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Dear Forest Park Beach Permit Holder,

Will Howard, Sailing Director, will be the contact for the Watercraft Basin, Sailboat Compound, Sailboat/Kayak Beach Rack Storage and Basin Attendants. For information or concerns, please contact him at howardw@cityoflakeforest.com

<p style="text-align: center;">2021 Events <u>Jr Olympics Regatta</u> June 25-27 <u>U.S Sailing Bemis/Smythe Qualifying Regatta</u> July 8-9 <u>Halloween Regatta</u> October 30-31</p>

Your current Forest Park Beach – South vehicle and watercraft decal(s) expire on March 31st, 2021, and the new 2021-2022 decal(s) need to be purchased by March 31st, 2021 and displayed by April 1st, 2021 to avoid penalties.

Please remember that Seasonal Watercraft Compound Storage and Seasonal Beach Racks Storage permits expire on December 1st, 2021.

The deadline for watercraft renewal applications is Friday, February 26th, 2021. All applications and fees must be returned by February 26th to receive your new permit in the mail by Friday, March 16th.

As is the case each year for our watercraft compound storage customers, there is a chance you may be assigned a different space than last year.

Please complete all sections of the enclosed permit application in order to be eligible for a 2021 permit.

Other important items for you to know:

- The City of Lake Forest has adopted an impoundment policy. Please review the policy, which can be found on the City of Lake Forest website. *This ordinance will be strictly enforced.* Please remember that all watercraft must display a valid permit or will be in violation of this ordinance.
- The purchase of a “Watercraft Ramp Launch” or “Storage” permit includes one vehicle decal and one watercraft decal. Additional watercraft and/or vehicle decals can be purchased for an additional fee by circling “Additional Watercraft” and/or “Additional Vehicle” on the application card and including payment.

Please read the enclosed Rules and Regulations carefully and keep them for reference during the season. **When you sign your application for a Forest Park Beach Permit, you agree to abide by these regulations.**

If you miss the deadline, boat permit applications will be available at the Lake Forest Recreation Center, 400 Hastings Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Parks and Recreation staff is looking forward to another great boating season. *If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact Will Howard directly at howardw@cityoflakeforest.com.*



2021 Boating Season at Lake Forest Beach –South Note to Permit Holders

We look forward to another great summer of boating at Lake Forest Beach –South. Last summer we saw higher usage of our facilities on a daily basis than ever before. We learned a few lessons and noticed some rules that need to be reinforced. Please read this packet in its entirety, especially those purchasing or renewing watercraft ramp launch or storage permits.

Safety

We remind all boaters to check the weather forecast before you go boating, each time. The conditions on Lake Michigan can change rapidly and with little warning. Be sure your watercraft has all required, up to date, safety equipment and that you know how to use it.

Vehicles and trailers may not be left in the parking lot over night unless you have permission from the Lakefront Manager.

It is both federal and state law to respect the No Wake Zones. It is important to go slow in the No Wake Zone so that you can see all watercraft entering or leaving the Basin. Remember we can pull your watercraft launch permit for breaking these rules.

The Launch Basin is not a mooring harbor. Boats & Jet Skis may not dock and then leave for any amount of time without the watercraft being attended and for less than 30 minutes.

During LF Recreation Department Sailing School launching times, the north ramp will have priority to serve the launching of sailing dinghies.

Incomplete permit applications will not be accepted and do not guarantee permits this season. The city's impoundment policy will be taking immediate effect this season for watercraft and vehicles not displaying current and proper decals and information.

Permit Reminders:

1. Permit applications/renewals must include complete vehicle and watercraft information
2. Permit applications/ renewals must include a photocopy of current state watercraft registration certificate (powered watercraft and sailboats over 16ft).
3. Compound and Beach Rack storage permits must be renewed by March 31st or daily late fees will be incurred.



4. Decal numbers do not correspond to storage spaces
5. It is your responsibility to keep your items stowed safely and locked.



FOREST PARK BEACH LAUNCH BASIN & STORAGE USAGE RULES & REGULATIONS

**All rules and regulations as set forth for the Forest Park Beach are applicable to the Lake Forest Watercraft areas. In addition, the following rules are also applicable.*

1. No wake or excessive powering is permitted inside the Watercraft Basin or within the No Wake Zone.
2. All docks are for short term mooring only (e.g. 30 minutes). Longer periods may be allowed at the discretion of the Basin Attendant when weather and traffic within the basin permit, and then only if a crew member, capable of moving the watercraft, remains aboard or is immediately available.
3. The primary function of the Watercraft Basin is for the launching and recovery of watercraft whose owners possess valid Lake Forest launching/storage permits. Other watercrafts are welcome if local traffic and weather conditions permit.
4. Due to the type of dock construction and basin size, watercraft 30 feet and under, and or 10,000 pounds and under are permitted to use the dock facilities. A watercraft longer than 30 feet in length may be allowed to make a passenger stop on the center finger dock only. This exception is at the discretion of the Forest Park Beach Supervisor and is governed by traffic, weather conditions and basin depth.
5. Watercraft that require launching by hoists have priority to the docking area immediately in front of the hoists and the adjacent east-west docks.
6. Sailboats launching from trailers or dollies shall use the north ramp and be moved to the north side of the dock finger for rigging.
7. Normally, a “one in, one out” launch/recovery policy will be observed. However, in the event of inclement or severe weather conditions and/or excessive holding in the basin, all incoming recoveries will have priority.
8. No private vehicles shall be allowed on the walkway bricks or in the Forest Park Beach – South sailboat storage compound.
9. The center aisle of the Forest Park Beach - South parking area shall be reserved for vehicles with trailers. Trailers must be attached to vehicles at all times or must have permission of the Sailing Supervisor to be detached.



10. No one shall be permitted to make major repairs or paint watercraft hulls in any part of the Forest Park Beach – South facility.
11. No one shall store paints or other flammable materials in the watercraft storage compound so as to create a fire hazard.
12. All watercraft owner’s and/or skippers are responsible for their crew and guests. All watercraft owners and guests using the Forest Park Beach – South Watercraft Basin, launch or storage facilities shall observe these and any other rules that may be made to ensure the enjoyment and safety of all concerned.
13. Shoes must be worn at all times while on the docking system.
14. With the exception of an emergency, under no circumstances shall sailboats navigate under sail power entering and exiting the Forest Park Beach – South watercraft basin. Sailboats must be navigated within the watercraft basin by motor power for maximum navigational control – this does not pertain to sailboats 18’ and under.
15. No person shall operate a watercraft at a speed in excess of “slow-no-wake” within the shore side of the Regulatory Markers.
16. Refueling or repairs of any motor powered watercraft is strictly prohibited within the confines of the Forest Park Beach – South watercraft basin and on the watercraft launch ramp. Watercraft must be removed from the watercraft launch ramp in a timely fashion, in order to allow access for other permitted watercraft.
17. No parking of vehicles along the South Side of Forest Park Beach – South watercraft pavilion. No parking of vehicles on the east side of the Forest Park Beach - South pavilion.
18. City of Lake Forest employee(s) are authorized to move any watercraft located on City of Lake Forest property for any reason at any time, or as deemed necessary by said City employee(s) with or without advance notice.

Any infractions or violations of these regulations are subject to fine and/or revocation of permit privileges.

FOREST PARK BEACH PERMIT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Resident is defined as a person whose abode is within the corporate limits of Lake Forest.
2. A photocopy of the applicant’s current state watercraft registration certificate must be included with any new application forms.
3. All watercraft must be owned by the applicant and applicant’s name must be listed on the state registration certificate.



4. Payments for fees must accompany all applications.
5. Residents holding permits for compound storage and beach racks storage in 2020 are guaranteed renewal for 2020 if application is made by **April 1, 2021**. Decals and keys will be mailed to permit holders.
6. Those boats held in compound storage or beach racks storage must renew their permits no later than **March 31st, 2021**. Those that do not comply will be assessed a \$50.00 late fee. Fees not received by **April 1, 2021** will result in forfeiture of compound storage space.
7. Due to high demand, all new applicants who wish to receive a space in the watercraft storage compound will be issued permits, space permitting, on a first come first serve basis. Permit applications from residents will be processed prior to consideration of non-resident applications.
8. Applications made later in the season will be processed as space is available.
9. Watercraft launch/storage/rack/south beach parking decals are to be permanently affixed on the lower right front window of registered vehicles. Failure to affix a decal permanently on the front window will result in a violation.
10. Watercraft decals are not transferable and must be permanently affixed only to watercraft registered on the application form. The decal for the boat is to be permanently affixed on the starboard (right) box by the Illinois registration number or on the wave runner cowling.
11. Keys, as well as permit decals, are not transferable and must be permanently affixed only to vehicles registered on the application form. Unregistered vehicles displaying decals will be considered in violation. Use by unauthorized persons will result in a loss of launching and storage privileges
12. Watercraft launch decals, which must be permanently affixed to the towing vehicles, are valid only for the boat registered on the application form.
13. It is anticipated that dredging of the basin will be completed no later than the third week of May 2021. The docks will be installed after the dredging is completed.
14. **April 1, 2021** is the opening date of the south beach sailboat rack storage and beach launch.
15. Seasonal compound storage ends **December 1, 2021**. Owners of boats stored beyond that date will be required to pay additional storage fees.
16. Seasonal watercraft stored in the beach racks are to be removed from the racks by **December 1, 2021**. Year round beach rack storage can be purchased at the Recreation Center for an additional fee.



17. Please review the City of Lake Forest impoundment policy. This ordinance will be strictly enforced by City of Lake Forest employees.
18. Any infraction or violation of these regulations is subject to fine and/or revocations of permit privileges.
19. City of Lake Forest employee(s) are authorized to move any watercraft located on City of Lake Forest property for any reason or as deemed necessary by said City employee(s) with or without advance notice.
20. A permit holder of launching, storage or parking privileges agrees to hereby release and forever discharge The City of Lake Forest, its officers and employees from any and all liability for any loss, damage or injury to persons or property arising in any manner out of the issuance of a permit or the use of the boat launching or storage facilities.