



Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention: LSA Watercraft Controlled Access Entry and Cleaning Pilot Program

Introduction

- Watercraft are considered the greatest risk of introducing an Aquatic Invasive Species into a water body due to their mobility and ability to transport organisms over long distances quickly. This is particularly true for recreational boats which are often moved between waterbodies by their owners without taking appropriate precautionary cleaning measures.
- 52% of the 2024 LSA Aquatic Invasive Species Questionnaires returned by members support a more aggressive approach towards implementation of countermeasures associated with AIS prevention for Lake Summerset.

Program Description

- Implement a Pilot Program for the 2025 Boating Season (Calendar Year 2025) that would control entry and enforce cleaning protocols of motorized and non-motorized watercraft into Lake Summerset. This would include the following:
 1. All motorized and non-motorized watercraft should only enter Lake Summerset through the manual lane at the Main Guardhouse. Access into the community through any automated gate is not recommended and would be contradictory with the goals of this program.
 2. See **Exhibit 1** for the Entry Process and Procedure Specifics. The checklist card listed in the procedure definition provides a simple means for guardhouse staff to determine “Entry” or “No Entry” allowance of watercraft through the main gate and will also be used to develop a database of watercraft entries for future policy decisions.
 3. Any motorized or non-motorized watercraft not registered with Lake Summerset is prohibited from entry into the community. Members that own watercraft which are not used on Lake Summerset (due to member preference or size/HP restrictions) can request an “**Entry Only**” decal from the LSA Office which must be displayed toward

the stern on the port side of the watercraft. The issuing of the “Entry Only” decal does not require a full watercraft registration through the LSA Office where HP, length, state registration and proof of insurance are required. A record will be kept in YOTZ as to which members are issued the “Entry Only” decal. The presence of this decal on the watercraft will allow entry with minimum delay. Entry must still occur through the Manual Lane at the Guardhouse, but filling out the watercraft entry card will not be required. Any watercraft displaying an “Entry Only” decal is prohibited from use on Lake Summerset.

- Congestion at the Guardhouse due to this new proposal is not anticipated based on the number of members using their watercraft on waterways other than Lake Summerset (per the Aquatic Invasive Species Questionnaire data). Since this is a non-zero number, the risk to Lake Summerset is present due to this situation.

Timeline

1. Present proposal to Board for comments and feedback – August BOD Meeting
2. Revise proposal based on comments and suggestions and present it for approval at the November BOD Meeting.
3. If accepted, start a trial period in effect for the Calendar Year 2025 as of January 1st.

Exhibit 1

1.0	LSA WATERCRAFT ENTRY CARD PROCEDURE:		
1.1	ALL WATERCRAFT SHALL ENTER THRU THE LSA MAIN MANNED GATE.		
1.2	THE WATERCRAFT ENTRY QUESTIONNAIRE SHALL BE FILLED OUT PRIOR TO OR AT THAT TIME OF ENTRY BY THE ENTERING MEMBER, SERVICE PROVIDER OR GATE HOUSE GUARD.		
1.3	FILLED OUT FORMS SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE GUARD HOUSE FOR FUTURE DATA REDUCTION.		
1.4	FORMS SHALL BE AVAILABLE ON-LINE; OR PAPER COPIES SHALL BE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE, OR MAIN GATE GUARD HOUSE.		
1.5	WATERCRAFT ENTRY SHALL BE ALLOWED BASED ON APPROPRIATE WATERCRAFT ENTRY FORM RESPONSES.		
2.0	FOR NEW WATERCRAFT (PER QUESTIONNAIRE 2.1 and 2.2A), THEY SHALL BE ISSUED A TEMPORARY PASS UNTIL THEY ARE REGISTERED AT THE LSA OFFICE.		
3.0	THE MAIN GATE STAFF; THE LSA MANAGER; OR LSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' PRESIDENT; OR THEIR DESIGNEE MAY SUSPEND THIS PROCEDURE AS NEEDED IF THE MAIN GATE TRAFFIC BECOMES UNMANAGEABLE OR HAZARDOUS.		
4.0	DURING HOLIDAYS AND BUSY WEEKENDS, THE LSA FISH CONSERVATION COMMITTEE & LSA FISH CLUB SHALL ASSIST AT THE LSA BOAT WASH STATION.		
5.0	THIS PROCEDURE SHALL BE IN EFFECT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025		

**Below would be 2-sided, half-page 8-1/2” x 5-1/2” , landscape, card.
The procedure above is to add clarity to the process but would not be included on the card itself.**

LSA Watercraft Entry Procedures - Circle Answers to Questions that Apply			
1.1	Is this Watercraft Registered at LSA?	Yes -> (OK to Enter)	No -> (Go to Page 2)
1.2	Has This Watercraft Been Used on Any Waters Outside of Lake Summerset in the Last Week (7 Days)?	Yes -> (Go to 1.2A)	No -> (Go to Page 2)
1.2A	Has this Watercraft Been Cleaned After Using it on Any Waters Outside of Lake Summerset?	Yes -> (OK to Enter)	No -> (Go to 1.2B)
1.2B	This Watercraft Needs to Be Cleaned Immediately at the LSA Boat Washing Station Or Another Appropriate Facility Before Being Used on Lake Summerset.	Agree -> (OK to Enter)	Disagree -> (Entry Prohibited)
1.2C	Was The Member Able to Go Immediately to the LSA Boat Washing Station?	Yes	No
1.3	Type of Watercraft: <i>Speed Boat Pontoon Boat Fishing Boat Canoe/Kayak Paddle Board</i>		
Member or Marine Service Provider Signature		Lot #	Entry Date
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Questions Only for Boats Not Registered at LSA - Circle Answers to Questions that Apply			
2.1	Is this a New or Used Watercraft Recently Purchased By The Member?	Yes -> (Go to 2.2A)	No -> (Go to 2.2B)
2.2A	This Watercraft Cannot Be Used on Lake Summerset Until It Is Properly Registered at the LSA Office and Cleaned.	Agree -> (OK to Enter)	Disagree -> (Entry Prohibited)
2.2B	Is this a Borrowed Watercraft, Friends Watercraft or Relative's Watercraft?	Yes (Entry Prohibited per Redbook Rules)	
2.3	Type of Watercraft: <i>Speed Boat Pontoon Boat Fishing Boat Canoe/Kayak Paddle Board</i>		
Member or Marine Service Provider Signature		Lot #	Entry Date
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