

BOATING RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Boaters may purchase a Mine Hill Boat Pass from Town Hall only.
2. Upon application and payment of the Boating Fees all boaters will be given two copies of the Boating Rules and Regulations. One copy will be signed by the boater prior to issuance of a boat permit, and will be kept on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk; the other will be retained by the boater for their reference.
3. All Boaters will be required to display the current year's permit on the driver's side dashboard of their automobile, in full view, while the boat is on the Lake.
4. All boats must meet NJ State registration requirements.
5. No boats over the size of 18 feet in length shall be permitted on the lake.
6. Hours: sunrise to sunset. All boats must be removed from the lake no later than sunset; boats may not enter the lake prior to sunrise.
7. No boats shall be permitted on the lake prior to April 15th nor after November 15th of each year or when there is evidence of snow or ice on the lake.
8. All boaters must obey the following Launching/Recovery Rules:
 - a. Boats must enter/exit the lake only from the municipal launch/boat ramp located in the Municipal Beach parking area.
 - b. All vehicles and trailers must be removed from the launching ramp after the boat has been launched/recovered.
9. No vehicle may block the launching area/boat ramp unless a boat is being launched. Failure to abide by this rule will result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.
10. All trailers must be parked in designated areas subject to possible towing and/or other penalty.
11. No motor boats shall be permitted on the lake except those powered by electric battery motor or owned by the Municipality or its representatives for lake/beach business (water testing, moving of rafts, etc.) **NO GAS POWERED BOATS MAY BE UTILIZED ON THE LAKE.**
12. The "no wake rule" shall be in effect.
13. No inflatable boats can be used on the lake except for Coast Guard approved inflatable.
14. No boats are permitted in the designated swimming areas at any time. Each boat must be used within the safety guidelines set for the particular boat. Boaters may not fish in the areas designated for swimming at any time. No swimming shall be permitted outside the designated swimming area.
15. No person shall use a boat in the lake without having Coast Guard approved life preservers or cushions for each person in the boat.

16. All children aged 12 and under must wear United States Coast Guard approved Type III or better Personal Floatation Devices.
17. All children aged 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult boater.
18. While on the lake all boaters must obey all State and local laws and regulations regarding boating, fishing, and water safety.
19. All boats must be beached on the first sign of thunder and lightning.
20. All boaters must obey the lifeguards with respect to the above rules and lifesaving issues.
21. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted on the lake or any other Municipal property (except as provided by ordinance).
22. No cans, bottles, or any other debris are to be thrown or dumped into the lake or any other Municipal property.
23. Subject to discretion of the Mine Hill Township Administration, a violation of the Boating Rules and Regulations may result in a \$25.00 assessment, per violation. All such assessments shall be paid by the responsible party to Mine Hill Township. In addition, all individuals shall also be subject to any other applicable penalty provided for under Federal, State or Local Law. The accumulation of three or more violations of the Boating Rules and Regulations may result in the loss of lake privileges at the discretion of the Mine Hill Township Administration.
24. The Township of Mine Hill and its employees, and all other parties with an interest in the lake or its adjoining property, are release from liability by all boaters and all boat passengers.