

SUBJECT: BOAT RULES CLARIFICATION (please add to your "red book") April 2005
TO: GHA Homeowners
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Now that the lake is open and the 2005 boating season is about to begin, its time to reacquaint ourselves with some of our boating rules.

BOAT LENGTH We are bound by the LMCD (Lake Minnetonka Conservation District) Rules and Regulations regarding boat length. The complete rule is included below for your review. The LMCD rule limits any of our boats put in place post-1998 to a maximum of 24 feet. However, their definition for boat length is LOA or length overall. This is not the same definition that the manufacturers use for their documentation nor it is the same definition that is used by the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for your boating registration. The LMCD includes such things as swim platforms, bowsprits, outboard motors etc. in their definition of length. In simple terms, if you were to cover your boat with a box so that everything on the boat was fully covered by that box, the LMCD definition of LOA would be the inside lengthwise measurement of that box.

LMCD Code of Ordinances Rules and Regulations
Sec.2.001 (Rev 6-99) Chapter II subd. 9. Watercraft Length Limitation

Subd. 9. Watercraft Length Limitation. a) It is a condition of all dock licenses issued for docks which are reconfigured under this section after June 5, 1998, that all watercraft stored at an authorized boat storage unit (BSU) location must comply with the length limitations of this subdivision. No watercraft may be stored at any boat storage unit (BSU) location which has a length overall (LOA) which exceeds the following limitations: 1) for boat storage units enclosed by a slip with an end and two sides, the length of the longer side, including licensed dolphin poles, plus four feet; and 2) for all other boat storage units, the length of the side of the boat storage unit location at the dock which is parallel to the longitudinal axis of the watercraft, including licensed dolphin poles, plus four feet. However, for any boat storage unit the Board may specify a different length limitation at the time of approval or renewal of a multiple dock license if the Board concludes that the lengths specified in paragraph a) and b) above are not appropriate. In addition to the watercraft limitations specified in this subdivision, all watercraft must be stored completely within the authorized dock use area of the site.

b) For purposes of this subdivision, LOA means the horizontal measurement from the foremost to the aftermost points of the watercraft, including all equipment and attachments in their normal operation positions.

VISITOR'S DOCK This dock is to be used for temporary loading and unloading of passengers. According to LMCD Rules the visitors dock is not considered to be a BSU (Boat Storage Unit) and therefore we can not have overnight docking. All of our BSU assignments require the presence and use of boatlifts. Exceptions to this policy (i.e. extenuating circumstances) will be left to the discretion of the Dock Director.

Subd. 8. Specification of Boat Storage Units.

a) Specification of Boat Storage Units (BSUs). At the time of the issuance of a license pursuant to this section, all authorized Boat Storage Units (BSUs) at the licensed facility will be specified by number on a copy of the dock or mooring area plan for the facility.

b) **Storage Rule.** No watercraft may be kept, stored, tied or moored except at the location of a Boat Storage Unit designated Sec. 2.03, Subd. 8 c) (Rev. 10-99) as such on a current license issued pursuant to this section, and no facilities requiring a license under this Section may be used to keep, store, tie or moor a greater number of watercraft than the total number of designated Boat Storage Units for that facility.

