

Pymatuning State Park Marina and Mooring Manual

Revised December 2019

Dear Boat Owners:

In an effort to stay up to date with changes to our marinas and moorings, this is an update to the January 2017 revision.

All of our mooring areas have now been re-marked with the brown carsonite posts. Please do not remove these posts. It is a significant expense to remark all 567 mooring spaces. If one is found to be missing or broken, please let us know so we can replace it.

We continue to ask those with moorings or properties bordering the state's property to help us in protecting the shorelines from erosion. As much as we can cut back on mowing and re-establish native shrubs and trees to help stabilize the shoreline, the healthier and safer our lake will be for everyone to enjoy.

We are trying to remove as many tires from the shoreline to cut back on potential health risks due to breeding mosquito populations. Please consider switching out tires on your docks to manufactured bumpers or cut large slits in the tires so that water will drain.

We hope you have many enjoyable boating seasons here at Pymatuning State Park.

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ANY INFORMATION NOT COVERED IN THIS MANUAL IS COVERED UNDER TITLE 25, REGULATIONS PART 1, SUBPART B, ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 31, PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATION CODE OF 1929, SS1906-S AND 1920-A AS AMENDED (71 P.S. SS510-6 AND 510-20) AND THE "CRIMES CODE", SS7505 (VIOLATION OF GOVERNMENTAL RULES REGARDING TRAFFIC), AND S7506 (VIOLATION OF RULES REGARDING CONDUCT ON COMMONWEALTH PROPERTY) (18 PA. C. S. 7505 AND 7506)

IN THE EVENT ANY CONFLICT ARISES BETWEEN THIS MANUAL AND TITLE 2, CHAPTER 31, ET.AL. THE LATTER WILL ALWAYS TAKE PRECEDENT

THIS MANUAL IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD. ANYONE CAN COME INTO THE PARK OFFICE AND INSPECT THIS MANUAL.

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Contact Information

In Case of Emergency – Call 911

For emergencies involving medical response, law enforcement, fire, boating accidents, missing persons, or other immediate threat call **911**.

Vandalism or Thefts

Call the park office at **724-932-3142**

Or after hours, call **911** and ask for a Pymatuning Park Ranger

Safety Hazards and Maintenance Concerns

Call the park office at **724-932-3142**

Or speak to the nearest park employee

Rental Boats

Mechanical issues, gasoline, or other problems call the concession where the boat was rented.

Other Concerns

Information about rental boats, bait, fishing equipment, gasoline, and other supplies call the nearest marina concession:

Jamestown: 724-932-3267 Espyville: 724-927-2001 Linesville: 814-683-4339

For all other questions and concerns, please call the park office at **724-932-3142**

Definitions

Resident – is any person who pays Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Income Taxes and/or maintains a full time residence in Pennsylvania. **A valid Pennsylvania Driver's License will validate residency.**

Slip – The marina space, which a boat occupies

Shoreline Mooring Space – A section of shoreline available for the purpose of tying a boat or placing a boat with a dock

Note: Slip, Space, and Mooring may be used interchangeably in this manual.

Permittee – any person(s) 18 years of age or older who has a valid Permit for a mooring space or slip.

Sharer – Individual who uses the “B” side of an occupants dock. This person has no renewal or transfer rights.

Transient – Refers to an individual who leases a slip on a periodic basis with no renewable rights

Boat and Dock Restrictions

Marinas

Boats up to 20 feet in length will be permitted on 20' slips and 24' slips

Boats up to 25 feet will be permitted on 24' slips

Boats greater than 25 feet will not be permitted in the marinas.

The price will be determined by the length of the slip.

Note: There are some current boats that exceed the maximum length. These boats will be allowed to remain. No new boats that exceed the maximum length will be permitted. This exception applies to the current boat, and will not apply to a new boat even if it is purchased by the same owner to replace the current boat.

Shoreline Moorings

There are no boat length restrictions for shoreline mooring spaces. There is also no set width restriction. However, the boat and dock must fit within the designated space and may not interfere with the adjacent space or impede the ingress or egress of the adjacent boat.

Docks may be 3 ft. wide and 30 ft. long. Docks may have wide areas for seating or a "T" on the end to facilitate easier boat use, but at any point may not exceed the width of the space or necessitate the use of the adjacent water to get in or out of the space. In areas where spacing of moorings allows, and by permission of a park manager, 4 ft. wide docks may be permitted to accommodate floating dock systems.

Boat Length

The determination of size will be obtained from the manufacturer's specifications LOA (length over all), or on site Measurement. Lengths are subject to verification by park personnel using the following method.

The method to be used in determining a boats' length may be to measure from the front edge of the bow to the extreme tip of the stern.

In those instances where boats measure in portions of feet, the basic mathematical standard will be applied. Half of a foot or greater will be rounded off to the next higher foot. Less than half will be rounded off to the lower foot.

EXAMPLE 1: A boat is 16'6". It will be considered a 17' boat.

EXAMPLE 2: A boat is 24'3" long. It will be considered a 24' boat.

*The Length of a boat is used to determine its assignment

Boat Width

The method to be used in determining a boat's exact width will be to measure the widest point across a boat. This measurement will include all permanently mounted protruding structures such as oarlocks, railings, ECT.

In those instances where boats measure in portions of inches, the basic mathematical standard will be applied. Half of an inch or greater will be rounded off to the next higher inch. Less than half will be rounded off to the lower inch.

EXAMPLE 1: A boat is 5' 1¼" wide. It will be considered a 5' 1" wide boat.

EXAMPLE 2: A boat is 6' 5¾" wide. It will be considered a 6' 6" wide boat.

The Park Manager will evaluate any boat creating a hazardous condition at its assigned slip on a case-by-case basis. The Park Manager may reassign the boat to a different location; require reasonable appendages to be removed, or corrective action to be taken.

Assignment of Slips

Individual or Married Persons

A watercraft mooring permit for a space at any state-operated mooring area will be issued only in the name of an individual or in the names of married persons. Watercraft mooring permits will not be issued to other joint owners, partnerships, corporations, associations, clubs, etc. Co-owners with any other relationship than married will need to put the space in one person's name.

Permittee must be the registered owner, a registered co-owner or lessee of the boat. An occupant who sells a boat and no longer retains ownership in it may not lease the boat from the new owner and continue to occupy the slip. Any transfer of boat ownership that changes the permittee's status as the slip holder will result in termination of the agreement.

Occupancy Rules

Occupancy of a slip or space is not required. However, the spaces are intended to be rented for use with a boat. Therefore, the mooring agreement must have specific boat information to be valid. Specific boat information must include a valid PA registration number if the boat has a motor or is a registered unpowered boat. If the boat is unpowered and not registered, then the hull ID number is required. Any boat that does not have either of these types of identification must receive prior permission from the Park Manager to use a mooring space or slip.

Transfer, Sale, or Inheritance of Lease

Transfer, sale, or inheritance of lease is not permitted.

Transfer and Waiting List Guidelines

There is a fee to be added to any waiting or transfer list. The current fee is \$15.00.

Each mooring area and Marina has its own waiting and transfer lists. The lists for the marinas are kept by boat lengths; there are lists for 20 foot slips and 24 foot slips. You may be added to multiple lists, but there is a separate charge for each list.

1. Transfer and waiting lists are maintained in chronological order according to the date of the request. Names on the transfer list are offered available spaces before those on the waiting list. After the transfer list has been satisfied, available spaces are filled from the waiting list.
2. If a boat owner who is the primary holder of a mooring space wants to move from one space to another **in the same area**, he/she is put on the **TRANSFER** list.
3. If a boat owner who 'shares' a mooring space wants to get their own space in the same area, he/she is put on the **WAITING** list. (Share means they moor their boat on another's dock and they have no renewal rights to that space.)
4. If a boat owner wants to move from one mooring area to another mooring area (i.e., Area A to Area B), he/she is put on the **WAITING** list.
5. A boat owner who currently does not have a mooring space but would like one is put on the **WAITING** list for the desired area(s). If the boat owner requests that he be put on the waiting list for a private allotment area where there is no public access, he will be reminded that he cannot cross private property to get to a mooring space.
6. When getting on a transfer list you must select specific spaces or a range of spaces that you want to transfer to.
7. If you are on a transfer list for a specific space you may not add additional spaces. To add additional spaces, you must apply for those spaces, pay the list fee, and be put on the bottom of the list for those spaces.
8. When getting on a waiting list you get put on for the entire area and then use the transfer list to get the space you want.
9. If you are on a list for multiple spaces and you would like to remove some of the spaces, you may do so without losing your location on the list.
10. If you are offered a space and you refuse it you will be removed from the list.

11. If you are offered a space and you do not reply by the time specified, you will be removed from the list.
12. If you are removed from a list for any reason, you will forfeit your list fee. Should you wish to be put back on the list, you may submit a new application and fee. You will then be added to the bottom of the list.
13. If you have an address or phone number change, it is your responsibility to notify the park office. It is also your responsibility to make arrangements for temporary address or phone changes such as wintering in another state, or extended vacations. If you are notified of a mooring space opening and the letter offering a space is returned to us as undeliverable by the post office and we are unable to reach you by phone, you will be removed from the list(s).

Process for Filling Spaces

As slips become available, the appropriate boater will be contacted by phone and offered a space with a deadline to accept. If the person is not able to be reached by phone then a letter with a response deadline will be sent. Failure to respond and/or declining a mooring space will necessitate the removal of the boater's name from the list as well as forfeiture of the application fee. Should the individual wish to be put back on the waiting list, he or she must submit a new application and fee. They will then be added to the bottom of the list.

Waiting lists will be canvassed at the beginning of every new season, and should slips become available during the season prior to August 1st of each year. After August 1st, the current waiting list will be kept for the following year.

Renewal Procedure

A contract will be mailed out from our Reservation Center in December or January of each year. It is expected to be signed and returned to the park office by the last day in February with payment. Payment may be mailed in the form of a check, delivered to the park office in person in the form of cash, check or credit card, or paid over the phone with a credit card. **Payment by mail in the form of a check is the preferred method.** Upon execution, a copy of the contract and mooring decal for the occupants' boat may be picked up at the park office or it will be mailed to the lessee. If paying by phone, the mooring decal will not be mailed until the contract is signed and returned. Agreements not renewed by the last day in February will be voided. **After the February due date, we will begin to reassign spaces that have been vacated.**

It is your responsibility to make arrangements for temporary address or phone changes such as wintering in another state, or extended vacations. The renewal contracts are sent from our reservation center, and we cannot make temporary address changes or intercept these mailings.

Returning your agreement without a valid PA registration number or hull ID number, as specified above in the Occupancy Rules, may result in delay of your agreement and mooring sticker, and/or loss of your mooring space.

Reminder notices will no longer be sent.

Marina Slips for Boaters with Disabilities

Per Bureau Management Directive, Bulletin #PF–P-OM-7-13, a boater who rents or applies to rent a marina slip may be assigned a special slip, e.g., a slip that is accessible to persons who use wheelchairs or other devices to ambulate. Every effort will be made to accommodate persons with disabilities. The Transfer list process may still be needed to get a specific space.

Operating Guidelines

Violations of Park Rules/Breach of Agreement Specifications

Any violation of existing laws, rules, regulations or policies, or any breach of the Mooring Agreement can be grounds for immediate termination of agreement with no refund of money.

Private Docks

Anyone who leases a mooring space in an area that allows docks may pay an additional fee to have their dock on the shoreline. You must have a mooring space and it must be tied to a boat before you may have a dock. **Docks are not permitted without having a mooring space.** However, there is no minimum requirement for having your boat occupy the space.

Pymatuning State Park is discontinuing the use of the three digit dock number plates. From now on, all private docks will be required to have their Space Number (Located in the top right corner of your agreement. Ex: 14-27A) written on the dock in some legible manner and the yearly dock sticker affixed near it. The preferred method is address stickers on a hard surfaced plaque. However, you may use stickers, paint, or any other method of affixing your number. Numbers must be at least 3 inches by 1 inch and easily legible. The yearly sticker requires a hard, smooth surface to adhere properly. Numbers should be readily apparent from either a boat on the water and/or the shoreline approach. See [Appendix](#).

Sharing a Dock

A second boat may be moored on a private dock, in areas that allow it, for an additional fee. The person “sharing” the dock must have written permission from the dock owner and must pay for a second mooring space and sticker. The sharer will not have any renewal rights to the space unless the owner renews first. **We will not accept renewal payments from sharers until the permittee of the A space have paid and returned their agreements.** The dock owner must supply the park office with written permission by mail, in person, or email (if we have your email on file in our system). The permission may be revoked during the off-season in writing by the dock owner.

Mooring Decal

A mooring sticker must be displayed, as per the instructions on the sticker, on each boat that is kept on Park property overnight.

Season Dates

Marina and mooring spaces are available April 1 through November 1 of each year.

Removal of Property

All personal property must be removed from the park at the end of the season. This includes boats, docks, piling pipes, bumper tires, chairs, tables, etc. In rare cases, permanent steps, decks, or shore walls have been constructed on park property. These structures may stay in place; however, **no additional permissions will be given to make permanent changes to park property** except for park approved shoreline stabilization.

Removal of Vegetation or Soil

Removal or destruction of vegetation or soil on park property is prohibited. These activities will result in one or more of the following: citation, restitution payments, criminal charges, replacement, and/or other legal proceedings.

In some areas, park neighbors have been mowing portions of park property for many years. This will be allowed to continue, but may not be enlarged. Trees, shrubs, wetland plants, and other vegetation in these areas may not be cut or trimmed without permission from the park. No new turf areas will be permitted.

Dead or dying trees that are on park property that could potentially create a hazard will be assessed by park management. If it is found that the tree or limbs may fall on personal property (boat, dock, fence, home), the tree or hazardous limb will be removed by the park. If it is not found to be a threat, the tree will remain as habitat or the neighboring home owner / neighborhood home association may be granted permission to have the tree removed.

Already downed trees or limbs may be removed from access paths by mooring area users. If an individual would like to take the downed wood, they will need to contact park management about getting a firewood cutting permit.

Out-of-State Boat Registration

Out-of-State boaters must have a Pennsylvania registration as required and enforced by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission.

Signs, Posters, Advertisements

Signs, posters, and advertisements are not permitted on boats in the marina area without approval of the Park Manager. Boaters may place "For Sale" signs on their boats as long as the sign is of reasonable size, neat in appearance, and affixed in a way to insure it does not blow or wash off.

Insurance Recommendations

It is recommended that insurance be carried on the boat. Tenants are responsible for damages they may cause to others as well as to the State owned docks.

Boat Repairs

Extensive boat repairs within the marinas are not permitted. Tune-ups, adjustments, and minor repairs are permitted.

“Sold” Boat Policy

The buyer of a boat that is in the marina will not have the right to that space unless he or she is the first person on the appropriate transfer or waiting list.

If a permittee is planning on purchasing a new boat, he/she should check at the park office to be sure the size of the new boat is within the acceptable size classification for his/her slip.

Overnight Occupancy

Overnight occupancy is not permitted. Fishing from a boat by the boat owner or their guest at night is permitted.

Re-Apply Procedures

Anyone reapplying after they have dropped out or have been removed from the marina due to a breach of contract must get back on the appropriate waiting list as outlined above.

Transients

During the boating season, slips that are vacant for a short term are rented on a first-come, first serve basis for a daily fee. Transient spaces may be available for one of the following reasons:

When a boater drops out of the marina permanently during the boating season, we may rent the space on a transient basis until it can be reassigned according to the transfer and waiting lists.

If a boater removes his or her boat for seven days or longer in accordance with Section 5 of the Watercraft Agreement, we may rent the space on a transient basis.

When a boater informs the park they will not be able to occupy their slip for a period of time.

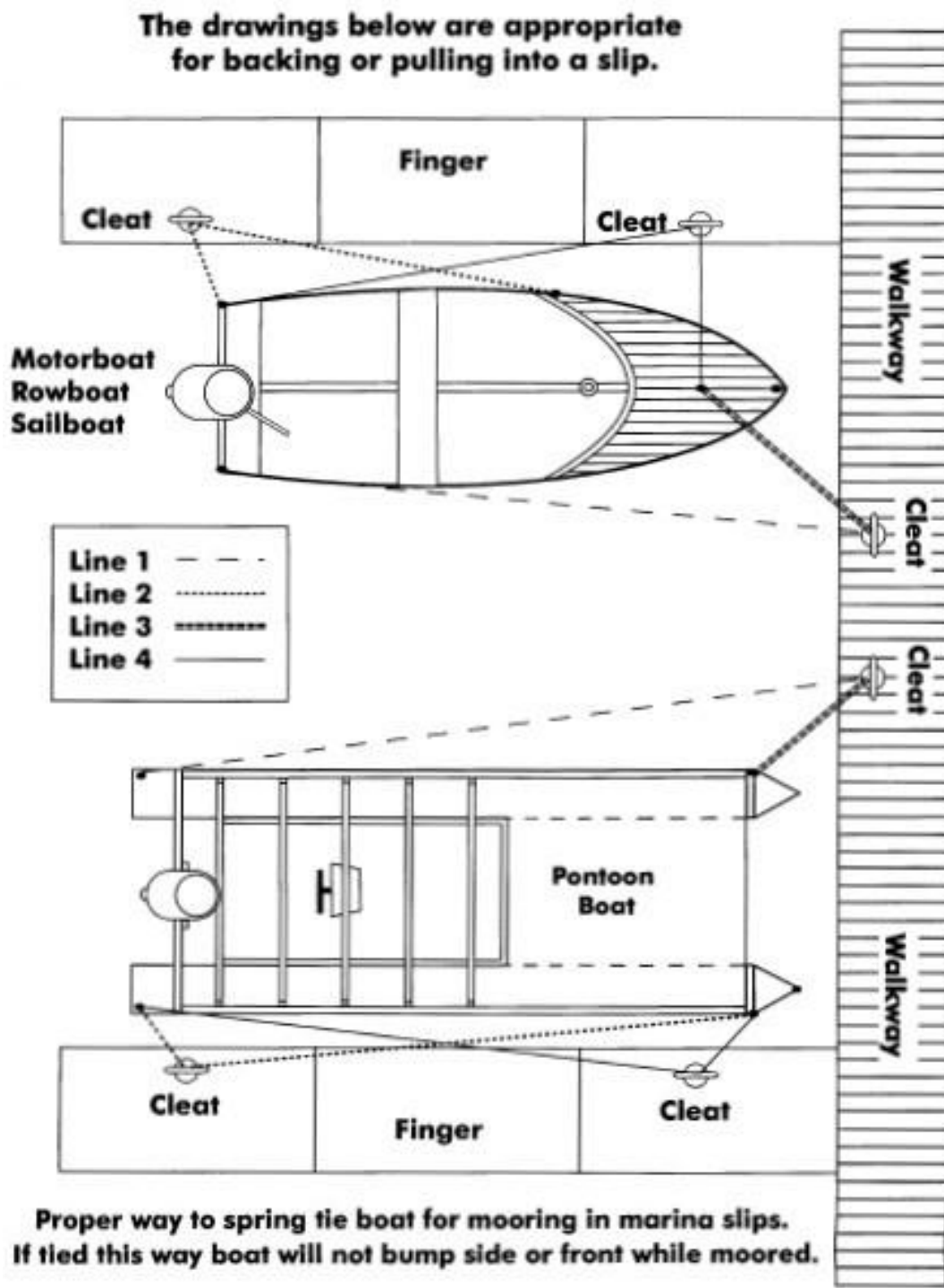
Boat Ownership

The permittee must be the registered owner, a registered co-owner or the lessee of the aforementioned boat. The permittee may replace aforementioned boat with another of like size or one of a size authorized for the assigned slip. A permittee who sells a boat and no longer retains ownership in it may not lease the boat from the new owner and continue to occupy the slip. Any transfer of boat ownership or other arrangement that changes the permittee's status as the slip holder will result in the termination of the agreement. Permittee may be required to provide proof of ownership or ownership status upon request of the park.

Mooring or dock space leases and applications for space will only be accepted in the name of single individual or married persons. Persons will not be added or substituted on mooring or dock space leases or applications for space.

Securing the Boat to the Dock

Boaters are advised to use nylon rope appropriately sized for the weight of their boat. The responsibility of properly securing a boat in a slip is totally dependent upon each occupant. Lines used in mooring must be neatly secured as not to create hazardous conditions for those walking on main docks or piers.



Fishing

Fishing from docks and shoreline between docks is prohibited during the mooring season (April 1 through November 1). Fishing is permitted during this time by permittees and their guests, from permittees' boats and only when tied into their assigned slips.

Fishing is not permitted in the marina fairways during the mooring season, as this could impact egress and ingress by permittees. Fishing is permitted from the docks in the off season (November 1 through March 31)

Fishing is prohibited in Marina areas. At Jamestown Marina it includes the area bordered by the no wake buoy and the parking area on Pine Point. At Espyville Marina it includes the area bordered by the break wall and the outlet of the stream near the causeway. At Linesville Marina it includes the area bordered by the fishing pier, no wake buoys, and the Linesville boat launch docks.

Fishing is prohibited in all shoreline mooring areas. This includes the area covered by docks and boats including the area between docks and boats, and extending out to the end of any dock or boat whichever is longer. Fishing is permitted on the open lake end of mooring areas provided that casting is parallel to the shore and not directed towards moored boats or docks.

Fishing is prohibited in mooring areas and offshore mooring areas associated with leased boat clubs. This includes the area bordered by any mooring ball, anchorage, moored boat, or dock.

Special Rules for Mooring Areas

Area A	Closed			
Area B	Public	No Docks	No Sharing	
Area D Turnersville	Public	Docks	Limited Sharing	Docks permitted on all spaces, sharing only D-60-69
Area E Offshore	Public	No Docks	No Sharing	Mooring ball/anchor must be provided by boat owner
Area E Onshore	Public	No Docks	No Sharing	Racks – small boats only
Area F Pikes	No Public Access	Docks	Sharing	
1 Ackerman Bay	Limited Access	Docks	No Sharing	No parking available
2 Carrituning Bay	Closed			
3S Pinecrest South	No Public Access	Docks	Sharing	
3B Pinecrest Bay	No Public Access	Docks	Sharing	
3N Pinecrest North	No Public Access	Docks	Sharing	
4 Rolling Acres	No Public Access	Docks	Sharing	

5 McArthur	Limited Access	Docks	Sharing	Limited public access to 19 - 25 only, no public access to 1 - 18
6 Thompson	Public	Docks	Sharing	
7 Bradford Woods	Public	Docks	Sharing	Waiting list closed due to shoreline erosion issues
8 Kiwanis	Public	Docks	Sharing	No close parking for 1 - 7
11.5 Grandview - Left of Billy Q	No Public Access	Docks	Sharing	
11 South of Grandview	Public	Docks	Sharing	
12 Grandview	No Public Access	Docks	Sharing	
13 Westford Bridge	Limited Access	No Docks	No Sharing	Lower numbers very shallow
14 Hurlbert	No Public Access	Docks	Sharing	
15 Westford Road	Closed			
16 Lakeview Knolls	No Public Access	Docks	Sharing	
17 Orchard Launch	Public	Docks	Sharing	– Docks and sharing permitted on all as of 2017
18 Maple Grove	No Public Access	Docks	Sharing	
19 Monongahela	Public	Docks	Sharing	
21N Espyville Picnic	No Public Access	Docks	Sharing	
22S Sunset South	No Public Access	Docks	Sharing	
22M Sunset Middle	No Public Access	Docks	Sharing	
22N Sunset North	No Public Access	Docks	Sharing	
24 Erin Road	Closed			
25 Linda Road	Closed			
26 Hickory Grove	No Public Access	Docks	No Sharing	
29 Stewart	Closed			
30 Debow #1	No Public Access	Docks	Sharing	
33 Debow #2 (Gravel Pit)	Public	Docks	Sharing	
34 Left of North Shore	Public	Docks	Sharing	

35 Right of North Shore	Public	Docks	Sharing	
36 Alcatraz	Public	Docks	Sharing	
37 Pinepoint Conaway	No Public Access	Docks	Sharing	
40 Wilson	Closed			

Public Access means that there is at least some legal parking and a walking route to all spaces on park property.

Limited Public Access means that there is either no public parking or no easy walking route to all the spaces.

No Public Access means that there is no public parking and no walking route to the spaces without crossing private property.

Rates and Payments

Current Pricing

Current pricing is available by calling the park office or by checking the pricing section of the State Park web site at www.visitPAparks.com

Refunds

Refunds are available to boaters who voluntarily cancel their lease agreement during the course of the boating season but not after August 1. Refunds are determined on a pro-rated basis of the unused portion of the boating season.

Refunds will not be given for natural occurrences that may restrict the use of some or all of the mooring areas. This includes but is not limited to storm damage, high water events, or low water events.

Refunds may be subject to additional rules according to the State Park refund policy available on the web site at www.visitPAparks.com.

Removal/ Impoundment Fee

A fee of \$40.00 or the cost of removal and disposition, whichever is greater, shall be charged for the removal and disposition by the department, as provided in S31.15 (relating to abandoned property), of abandoned motor vehicles, boats, trailers, and other large equipment.

In addition, a per day storage fee will be charged for the storage of abandoned motor vehicles, boats, trailers and other large equipment.

Removal/Impoundment Policy

Removal Policy – Infraction

The Park Manager must notify the property owner by Certified Mail (with a copy to the Regional Office) of the infraction and direct the owner to pick up the property within 10 days of the receipt of the letter. The owner will pay the appropriate fee for his use of that facility up to and including the day the property is removed. The letter should indicate to the owner that failure to pick up the property within the 10-day period would result in the possible removal by park personnel and storage for 30 days. The removal and storage charged are the owner's responsibility. After the 30-day period, the property may be turned over to the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

Procedure:

If due to an infraction, removal of property becomes necessary, the following procedure will be followed.

1. At least two park employees will be sent to remove the watercraft.
2. Before removing watercraft, the condition (dents, scrapes, etc.) is to be documented in writing and signed by said employees. Photographs of watercraft are advisable.
3. If it is necessary to cut chains and locks, do so and save remnants.
4. Store watercraft
5. If the size/condition of the boat warrants it, a private contractor will be contacted to remove the watercraft from the marina. Payment will be the responsibility of the owner.
6. All charges must be paid before the boat is released to the owner

Impoundment Policy

The park retains the authority to impound in lieu of removal. In certain instances, impoundment will be used. The park does not have the capability to remove some large boats and sailboats.

The Park Manager must notify the property owner by Certified Mail (with a copy to Regional Office) of the infraction and direct him to remove the property within 10 days of the receipt of the letter. The owner will pay the appropriate fee for his use of the facility up to and including the day the property is removed. The letter will indicate to the owner that failure to pick up the property within a 10-day period will result in possible impoundment by park personnel as well as storage for 30 days. The impoundment and storage charges are the owner's responsibility. After the 30-day period, the craft may be turned over to the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

Procedure:

If, due to an infraction, impoundment of a boat becomes necessary, the following procedures must be followed:

1. At least two park employees will be sent to impound the watercraft.

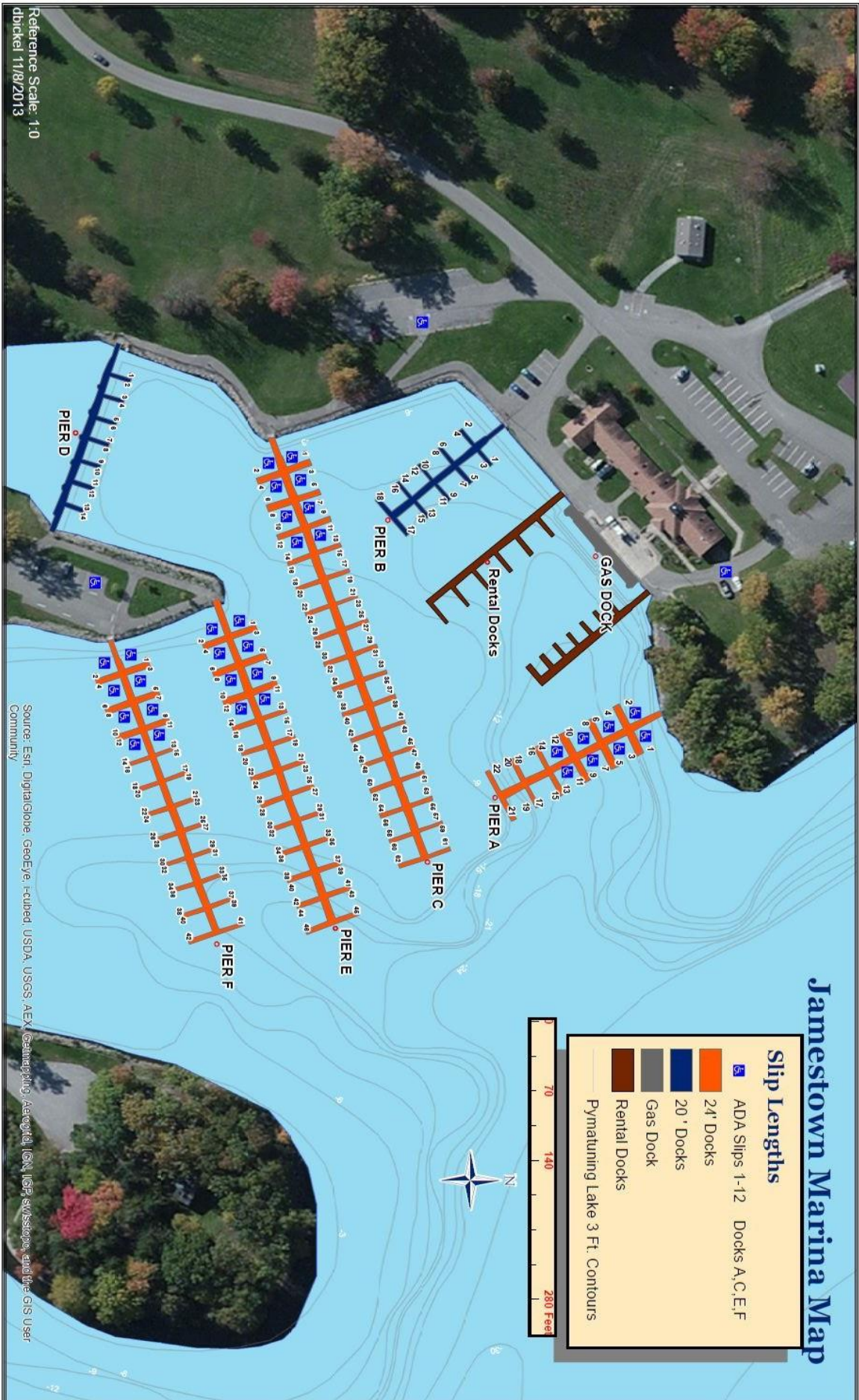
2. Before impounding the watercraft, its condition (dents, scrapes. Etc) are to be documented in writing and signed by said employees. Photographs of the watercraft are advisable.
3. The watercraft will either be impounded in its existing slip or towed to another secure area and physically locked in place.
4. If the size/condition of the boat warrants it, a private contractor will be contacted to remove the watercraft from the marina. Payment will be the responsibility of the owner.

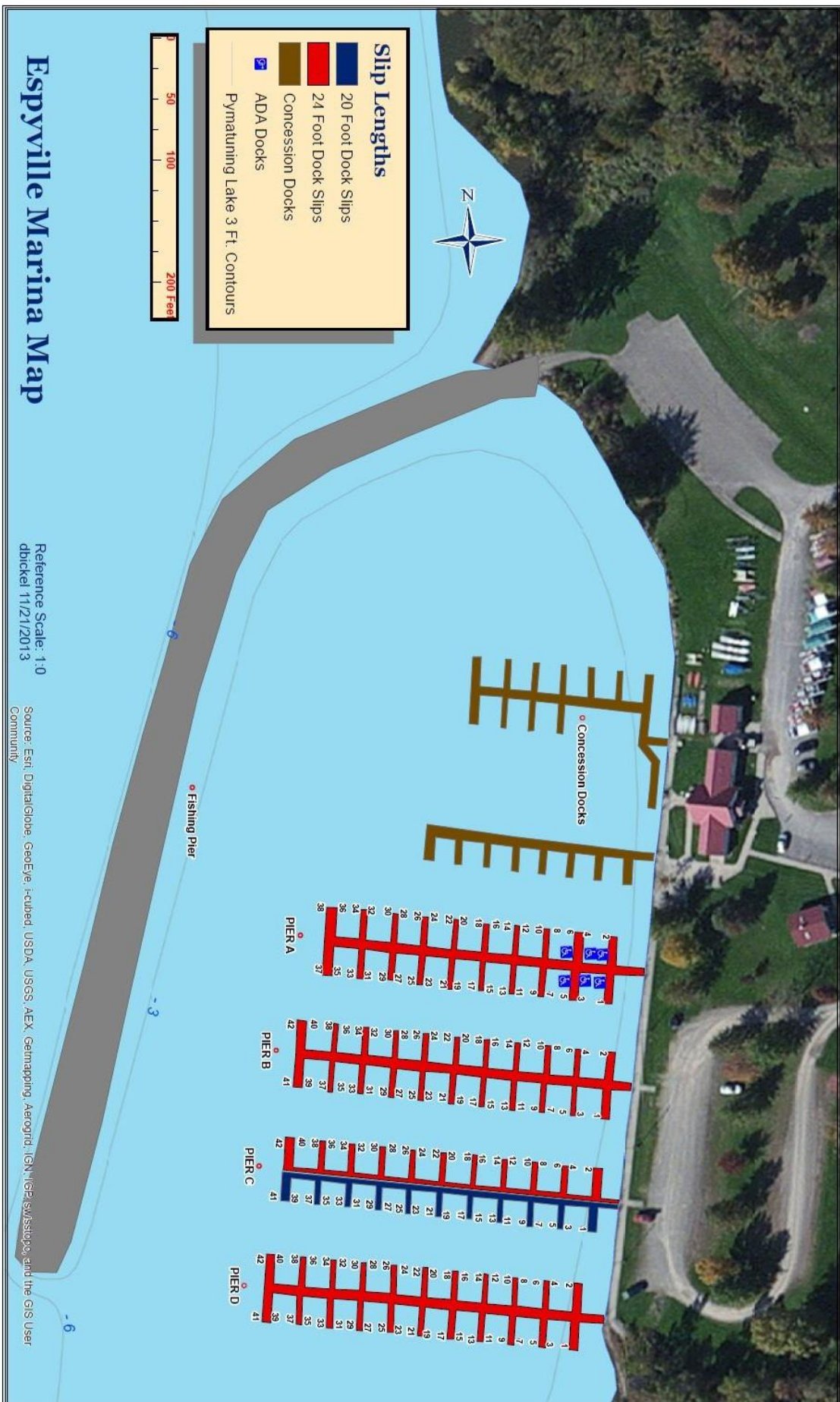
Emergency Removal

Local media will be contacted requesting all necessary boat owners move their boats immediately. An attempt to notify all affected boat owners by telephone and/or email may be made. In an emergency, to protect property and/or lives, it may become necessary to move or remove boats without prior notification. Boats moved for an emergency will be secured wherever possible, with no charge. Every effort will be made to ensure that the owners are notified.

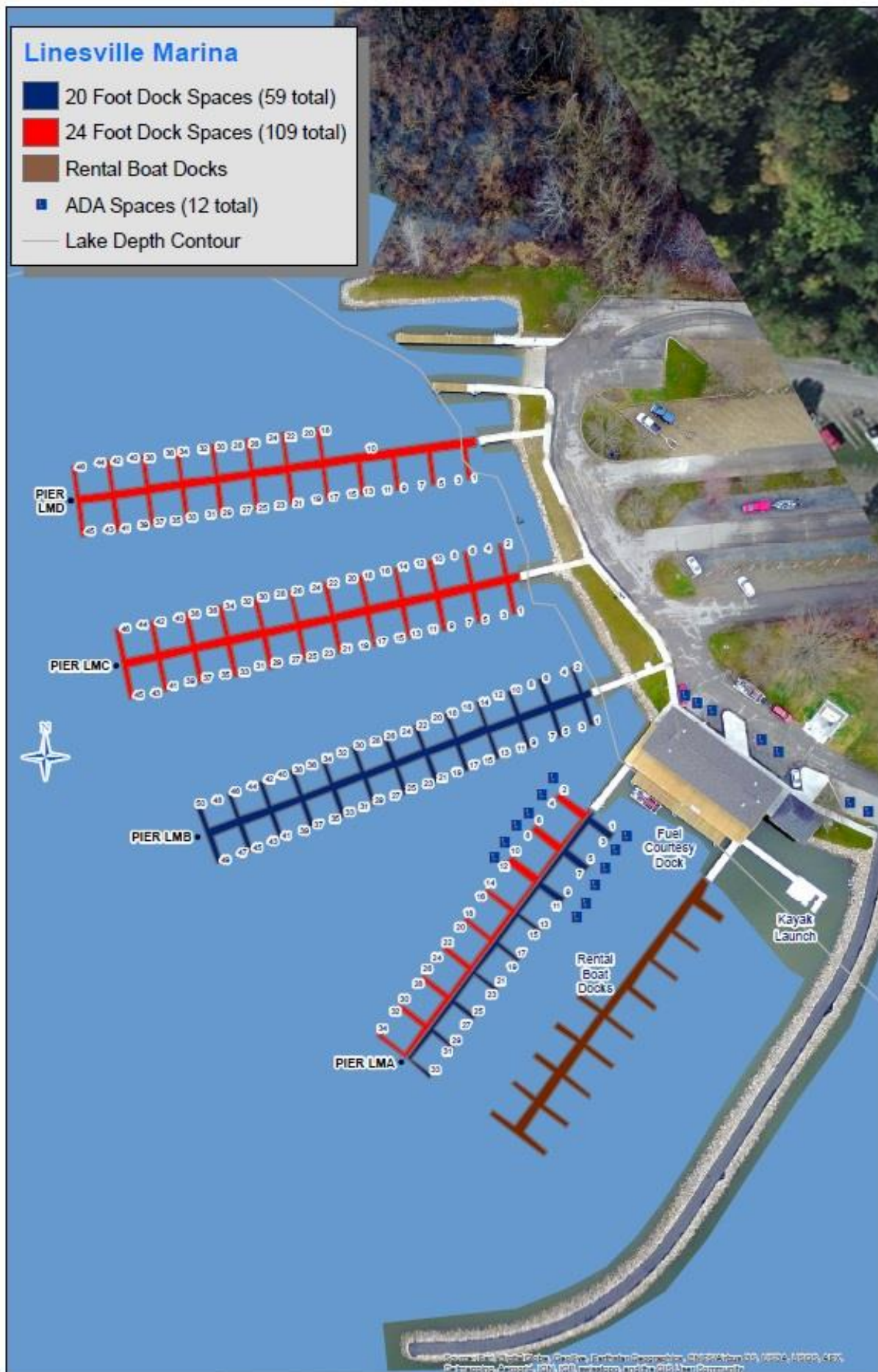
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State Park Address:

PYMATUNING STATE PARK
2660 WILLIAMSFIELD ROAD
JAMESTOWN, Pennsylvania 16134
724-932-3141

pymatuningsp@pa.gov



WATERCRAFT MOORING PERMIT

Dock/Area: _____

Slip/Space No.: _____

Leased Campsite No.: _____

Reservation No.: _____

Mooring Permit No.: _____

This is a mooring permit issued by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ("Department") to the owner or lessee of the watercraft specified below ("Permittee") (If issued to owner, list ALL persons listed on title/registration, and address of each owner.) The permit is subject to the conditions below. Compliance with the conditions is the responsibility of Permittee.

- 1 **LOCATION AND DATES.** The watercraft may be moored in PYMATUNING STATE PARK at the numbered slip, space or leased campsite dock indicated above, from JUN 19, 2017 through OCT 31, 2017, the date of expiration of this permit. The watercraft shall be removed from Department property on or before the expiration date.
- 2 **FEE.** The mooring fee is \$ _____. Checks shall be made payable to "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."
 For State Parks only: Mooring fee is based on Permittee's residency. Permittee is RESIDENT of Pennsylvania. If Permittee claims Pennsylvania residency status, he/she certifies under penalty of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (b) (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities), that he/she is a resident of Pennsylvania based on Pennsylvania income tax.

3 **WATERCRAFT.**

Watercraft Type	Motor Boat	Year		Construction		HIN	
Manufacturer				Motor Make			
Model				Capacity		HP	
Width - ft		Length - ft		Boat Registration #			
				Trailer License			

- 4 **DECAL DISPLAY.** A valid mooring decal that is issued pursuant to this permit must be affixed to the watercraft aft of amidship on the starboard (right) side. Also a valid registration number and validation decal, or a valid use permit, issued under Fish and Boat Commission regulations (58 Pa. Code Part II) must be displayed in accordance with Fish and Boat Commission regulations.
- 5 **WATERCRAFT REPLACEMENT.** The watercraft identified in paragraph 3 may not be replaced with another watercraft without prior written approval.
- 6 **LAUNCHING.** The watercraft may be launched on any Department lake open for public boating during the calendar year 2017.
- 7 **MAINTENANCE.** The watercraft shall be maintained in a clean, sanitary, safe and presentable condition.
- 8 **LAWS AND REGULATIONS.** All applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations now or hereafter in effect, including the regulations of the Department, shall be complied with. If mooring area or marina guidelines are provided at the State Park or State Forest, they shall be complied with.
- 9 **MOVING WATERCRAFT.** Department may move the watercraft from the originally assigned slip, space or dock to another. Because of draw-downs, improvements or repair to impoundments, or water level, Permittee may be required to remove the watercraft.
- 10 **NO SUBLETTING/TRANSFERRING.** This permit may not be assigned or sublet. The permit is not transferable.
- 11 **OWN RISK.** Use of this slip, space or dock shall be at Permittee's own risk. Department is not responsible for the care or protection of the watercraft (including its gear, equipment and contents) or for any loss or damage arising from activities subject to this permit. Department gives no warranty as to, and shall not be responsible for or liable for, any injuries or damages arising from the condition of floats, docks, walks, gangways, ramps, piers, mooring gear or equipment.
- 12 **INDEMNIFICATION.** Permittee shall indemnify and hold harmless the Department and its officers, agents and employees from all costs, damages, expenses, claims, demands, suits and actions arising out of activities subject to this permit.
- 13 **REVOCAION UPON PERMITTEE NOT OWNING/LEASING WATERCRAFT.** This permit shall automatically be revoked and become void if Permittee ceases to be the owner or lessee of the watercraft or if Permittee sells the watercraft and then leases it from the new owner.
- 14 **REFUNDS.** A \$10 administrative fee is charged for any refunds issued at the request of Permittee. No refunds will be issued upon a revocation of this permit or if Permittee surrenders the permit after August 1st of any year.
- 16 **FAILURE TO REMOVE.** If the watercraft is not removed from Department property promptly upon the expiration or revocation of this permit:
 - a. Department may itself or through a third party remove and store the watercraft at Permittee's risk and expense.
 - b. Department may proceed to acquire title to the watercraft in accordance with Fish and Boat Commission procedures.
 - c. Permittee will be responsible for all fees for removal, storage, Fish and Boat Commission procedures, and any other costs incurred by Department due to failure to remove the watercraft; Department will have a lien on the watercraft for all such fees and costs until they are paid.
 - d. Permittee may be prosecuted for violation of state park regulations including 17 Pa. Code §§ 11.209 (b)(1) (failing to comply with a condition of a permit), 11.209 (b)(4) (obstructing or impeding persons or vehicles), and 11.219 (h) (boating-mooring, anchoring and storing).
- 17 **CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE.** Permittee shall promptly notify Department in writing of any change in address, phone number, or email.

Permittee signature(s) _____

Date _____

(If Permittee is owner, must be signed by ALL owners - use margin below for additional space).

Phone: 724-932-3141 Cell Phone: _____

Customer Email: PYMATUNINGSP@PA.GOV

Approved by John S. Hattas, Director of the Bureau of State Parks, DCNR

Signature: _____

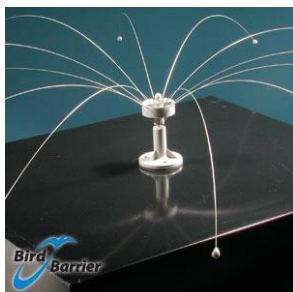
Gulls on Boats

What can I do to keep the gulls from roosting on my boat?



Gulls are a common sight near any large body of water, even those not near the ocean. Gulls are considered attractive by some, but can be a nuisance to boat owners. These birds may be noisy and bothersome, and their droppings may create sanitation problems. Many different products are marketed to boat owners interested in reducing seagull problems.

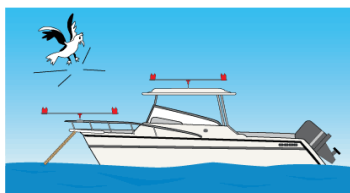
The most effective solutions seem to be a physical and/or mechanical device that keeps the birds from landing or roosting for long periods.



"Daddi Long Legs" is a hard-to-detect bird control product that consists of thin, stainless steel rods that rotate and wave menacingly in the slightest breeze, interfering with the problem birds' attempts to land. The plastic-tipped rods will not harm birds, other animals or humans, and are hosted by the center spindle, which is removable for easy maintenance access to the protected area.



The basic Gull Chaser consists of three specially colored marine ropes with florescent pennants evenly spaced along the length of each rope. There are marine grade metal snap hooks on the ends of each rope. This facilitates the ease of attachment to the cleats both fore and aft of your boat.



The primary objective of the **Gullsweep®** is to make gulls uncomfortable so they will select another roosting sight.

One "do-it-yourself" method that seems to work is running 100# mono fish line around the perimeter of the top. As per the enclosed picture, the line is supported by 10-in. pieces of 1/8 SS rod with a stainless steel washer brazed to one end and a SS hose clamp brazed to the other. The total cost was less than \$20, and there is little maintenance.



Private Dock Numbers

Pymatuning State Park is discontinuing the use of the three digit dock number plates. From now on, all private docks will be required to have their Space Number (Located in the top right corner of your agreement. Ex: 14-27A) written on the dock in some legible manner and the yearly dock sticker affixed near it. The preferred method is address stickers on a hard surfaced plaque. However, you may use stickers, paint, or any other method of affixing your number. Numbers must be at least 3 inches by 1 inch and easily legible. The yearly sticker requires a hard, smooth surface to adhere properly. Numbers should be readily apparent from either a boat on the water and/or the shoreline approach.

Examples:

- ❖ Use a piece of aluminum sheeting like is used for street signs. Attach reflective address stickers that you can purchase at a hardware store. There are stickers with a reflective white rectangle with a black number printed on them. Leave a space for your yearly dock sticker. About 1.5 inch square is enough room.
- ❖ Above example may be used with a substitution of Plexiglass, or hard plastic for the backing. Also there are many types and styles of sticker numbers available. Just be sure that the number and background are contrasting colors, and the numbers meet the size requirement.
- ❖ An economical alternative is a wood 4x1 board sanded smooth and painted a solid color. A high gloss, outdoor, latex paint should provide an acceptable surface for the stickers. Numbers can either be purchased stickers, or can be painted on in a contrasting color. This example may need more regular maintenance to make sure the paint does not flake or chip and cause the yearly sticker to fall off or the numbers to become illegible.
- ❖ You may also paint your number directly on your dock. Be sure it is in a contrasting color and meets the size requirement. Then just provide a place for your yearly sticker. If you still have your old dock number plate, flip it over to the blank side and stick your sticker on it.

Any of these examples is acceptable along with other methods you may come up with. As long as it meets the requirements, is maintained as legible, and holds the yearly sticker, it will be acceptable to the Park.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. My Brother just passed away this winter and the boat is in both our names. Can I keep our spot in the marina?
- A. Not if the space was in his name, but you can get on the waiting list for a new space. It will probably not be the same space.
- Q. I want to moor my Ohio registered boat and I was told there is a space open. What do I do?
- A. If your boat is registered in Ohio you need to change the registration to Pennsylvania by going to a boat dealer and doing the correct paper work. When this is done you can get on a waiting list or pay for a space in an area with no waiting list.
- Q. My husband passed away this winter and I would like to continue to have the mooring space so that my kids can use the boat. Can I keep my spot?
- A. Yes, you can keep your spot. When a spouse dies the mooring spot can be sold to the other spouse.
- Q. My neighbor said he no longer wants to use his boat so he sold the boat to me. I want to keep the boat in the same mooring space.
- A. Spaces do not transfer with a boat, and you may not transfer a space to a neighbor. If there is a waiting list in the mooring area, you can get on it, but you will probably not get the same space. If there is no waiting list you can pay for the space and keep it.
- Q. I have my boat moored in Espyville and want to transfer to Jamestown. Can I get on the transfer list?
- A. Transfers are only done within the same marina or within the same mooring area. You will need to get on a waiting list if you want to change areas.
- Q. I want to sell my cottage and the only way the party will buy it is if they get the mooring space that I presently have. I want to change the name on my spot so they can have it because they are going to buy the boat also.
- A. You may not transfer, sell, or bequeath a space. The new owner must get on the waiting list.
- Q. I am moving out of the area but want to keep my boat in its mooring space, so I need the permit application mailed to Florida next year.
- A. If the boat is staying in your name we can change your address in the system. You will be charged the non-resident rate. If you sell your boat and do not replace it, you must give up the space.
- Q. I have an unpowered sailboat the does not have a registration number on it. What information do I need to give you?
- A. You can give us the hull identification number along with the make and size. If you can't locate the hull ID, we may be able to make other arrangements.

Q. I only want a dock. Do I need a mooring space or can I just pay for my dock?

A. A mooring space must be paid for first. This permits you to keep your boat at a specific space on the shoreline. If you want to put a dock in the water, you must pay for the mooring space first, and then pay the additional dock fee.

Q. My neighbor is on the waiting list, but would like to have his boat in this year. Can he use my space?

A. No, but he may share your dock. However, he will not have renewal rights to the space. He may only renew as long as you keep your space.

Q. I would like to let someone share my dock. What do I need to do?

A. Just give us written notification by mail, in person, or email (if we have your email on file in our system) giving them permission to share.

Q. I don't want my neighbor to share my dock anymore. What do I need to do?

A. Just give us written notification by mail, in person, or email (if we have your email on file in our system) stating that they no longer have permission. We will not renew their space.