



BOAT LAUNCH POLICY

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PURPOSE

This policy establishes the Willow Grove non-commercial boat launch policy for the health, safety, welfare, and benefit of park visitors.

HOURS

24 Hours

LAUNCH PERMITS

- Day Use or Annual Permit is required.
- Day Use launch permits may be purchased per the posted fee at the permit kiosk located near the boat ramp or at the Port office. Day Use launch permits are valid for one 24-hour period.
- Annual Permits may be purchased at the Port office or at local authorized merchants per the posted fee. Annual Permits are valid from January 1st to December 31st.
- A valid Day Use or Annual Permit is required for all motorized watercraft utilizing the Park boat launch facility and/or other beach launch areas. Permits, Day Use and/or Annual, must be properly displayed at all times while in the Park.

PARKING

- Vehicles and/or boat trailers parked in a non-designated parking area or parked without a permit may be towed at the owner's expense.
- Vehicles and/or boat trailers left in the boat launch parking lot over 24-hours will be subject to towing at the owner's expense (except by Port Permission).

STAGING & LAUNCHING

- Follow applicable signage for traffic, launching, staging, and parking.
- Launching or loading boats on ramp is limited to 20 minutes.
- Staging boats in the designated area is limited to 15 minutes.
- Prior permission from the Park Manager is required if launching, loading or staging will exceed the time limits listed above.

RULES

- All general Park rules apply in the boat launch area.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- Fire lanes must be kept open for emergency vehicles.
- Emergency response vessels take priority in launching.
- Emergency response vehicles take priority in all areas within the launch facility.

OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS/ RULES/ REGULATIONS

- Watercraft users must adhere to the NO WAKE and speed limits markers. The Port is not responsible for accidents, injuries or loss of property. Park boat launch facilities are furnished solely for the convenience of Park users, and by using the facilities users do so at their own risk.
- Garbage, trash, oil, fuel, debris and other materials, liquid or solid, shall only be deposited into designated containers provided for that specific purpose.
- Refueling watercraft over-water or in the boat launch area is strictly prohibited.
- No Smoking or vaping in the boat ramp area.

ENFORCEMENT

- Disorderly conduct, abusive language, noisy disturbances or disregard of these rules and regulations will be grounds for immediate removal by police or authorized Port personnel. The Port reserves the right to determine the length of the exclusion, and whether those excluded will be allowed back into the Park.
- Any Park patron, who is in violation of Port rules and policies, or in violation of any applicable federal, state or municipal law (see specifically Cowlitz County Code Sections 9.06 and 9.14), will be requested to leave the Park boat ramp and/or parking area and exit the Park. Copies of all Park Rules and Policies are available at the Port office, the Port's website at www.portoflongview.com, or at the permit kiosk.

REFERENCES

WG-2016-1 Park General Rules

CCC 9.06 Park Code

CCC 9.14 Water Safety

RCW 36.68.080 Violation of Park Rules a Misdemeanor