



# BOAT LAUNCH POLICY

**ADOPTED** 3/28/2016  
**POLICY #** WG-2016-4

<b>PURPOSE</b>	This policy establishes the Willow Grove non-commercial boat launch policy for the health, safety, welfare, and benefit of park visitors.
<b>HOURS</b>	24 Hours
<b>NON COMMERCIAL USE</b>	Park boat launch facility is for non-commercial use only.
<b>LAUNCH PERMITS</b>	Day Use or Annual Permit required Daily launch permits may be purchased per the posted fee at the permit kiosk located near the boat ramp or at the Port office. Daily permits are valid for one 24-hour period. Annual permits may be purchased at the Port office or local authorized merchants per the posted fee. Annual permits are valid from January 1st to December 31st. A valid daily or annual motorized watercraft permit is required for all motorized watercraft utilizing the Park boat launch facility and/or other beach launch areas. Permits, daily and / or annual, must be properly displayed at all times while in the Park.
<b>PARKING</b>	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).
<b>STAGING &amp; LAUNCHING</b>	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.
<b>QUIET ENJOYMENT</b>	All general Park rules apply in the boat launch area. Keep pets on leash; pick up after your pet.
<b>EMERGENCY RESPONSE</b>	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.
<b>OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS/ RULES/ REGULATIONS</b>	Watercraft users must adhere to the NO WAKE and speed limits. 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. No garbage, trash, oil, fuel, debris or other material, liquid or solid, shall be deposited in the launch area/ramp or within parking areas, except as specified in notices besides waste into the containers provided for that specific purpose. Refueling watercraft over-water or in boat ramp area is strictly prohibited. No Smoking in the boat ramp area.
<b>ENFORCEMENT</b>	NOTE: The following regulations shall be posted on signs describing the regulations, fee schedule, traffic patterns and parking restrictions at in Southwest Washington state

designated locations at the boat ramp, boat launch parking area and at multiple visible locations on the west end of the park where vehicles access the beach area.

Disorderly conduct, abusive language, noisy disturbances or disregard of these rules and regulations will be grounds for your 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 the boat launch policy are available at the Port office, the Port's website at [www.portoflongview.com](http://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