



Supplemental Rules from the HOA

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What are zebra mussels and why should we care about them?



Zebra Mussels are an invasive, fingernail-sized mollusk that is native to fresh waters in Eurasia. Their name comes from the dark, zig-zagged stripes on each shell.

In the Midwest, they have destroyed boat engines, fouled beaches, and caused damage to boat ramps and docks. **Zebra Mussel** fecal material may also contribute to taste and odor problems in drinking water sources.

In large lakes that cannot be drained, it can cost as much as \$400,000 to treat a 265-acre lake with Zequinox Molluscicide every two years and it only has a 90% kill rate. Another treatment is Potash (Potassium-Rich Salt) in quantities so as not to kill off the aquatic life in the lake and is not a cure either.

Zebra Mussels were eradicated from Lake Zorinsky in 2010 by drawing down the lake and then it was refilled in 2011 and reopened in 2012. A long time to be without a lake at your home.

So if a **Zebra Mussel** is introduced by anyone's motorized or non-motorized watercraft, this could happen to Still Water Lake—if the lake could even be drained since it is fed by spring water.

Zebra Mussels can survive out of **the water for up to 30 days**; can produce millions of eggs in a spawning season; can eat significant amounts of plankton, reducing biodiversity and competition; can hold on to one another with byssal threads; and can colonize soft surfaces like inflatable toys and SUP boards.

One of the most damaging impacts of Zebra Mussels is that they filter out algae needed for food by native species. Beyond that ecosystem impact, there are several other ways **Zebra Mussels** negatively affect the environment they invade: Cause cuts and scrapes for pets and people enjoying the lake.

How can the spread of zebra mussels be prevented?

It is imperative that everyone follows the rules of the lake's use with regard to all watercraft. Even SUP boards, kayaks, canoes, floats, etc., can harbor **Zebra Mussels**.

We also encourage good hygiene for your non-motorized watercraft and toys. It is impossible to police every non-motorized watercraft (SUP Boards, Kayaks, Canoes, Pedal Boats) or floating toys, so it will be part of each HOA Members responsibility to make sure no non-motorized watercraft or toys are introduced into the lake without first being inspected by the lot or homeowner for **Zebra Mussels**.

Other Information about Zebra Mussel Prevention:

- ⇒ The **Zebra Mussels** don't like sand, because there's nothing they can attach to, so remove any branches, logs, concrete or asphalt pieces you find in the lake to reduce possible habitat.
- ⇒ Increasing fish which have been shown to feed on zebra muscles (200–2" Red Eared Sunfish or 5,000–10" Blue Catfish) is another possible preventive measure.



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NO Guest Non-Motorized or Motorized Watercraft Allowed:

Guest non-motorized or motorized watercraft are NOT ALLOWED on the Still Water Lake. There are no exceptions to this rule. Only watercraft owned and under the control of lot and homeowners will be allowed in the Lake.

GENERAL LAKE RULES

- ⇒ Swimmers should not swim past their docks or 25' from their shoreline and are **prohibited** from swimming across the lake.
- ⇒ Swimmers **always** have right of way over any SUP Boards, Kayaks, Canoes, Electric Pontoon or Fishing Boats, and Pedal Boats.
- ⇒ All motorized watercraft need to be courteous to people using SUP Boards, Canoes, Kayaks, and Pedal Boats. SUP Boards, Canoes, Kayaks, and Pedal Boats should stay near the shore lines and out of the path of motorized watercraft.
- ⇒ All watercraft, docks, lifts, and dock or lift parts must not have been in any other lakes within the previous 6 months. If these items have been in any other body of water within the above time frame, they must be certified "clean". Failure to abide by this rule may subject you to a \$5,000 fine and the loss of lake privileges for 12 months from the time the fine is paid.
- ⇒ Double-ups (making a sharp turn and re-crossing one's wake to create a bigger wake) are **NOT ALLOWED**.
- ⇒ Pulling people behind boats and/or towlines are **NOT ALLOWED**.
- ⇒ Private Buoys, platforms, diving floats, trampolines, etc., shall not be placed in the lake without prior written approval from the Design Review Board ("DRB"). Any said items placed without approval will be removed.
- ⇒ Small "lily pads," "Maui mats," or other temporary floating devices near the shoreline are acceptable provided they do not interfere with traffic flow on the lake.
- ⇒ A Non-motorized or motorized watercraft should never go inside a private buoy swimming area. A **\$100 Fine** will be assessed if this activity is observed.
- ⇒ Use extreme caution when the lake is icy.
- ⇒ Each lot owner is allowed the following recreational vehicles at Still Water Lake:
 - a. One Electric or Gas Boat
 - b. One UTV or ATV.
- ⇒ **NO** parasailing or kite surfing is permitted.
- ⇒ Jet Skis are **prohibited**.
- ⇒ During peak usage times and dates, the HOA may limit owners to only one non-motorized or motorized watercraft on the water at the designated time.
- ⇒ All watercraft including SUP Boards, Canoes, Kayaks, and Pedal Boats should have the Lot number on them in 3" tall letters. Should put your Lot Number on anything that may blow into the lake so it is identified for the owner so it may be returned to the rightful owner.

Installing Docks/Platforms:

- ⇒ An 8' x 12' dock will be allowed parallel to the rear lot line at Still Water Lake. A 12' x 12' platform is allowed parallel to the rear lot line to allow for fishing, swimming, or ease of use for SUP Boards, Kayaks, Canoes, or Pedal Boats.



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Non-Motorized/Motorized Watercraft:

- ⇒ All Boat type watercrafts must have a US Coast Guard approved life saving device (Type I, II, or III) for each person on board and at least one throwable flotation device (Type IV).
- ⇒ All non-motorized and motorized watercraft (SUPs, Canoes, Kayaks, Electric Pontoon and Fishing Boats, and Pedal Boats, etc.) need to be courteous to people swimming in the lake. SUP Boards, Canoes, Kayaks, Electric Pontoon and Fishing Boats, and Pedal Boats should stay in the middle of shore lines and out of the path of swimmers.
- ⇒ All non-motorized watercraft operation will be in a counterclockwise direction.
- ⇒ SUP Boards, Canoes, Kayaks, and Pedal Boats **cannot** be on the water after sunset or before sunrise.
- ⇒ Electric Pontoon and Fishing Boats **cannot** be on the water after two (2) hours after sunset or (2) hours before sunrise.
- ⇒ Wash your non-motorized watercraft and toys off with warm, soapy water and inspect items before introducing them into the lake.
- ⇒ **A 2% chlorine bleach solution** is effective at killing **Zebra Mussels** when cleaning non-motorized watercraft equipment or other gear away from the lake.
- ⇒ Hard-side watercraft should be cleaned with high-temperature (140°F) pressure washers if you suspect you had a **Zebra Mussel** on the hull.

5HP Gas or Electric Pontoon and Fishing Boats—14 Feet:

- ⇒ Maximum 5 HP Gas or Electric Pontoon or Fishing Boat length is 14 feet.
- ⇒ Electric Pontoon Boats and Fishing Boats with small Battery Operated Trolling motors are allowed for fishing, subject to limitations as set forth in this Supplemental Rules document.
- ⇒ Do not transport water from live wells or bait buckets from one water body to another; empty them onto land when possible and dispose of leftover bait in the trash. Most often the bait fish are not native to that water, just like the **Zebra Mussels**.
- ⇒ It is required that trolling motors on Fishing Boats be Electric.
- ⇒ Speed in the lake is always **No Wake (5 MPH)**.
- ⇒ If on the lake at night, all Electric Pontoon or Fishing Boats must use appropriate lights.
- ⇒ Fishing Boats are discouraged during Holiday weekends or other periods of high lake traffic. Homeowners will be expected to use a commonsense approach to this restriction.

Electric Pontoon or Fishing Boat and UTV/ATV Registration:

Please use the HOA Information Form to send the SWL HOA your contact/ mailing information and return it with your Electric Pontoon, Fishing Boat, or UTV/ATV information to the SWL HOA for processing.



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Please mail with your form, your proof of Electric Pontoon or Fishing Boat and UTV/ATV insurance as well as your one million dollar (\$1,000,000) Umbrella Liability insurance listing Still Water Lake Homeowners Association, Inc. (and their officers and directors), Still Water Lake, LLC (Declarant and their officers and directors), and Hampton Development Services, Inc. (and their officers and directors) as additional insured on your policy in order to use the lake to cpserros@comcast.net. Once the Subdivision is turned over to the residents, Hampton Development Services will no longer need to be listed as additional insured.

- ⇒ **All Motorized Watercraft must purchase an SWL sticker for \$50 and stick it either on the starboard or port side of their watercraft along with their Lot Number - 3" tall.**
- ⇒ **Proof of all required Pontoon or Fishing Boat and UTV/ATV insurance and umbrella liability insurance will be required prior to obtaining the Still Water Lake approval to splash your Electric Pontoon or Fishing Boat.** You must submit your Umbrella Liability insurance certificate in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000). Article 1—Restrictions and Covenants, Paragraph 30 also states, "Each Lot Owner is required to carry an umbrella liability policy, as outlined in the Association's Rules and Regulations, naming Still Water Lake Homeowners Association, Inc.; Still Water Lake, LLC (the Declarant), and Hampton Development Services, Inc.; and each entities respective officers and directors as additional insureds."
- ⇒ You must have your Nebraska DMV Boat License ID on your Electric Pontoon or Fishing Boat per Nebraska boating regulations. Visit the Nebraska Boating Regulation website: <https://outdoornebraska.gov/boatingregulations/> and become familiar with all boating regulations.

Corrective System for Violations of Lake Rules:

1st Offense: Warning

2nd Offense: \$100 Fine

3rd Offense in one season: Suspension of Lake Privileges for the rest of the season. Reinstatement by written application made to the Board.

Crossing a private swim area marked by private buoys: \$100 Fine

Zebra Mussel Rules Offense: \$5,000 Fine plus lose lake privileges for 12 months which starts when the fine is paid.