

LAKE ANGELUS BOAT LAUNCH CHECKLIST

Please call the LAPD, at 248-332-1220 in order to launch your boat. They will meet you at the boat ramp, complete the checklist, and vessels that meet the criteria will be allowed access. Please allow 20 minutes advance notice.

REQUIREMENTS

Please see michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/boating/rules-and-regs for a complete handbook

- Registration Certificate, to a resident of Lake Angelus, on board vessel for current year
- Display of registration numbers – at least 3” high, block letters and of contrasting color
- Display of CURRENT registration sticker following the registration numbers. If your sticker shows the current year, it expired in March of this year.
- Accessible, USCG approved, Personal Flotation Device (PFD).
 - 16’ powerboat – 1 wearable PFD (Type 1,2 or 3) for each person and 1 throwable (type 4) cushion or ring buoy USCG approved
 - Powerboat less than 16’ a type 1,2,3 or 4, for each person
- Fire Extinguisher – 1 type B-1 USCG approved
- Ventilation (power vent or free flow)
- Backfire Flame Control (usually over the carburetor) for inboards and inboard-outboards
- Sound Producing Device: horn or bell (for boats 16’ and longer)
- Navigation Lights: Red/Green bow and a white stern all around (360 degrees)
- Bilge – clean and free of debris
- Don't forget your drain plug!

PERMITTED WATERCRAFT

- A watercraft (other than pontoon boats) powered by an inboard internal combustion, four-cycle engine, provided that such watercraft shall not exceed 25 feet in length or exceed 6,100 pounds dry weight.
- A watercraft powered by electric motor.
- Pontoon boats powered by an inboard four-cycle engine or pontoon boats powered by one outboard four-cycle, CARB 3-STAR rating or better, maximum 200 horsepower engine.

PROHIBITED: Watercraft powered by diesel engines, two-cycle engines, outboard motors (other than mentioned above), or jet pumps, personal watercraft (including all jet skis), and houseboats. No boats shall be used for commercial purposes.

LAKE ANGELUS BOATING RULES

ABBREVIATED - TO SEE FULL TEXT VISIT LAKEANGELUS.ORG/BOATING-SAFETY

In addition to the Marine Safety Act, Lake Angelus has adopted its own set of ordinances and rules to assure enjoyment of the lake in a safe manner.

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HOURS OF OPERATION

No power-driven boat shall be operated in excess of a slow, no-wake speed before 9 a.m. and after 8 p.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day and before 9 a.m. and after 7 p.m. after Labor Day to Memorial Day. Skiers may use the slalom course after 7 a.m. on weekdays and after 8 a.m. on weekends, but must proceed to and from the slalom course at a slow, no-wake speed.

NO WAKE

Boats operating in wake-surfing mode, using the boat speed, wave shapers, and/or ballast are used to increase wave height should operate at least 500 feet from docks or the shoreline, regardless of water depth, as recommended in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Report 37 (July 2023). The City recommends that residents please use the current buoy configuration of markers approximately 500 feet from shore, which is maintained by the Lake Angelus Yacht Club, as target markers and surf lanes for all wake boat operators

It is prohibited to operate any vessel in excess of a slow, no-wake speed within 200 feet of any shore, dock, raft, marked or occupied swimming area, or any other vessel moored at anchor, except when water skiers are being picked up or dropped off with due regard for the safety of persons or property on an otherwise lawful manner.

Boats with full ballast are encouraged to remain over 300 feet off shore whenever possible.

GUESTS / NON-RESIDENTS

- No Lake Angelus resident shall allow anyone, other than immediate family, to access the Lake, in any season, without being accompanied by a resident.
- Lake Angelus residents are prohibited from allowing guests to launch boats onto the Lake. For purposes of this rule, Lake Angelus residents shall be considered as: (1) the owner of the Lake Angelus property along with the owners' family members residing with the owner at the Lake Angelus property, or (2) the occupant of the Lake Angelus property along with the occupant's family members residing with the occupant at the Lake Angelus property where such occupant has possession and access to the property by virtue of a lease, in which case the owner of the property shall be prohibited from launching or using boats on the Lake during the time of such lease term.

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SAFE OPERATION

- Lake Angelus adheres to Michigan's "counterclockwise rotation" inland lake rules.
- State and Coast Guard "Rules of the Road" must be followed for everyone's safety. For your convenience see: www.boat-ed.com/assets/pdf/handbook/mi_handbook_entire.pdf
- Carbon monoxide "cloud" and propeller dangers are very real. Everyone should be seated when the boat is in operation, no one should be hanging on the transom and you should always turn the engine off when passengers are preparing for watersports.
- Be sure the way is clear ahead of you and, remember, sailboats have the "Right of Way".
- Navigation lights must be turned on at sunset. Dock lights should only be used while pulling up to the dock.
- Life jackets must be available for everyone on board and must be worn by those skiing, surfing, wakeboarding, tubing, etc.
- Maritime law has always held the captain responsible for safety and wake damage.
- It is illegal and extremely dangerous to operate a boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Remember to always have a dedicated spotter when towing someone. Even when not doing watersports it is advisable to have a designated individual to provide another set of eyes.
- The racing of powerboats is prohibited. No powerboat may be operated in excess of 35 miles per hour.
- It is every boater's responsibility to know and follow federal and state laws that apply to inland lakes, as well as, Lake Angelus Boating Rules.

MAINTENANCE ETC

- All powerboats must be maintained and operated in such a manner as to avoid excessive noise, smoke or fumes which would be objectionable to a person of ordinary sensibilities and to avoid the leaking or discharge of oil or fuel into the waters of the lake.
- No boats, including power boats, sailing boats, canoes, kayaks and any other vessels shall be launched onto the Lake without cleaning the bottom of such boats and disposing of any bilge water from such boats which may potentially introduce adverse invasive species into the waters of Lake Angelus.
- Lake Angelus rules and Michigan and Federal laws require MC numbers to be displayed, and registrations must be up-to-date and on board. It's the law.
- Unless State law provides a more severe penalty, violation of any of the Lake Angelus Boating Rules shall be a Municipal Civil Infraction.

IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT ALL BOATERS HAVE PROPER SAFETY EQUIPMENT ON BOARD MICHIGAN LAW AUTHORIZES POLICE OFFICERS TO INSPECT BOATS FOR THAT PURPOSE. OUR OFFICERS WILL BE PERFORMING SAFETY INSPECTIONS PERIODICALLY THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER. IF YOU ARE STOPPED, PLEASE BE COURTEOUS AND COOPERATIVE, AS OUR OFFICERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO BE COURTEOUS, FAIR AND POLITE.