

# Loon Lake

## New York State and the Town of Chester Navigation Laws and Regulations



### All Motorized Vessels:

- ◆ Must be outfitted with safety equipment required by NYS Law.
- ◆ Serviceable whistle or horn must be on board.
- ◆ Registration numbers and current validation stickers need to be properly displayed.
- ◆ Registrations must be on board.
- ◆ Anyone being towed; e.g. wakeboarders, skiers and tubers, must wear a PFD.
- ◆ Operating an overloaded vessel is both dangerous and illegal.
- ◆ Operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs is both dangerous and illegal.
- ◆ Operation within **500ft. of the Public Swim Area** is prohibited unless leaving or returning to a docking area.
- ◆ Vessels can not anchor, moor or recreate on the waters within **100 feet of the shoreline, docks or swim platforms**. Exceptions: a vessel that is fishing and for emergency use.
- ◆ Vessel engaging in any towing activity (e.g. water skiing, tubing, wakeboarding and wakesurfing) must stay a **minimum of 200 feet from any shoreline, dock, swim platform or anchored vessel** unless leaving or returning to a launching or docking area.
- ◆ **General speed Limit is 45 MPH.**

### Motorized Boats:

- ◆ The speed limit **5 mph** when operating **100ft.** from the shoreline, docks, and swim platforms and anchored vessels.
- ◆ Must have a US Coast Guard life jacket (PFD) for each person on board.
- ◆ Any operator or passenger less than 12 years of age, must wear a PFD.
- ◆ All towing activities; e.g. wakeboarders, skiers and tubers require a spotter at least 10 years of age.
- ◆ Operator must be at least 10 years age and have met the requirements to obtain a Boating Safety Certificate in accordance to Brianna's Law. **Boating Safety Certificate** must be carried on board.
- ◆ Riding on the bow or any area that is not equipped with fixed seating is illegal and dangerous.
- ◆ **Navigation lights** must be on when operating between sunset and sunrise.

### Personal Water Craft:

- ◆ The speed limit is **5 mph** when operating within **200ft.** from the shoreline, docks, swim platforms and anchored vessels.
- ◆ The lake is open to PWC operation from **9:00am to 7:00pm.**
- ◆ Operator must be at least 14 years of age and have met the requirements to obtain a Boating Safety Certificate in accordance to Brianna's Law. **Boating Safety Certificate** must be carried on board.
- ◆ PWC must be rated for at least three persons (operator, observer and skier/tuber) in order to engage in towing activities. Observer must be 10 years or older.
- ◆ Operator must wear a US Coast Guard approved PFD (like jacket) with a **lanyard engine CUT-OFF** attached.
- ◆ All passengers must wear a PFD.
- ◆ Purposely and unnecessary wake jumping of another vessel is prohibited.

# Town of Chester Boat Launch Hours of Operation ~ 2023 Season

**Mother's Day thru June 14<sup>th</sup> ♦ September 10<sup>th</sup> thru Columbus Day**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday ~ 7 AM to 6 PM

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday ~ 8 AM to 5 PM.

**June 15<sup>th</sup> thru September 9<sup>th</sup>**

7 AM to 6 PM

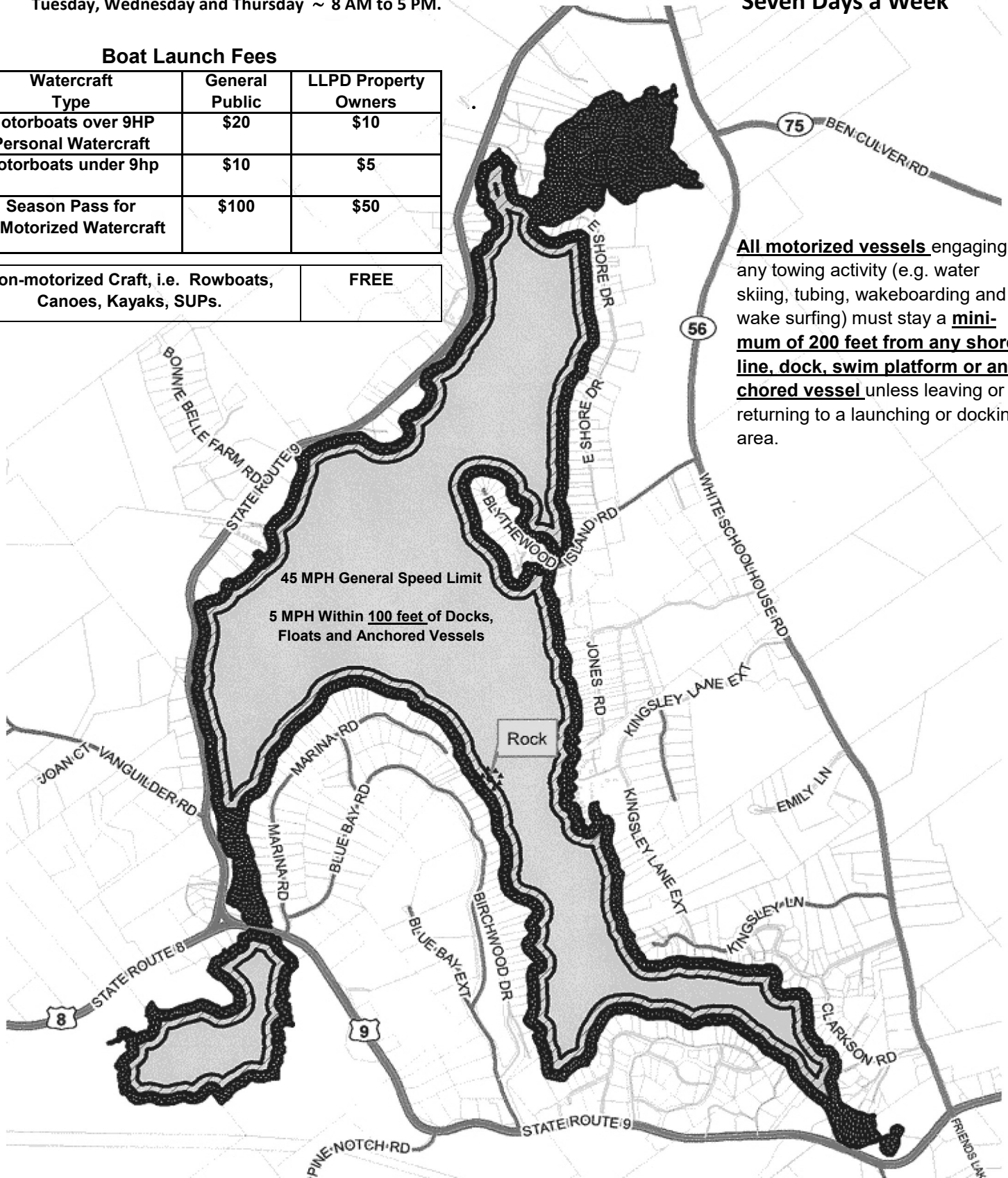
Seven Days a Week

## Boat Launch Fees

Watercraft Type	General Public	LLPD Property Owners
Motorboats over 9HP Personal Watercraft	\$20	\$10
Motorboats under 9hp	\$10	\$5
Season Pass for all Motorized Watercraft	\$100	\$50

Non-motorized Craft, i.e. Rowboats, Canoes, Kayaks, SUPs.	FREE
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45 MPH General Speed Limit

5 MPH Within 100 feet of Docks,  
Floats and Anchored Vessels

Rock

## Town of Chester - Loon Lake

- 5 MPH 100 Ft Motorized Boats Buffer
- 5 MPH 200 Ft PWC & Ski/Towing Buffer

TAX PARCELS  
 LOON LAKE

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