March 1, 2010** thru November 30, 2010

**2010 WATERCRAFT PERMIT APPLICATION**

Please complete the application in its entirety.

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

Watercraft Information			
Make	Model	Length	Color
Hull Identification Number (HIN)		Registration Number	
Motor Type	Horsepower	Motor Serial # (outboard only)	
Will your boat be docked or trailered?	Trailer License Number	Fee Amount	

- Watercrafts are permitted on Doubletree Lake March 1 thru November 30. **NO WAKE rules are in effect March 1 to March 30 and November 1 to November 30.**
- Any property owner who falsely registers a watercraft will forfeit all boating privileges.
- Only those POA 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 75 hp unless exception granted by the POA applies.
- See boating and fishing regulations for complete rules and regulations.
- Make check payable to Doubletree Lake POA.
- **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 POA before boating is resumed.**

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

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

**DOUBLETREE LAKE ESTATES**  
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**2010 WATERCRAFT PERMIT APPLICATION**

Applicable **March** 1, 2009 thru November 30, 2010

SCHEDULE OF FEES

**Boat Fees**

<b>Non</b> -Powered		\$50.00
Powered	3 hp – 24 hp	\$150.00
Powered	25 hp – 49 hp	\$250.00
Powered	50 hp – 75 hp	\$350.00

See changes below.

**The following boats will be permitted in 2010 only if decals were purchased each year beginning 2007.**

Powered	76 hp – 150 hp	\$550.00
Powered	151 hp - over	\$750.00
Jet skis		\$750.00

- Insurance and State Registration is required on all boats.
- No decals will be issued for boats greater than 75 hp or Jet skis unless otherwise accepted by the POA as a special circumstance.