

# Watercraft Registration Form

This registration form must be completed and submitted to the office in order for you to be authorized to use the Masthope Mountain P.O.C. ramp and dock area which is located at the beach on Westcolang Lake. This form is necessary to register all boats and personal watercraft owned by property owners. All watercraft which will be placed in the lake must display a current year Masthope ID sticker. There is a charge of \$20.00 for all motorized watercraft or \$15.00 for non-motorized watercraft as well as a \$15.00 charge for all trailers stickers. Yearly sticker renewals are \$10.00 and are required for both watercraft and trailer. In order to register a watercraft, the property owner must be a member in good standing ( current on their dues).

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**WATERCRAFT STICKER #** \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAILER STICKER #** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Watercraft: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Engine: \_\_\_\_\_ Horsepower: \_\_\_\_\_

Capacity of Boat: \_\_\_\_\_ Inboard: \_\_\_\_\_ Outboard: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Floation Devices: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below you acknowledge receiving a copy of the Westcolang Lake Association Rules, Masthope Community Rules and will abide by Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission Rules.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Property Owners Signature*

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*For office use only:*

Update Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Checked: \_\_\_\_\_  
Initials

Boat Ins. Checked: \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer Registration. Checked: \_\_\_\_\_  
Initials Initials

Update Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Checked: \_\_\_\_\_  
Initials

Boat Ins. Checked: \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer. Registration Checked: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Update Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Checked: \_\_\_\_\_  
Initials

Boat Ins. Checked: \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer Registration Checked: \_\_\_\_\_  
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PO LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(FOR FILING IN BOOK)

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## MASTHOPE BOATING OPERATION/TRAINING

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE

#### **THIS IS A CONTRACT - READ IT**

I understand and acknowledge that boating can be a dangerous, high risk sport and that there are inherent risks associated with the sport and that all of these risks can cause serious and even fatal injuries.

1. You must carry one wearable USCG-approved serviceable PFD of the proper size and type for each boat occupant. No tears, rips, broken straps or snaps. Use the Charmin squeeze test on kapok PFDs to check for punctures in the inner plastic liner. And remember: All PFDs must be ready at hand and not enclosed in plastic bags or locked compartments.
2. Boats 16 feet and over must also carry one USCG-approved throwable PFD (Type IV).
3. If your boat has any enclosed compartments or a false floor you must carry a USCG-approved fire extinguisher. Make sure that it is charged and accessible.
4. Always test your boat lights before the boat leaves the dock. If you use battery operated lights, always carry extra batteries. Keep in mind that even if you plan to be back before dark, an equipment malfunction or bad weather may change your plans.
5. Be weather wise. Sudden wind shifts, lightning flashes and choppy water all can mean a storm is brewing. Bring a radio along and keep a close eye on the weather.
6. Bring emergency supplies such as maps, flares, and a first aid kit. Put them in a floating pouch.
7. Tell someone where you are going and when you will return.
8. Check the boat landing for any local regulations applicable on the waterway where you will be boating.
9. Always ventilate after refueling. Open all hatches and run the blower. Sniff for fumes before starting the engine and if fumes exist, do not start the engine.
10. Learn the proper anchoring procedures for your boat. Improper anchoring is the cause of many fatal accidents.
11. Never consume alcohol or drugs before or during boat operation. Alcohol's effects are greatly exaggerated while boating. Research has proven that four hours' exposure to sun, glare, wind, noise, and vibration produces boater fatigue which slows reaction time almost as much as being legally intoxicated. Adding alcohol to this equation can be fatal.
12. If you loan your boat to someone, teach them how to operate it. In 1996, 36% of all boats involved in accidents occurred while the boat was being borrowed. Borrowed boats accounted for 16% of all fatalities and 43% of injuries. 54% of the personal watercraft involved in accidents were borrowed. If you share the boat -- share the knowledge!
13. Never allow passengers to ride on gunwales or seatbacks or outside of protective railings, including the front of a pontoon boat. A sudden turn, stop or start could cause a fall overboard.
14. Make certain your registration is up to date and that the current year sticker is displayed. Always carry your registration card on board with you.
15. Practice good boat launch etiquette.
16. Practice loading and unloading on a day that isn't too busy at the ramp.
17. Remove covers and straps before you get in line to launch.
18. Load equipment into boat before you reach the ramp. Make sure all equipment is working and that the plug is in.
19. Once in line to launch, have a person available to hold the bow line and assist in boat handling at the pier.
20. Have one person drive the boat off the trailer and out of the way of other boaters while another person is parking the tow vehicle.
21. Upon departure from boat launch, maintain slow-no-wake speed for a safe and legal distance from boat launch.
22. If bad weather is approaching, get off the water early to avoid a long waiting line in inclement weather.
23. Drop one person off at pier to get vehicle and get in line.
24. Once loaded, pull well away from launch area to secure boat for travelling purposes.

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IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE AND OF BEING ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPORT OF BOATING AT MASTHOPE, I AGREE THAT I WILL NOT SUE AND WILL RELEASE FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY MASTHOPE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES POC IF I OR ANY MEMBER OF MY FAMILY IS INJURED WHILE BOATING, USING BOATS PROVIDED BY MASTHOPE, USING ANY OF THE FACILITIES OR WHILE BEING PRESENT AT THE FACILITIES, EVEN IF I CONTEND THAT SUCH INJURIES ARE THE RESULT OF NEGLIGENCE OR ANY OTHER IMPROPER CONDUCT ON THE PART OF THE MASTHOPE. I FURTHER AGREE THAT I WILL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS MASTHOPE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES POC FROM ANY LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE OR COST OF ANY KIND THAT MAY INCUR AS THE RESULT OF ANY INJURY TO MYSELF, TO ANY MEMBER OF MY FAMILY OR TO ANY PERSON FOR WHOM I AM SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, EVEN IF IT IS CONTENDED THAT ANY SUCH INJURY WAS CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OR OTHER IMPROPER CONDUCT ON THE PART OF MASTHOPE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES POC. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if I sue Masthope Mountain Communities POC, I agree that I will only sue it, whether it be on my own behalf or on behalf of a family member, in the Court of Common Pleas of Pike County or in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and further agree that any and all disputes which might arise between Masthope Mountain Communities POC and myself shall be litigated exclusively in one of said Courts, I understand and agree that this Agreement is governed by the laws of Pennsylvania, I further agree that if any part of this Agreement is determined to be unenforceable, all other parts shall be given full force and effect.

I AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY MASTHOPE MOUNTAINS COMMUNITIES POC AND/OR ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED FOR THE LOSS OR DAMAGE, INCLUDING ANY LOSS OR INJURIES THAT RESULT FROM DAMAGES RELATED TO BOATING AT MASTHOPE.

I have read and understood the foregoing ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE and am voluntarily signing below, intending to be legally bound hereby, That if I am signing on behalf of a minor child, I represent and warrant that I am doing so with the consent and approval of my spouse (if any) and] understand that I may be giving up the rights of my child and spouse to sue as well as giving up my own right to sue.

\_\_\_\_\_  
USER'S SIGNATURE

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
USER'S NAME (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT'S SIGNATURE (IF USER IS A MINOR)

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY

\_\_\_\_\_  
STATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP

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## Lake - General:

- Only fishing, canoeing, sailing, rowboating, powerboating, paddleboating, swimming and waterskiing/watertubing will be permitted on Westcolang Lake, provided the necessary license required by state law is obtained and ALL state boating regulations are observed. The capacity rating plate will always be observed.
- No boats or swimmers (with or without flotation devices) shall come any closer than 20 feet of the shoreline, or any float, buoy or dock protruding into the Lake without the owner's permission, and the property owner's rights shall be respected at all times.
  - Powerboats:
- All boats must carry the appropriate coast guard approved number of personal flotation devices and the same shall be in good and serviceable condition.
- Maximum size of powerboats will be 18'; for sailboats 17': Maximum horsepower for powerboats shall be 199 for inboard or inboard/outboard type motorboats and 100 for regular outboard motors.
- Powerboats must be operated at a rate of speed that will not endanger the life or property of any person.
- Powerboats shall not exceed 5 miles per hour (no wake) within 100 feet of a beach, pier, dock, float, buoy, anchored boat or swimmers.
- Powerboats must operate in a counter-clockwise direction. See map on Page 5.
- Powerboats shall give way to sailboats and manually propelled boats.
  - Waterskiing/Watertubing:
- Waterskiing/Watertubing is prohibited between sunset and sunrise.
- At least 2 competent people must be in the boat; One operator and one observer, skiing/tubing boats shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction.
- A coast guard approved flotation device must be worn by the skier/tuber. Ski belts are prohibited.
- Whenever a skier/tuber falls or drops' all other skiers/tubers must drop, and the boat operator must immediately return to the down skier/tuber.
- Dropping a ski/tube in open water is not recommended.
  - Sailboats:
- Sailors must not overload boat and should always judge local wind and water conditions relative to their sailing skills before entering the lake.

## 25. Boating

### ➤ MMC Boat Registration

All boats used on Westcolang Lake and ponds, even those with private docks, must be registered with a current fiscal year (fiscal year is May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 31<sup>st</sup>) sticker. Registration will be done through the POC Office. State Registration (when applicable) and proof of insurance for the boat must be provided for MMC boat registration, only Masthope deeded Property Owners will be permitted to register their own boats. (Home Owners insurance policy ok, if applicable) Applications are available at the POC Office. Annual registration fees are \$20.00 for motorized boats and \$15 for non-motorized boats. Dated identification stickers are issued for new boat registrations. Stickers (\$10.00 ea.) should be affixed to the boat immediately, to avoid misplacing them. Be aware that the sticker area on boat should be clean and dry, before affixing sticker. Lost stickers will only be replaced if the owner produces proof of registration (i.e. office receipt) and the cost for replacement is \$5.00 for dated identification stickers.

**WARNING:** The PA Fish & Boat Commission actively enforces all of the Fish & Boat regulations promulgated by the PA Fish & Boat Commission as authorized by law, on all Masthope water bodies and Westcolang Lake. For example, as of May 1, 1995 a wearable PFD (life jacket) is required for each person on board all boats. A throwable flotation device (Type IV - seat cushion or ring buoy) can be no longer used as a substitute for a wearable device. Boats 16 feet in length or longer are required, in addition, to have one throwable device on board. Canoes and kayaks, regardless of length, are not required to carry a throwable flotation device. Also, all boats under 40' must have some means of making an efficient sound signal. (A referee whistle or

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air horn is acceptable.) The Commission will actively issue citation to anyone in violation of the Code. A copy of the Boating Handbook may be obtained by calling the Fish Commission NE Regional Office at 570-477-5717.

➤ **State Boating Registration**

All privately owned boats, of any size, must be registered with the State (it is used in most of the time) and the POC Office. All watercraft using a waterway of Masthope must carry a current MMC identification sticker.

➤ **Use of Boats on Lake**

Boating on Westcolang Lake is limited to Motorboats, Wave Runners, sailboats, rowboats powered by oars or an electric motor, canoes powered by paddle or sailboats or sailboards with a maximum sail area of 90 sq. feet or trolling electric motor, paddle boats, pontoon boats, kayaks and Coast Guard approved inflatables.

➤ **Operating Motorized Boats**

The following age restrictions apply to the operation of a motorboat propelled by a motor greater than 10 horsepower (other than a personal watercraft (Jet Ski)).

A person 11 years of age or younger may not operate such a watercraft.

A person 12 through 15 years of age unless they have obtained and have in their possession a Boating Safety Education Certificate or at least one person 16 years of age or older is present on board. (State rule)

**26. Violations**

*FINE SCHEDULE*

<u><i>BOAT INFRACTIONS</i></u>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense</i>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Offense</i>
<i>Improper equipment i.e. no flotation device ,no paddles, etc.</i>	\$20	\$40	\$80
<i>No Registration</i>	\$25	\$75	\$125
<i>No Certification</i>	\$50	\$100	\$300 Banning
<u><i>SAFETY ISSUES</i></u>			
<i>Excessive Speed</i>	\$30	\$60	\$120
<i>Disorderly Conduct</i>	\$25	\$50	\$100
<i>Reversing Flow Direction</i>	\$25	\$50	\$100
<i>Ski Infraction</i>	\$20	\$40	\$80

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<i>Interfering with Safety Area</i>	\$40	\$80	\$160
<i>Overloading Watercraft</i>	\$20	\$40	\$80
<i>Reckless Endangerment</i>	\$100	\$300	Suspension
<u><i>ENVIRONMENTAL</i></u>			
<i>Lake Polluting i.e. pouring gas, garbage, etc.</i>	\$100	\$200	\$400
<i>Improperly Serviced Watercraft i.e. dispelling harmful fumes/exhaust problems, leakage, fuel oil</i>	\$50	\$100	\$200
<i>Loud Music</i>	\$25	\$50	\$100

▪ **Lake Dock Rules & Regulations**

- **All persons must be a member in good standing and have a valid Masthope Mountain Community I.D or will be asked to leave the Lake/Dock amenities.**
- **Everyone must assume full responsibility for his or her actions. Proceed at ones own risk. Members are responsible for their guests.**

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- No dropping guests off to use Beach Area.
- All watercrafts must be registered with the POC office and have all proper State and Masthope registrations.
- Personal watercraft certification is required by the state.
- As of July 4, 2004, only ONE (1) watercraft PER LOT will be allowed to use docs and ramp at one time.
- No one 11 years old and younger is to operate a personal watercraft, as per state rules.
- No one 12 thru 15 years of age is to operate a personal watercraft with any passenger on board 15 years of age or younger, as per state rules.
- All vehicles with boat trailers must park in designated trailer parking areas only.
- Gas will be dispensed at a designated area at docks. Boat Master has the authority to direct refueling on land, if deemed necessary.
- NO swimming, diving, horseplay or fishing on or near the boat dock area.
- Intoxication or lewd behavior will not be allowed.
- All children 12 and under must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or responsible adult, at least 16 years old, near the boat/dock area.
- NO littering will be tolerated. Use receptacles provided. No glass containers or bottles are permitted at any lake amenity.
- ALL Pennsylvania State, Westcolang Lake & Masthope Mountain Community rules must be adhered to at all times.
- All rules shall be strictly enforced by the Boat Master and Lifeguards in the Lake/Dock amenity.
- Any person vandalizing property WILL be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
- For the purposes of hygiene and safety, no pets are allowed at Lake Facility, at any time.
- The dock areas must be kept clear of bicycles, baby carriages and strollers to allow room for fishing and handling of boats, sails, paddles and oars. No one shall modify the dock in any way, but bumpers manufactured and sold to protect boats may be used.

Remember that Masthope Community Personnel are there for your safety and convenience. Please follow their instructions.

- **Fishing**

Although our lakes are private, they are subject to State law and fishing licenses must be obtained by anyone 16 years old or above. Current MMC ID must also be on their persons. Licenses may be obtained locally at Angler's Roost & Hunters Rest, Two-River Junction in Lackawaxen on Route 590 by the Park or any other facility approved by the State of Pennsylvania

Fishing by residents and guests is permitted; however, all fishermen must observe the regulations established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This includes the requirement to display a proper PA fishing license.

For safety reasons, casting is prohibited from the shoreline in swimming areas.

- **Beach**

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The Beach area is located at the end of Falling Waters Blvd.

Memorial Day Weekend through June - weekends only.

July and August - open daily. (Weather Permitting)

August 18<sup>th</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup> - open based on available staff.

Beach Hours:

Sunday through Thursday 11am to 5pm, Friday and Saturday 11am to 6 p.m.

Check Masthope Messages for extended hours on weekends, holidays and special events.

All hours are weather permitting and at Directors discretion.

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In order to keep our beach in as clean and safe a manner as possible, we ask that all members please follow the following rules:

- **Beach Swimming Area Rules and Regulations**
- **NO swimming outside of the designated swimming area marked by buoys.**
- **Horseplay, pulling, dunking or tossing anyone is prohibited.**
- **Gum, jawbreakers, or other food is not permitted while swimming.**
- **Glass of any type is prohibited on the beach.**
- **Proper bathing attire is to be worn when swimming. No nude/semi-nude sunbathing.**
- **Please clean up your area before leaving.**
- **Children under 12 years old must have a parent or adult guardian (16 years or older) at the beach area while swimming.**
- **No diapers permitted. Children who are not toilet trained must wear a swim diaper.**
- **When no lifeguard(s) present, "swim at your own risk".**

- **Private Parties at Beach**

Private parties may be conducted on MMC beaches if a reservation is made at the POC office, and a permit is secured. Permits to use MMC property shall be issued to MMC members in good standing and their authorized tenants. The members of the Association shall be all persons who are owners of lots located in Masthope. Persons using these areas for parties are responsible to insure that the areas are cleaned up immediately after the party. For swimming parties, certified lifeguards are required and need to be approved by Activities Director. MMC Facilities Rules must be adhered to for all private parties.

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