

RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE WOLCOTT LAND CONSERVATION TRUST, INC.
FOR HITCHCOCK LAKE

The following Rules and Regulations govern the use of the Hitchcock Lakes and Hitchcock Lake properties also known as the Hitchcock Reservoir Parcels. These Rules and Regulations were put into effect on June 16, 2008. They were revised and approved on March 18, 2013 and again on November 17, 2014 by the Wolcott Land Conservation Trust, Inc. Board of Directors. ***All changes are in bold and italicized.*** Any inquiries, notification or correspondence concerning the above properties should be directed to:

WOLCOTT LAND CONSERVATION TRUST, INC.
PO BOX 6004
WOLCOTT, CT 06716

QUIET TIME

1. ***No internal combustion powered craft is allowed on the lakes between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Only motorized boats that are solely electric powered are allowed on the lakes during Quiet Time. They are not to exceed minimum steerage speed. This rule is in effect from Memorial Day through Labor Day (inclusive).***

BOATS, JET SKIS, BOATING—***All craft powered by a motor of any type.***

1. No public launching of boats is permitted.
2. Guest craft are not allowed.
3. No commercial use of the lakes is permitted.
4. ***Operation of amphibious craft, aircraft and airboats on the lakes is prohibited.***
5. No wake is permitted from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise..
6. All boating activity is done at the user's risk.
7. ***Water-skiing, tubing, etc., is forbidden after 7:00 PM until sunrise and when visibility is restricted to less than 100 yards.***
8. For safety, all power craft must travel in a counter clockwise direction.
9. ***Jet skis must abide by the "Slow-Jet Ski No Wake" buoys.***
10. ***All boaters must comply with safety buoys and the current State of Connecticut Boater's Guide.***
11. ALL BOATS AND POWERCRAFT must be washed down thoroughly prior to entering the lake in order to prevent the spread of Eurasian Water Milfoil and Zebra Mussels, which are very invasive and are a dangerous threat to the health of our lake.
12. Do not top off tanks when filling to avoid spillover into the water.
13. Boaters must read and follow all rules of the ***current*** Connecticut Boater's Guide.

BOATS, JET SKIS, BOATING—***All craft powered by a motor of any type, Continued***

14. ***All craft powered by a motor of any type must display an official Hitchcock Lake Improvement Association Annual Registration Sticker.***
 - a) ***Each lakefront property owner may register with the HLIA no more than two internal combustion powered (gas/diesel) motorized crafts.***

- b) Multiple property ownership does not entitle the property owner to register more than two internal combustion powered motorized crafts with the HLIA.
- c) Co-ownership on a state registration is considered part of the two internal combustion motorized crafts allowed per lakefront property owner.
- d) Lakefront tenants are allowed to register no more than two internal combustion powered motorized crafts with the HLIA as long as the tenants are HLIA dues paying members, have the internal combustion powered motorized crafts state-registered solely in their names, and are granted written permission from the lakefront property owner.
- e) **All motorized crafts** must be state-registered to a Hitchcock Lake resident with lakefront property or deeded right-of-way, and a HLIA dues paying member.
- f) Property owners with a deeded right-of-way can register a boat and have access to the lake, but cannot moor or place a boat on a right-of-way or construct a dock on a right-of-way. Boats must be docked at a lakefront property owner’s dock. No mooring is allowed on Hitchcock Lake.
- g) **HLIA registration sticker request for all motorized craft (including electric powered boats) must be accompanied by:**
 - A **copy or image** of an annual State Vessel Registration for the current year.
 - A **copy or image** of current Certificate of Insurance showing liability coverage for each vessel or craft registered.
 - A signed statement that all of the current Rules and Regulations of the Wolcott Land Conservation Trust, Inc. for Hitchcock Lake have been read by each watercraft operator with a certificate.
 - Each request for registration sticker must be accompanied by the current annual registration fee **payable** to Hitchcock Lake Improvement Association.
 - A **copy or image** of a Safe Boating Certificate is required for the use of a boat from all watercraft operators in the household in order to receive a boating sticker.
 - A **copy or image** of a Personal Watercraft Certificate is required for the use of a jet ski from all watercraft operators in the household in order to receive a boating sticker.
 - All registration sticker **information must be submitted to HLIA.**
Hitchcock Lake Improvement Association
PO Box 6224
Wolcott, CT 06716

BOATS, JET SKIS, BOATING— All craft powered by a motor of any type, Continued

- Stickers can only be obtained **during the** registration periods to be announced by the Hitchcock Lake Improvement Association.

15. Official HLIA sticker must be displayed on the starboard (right-steering wheel) side of the craft, to the LEFT of the State of Connecticut registration numbers, prior to launching the craft.

Example:



16. **All motorized craft** not displaying a current valid Hitchcock Lake Hitchcock Improvement Association registration sticker will be considered in violation and barred from the lakes.
17. The Hitchcock Lake Improvement Association year will run through April 30th of the following year. Failure to register **all motorized crafts** will constitute a violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Wolcott Land Conservation Trust, Inc. for Hitchcock Lake and these crafts will be barred from the lakes.
18. **All non-motorized craft should display the HLIA non-motorized sticker. These numerical identification stickers are available for free from the HLIA and help identify the owner of stray or lost boats.**
19. Enforcement
 - a) The Hitchcock Lake Improvement Association and/or the Town of Wolcott Police Department will enforce all Rules and Regulations **and all relevant State of Connecticut boating laws and regulations.**
 - b) Misuse of stickers will result in the revocation of the sticker and all privileges associated with the same by the Board of Directors of the Hitchcock Lake Improvement Association for the remainder of the registration year.
 - c) Any misuse of a vessel may result in the revocation of the sticker and all privileges associated with the sticker until reissued by the Board of Directors of the Hitchcock Lake Improvement Association.
 - d) Misuse is defined as:
 - Not abiding by the Rules and Regulations of Hitchcock Lake.
 - Not abiding by the current State of Connecticut boating laws and regulations or by acting in such a way so as to endanger or put at risk themselves or others on the lake.

SWIMMING

1. Use of all Wolcott Land Conservation Trust, Inc. property is at the user's risk.
2. Extreme caution should be exercised when diving into any area of the lakes, especially from docks, rafts, beaches, shore, rocks or boats.
3. It is suggested that swimming be limited to areas near docks, beaches, rafts, etc.

SWIMMING-----Continued

4. There is to be no unattended swimming of the width or length of the lakes without the accompaniment of an escort craft (except during quiet time).
5. From one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise, swimming is limited to areas near docks, beaches, rafts, etc. due to reduced visibility.

CAMPING & FISHING

1. Camping on Wolcott Land Conservation Trust, Inc. property is prohibited.
2. Fires on Wolcott Land Conservation Trust, Inc. property are prohibited.
3. All State of Connecticut fishing regulations must be obeyed.

WINTER ACTIVITES

1. Any winter activity on the lakes is at the user's risk.
2. Fires on Wolcott Land Conservation Trust, Inc. property, including frozen lake surfaces, are prohibited.

3. Snowmobiles and all other motorized or motor driven crafts and vehicles are prohibited on frozen lake surfaces.
4. The use of dock bubblers is prohibited on Hitchcock Lake.
5. The WLCT reserves the right to limit or restrict any emerging technology which may affect the safety or quality of Hitchcock Lake or its residents.

NOISE LEVELS

1. All State of Connecticut laws regarding noise levels must be obeyed.

DOCKS, BOAT LIFTS, RAFTS AND WALLS

1. Written approval must be obtained from the Board of Directors of the Wolcott Land Conservation Trust, Inc. in order to place docks, walls, or any object in or on the water, which is Wolcott Land Conservation Trust, Inc. property. A permit must be obtained from *the Inland Wetlands Department, Building Department and Planning and Zoning Department* before any construction can take place on Wolcott Land Conservation Trust, Inc. property or adjacent property.
 - a) *Any requests for work to be done along the shoreline that requires the need for the lake drawdown must be received by the WLCT by September 1.*
2. *Docks are limited to a width no greater than 20% of lakefront property footage. Minimum width is 3 feet and maximum width is 24 feet. Maximum length allowed is 20 feet.*
3. No new docks will be approved with Styrofoam as the mode of floatation.
4. *Boat lifts must be approved by the WLCT; boat lifts must be adjacent and attached to a dock or to the shore above the high water mark.*

DOCKS, BOAT LIFTS, RAFTS AND WALLS----Continued

5. *Boat lift canopies can only be installed over boat lifts and must be approved by the WLCT and must have written approval from all neighbors whose sightlines to the lake would be affected.*
6. It is the responsibility of the individual property owners to maintain their waterfront structures in a safe manner *or remove them if they are in disrepair or unsafe.*
7. Floating trampoline or floatation devices must adhere to dock guidelines, not to exceed 20 feet from the shore. Safe usage is the responsibility of the property owner.

LANDFILL

1. Filling the lakes with or dumping of soil, sand, rocks or any other matter into the lakes to extend property or for any other reason is forbidden.
2. No extensions of or additions to walls for the purpose of extending property are permitted.
3. No drainage of any sort is to be directed towards or into the lakes without the express permission of the Board of Directors of the Wolcott Land Conservation Trust, Inc. and the Hitchcock Lake Improvement Association.

ENVIRONMENT

1. Disposing of any oils, fertilizers, pesticides, soaps or any other foreign matter into storm drains or directly into the lakes is prohibited.
2. Blowing, mowing, raking or dumping of grass clippings or leaves into the lakes is prohibited.