Policy Resolution 2014-8

Section X. Use of the Lakes

WHEREAS, Article V of the LOWA Bylaws gives the Board of Directors the authority to amend and adopt LOWA Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for regular review of LOWA Rules and Regulations for completeness and clarity; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for clear, concise and consistent Rules and Regulations pertaining to use of the Lakes the Lakes Committee met, formulated and proposed amendments to which the Rules Committee and Board of Examiners contributed amended and additional language.

THEREFORE, RESOLVE, the Board of Directors approves the following amendments to Regulation X. Use of the Lakes:

X. USE OF THE LAKES (July 25, 2014)

A. WATERCRAFT OPERATIONS AND USAGE.

1. For the purpose of this Regulation the following terms and definitions apply:

a. “Watercraft” includes “motorized”, “personal”, “sail” and “non-motorized” means of water transportation capable of carrying one or more passengers.

b. “Motorized Watercraft” includes all gasoline or electric, inboard, outboard, inboard-outboard motor boats, pontoon boats, sailboats (when motorized), fibertoon or deck boats capable of carrying one or more persons.

c. “Personal Watercraft” (PWC) includes watercraft that are powered by jet pumps, where the persons kneel, or sit on, rather than inside the watercraft. PWCs are operated by one person, and often have seating space for others. Some models have seating for up to four riders (including the operator).

d. “Sail Watercraft” includes all watercraft powered by wind such as sailboats, sunfish and windsurfers capable of carrying one or more passengers.

e. “Non-Motorized Watercraft” includes all watercraft powered by paddle including canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, row boats, and shells/sculls, and are capable of carrying one or more persons.

f. “Other Recreational Water Equipment” includes all items that are powered by users standing, sitting, kneeling or lying on the equipment such as, but not limited to, water slides, platforms, trampolines, inflatable rafts, hydro/aqua-bikes and stand up paddleboards (SUPs).

g. “Main Lake” means the body of water bounded by Veterans’ Dam to Flat Run and includes all coves.
h. “No Wake Zone” means the areas of water from the shoreline to designated “No Wake”
   buoys and includes all coves. The remainder of the Main Lake is considered a “Wake Zone”.

i. “No Wake Speed” means the slowest possible speed required for maintaining or achieving
   steerage and headway.

j. “Small Lake” (aka, Keatons Lake or Fishing Lake) means the body of water bounded by
   Keatons Dam and Keatons Run located in Section 13. This entire lake is considered a No Wake
   Zone.

k. “Cove” means a body of water extending from the Main Lake more than 100 feet from the No
   Wake buoy towards the shoreline.

l. “Beach” means the space so designated by LOWA and includes the bulkheads, sand and grass
   areas.

m. “Starboard” means the right side of the watercraft when standing inside looking toward the
   bow.

n. “Port” means the left side of the watercraft when standing inside looking toward the bow.

o. “Certified Operator” shall mean a person who has passed the Lake of the Woods Boat
   Operator’s Safety Course.

p. “Skiers “or “Tubers” are persons being towed behind a watercraft on a device or apparatus
   which has no capability for self-propulsion, such as water skis, tubes or other similar devices.

q. “High Traffic Time” is defined as weekends (Saturday and Sundays) and holidays from
   Memorial Day Saturday through Labor Day Monday between 9:00 a.m. and sunset.

2. WATERCRAFT OPERATIONS

   a. All persons operating any watercraft on LOWA Lakes are subject to the rules and regulations of
      LOWA.

   b. No person shall operate, or supervise the operation of, any watercraft or manipulate water skis,
      towable or similar devices while using or under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, barbiturates, or
      other intoxicating substances.

   c. No person under the age of fourteen (14) years shall operate any watercraft having more than ten
      (10) horsepower unless under the onboard direct supervision of a certified adult operator. Onboard
      direct supervision occurs when a person maintains close visual and verbal contact with, provides
      adequate direction to, and can immediately assume control from the operator of the watercraft.
d. No person shall operate a PWC, or shall the owner or any person having control authorize or knowingly permit a person to operate a PWC, unless the operator is at least sixteen (16) years of age. Exception: Any person who is at least fourteen (14) years of age may operate a PWC if 1) He/she can show proof to LOWA Security, on the scene, of having successfully completed a Boating Safety Education Course approved by the Director of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and 2) He/she has passed the LOWA Boat Operator’s Safety Short Course.

e. No person under the age of eighteen (18) shall be allowed to operate a watercraft that is towing people, whether skiers or person(s) on any towed device.

f. The motor/engine of any watercraft shall be stopped during the pickup, loading, or unloading of any person(s) from the water.

g. Watercraft moving in close proximity to a designated swimming area will exercise extreme care to ensure safe passage.

h. All motorized watercraft must keep a one hundred (100) foot clearance from other watercraft when exceeding No Wake Speed.

3. **PROHIBITED WATERCRAFT OPERATIONS.** No person shall operate any watercraft and no skier shall manipulate any skis in a reckless, erratic, or negligent manner so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person. The following actions are prohibited:

a. Operating a motorized watercraft that follows directly behind a skier or person(s) on a towed device at less than three hundred (300) feet. Following drivers should position their watercraft in a path parallel to the lead watercraft’s path and one hundred (100) feet to the side to avoid the skier(s) should they position themselves outside the wake of their watercraft.

b. Cutting in front of any other watercraft at a distance of less than three hundred (300) feet when operating outside the No Wake Zones.

c. Operating a towing watercraft in a manner that causes persons using skis to land directly onto the shore, beach, or pier.

d. Operating a watercraft or manipulating a towed device to purposely maneuver toward any other watercraft or person(s) and veer away at the last moment.

e. Operating a watercraft, except sailboats, while any occupant is sitting on the bow or gunwale of the watercraft or on the back of the driver’s seat and moving in excess of No Wake Speed. All occupants of a pontoon/fibertoon/deck boat must remain inside the watercraft’s railings when moving in excess of No Wake Speed.

f. Operating or manipulating any watercraft towing a skier(s) into or out of any cove, access area, or other restricted areas marked by warning buoys at greater than No Wake Speed.
g. Operating a motorized watercraft closer than one hundred (100) feet from shoreline unless at No Wake Speed.

h. Intentionally dropping or leaving a ski in the water at High Traffic Times, thereby causing a hazard to other watercraft or persons. A ski may be dropped only in the area between seventy-five (75) feet and one hundred (100) feet from shore for no more than five minutes. No ski shall be dropped in the mouth of a cove.

i. Running a watercraft while another person(s) is in the water hanging on to any part of the watercraft.

j. Subsections a, f, g, and i do not apply to boat operators and skiers participating USA Water Ski sanctioned Ski Club practices, competitions, or exhibitions.

k. Ski Club practices, competitions, or exhibitions involving acts of an extraordinary nature require prior written permission from the General Manager based on a recommendation from the Lakes Committee.

4. WATERCRAFT RESTRICTIONS

a. All watercraft shall meet applicable U.S. Coast Guard and Commonwealth of Virginia regulations.

b. Only electrically-powered Motorized Watercraft, Non-Motorized Sail Watercraft or Non-Motorized Watercraft (See X.A.1.) are permitted on Keatons Lake. Gasoline, diesel or similarly powered watercraft, regardless of engine deployment/utilization, are prohibited except for official lakes management operations of LOWA and its agents.

c. Motorized watercraft, including deck boats, and sail watercraft are limited to less than twenty-two (22) feet in length; exclusive of motors; pontoon and fibertoon boats shall be limited to twenty-five (25) feet or less in overall length. This Regulation does not affect any watercraft registered prior to May 1, 1999.

d. Watercraft shall NOT be used for overnight accommodation. Only toilets having a removable waste container (i.e. porta-potty style) are allowed on watercraft in LOW. Waste may not be emptied into the lake, but must be properly disposed of in a toilet ashore.

e. Seaplanes shall NOT land or take off from any LOW Lake.

f. Racing of motorized watercraft is prohibited.

g. All watercraft using the lakes after sunset and before sunrise shall be equipped with AND required to use proper navigational lights. A watercraft under oars shall have an electric light or lantern showing a white light which shall be exhibited in sufficient time to prevent collision. No other lights, including white docking lights, which could impair the visibility of approaching
watercrafts, shall be illuminated. White docking lights may be turned on when nearing a dock to tie up.

h. Watercraft requiring the use of trailers for transportation to or from the lakes shall be launched only from authorized LOWA facilities.

i. All marina launching ramps shall be used on a first-come, first served basis.

j. Non-motorized watercraft, e.g., canoes, kayaks, rowboats and windsurfers, may be launched from lakefront lots or LOWA Beaches, but may not be left on the sand at any LOWA Beach.

k. Motorized watercraft with internal combustion engines without underwater exhaust vents or that have not been otherwise adequately muffled to reduce excessive noise are prohibited on the lakes.

l. Watercraft testing demonstrations may be performed at the specific request of a LOWA member or registered tenant in good standing. All demonstrations must be performed under the direct supervision of the member or registered tenant. The watercraft shall be registered with LOWA on a temporary basis with fee for such demonstration set annually by the Board of Directors. Temporary registration shall be valid for 24 hours. This fee shall be applied against the annual registration fee if the demonstrated watercraft is then registered by the member or registered tenant in good standing.

m. Other Recreational Water Equipment is restricted for use only in the No Wake Zones of the Main Lake and the entirety of Keatons Lake.

5. HOURS OF OPERATION

a. Both lakes may be used 24 hours per day except that PWC shall NOT be operated after sunset and before 7:00 a.m.

b. The time of sunset shall be as published by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

c. High traffic Times are considered as weekends (Saturday and Sunday) and holidays between Memorial Day Saturday and Labor Day Monday between 9:00 a.m. and sunset.

d. Water skiing and towing of people on other devices is only allowed between 7:00 a.m. and sunset.

6. TRAFFIC DIRECTION. All motorized watercraft shall proceed in a counterclockwise (CCW) direction around the Wake Zone unless they are travelling at No Wake Speed within 50 feet of the shoreline. Exceptions to this CCW rule may be made for retrieving a towed person or in connection with USA Water Ski sanctioned practices, competitions, or exhibitions.
7. SPEED LIMITS

a. A person shall not operate a watercraft so as to exceed a reasonable speed under the circumstances and traffic conditions existing at the time. The maximum allowable speed in the Wake Zone shall be thirty-six (36) mph. Operators of watercraft in USA Water Ski sanctioned practices, competitions, or exhibitions are exempt from this section of this regulation. The maximum allowable speed on the Small Lake shall be five (5) mph.

b. From sunset to 7:00 a.m. the maximum allowable speed in the Wake Zone of the Main Lake shall be fifteen (15) mph.

c. Watercraft are prohibited from operating at greater than No Wake Speed when in coves or within one hundred (100) feet of the shoreline, beaches, piers, boat ramps, or people in the water. This restriction does not prohibit the pulling of a skier with a rope of less than one hundred (100) feet.

d. When an operator’s vision is obscured by fog, heavy rain, or other conditions, the watercraft shall be operated at reduced speed such that the watercraft can be stopped, if necessary, within one-half the distance the operator is able to see ahead. In addition, motorized watercraft shall sound the required signal, one blast of four to six seconds every two minutes. Sail watercraft shall sound a signal of one blast of four to six seconds plus two one-second blasts every two minutes.

8. MOORING

a. Watercraft shall be moored at the property, piers, bulkheads, or beaches of the owner or at the two LOWA marinas. Renters of lakefront properties and renters who have leased dock space from lakefront property owners shall have similar authorization.

b. Mooring or tying up of a watercraft to any LOWA beach, bulkhead, riprap, picnic areas, shoreline vegetation, or parking lot is NOT permitted. Sail watercraft may be beached at the clubhouse cove Sailing Beach. Non-motorized and sail watercraft are permitted to land at LOWA beaches but may not be left on the sand.

c. Watercraft shall not anchor in the Main Lake except in coves, or for observation of LOWA July 4th fireworks, observation of community events on Clubhouse Point, participation in sailboat events or in case of emergencies.

d. Temporary anchoring of motorized watercraft in coves is allowed, but must be a minimum of 75 feet from the shoreline or designated swimming areas except when mooring to a LOWA designated buoy or in emergencies. Such temporary anchoring is limited to daylight hours only and should not exceed four hours. In addition, no watercraft shall be anchored in a position which impedes access to any dock.

e. Temporary mooring is allowed at the Clubhouse, Small Marina piers, and the LOWA fuel facility.
9. BUOYS

a. Watercraft owners and operators shall familiarize themselves with and adhere to the meaning and intent of all markings on the buoys.

b. Tampering with, tying up to, or holding onto any buoy is prohibited, except those specified by LOWA.

c. Boaters shall not change the positions of buoys. Out-of-place buoys should be reported to LOWA Security.

10. RIGHT OF WAY

a. When two motorized watercraft approach each other head on or nearly so, each shall turn to Starboard and pass Port to Port. When two motorized watercraft approach each other, but it is clear that each watercraft is so far from the other that no collision hazard exists, they may pass on either side.

b. When two motorized watercraft approach each other in a crossing situation, the watercraft which has the other on the Starboard side is the give-way watercraft (must stay clear and slow down if necessary). When taking action to stay out of the way, the give-way watercraft shall make early and substantial maneuvers so that its intentions are clear. The other watercraft is the stand-on watercraft (must hold course and speed). If the stand-on watercraft finds itself so close that collision cannot be avoided by action of the give-way watercraft alone, the operator shall take such action as will best aid to avoid collision and give the danger signal (five or more short blasts).

c. Motorized watercraft entering the wake zone from the No Wake Zone are to give way to watercraft that are following the Main Lake counter clockwise pattern.

d. An overtaking situation exists when a watercraft comes up with another watercraft from any direction more than 22.5 degrees to the rear of the beam of the other watercraft. The overtaking watercraft may pass on either side of the overtaken watercraft, but must keep out of the way of the overtaken watercraft and, if operating above No Wake Speed, not come closer than 100 feet when passing. The overtaken watercraft shall maintain its course and speed and shall not attempt to cross the bow or crowd in upon the course of the overtaking watercraft.

e. Sail Watercraft.

(1) When two sail watercraft meet and both watercraft have the wind on the same side, the windward watercraft (watercraft upwind of the other) shall give way to the downwind (leeward) watercraft.

(2) When two sail watercraft meet and both watercraft have the wind on different sides, the watercraft with the wind on its port side shall give way to the other watercraft.
(3) When two sail watercraft meet and a watercraft with the wind on its port side cannot
determine whether the windward watercraft has the wind on the port or starboard, it shall give way
to the other watercraft.

f. Sail watercraft have the right of way over motorized watercraft unless they meet a watercraft
which is broken down or restricted in its ability to maneuver or they are the overtaking watercraft.
Sail watercraft shall exercise special caution when entering the Wake Zone from a cove. Any
watercraft operating under both sail and power is classified as a motorized watercraft.

g. Non-motorized watercrafts have the right of way over watercraft under power and sail
watercraft.

h. Any disabled watercraft or watercraft under tow has the right of way over ALL other
watercraft.

i. All watercraft operators are responsible for knowing and following the applicable navigational
rules.

11. REPORTING WATERCRAFT ACCIDENTS. Every operator of a watercraft involved in an
accident or collision shall stop, offer assistance, contact LOWA Security, and give his/her name,
address, phone number and identification of his watercraft in writing to any person injured and to the
owner of any property damaged. Operators of all watercraft involved are required by law to file a
formal, written report of the boating accident with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland
Fisheries (DGIF) when there is:

a. Damage over $2,000 to the watercraft or its equipment,

b. Injury requiring medical help beyond First Aid or loss of life and/or,

c. Disappearance of any person from a watercraft.

B. WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION AND RENTAL REQUIREMENTS.

1. DECALS. All watercraft shall be registered with LOWA. Each fiscal year, LOWA registration
decals shall be purchased. Two decals will be issued and shall be attached on the port and starboard
sides of the hull at the forward end of the watercraft so that the decal is clearly visible. The decals
must be placed within six (6) inches from the Commonwealth assigned watercraft number, if
displayed. Decals must be affixed to watercraft in the water, on canoes and kayaks on LOWA racks
or in the designated Dry Sail Parking area by 11:59pm on May 1 each year.

2. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS. Watercraft registrants shall present the following
documentation at the time of initial registration:

a. Current LOWA membership or registered tenant ID.
b. Evidence of ownership of watercraft or lease agreement.

c. Evidence of the horsepower of the motor and length of watercraft.

d. Registrants of motorized watercraft of over 25 horsepower shall carry watercraft liability of no less than $300,000 per accident, or show proof of homeowner or renter personal liability insurance of no less than $300,000 per accident. Registrants shall certify that the required limits of insurance will be maintained and in effect for the entire fiscal year.

e. Registrants of non-motorized watercraft and motorized watercraft of 25 horsepower or less shall carry homeowner or renter personal liability insurance of at least $100,000 per accident. Registrants shall certify that the required limits of insurance will be maintained and in effect for the entire fiscal year.

f. For subsequent annual registrations of the same watercraft, the owner shall bring a current LOWA membership or registered tenant ID, and shall execute an affidavit that none of the specific information about the watercraft has changed from the prior registration, and that the required limits of insurance will be maintained and in effect for the entire fiscal year. If there are any changes, the registration process must be completed in accordance with Subsection 2.

g. Watercraft registered in accordance with above Regulations shall not be subleased or rented for use at LOW.

h. An individual sale of a watercraft does not transfer a vested right of operation for that watercraft on LOW water.

i. Prior to initial registration or watercraft testing, every prospective registrant shall certify that he/she has read and agrees to abide by all the Lake Regulations set forth herein, and to any other Regulations as may be adopted by the LOWA Board of Directors.

j. Hovercraft, airboats, stand up/kneeling-type jet skis, hydroplanes or any other nonconventional watercraft are prohibited on any LOWA Lake.

k. If in the opinion of the LOWA Board of Directors or the General Manager the preceding paragraphs include or exclude a watercraft or water sport activity of questionable nature, then the Board of Directors or General Manager may request a demonstration in order to make a determination of inclusion or exclusion.

l. No watercraft shall be placed or operated on the lakes unless it displays current LOWA registration decals. Invited guests participating in a Sailing Regatta sponsored by the LOW Sailing Club are exempt from this requirement.

m. The Commonwealth of Virginia and LOWA shall have the right to stop and cite watercraft operators and owners for infractions of their respective Regulations.
3. SAFETY COURSE CERTIFICATION. All persons operating a powered watercraft of ten (10) HP or more or PWC must be certified by passing the LOWA Boat Operator’s Safety Course unless they are under the onboard direct supervision of a certified operator. Onboard direct supervision occurs when a certified person maintains close visual and verbal contact with, provides adequate direction to, and can immediately assume control from the operator of the watercraft. Operators of powered watercraft of less than ten (10) HP, operators of non-motorized watercraft, and users of other recreational water equipment are not required to complete the LOWA Boat Operator’s Safety Course.

a. A person who has satisfactorily completed the Virginia Boating Safety Education course may be certified by passing the LOWA Boat Operator’s Safety Short Course.

b. A person eligible to take the LOWA Boat Operator’s Safety Course must be a LOWA member, a registered tenant, or be sponsored by a member or registered tenant.

c. Each person who successfully completes the LOWA Boat Operator’s Safety Course or the Short Course will be issued a LOWA Boat Operator’s Safety Course Certificate. The boat operator’s boating privileges may be temporarily suspended by the Board of Directors if found guilty of multiple watercraft violations within a 12 month period.

4. OTHER WATER RESTRICTIONS.

a. Watercraft, swimming, ice skating and fishing are prohibited on the Entrance Pond unless a waiver is obtained from the General Manager. The General Manager may also waive the rules for shows, tournaments, exhibitions, LOW Ski Club practices, hours of operation, landing on beaches and ski take-off areas.

b. Under no circumstances shall trash, garbage, yard debris, litter of any kind, pollutants, or any other substance or objects be dumped into the lakes.

5. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. All watercraft shall be equipped with safety equipment in compliance with U.S. Coast Guard and Commonwealth of Virginia regulations.

a. All watercraft occupants (operators and passengers) must have available, in the watercraft, a U.S. Coast Guard-approved (Type I, II, III or V) personal flotation device. This includes U.S. Coast Guard approved inflatable life vests. All watercraft 16 feet in length or longer shall also carry at least one USCG approved Type IV throwable flotation device (ring buoy or seat cushion).

b. Children under the age of 13 shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) on all watercraft when underway. A PFD shall be worn by all persons operating or riding a PWC; by all persons skiing or tubing, etc.; and by all persons occupying a “Non-Motorized Watercraft” when operating outside the No Wake Zone on the Main Lake. All other operators/passengers on each of the above watercraft regardless of area of operation are strongly encouraged, but not required, to wear PFDs.
c. When non-motorized watercraft are operating beyond the No Wake Zones, all passengers are required to wear USCG approved PFDs.

d. Other Recreational Water Equipment users are not required to wear PFDs; however, stand up paddleboards (SUPs) users are required to carry PFDs on board.

e. All motorized watercraft shall carry at least one hand-portable fire extinguisher that is U.S. Coast Guard approved and is readily accessible.

f. All watercraft shall carry a whistle, horn or other device capable of making an audible blast of 4 seconds duration that can be heard within zero point five miles.

g. The manufacturer's specified passenger-carrying capacity of the watercraft shall NOT be exceeded.

h. The cut-off switch lanyard must be used if the PWC is equipped with one.

6. WATERCRAFT SLIP AND CANOE/KAYAK RACK RENTALS

a. Watercraft Slips

(1) Only LOWA members/registered tenants in good standing may rent a slip.

(2) Watercraft slips shall be assigned by LOWA on a first-come, first-served basis.

(3) Once the slip is assigned, the renter shall pay his/her renewal fee annually by May 1.

(4) A slip renter shall not sublet, assign, transfer mooring rights.

(5) Reassignments to fill vacancies shall be made by LOWA from its first-come, first-served waiting list.

(6) A deposit fee of fifty (50) dollars, applied toward the first year's annual rental cost, is required for placement on the waiting list. The deposit fee is non-refundable except in cases of withdrawal of a slip request prior to notification of a slip's availability.

(7) Watercraft slips revert back to LOWA if:

(a) The current renter does not pay his/her re-rental fee by May 1.

(b) The current renter violates the above restrictions.

b. Canoe and Kayak Rack Spaces

(1) Only LOWA members/registered tenants in good standing may rent rack space owned by LOWA.
(2) The light watercraft racks are to be used only by rowing shells, kayaks, canoes or sail watercraft (as designated) weighing no more than 300 pounds. Watercraft with any kind of motor are not allowed.

(3) Rack spaces shall be assigned by LOWA on a first-come, first-served basis; the previous year’s renter has first option for renewal.

(4) Once the rack space is assigned; the renter shall pay his/her renewal fee annually by May 1. Rack storage fees will not be prorated or refunded.

(5) All watercraft on the racks must display both a current watercraft rack sticker and a current LOWA watercraft registration sticker. Watercraft without both stickers will be removed from the rack and the space reassigned. The delinquent watercraft owner will receive formal notification and will have 15 days from the date of notification to correct the deficiency; if the deficiency is not corrected the watercraft will be removed. LOWA is not responsible for any damage resulting from this removal. An additional watercraft rack sticker will be provided and should be attached to the middle of the bottom rack support. Failure to do so will result in loss of the rack space.

(6) A rack space renter shall not sublet, assign, transfer rights, or allow others to use the rack space. Doing so will result in loss of the rack space.

(7) Rack spaces revert back to LOWA if the current renter does not pay his/her re-rental fee by May 1.

(8) Reassignments to fill vacancies shall be made by LOWA from its first-come, first-served waiting list.

(9) Only the number of watercraft allotted to the rack space shall be stored in the space.

(10) All watercraft must be placed on the rack so as to drain (typically “upside down”).

(11) Ground storage of watercraft, equipment or other items is prohibited; LOW Sail Club watercraft used for training and on dollies with a current rack and LOWA watercraft registration sticker may be stored at Sailboat Beach.

7. DRY SAIL PARKING AREA.

a. Only LOWA members/registered tenants in good standing may rent a dry sail parking space.

b. Spaces shall be assigned by LOWA on a first-come, first-served basis; the previous year’s renter has first option for renewal.

c. Once the space is assigned, the renter shall pay the renewal and decal fees annually by May 1.
d. All watercraft in a dry sail space must display both a current Dry Sail Parking sticker and a current LOWA watercraft decal. (See X.B.1.).

e. The delinquent watercraft owner will receive formal notification and will have 15 days from the date of notification to correct the deficiency.

f. A dry sail space renter shall not sublet, assign, transfer rights, or allow others to use the space. Doing so will result in loss of the space.

g. Dry sail spaces revert back to LOWA if the current renter does not pay the re-rental fee by May 1.

h. Reassignments fill vacancies shall be made by LOWA from its first-come, first-served waiting list.

i. Watercraft stored in this location will be placed so that it does not pose an impediment to use of the adjacent launch and/or parking areas. The owner of any watercraft deemed by LOWA to pose such an impediment will receive formal notification and will have 15 days from the date of notification to reposition the watercraft. If the watercraft is not repositioned, LOWA will reposition the watercraft. LOWA is not responsible for any damage resulting from this repositioning.

C. WATER SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

1. WATER SKIIING/TUBING.

a. Skiers or other towed persons shall NOT be permitted to take off from or land on any beach or pier.

b. During High Traffic times (see A. 5.c.) no person shall operate a towing watercraft to pull any person(s) on water skis, tube(s) or similar devices unless there is in/on the watercraft (in addition to the operator) a person actually observing the progress of the person(s) being towed. This observer must be at least 12 years of age. In the case of PWCs, the observer must be seated backward. At other times towing is permitted without an observer if the watercraft is equipped with a rear view mirror.

c. Ski flag. All watercraft towing skiers or riders on a towable device shall have a Ski Flag readily available. This flag shall be a red or orange flag measuring no less than 12 inches on each side in the shape of a square or rectangle secured to a pole or shaft at least two feet long.

   (1) During High Traffic times the ski flag shall be mounted or displayed in such a manner as to be visible from every direction when:

      (a) A skier is down or a rider has fallen off his/her towable device; or

      (b) A skier is in the water and preparing to ski.
(2) The ski flag shall not be displayed at any other time.

(3) The use of this flag will not be construed as conferring any rights or privileges on its users. Operators of watercraft in the vicinity will, however, exercise precaution commensurate with conditions indicated.

d. All watercraft operators who tow skiers and floatable devices shall know and ensure their spotters and skiers/riders understand and use a set of hand signals to communicate between the watercraft and the skiers. Passengers shall remain seated when a watercraft is towing a skier or people on other devices.

e. Skiing and towed activities at greater than No Wake Speed shall be prohibited within one hundred (100) feet of shorelines or in areas marked with “No Wake” buoys and will be confined to the area of the wake zone.

f. At High Traffic Times when two or more skiers/tubers are being towed by one watercraft and one of the skiers fall, the other skier(s) shall drop his or her towline immediately.

g. All persons being towed by watercraft shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved (Type I, II or III) flotation device or a Type V flotation device designed for the activity such as a ski vest. Inflatable vests shall not be used for skiing or tubing. The use of flotation belts alone shall only be permitted when using “trick skis” while an observer is in the watercraft and it is traveling less than nineteen (19) mph. “Trick and Jump skis” are considered as skis less than forty-four (44) inches in length with no fin.

h. When any towed person falls, the driver shall slow speed to navigate to return to the skier while not entering the path of other watercraft in the immediate area. At High Traffic Times the towing watercraft shall display the skier-down flag. The use of this flag will not be construed as conferring any rights or privileges on its users. Operators of watercraft in the vicinity will, however, exercise precaution commensurate with conditions indicated. Fallen skiers shall, as soon as possible, raise and hold the tip of one of their skis out of the water to an elevated position above their head.

i. No person(s) shall use the Water Ski Jump at LOW unless that person is a member of the LOW Ski Club or under that organization's instruction and is wearing a helmet approved by USA Water Ski. Only one watercraft shall use the Slalom Course at any one time. Only jump skis and trick skis shall be used over the jump.

j. No person shall operate or manipulate any watercraft, tow rope, or other device by which the direction or locations of water skis, tube, or similar device may be affected or controlled in such a way as to cause the participants to come into contact with any object or person(s). The provisions of this rule shall not apply to contact between two or more persons behind the same watercraft or to contact with the top of the Ski Jump, buoys, or similar objects as normally used in competitive or recreational boating or water skiing.
k. When towing more than one skier or tube, it shall be the responsibility of the driver of the watercraft to ensure the towlines for each skier/tuber is of equal length to all skiers/tubers being towed.

l. Kite tubing and kite boarding are prohibited.

m. Subparts a,c,e,f,g,h, and k above do not apply to boat operators and skiers participating in USA Water Ski sanctioned ski club practices, competitions, or exhibitions.

n. Wake surfing is allowable behind boats propelled by inboard motors.

2. SWIMMING

a. In the Main Lake scuba diving, swimming, and floats shall be confined to the areas set out for such activities at marked beaches or within seventy-five (75) feet from shoreline or within seventy-five (75) feet from a stationary watercraft in coves. The “Divers Below” flag (a red flag with a white diagonal slash), or a white and blue, swallowtail, (Alpha) signal flag must be displayed during scuba diving activities.

b. There shall be no swimming between the Ski Jump and shore, except for skiers in sanctioned Ski Club practices or exhibitions.

c. There shall be no swimming from or within twenty-five (25) feet of any Marina or Fueling Dock or any access ramps in either Lake.

3. FISHING

a. All Commonwealth of Virginia fishing laws shall be complied with when fishing in LOWA Lakes.

b. Trotlines of any configuration are not permitted in LOW.

c. Fishing lines put out from LOWA property must be attended at all times.

d. Use of nets, seines or other types of traps is not permitted, except for LOWA approved testing or fish removal programs. Hand landing nets to land legally hooked fish are permitted.

4. LOWA BEACHES

a. Beaches and their associated parking areas shall be closed from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. daily.

b. There shall be no fishing from any LOWA Beach.

c. Pets shall NOT be permitted on any LOWA beach sand. A person with a disability shall have the right to be accompanied on the beach sand by a dog trained and in service as a service animal.
d. Playing of any active sports games (e.g., volleyball, football, etc.) involving more than two persons on any LOWA beach shall be limited to a period of two hours per day.

e. Open and/or charcoal fires shall be permitted in LOWA furnished facilities only.

f. No lifeguards are posted at LOWA beaches, therefore swimming shall be at the swimmer’s risk.

g. Children who cannot swim MUST be actively and responsibly supervised.

5. PRIVATE BEACHES

a. Lake front property owners are permitted to use mechanical means to clear vegetation from a swimming area adjacent to their property not to exceed 200 square feet.

b. A permit must be obtained from the General Manager’s office before installation of lake bottom blanket or weed roller type devices.

c. The application of chemicals in the lake shall be prohibited unless otherwise authorized by the General Manager’s office.

6. NON-INFLATABLE FLOATS

a. No float shall be placed in the Wake Zone.

b. A non-inflatable float shall not be placed in a No Wake zone of the Main Lake until approval of the design and location has been obtained from the Environmental Control Committee (ECC). The ECC, with concurrence of the LOWA Board of Directors, shall determine the total number and placement of floats that may be authorized in any specific area in the Main Lake. Floats shall NOT be authorized in Keatons Lake.

c. Floats shall not exceed ten feet by ten feet and construction materials permitted shall not be subject to erosion, fragmentation, or destructive deterioration that could cause debris to be spread in the lakes. Steel drums shall not be used for flotation.

d. Floats shall be double anchored (i.e., two anchors with separate anchor lines affixed to two separate points of attachment) to preclude them from being cast adrift by the separation of one line and shall be kept serviceable at all times.

e. Floats shall extend at least six (6) inches above the waterline when not under a load and shall be constructed so as to prevent tipping under a reasonable load placement.

f. Floats shall be located directly off the owner’s property as close to shore as possible to permit safe swimming and diving from the float surface and shall not be located farther than fifty (50) feet from shore where movement of watercraft would be restricted thereby. No diving towers, sliding boards, or platforms shall be permitted on floats.
g. Application for placement of a float on the No Wake Zone shall be made in writing to the
ECC providing plans showing dimensions, location, and construction material of the float. The
applicant shall notify adjacent property owners by certified mail of the intent to apply at least two
weeks prior to his hearing date at the ECC.

h. Floats shall have reflectors mounted on all sides.

i. Approval for placement of a float constitutes only a revocable license to place such float in the
No Wake Zone.

7. INFLATABLE FLOATING DEVICES

a. Inflatable flotation devices that are designed for use when anchored or moored (as opposed to
inflatable devices used for towing) are permitted for use on the lakes under the following conditions:

(1) Inflatable Float is any device or assembly of devices filled by air or gas primarily
intended to remain stationary in the water either anchored or attached to a dock or land and used by
swimmers.

(2) Floats shall be anchored or moored closer than 50 feet or 25% of the distance to the
nearest opposing shoreline, whichever is smaller, from the owner’s property.

(3) The float must be either removed from the water or moored alongside a dock or
shoreline between sundown and 7:00 a.m. or when not in use by swimmers. All anchorage devices
shall be removed when not mooring the float.

(4) The maximum horizontal area of any float shall be 150 square feet. The maximum
height of the float shall be 8 feet.

(5) Floats and their moorings shall not interfere with watercraft navigation or the
ingress/egress from the water of any neighboring properties.

(6) The float must be removed from the water when not in use for a period of 72 hours.

(7) When on land, floats are considered a toy in Section A.1.f and must be deflated and
stored accordingly.

b. Floats for individual or towing use (such as inflatable mattresses, leisure chairs, towing tubes,
etc.) that are removed from the lake and stored when not in use are not subject to the above
regulations.
Effective: July 25, 2014

LAKE OF THE WOODS ASSOCIATION, INC.

By:  
[Signature]

James Walsh, President

ATTEST:

I, as Secretary for Lake of the Woods Association, Inc., hereby attest that the foregoing Policy Resolution 2014-8 was adopted by the Board of Directors at a duly-held and noticed Board of Directors meeting held on the 16th day of July, 2014.

[Signature]

Louisa Rucker, Secretary