## AVON LAKE BOAT CLUB, Inc.

## Rules and Regulations, REV: 01/18/2012; 03/24/2016;10/09/2019

## **General Information**

The Avon Lake Boat Club is a volunteer organization and therefore, it is the responsibility of each member to know the rules and to be active in the club by volunteering and supporting various club activities, including, but not limited to, active use of their watercraft, participation in work parties and community activities which includes ALBC representation.

## Members are responsible to provide contact information to the Secretary at the time dues are paid and when changes occur thereafter.

- 1.Membership dues is due by Feb 28th. Failure to pay dues by this date shall result in a \$50 fine and is due with the dues payment within 10 days. Failure to pay within the 10 days will result in termination from the Avon Lake Boat Club, Inc., and their watercraft must be removed within 10 days or the club will have the watercraft removed at the owner's expense. The owner assumes all responsibility for damages and costs associated with this removal.
- 2. Watercraft, for club purposes, are defined as 14' motorboats (beam of 72" or less), kayaks or standup paddle boards. Sailboats or jet skis are not permitted.

3. Each regular member, based on seniority, is assigned one (1) storage rack by the Rack Committee for the storage of their properly registered watercraft and are responsible for keeping the area around their rack free of debris. Two members may share a rack only if each member has sufficient seniority to a rack.

4. A member may temporarily suspend the use of their assigned rack for one year by notifying the Rack Committee. A member who exercises this option for two or more years (annual notification required), surrenders their assigned rack, but retains their membership seniority for any future rack bidding which occurs at the April Membership meeting. Members sharing a rack will not be assigned a rack of their own until they acquire a watercraft of their own.

5. Watercraft may only be launched/retrieved by the member or their immediate family (residing at the same address). No member, while using club facilities, shall rent or lease their watercraft.

6. The boating season is May 15th to Oct 15th, unless extended by the Grounds Committee. All watercraft must be located on Club premises for the boating season and have a current sticker (except paddleboards). All boats are to be upright, equipped with motors, and with properly supported and approved covers by May 15th and continuing until Oct 15th, unless the Grounds Committee extends the season. Boat covers are to be properly bowed to repel water throughout the entire year, including winter months, unless the boat is turned over for the off-season.

7. All watercraft will be inspected on Opening Day (May 15<sup>th</sup>) for full compliance. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in a \$50. fine.

8. If, for any reason, a member can't fully comply with these requirements, they must inform the Rack Committee of the reasons and seek approval to prior to the initial inspection. Regular Inspections will be conducted throughout the year and could result in fines if non-compliant.

9. The season closes on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, but may be extended by the Grounds
Committee, via email and website posting, and all boats must be turned over or properly covered and supported with club approved covers (no tarps permitted).
Inspections will continue throughout the winter and members are responsible to monitor the condition of their boats, especially after snowfall, to remain compliant. Failure to comply may result in a \$50. fine.

10.Members who have received a notification from the Rack Committee and a fine are required to resolve the outstanding issue and pay the fine within 10 days of the notification. If the fine hasn't been paid or the issue hasn't been resolved, an additional \$50. fine will be assessed and both are required to be resolved and paid within 5 days or face termination from the club.

11. Members may request an appeal for any fine or dismissal. Such request must be in writing to the Club Secretary, within the 10-day period following the

notification from the Rack Committee. The request must include a check for the fine amount (to be held pending the outcome of the appeal), the reasons why the findings of the Rack Committee should be reconsidered, any documentation and pictures, etc. The check for the fine must be included for the appeal to be considered by the Board of Trustees. The appeal will be scheduled for review by the Board of Trustees and the member notified in writing of the results of the appeal (returning the check if appeal is granted).

12. Storage boxes or alterations of storage facilities must be approved by the Rack Committee.

13. Storage of gasoline or oil other than in approved containers is prohibited.

14.Alcoholic beverages and fish cleaning on club grounds is prohibited.

15. Coast Guard and ODNR regulations must be observed at all times.

16. All equipment and facilities with locks must remain locked at all times when not in use.

17. Members are required to report broken or operational problems to the Grounds Committee promptly.

18. The Avon Lake Boat Club shall carry liability and property damage insurance, at the club's expense, designating the City of Avon Lake, Ohio, as an insured.

19. Members are responsible to know and comply with these rules. If for any reason, you cannot comply, you must contact an officer or trustee of the club prior to being subject to a fine.

20. Members are required to volunteer and support at least two club functions (excluding Pride Day, the annual clean-up of the club grounds) annually.