

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF WATERCRAFT IN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS ON MAY 16, 1977 BY RESOLUTION #R-77-5-171

BE IT RESOLVED by the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners that the following Rules and Regulations governing the use of watercraft in county parks and recreation areas are hereby adopted for the protection, regulation and control of parks, roads, driveways, sidewalks, paths, lakes, pools, fountains, trees, flowers, shrubs, statuary, buildings and other things contained in and upon property controlled by the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners.

1. No person shall use any watercraft propelled by internal combustion motors unless such use has been specifically designated and posted by signs indicating areas for such use.
2. No person shall launch any watercraft without a U.S. Coast Guard approved lifesaving device in serviceable condition for each occupant and all occupants under the age of twelve (12) years old must wear a preserver or jacket.
3. No person shall launch rafts, houseboats, propeller type air boats, hydroplanes, aquaplanes, boats designed or modified for racing, surfboards, inflatable devices, novelty craft, or any unseaworthy type craft.
4. No person shall load any watercraft with passengers or cargo beyond its safe carrying capacity, taking into consideration weather and other existing operating conditions.
5. No person shall swim or dive from any watercraft launching area or subsequent watercraft.
6. No person shall operate any watercraft in a reckless or negligent manner.
7. No person shall use or discharge any watercraft privy or sanitary waste disposal unit into waters under the jurisdiction of the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners.
8. No person shall moor their watercraft overnight in any area, except those designated as mooring areas.
9. No person shall launch, dock, or remove a watercraft in an area other than those designated as launching area.
10. No person shall operate a watercraft within one hundred (100) feet of dams, siphons, and towers, or areas marked by buoys which prohibit boating.
11. No watercrafts shall be operated during any part of the period between the one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, except by special permit or in special use areas designated by the Board of Recreation Commissioners.
12. No person under the age of fourteen (14) shall rent or lease any watercraft owned and operated by the Monmouth County Park System.
13. No food or drink shall be allowed on any boat.

THE ABOVE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

SAFETY SUGGESTIONS

- Do not overload a boat or canoe. Maximum canoe load -3 adults, maximum rowboat load -4 adult, maximum paddleboat load -2 adults and 1 child.
- Do not rock the boat. Canoes can be upset very easily by shifting weight from one side to the other.
- Do not leave a swamped boat. In case of an emergency and a boat should upset, stay with it and do not try to swim *ashore*. Call for help and wait to be rescued.

NOTE: Employees of the Board of Recreation Commissioners are vested with police authority and empowered to make arrest for violations of county park rules and regulations.

Rules applying to special conditions or situations within an individual park may be supplemental to the above. When special rules apply, they will be posted in the affected areas.

These rules and regulations are promulgated in accordance with provisions of New Jersey Revised Statutes Title 40, Chapter 12-6, which reads as follows:

“The Board of Recreation Commissioners shall have full control over all lands, playgrounds and recreation places acquired or leased under the provisions of Sections 40:12-1 to 40:12-9 of this title and may adopt suitable rules, regulations and by-laws for the use thereof, and the conduct of all persons while on or using the same; and any person who shall violate any such rules, regulations or by-laws shall be deemed and adjudged to be a disorderly person.”