

**DATE: August 5, 2025**

**TO: Board of Directors**

**FROM: Community Patrol Manager, Ken Toler**

**RE: Approve Section X - Lake and Marina Rules for Boat Inspection**

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**Background**

The current boat inspection process is outdated and no longer aligns with the rules as written in *Section X, Lake and Marina Rules for Boat Inspection*. Marine Patrol has recommended updates to reflect current practices and clarify procedures already in use. The revised rules will better support aquatic invasive species prevention efforts, still a top priority, while also addressing the broader scope of the inspection program, including boat eligibility verification, documentation of community access, and enforcement support.

**Fiscal Impact**

Rule LM.10.7 carries a \$250 fine. As this rule is being removed, the associated fine will also be eliminated.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the revised Section X to reflect the name change of Lake & Marine Rules for Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention along with subsequent changes as presented in this action item.

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Community Patrol Manager

## **Current Rule:**

### SECTION X - LAKE & MARINA RULES FOR BOAT INSPECTION

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Recreation-based activities are also affected by the mussels which take up residence on docks, breakwalls, buoys, boats and beaches. For boaters, Quagga mussels increase drag, clog engines causing overheating and can affect steering.

#### LM.10.1 Preventative Measures

If a boat or watercraft has been in waters outside of Canyon Lake, there are three (3) key preventative measures that are to be followed.

Clean - Remove any visible mud, plants or animals before transporting boat or watercraft.

Drain - Eliminate any water before transporting boat or watercraft.

Dry - Dry anything that came in contact with water (boats, trailers, equipment such as anchors, ropes or buoy lines, etc.).

The importance of prevention is critical to the protection of Canyon Lake to avoid problems with any invasive species.

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Boats that do not leave the community require no action; however, boats leaving the community for gas, repairs and / or offsite storage can get a service seal from Marine Patrol or the Watch Commander on any shift by stopping at any gate to be checked and have the service seal affixed. NOTE: The service seal must not be removed or the boat will be subject to re-inspection. [For further information on requirements for boat inspection, refer to paragraph LM.10.4].

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At the discretion of Marine Patrol, inspection may not be required under certain conditions.

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obtained a service seal from an official authority of a local, state, regional or federal agency in which the boat or watercraft has already been inspected elsewhere by an authorized agent (such as a park ranger) and a service seal has been affixed as proof of inspection.

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If boat or watercraft has been in waters outside of Canyon Lake and / or does not have service seal, a boat inspection is required from Marine Patrol or the Watch Commander on any shift by stopping at East Gate during regular hours of operation to be inspected. NOTE: During after hours, a boat will automatically be red-tagged with a cable lock and inspection will be required at a later time during regular hours.

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#### LM.10.5 Approval of Boat Inspection

If approval requirements are met, the boat inspection will pass and the boat will be permitted to enter into Canyon Lake waters.

#### LM.10.6 Failure of Boat Inspection

If the approval requirements are not met, the boat inspection will fail and the boat will not be permitted to enter into Canyon Lake waters. Reasons for failure of a boat inspection include:

The boat inspection will fail, if the boat has been in an area suspected of being affected by quagga mussels and suspected or found to have larval or adult quagga mussel exposure.

The boat inspection will fail, if there is any condensation, moisture or rainwater.

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LM.10.6d Reinspection Required - Reinspection is required from Marine Patrol or the Watch Commander on any shift by stopping at East Gate during regular hours of operation to be reinspected.

#### LM.10.7 Requirement for Non-Operation Agreement

The member must sign a Watercraft Non-Operational Agreement and have it on file with Marine Patrol. This includes unregistered boats or watercraft boats over twenty-one (21) feet six (6) inches in length and jet skis or similar watercraft. This agreement indicates that the boat or watercraft will not be operated or maintained on or above Canyon Lake waters.

Failure to comply with the non-operational agreement may result in applicable fine. Further, any violation of these rules and regulations may result in the removal of any boat from the lake at the owner's and/or responsible member's expenses.

## **Proposed Revised Rule:**

### **SECTION X - LAKE & MARINA RULES FOR ~~BOAT INSPECTION~~ AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION**

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CLPOA members with motorized vessels NOT intending to or are NOT eligible for CLPOA boat registration and lake use may, at their option, register for and receive Red Seal Quarantine Exemption Decals with Member Services. These decals are to be placed on both sides of the vessels next to the state registration numbers. This will result in being waived into the community by the Gate Officer upon recognition without the need to stop and receive a quarantine seal each time they enter the gates.

## LM.10.3 Requirements by CLPOA for Red Quarantine Seal

(portions copied from current Watercraft Non-Operation Quarantine Agreement)

Boats that enter the community without a White Service Seal or Exemption Decal will have a Red Quarantine Seal attached and a Non-Operations Quarantine Agreement signature taken by Community Patrol. This uniquely numbered seal will be recorded with the vessels state registration number and Tract and Lot. This boat will then need to have a Quagga Mussel Inspection completed by Marine Patrol (ext. 415) before entering Canyon Lake waters. Once a red quarantine seal is applied, the following conditions must be followed:

1. The red quarantine seal must remain intact at all times while the boat is within the community.
2. If a seal is removed, altered or tampered with, it becomes null and void and may NOT be used again.
3. Prior to the Quagga Mussel inspection, please ensure the transport is completely **CLEAN** (no algae or plant growth on the trailer, hull or pontoons). The boat must be completely **DRAINED** of water (bilge, live wells and other compartments). The boat must also be **DRY**. ~~If any one of these criteria is not met, it will fail the Quagga Mussel inspection and be subject to quarantine for no less than seven (7) days.~~
4. Any cleaning or draining of the boat must occur **OUTSIDE** of Canyon Lake.

Failure to comply with this agreement may result in applicable fine and / or revocation of association privileges, including but not limited to access to the lake.

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